

'HEINIE' GROH GIVING HORNSBY A BATTLE

Reds' Third-Sacker Looks Like Novice at Bat, but He Can Wallop the Ball



'HEINIE' GROH Who appears to be Rogers Hornsby's most dangerous batting rival

By GRANTLAND RICE

HERE is the way the two leading batters in the National League finished last season, after one of the closest duels on record:

Rough—b. 2b. 3b. h.r. r.b. Aver. 604 73 162 19 13 3 216 .321

Hornsby—b. 2b. 3b. h.r. r.b. Aver. 512 48 163 15 9 8 220 .318

Hornsby, for three seasons now, has been making a desperate effort to lead the National League at bat, and while he was beaten by a whizzer in 1919, his 1920 start is a reminder of Wagner at his best.

The St. Louis infielder has not only been leading his old rival Roush by more than 100 points, but in the last official batch of averages published he had fought his way above .400, with an average close upon two hits a game.

Always ranked as a fine hitter, Hornsby has gone well beyond any past mark this season by consistently rapping every pitcher he has faced.

Starting the season well, he has totaled more base hits than any man in the league with Johnson, Jackson, Weaver and Groh pressing him closest, but still trailing.

Great Ball Player THE St. Louis star is a great ball player. He is not only a handy infielder wherever played, but he is a rugged type of batsman who is always dangerous, a free swinging slugger, who has a natural batting eye, well adjusted to almost any type of pitching.

He has both grace and power, which is the essence of form.

While Roush is trailing just at this time, strangely enough, Hornsby's two main rivals are on the Red train.

They are Jake Daubert and Heinie Groh.

Daubert has already led the National League more than once, and this season he is hitting well above any past form. Jake is no youngster, as we recall, watching him waste the ball well over ten years ago in the Southern League, but he is still fast and still possesses a keen eye and a well-timed swing.

Most Dangerous Rival HORNSBY'S most dangerous rival looks to be Heinie Groh. The Red third baseman was only eight points back of the Texas last season—and so far Groh has been laying the ball to every nook in the park.

No one would ever take Groh for a first-class hitter after watching him form at bat.

He looks like a novice at the plate, with his bat held stiffly well in front of his shoulders, his hands being about neck high.

But this doesn't alter the fact that Groh can hit. He also is fast on his way to first, and if he were a left-hander with that two yards start from the nearer side of the plate his mark would be many points higher.

When a right-hander can lead the league he has to have something. For he is spotting his left-handed opponents at least a full stride. If not two strides. Small wonder that a right-hander seldom reaches the top in either league.

Johnston and Jackson JOHNSTON, of Cleveland, and Jackson, of Chicago, have been setting the pace in the American, each one with a weather eye focused upon Cobb, who has been slowly working his way forward after a ragged start.

Cobb has been stopped only once in the last thirteen years. But he needed warmer weather than the present spring has afforded, and now has a good

Maxwell Will Referee Harvard-Princeton Game

Robert W. Maxwell, sports editor of the Evening Public Ledger, has been chosen by the central football officials to referee the Harvard-Princeton football game next fall in the stadium at Cambridge on November 24.

Among the most important games in which Mr. Maxwell will officiate are Colgate-Syracuse, at Syracuse, November 29, and Pennsylvania-Penn State, at Franklin Field, October 30.

and it is almost a certainty that by August he will be up around 370 again. He is generally at his best in August and September, and is still the best bet in his league, with 129 games left.

Fair Enough "THE best batting I ever did?" answered Ruth, using the preliminary query as a starter.

"That's easy. It was against Baltimore two years ago when I got six home runs in six successive trips to the plate—four one day and two the next."

Which is about the best batting any one ever did so far as we can scrape any rebuttal out of the printed records.

NO WONDER Carpenter pauses—the difference between boxing Batting Levisky for \$25,000 and Jack Dempsey for \$250,000 is precisely \$225,000. Wouldn't you? Or, wouldn't you?

WOOD and Johnson, who will meet in Chicago at catch weights shortly for the Republican heavyweight honors, now report the pink exuding from every pore. The winner will be matched against the ultimate survivor at San Francisco to see who will be cussed out for the next four years.

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SWEET REVENGE FOR GERMANTOWN

Victory Over Frankford Hailed With Delight—Up to Catholic High

They have a plucky little band of ball tossers up at Germantown High and they are fighting to the last ditch for the interscholastic League championship, and the chance to retain the Princeton cup rests now entirely with Catholic High School.

If the Purple and Gold can trim Frankford in that final game, then Germantown High will be happy.

Germantown and Catholic High have been friendly rivals for years. These two schools got together in all branches of sport seasons ago when Doc Lewis was handling affairs for Germantown.

Now that Catholic High, last in the league and presumably a team not to be feared, has a chance to do something real, well, the Germantown boys say it's all in a lifetime and that Catholic High has the goods.

Catholic High record, to be sure, would not suggest that the tail-enders

had much chance to overthrow the top-notchers. However, the fans point to Catholic High's remarkable comeback in the last few games and think that Frankford will have a task to win this last league game.

Germantown got revenge in the league game with Frankford yesterday. Gauss pitched a fine game and the home run by Schaeffer scored Halberstadt and Simmons, netting three runs in the ninth inning.

It is a fight to the finish and the Germantown High fans have not given up hope. They think Catholic High has an even break for a victory. It will save the Purple and Gold from a string of defeats, and they will certainly make every effort to win from the Frankford nine, for Catholic High has a much better record in the league than the position this team holds would indicate.

St. Joseph's Preparatory School took the lead in the Catholic League by trimming the La Salle Prep, 5 to 4, in the game at the St. Joe field. La Salle played a fine game, and had it not been for one bad inning, the sixth, the result

would have been different. It appears poor judgment was used in this inning, allowing the La Salle twirler to continue his work.

Murphy collided with the first baseman and hurt his knee. He was allowed to twirl the early part of the sixth. The St. Joe team hammered him for four runs before he was taken out and Dougherty sent in. Dougherty held the St. Joe players safe. It is feared that Murphy dislocated his knee and will be out of the remaining games.

SHAWKEY USES FISTS

Yank Hurler Attacks Umpire Hildebrand, Who Retaliates With Mask

Boston, May 28.—The game between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees at Fenway Park yesterday was marred by an assault by Robert J. Shawkey, pitcher of the Yankees, on Umpire George Hildebrand. The assault occurred in the fourth inning at the home plate. Shawkey attempted to

land with his bare fists, while the umpire, in retaliation, swung his mask with telling effect, cutting Shawkey's scalp in several places before the players finally restored order.

The attack upon Hildebrand, in the opinion of the fans, was flagrant and without justification. Shawkey complained several times that Hildebrand erred in calling balls and strikes. The

climax came when, with the count on Schang standing at three and two, Hildebrand called a ball, forcing home Tim Hendryx with the first Boston run of the game.

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