

AFTER WINTER'S LONG GRIND M. WHEAT OUGHT TO BE FLOUR OF PHILS

EYE CONCENTRATION EASY IN BASEBALL

More Difficult to Keep Optics Glued on Stationary Golf Ball Than on Horsehide Speeding Up to Plate From Pitcher's Box

By GRANTLAND RICE

WHY is it easier for the batsman to keep his eye on a baseball, which is moving swiftly, than it is for a golfer to keep his eye on a golf ball, which isn't moving at all?

This query has been promulgated more than once.

In the first place, it is a matter of self-protection to a batsman to follow the ball.

He knows that if he doesn't a hard, round object is likely to land in the middle of his features with annoying results.

In the second place, a moving ball focuses attention more than a stationary object does.

When a pitcher with no great speed is lobbing his slow ball over there is a far greater temptation to shift the eye than there is with a fast pitcher dusting off the inside corner.

Further Proof

ONCE in a while a tennis player removes his eye from the ball before he strokes it, but not nearly so often as a golfer.

The eye of the tennis player is held by the movement of the ball, whereas the eye of the golfer is observing the ball at some bunker ahead or some water hazard that must be carried.

The golfer has no moving object to help hold his concentration. Which makes quite a difference.

The 300 Hitter

WHEN you speak of the 300 hitter you may not appreciate what a rare bird he is.

Among second basemen, shortstops and third basemen who began their careers within the last twenty years and who have served more than a season or two, only four average above 300 for the entire span.

These four are Wagner, Lajoie, Collins and Hornsby. There are but a third baseman in the list who averages 300 for his career. Heinie Zimmerman did it up through 1916, but the Great Zim has slidded sadly since.

Slater, at first and McLinn have both averaged over 300. Slater's mark being high.

The best infield average would en-

brace Sisler, Collins, Hornsby and Groh. And it's the longer road that counts.

Rights and Left

THIS seems to be a timely moment to settle another debate as to the proportion of right and left handed hitters in baseball.

Since most of the great hitters are left-hand swingers, the idea seems to have been that this type predominates.

The fan thinks of Cobb, Collins, Speaker, Roush, Sisler, Ruth, etc., and the first impression is that baseball is largely a game of southern exposure.

But in going over the records of the National League you will find that 118 bat right-handed, 48 bat left-handed and 11 are equally gentle and well broken from either side of the plate.

One Cinch Bet

The one who wrote "The Beautiful Snow" will never write again for dough.

Though he may write in endless truce No publisher will take a chance.

LIFE is largely a matter of wondering how in the world you ever came to do such a thing.

A draw down to your two kings instead of foolishly trying for a flush.

AMERICAN golfers go in for a pulled ball while English golfers go more for a slice at the end of the carry.

What's the matter with going in for a couple of straight ones now and then?

WE HAVE also observed in golf that it is rarely you go after that completes the contours of your score.

Leading the Cheers

Old the world will be in cheer: Old Feb's nearly halfway over.

By tomorrow it could fit And not annoy me a bit.

THE complete test of Benny Leonard's stamina and strength will come in making out the income tax he has to pay this season.

Bennie has proven that a champion boxer can make enough money out of his own game without throwing it over for another profession.



MRS. OTTLEE BAKER Wife of Yankees' third baseman died at her home in Trappe, Md., yesterday

MRS. FRANK BAKER DIES Wife of Third Baseman Passes Away at Trappe, Md.

Trappe, Md., Feb. 12.—Mrs. Ottlee Baker, aged thirty-one years, wife of J. Franklin Baker, of Trappe, Md., died at her home here yesterday.

Mrs. Baker was well known in Philadelphia, where she resided for a number of years when her husband was a member of the champion Athletic baseball club of that city.

She is survived by her husband and two children, a son, Owing to one of the little girls having the scarlet fever, their home is quarantined, and the funeral services will be held Sunday morning at the grave in Springhill Cemetery.

FILMS SHOW M'LEAN WRONG American Skater Not Given Wrong Signal as He Claimed

Christiana, Feb. 12.—Films taken of the 10,000-metre ice-skating race on Sunday between Oscar Mathiesen, of Christiania, and Robert McLean, of Chicago, show that the flagman at the curve where McLean took the inner instead of the outer track gave the American skater the proper signal.

It is therefore held here that McLean's claim that an incorrect signal, given by an official at the curve, was the cause of his mistake in taking the wrong course is untenable.

2 MORE INDIAN HOLD-OUTS Joe Harris Scorns Contract, Desiring "Salary"—Not "Wages"

Cleveland, O., Feb. 12.—Two more members of the Cleveland Baseball Club are reported to be hold-outs. Word received here from Pennsylvania indicates that Joe Harris, the hard-hitting first baseman, has returned his contract unsigned.

Similar advice have been received from St. Louis regarding Harry Laute, sub infielder.

Last week it was reported that Steve O'Neill, star catcher, had returned his contract unsigned.

All are said to demand more salary.

Squash King Goes Down to Defeat

New York, Feb. 12.—John W. Appel, of the Harvard Club, has lost his title of national squash champion at the Columbia Club. After two hours of continuous play that finally resulted in a matter of minutes, the titleholder went down to defeat yesterday in the semifinal round of the annual tournament before August J. Corlier, of the Yale Club, a player who has been training on the level of the champion for three or four years.

The match, marked by exceptionally long rallies, went the limit of five games, the champion winning the first two and Corlier the remainder. The score was 8-15, 19-15, 15-7, 15-8.

Red Sox Sign Dartmouth Star

Boston, Feb. 12.—Joseph "Caddy" Murphy, who pitched for the Dartmouth College baseball team last season, has signed a contract with the Boston American League club for the coming season.

Rube Vickers Is Manager

Chicago, Feb. 12.—Rube Vickers, formerly a major league pitcher, signed a contract today to manage the Kalamazoo club.

LATE RALLY KEEPS PENN SLATE CLEAN

Quakers Increase League Lead With 37-18 Victory Over Columbia

Intercollegiate League LAST NIGHT'S RESULT Penn. 37 Columbia 18

STANDING OF THE TEAMS Penn. 10 W. 4 L. 1 Defeat Princeton 7, 1000 Yale 6 2 500 Dartmouth 6 3 500 Cornell 2 2 500 Dartmouth 6 3 500

TOMORROW'S SCHEDULE Penn at Dartmouth; Yale at Cornell.

Rosenast and Graves, the two new men in Penn's lineup, came through in great style against Columbia in New York last night and aided greatly in handling the Morningside Heights five a 37-18 defeat.

Rosenast and Graves each had five goals for the floor.

It was the eleventh straight win of the season for Lou Jourdet's team and the third league victory.

The triumph over Columbia gives the Red and Blue a more comfortable lead in the Intercollegiate League race.

Yale is second, with three wins and one defeat.

Columbia put up a great fight in the first half and enjoyed the thrill of leading the Quakers at half-time, 12-11.

The Penn team, however, put up the usual spurt in the second half and ran away with the New York aggregation.

During the last period Jourdet's players cured ten of their thirteen field goals.

Mike Sweeney was the high scorer, as usual. The speedy little Quaker netted three field goals and shot eleven out of nineteen foul tries.

McNichol and Peck both played splendid defensive games, but were unable to break into the scoring.

Penn plays another out-of-town league game this week, meeting Dartmouth at Hanover tomorrow night.

PENN FENCERS CONQUERED Red and Blue Swordsmen "Out-Killed" in Columbia Open

New York, Feb. 12.—Columbia's fencing team, holders of the intercollegiate championships, gained a hard-earned victory in the first intercollegiate foil meet of the season in the Columbia gymnasium yesterday.

The score was 6 to 3.

Dr. Lasker Will Play Capablanca

Dr. Emanuel Lasker, in a letter sent here from Gravenhage, Holland, announces his willingness to meet Jose R. Capablanca in an eight-game match for the world's chess championship.

His letter is being discussed with interest today by Philadelphia chess enthusiasts.

Doctor Lasker stipulates that the purse must not be less than \$8000, of which he is to receive 60 per cent and Capablanca 40 per cent.

Racing Commission for Maryland

Annapolis, Nov. 13.—A bill licensing race tracks, providing for a racing commission and imposing a tax on the tracks that would return \$1,000,000 revenue, possibly more, annually to the counties of the state and Baltimore city, has been introduced in the House of Delegates by the chairman of the judiciary committee. It limits the period of racing to 112 days a year.

SHIPMEN CAPTURE INDUSTRIAL TITLE

Chester Five, Coached by Referee Billy Kelly, Defeats Aberfoyle, Fogarty's Proteges

For once in the game of basketball the referee has had his say.

Billy Kelly, the Eastern League whistle blower, who is coach of the Chester Ship team, of the Chester Industrial League, has seen his proteges come out on top of the Aberfoyle five, which has enjoyed the coaching of no less a cage personage than Joe Fogarty, conceded to be the best tutor of basketball hereabouts.

Kelly has been connected with the shipyard for several years, and during the war looked after the interests of the team in the Delaware River Shipyard Basketball League.

The Industrial Basketball League is really an outgrowth of the baseball league organized last summer.

Eight teams, representing well-known manufacturing enterprises in the vicinity of Chester, comprise the circuit, and the keenest of rivalry prevails.

The teams in the circuit are Chester Ship, Scott Paper, Congoletum, Sun Ship, Aberfoyle, Penn. Seaboard, General Chemical and National Aniline.

Chester Ship annexed the pennant of the first half, not losing a single game.

All the clubs were considerably strengthened for the second half, some going so far as to import players.

Chester never complained, and in their game this week again polished off their most dangerous opponent, Aberfoyle.

The score was 21-15 and the losers were held to a single goal, that by Fogarty himself.

Clifton Heights H. C., of Clifton Heights (two teams), would like to hear from first or second class teams. H. Carson, Clifton Heights.

CUNHA SETS NEW TANK-MEET RECORD

Former Hawaiian Lowers Middle Atlantic "220" Time by Nearly 5 Seconds in Swim

One record was bettered and another mark equaled in the first open swimming event of the local indoor season last night, when the Meadowbrook Club staged its big meet in the Columbia pool.

George Cunha, of Meadowbrook, the former Hawaiian and Pacific coast natator, smashed the Middle Atlantic record in the men's 220-yard swim by nearly five seconds, while Miss Ruth Smith, of the Morningside A. C., of New York, equaled Olga Dorfner's Middle Atlantic mark of twenty-nine seconds in the women's fifty-yard scratch.

Cunha, in addition to setting up the new mark, was the only double winner of the night. He romped away with the victory in the 220-yard swim by a clear margin of more than fifteen feet from Eddie Shields, Penn star, and in the 100-yard battle swam away from George Ralston, swimming unattached, and Raymond Uhl, of Meadowbrook.

Cunha's new mark in the 220 was 2 minutes 30 seconds. He held the old mark of 2:35 3/4.

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BECKER'S Quality Clothes 1514-1516 Market Street Philadelphia. Advertisement featuring an illustration of a man in a trench coat and hat.

Advertisement for U. S. Government Plan. Text: 'We Have Arranged for Rapid Selling 5000 SUITS and OVERCOATS... Come A-running to this Big Sale of Suits & Overcoats... Values up to \$25... 10% Above Cost... Unusual Showing At \$12.45 - \$16.90 - \$18.65... \$7 Corduroy Pants \$4.95... Special Notice to the Public... Conditions of Purchase... BECKER'S Quality Clothes 1514-1516 Market Street Philadelphia.'

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

KENSINGTON'S static fraternity is all set up over the prospects of furnishing Philadelphia with a new midweight sensation.

A number of pugilistic productions have sprung up in the northeastern section of the city, and the latest mitt-wielder who looks like a comer is Charley O'Neil.

Cholly has been showing promising form, mostly a terrific punch. Tonight O'Neil will be pitted against another hard hitter, Johnny Gill, of York, Pa.

They will meet in the feature frappe, presided by the following bouts: Johnny Harlin, of Southark, vs. Johnny Dougherty, of Richmond; Johnny Dugan, of Tign, vs. Young Barney Reilly, of the Seventeenth ward; Tony Daniels, of Frankford, vs. Young Griffe, of Manayunk; and Charley O'Dare, of the Sixteenth ward, vs. Jimmy Toner, of Richmond.

Sanny Hahn is traveling with Joe Nelligan these days. Welton boxer Finky Mitchell to Minneapolis next Monday night, Joe Hahn in Baltimore February 27, and the Semoy will escort Joe to Philly.

Jimmy Jordan has been knocking 'em out at a 700 clip in four bouts the former Pittsburgh puncher has scored three one-round knockouts, putting away Jack Brown in his last bout at the Diamond A. Jordan is now representing the seventeenth ward.

Benny Kaufman makes his comeback appearance in Jersey City tonight, when he takes on Frankie Burns. Mike Burns says a routing club of six-city log Islanders will go to J. C. for the contest.

Bobby Gamma is filling busy schedules for his two proteges, Joe Walsh and Johnny Mally. Each has been matched for a bout at the National Club tomorrow night.

Eddie Revere's injured right hand has mended. The Righter's warbler plans to begin training early next week.

Young Chaney will meet Danny Prush in a twelve-rounder at Baltimore tonight, prior to heading with Artie Root in the star scrap at the National tomorrow night.

Mike O'Dowd is to box in Philly early in March. Willie Bert is making a strenuous effort to hook up Billy Kramer with the champion. Bert is confident that Kramer's showing against Frankie McGuire tomorrow night at the National will carry the 310-walker middleweight to a bout with O'Dowd.

Sanny Nable, a former amateur champion of New York, will box in the main event of the National tomorrow night. His opponent will be Frankie McGuire. Other bouts are Al Reynolds vs. Johnny Lisse and Billy Jacobs vs. Kid Wagner.

Joe Christiana is getting Jack Russo in a condition to fight New Orleans light-weight's mix with Willie Jackson at the Olympia Monday night. Russo boxed well his last ten times out.

Joe Ritchie, a newcomer from Newark, will debut at the Olympia Monday night. His opponent will be Tommy McLowan. Other

Advertisement for Hockey game between Yale and Princeton. Text: 'Hockey YALE vs. PRINCETON. Admission, Including Reserved Seat to Game, Skates and Skating Privilege \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00. Game Called 7:45 P. M. Saturday February 14th. Philadelphia Auditorium and ICE SKATING Palace 45th St. Market St. 46th St. Geo. F. Pawling Pres.'

Advertisement for Brooks clothing store. Text: 'Brooks 1532 MARKET ST. A11 Our \$35 & \$40 OVERCOATS & Winter Suits. Our Final Clearance! We even include some odd numbers of our \$50.00 stocks. We make the price so low to be sure of a quick clearance—as we must make room for the spring stocks that are now arriving. Drop in tomorrow and convince yourself. PANTS SPECIAL!!! Several hundred pairs at a full saving of \$2 & more. \$2.95. Brooks—1532 Market St.'

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