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# A CHEESE CHAMP IS USUALLY ONE WHO CAN'T FIGHT WORTH A SCENT, SAYS NIG HAYES

**UNLESS A PLAYER HAS A COUPLE OF HOME-RUN NOTCHES IN HIS BAT** HE IS NOT ONE OF THE FAST SET

## THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT

## By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

THIS is the open season for home runs in the big leagues. Never before have there been so many circuit clouters. Players who never have been accused of being longdistance sluggers are borning in with four-base wallops and establishing records which would have caused wild excitement three or four years ago. Unless one has a ouple of home-run notches in one's bat this season one a not considered a regular member of the fast set.

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Despite the stories that the new pitching rules have made it easier for the batters this year, and the absence of the shine, emery, paraffine and other phony deliveries has stimulated batting averages, the present slugging figures seem strange, unusual and entirely out of preportion. There is a colored gentleman in the woodpile some place. Not only are home runs getting quite common, but big hatting averages also are numerous, especially in the American League.

It has been said that the pitchers are less effective than last year and the hitters have improved. Perhaps that is right in some cases, but it would be foolish to a broad statement that every pitcher is in poorer form than in 1919 and every batter is from twenty to fifty points better. That's entirely too much to swallow at one sitting.

The only answer is the baseball now bring used. Some players say it is the same as last year. Others claim it s livelier. The manufacturer declares it is the some kind of a ball that has been used for years. It's really hard to form an opinion in face of testimouy like that, but from personal observation it looks as if the ball is faster in the American League than in the National. This might be fue to the real yarn which now is being used and the better grade of leather in the cover.

A National League player saw an American League ball game a short time ago and said : "The ball used today is 50 per cent livelier than the one in our league, I never saw such hard-hit balls, and it is a wonder some of the infielders aren't killed."

Ty Cobb, who should know something about baseballs, made a home run in New York the other day.

"That long hit surprised me more than any one else," said Ty. "I tried to lift a single into short right and did not hit the ball hard. I could hardly believe it when the ball sailed into the right field stand for a homer."

TT MAKES no material difference if they are using a livelier ball or not. It's just as fair for one as the other and the league can adopt any old kine of a ball it wants to. But there have been so many arguments about the difference between the Americ can and National League kitting that some sort of an answer must be given. The best thing is for the fans to farm their own opinion. The A's have finished a long home stay and the Phils will be here tomorrow. Go out and see if you can find any difference in the balls they use.

## 1919 Record Already Beaten

THE best and surgers way to argue one's case is to pro-duce the figgers, because figgers don't lie. We mentioned in the opening chorus that this is the open senson for home runs, and as that's our story, we will stick to We say this without fear or trembling, because we have the figgers.

Right now, with the senson only one-half over, more bome runs have been made in the American League than all of last year. Yes, it's strange and unusual, to say nothing of being peculiar. In 1919, according to Spalding's record book handed to us by Jake Gray, a total of homers were made in the 140 games. Of these Ruth had twenty-nine. Remember that. This year 257 already have been made and the end

not yet. Ruth is responsible for thirty-five of these, so ae cannot be blamed for boosting the total. He has but dx more than last year.

It is said that the Polo Grounds is the easiest place

in the league to make homers, because of the short right and left fields. Perhaps that is true, but doesn't it seem strange that other clubs in the American and National Leagues do not take advantage of it? That lively baseball on the Johnson circuit should benefit all of the Yankees' opponents, but you never could notice it.

Therefore, try to guess the answer to this. The Yankees thus far have made seventy-six home runs, most of them on the Polo Grounds. Eleven players have registered the long clouts at opportune times, sometimes turning what looked like certain defeat into a glorious and exciting victory.

Ruth, of course, leads. Meusel is second with eight. and Bodie, Peckinpaugh and Pipp follow with seven each ; Ward has four. Pratt three, Lewis and Hannah two each and Ruel and Quinn one each. That's quite a galaxy of singgers, and looking over the figgers of last year one finds that the Yank players already have equaled or bettered their home-run marks of 1919. How come?

Last season Felsch finished with seven homers; now he has twelve. Walker has ten, which was as many as all of last year. Speaker already has four more than last year, and so on down the hne. Figgers lead to strange discoveries

In the National only 128 homers have been registered. Williams already has equaled last year's mark and Stengel has increased his by one. The others are normal. 16 P .

**T**<sup>IIE</sup> batting averages also are worthy of discus-sion. In the American League, forty-three players are hitting arer .300, twenty of them having a mark of .330 or better. In the National, twentyfive are in the .300 class and only seven have bet. tered .3.30. Once more we ask, how come?

## Yanks Reverse Dope

WHILE these records are being made the Yanks are stepping out and making themselves a hot favorite for the gonfalon. Funny thing about that New York club. The other seven managers do not give Huggins's men a look-in for the pennant, but they are going right along winning ball games and fattening their percentage.

Last week was a big one in Gotham. Two very im portant series were played and the home club won both. The Chicago White Sox flopped first and then came Cleveland. The Indians are said to be about the best in the league, but the Yanks took three out of four, losing the final battle after eleven hard rounds. If the New York club can wallop the two other best clubs in the league, what chance will the others have?

Therefore, the Yanks are favored now. Of course, they had a big advantage playing on the Polo Grounds and now must hit the road for a month, but if there is class in the aggregation it will assert itself on alien grounds the same as on the home lot. This western inunsion will be very important. Cleveland will fight hard to maintain the lead, ditto the White Sox, and Detroit and St. Louis will be all set for Babe Ruth and his pals, 1 0 0

THE Phils will be back tomorrow after a long absence. I They made a creditable showing on the road and should do better at Broad and Huntingdon streets. Craeath is making good as a manager despite his poor pitching staff and mediocre catchers.

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 $O_{\rm dldn't}^{\rm VR}$  A's also have been on the rampage. Too bad they dldn't have the winning strenk at the start of the home stay instead of the end. It would have caused lots of excitement. . .

**DULTON** and Wills will meet at Newark tonight. They  $\Gamma$  will fight for the heavyweight championship of the second division. All the winner will get is tired. Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co.

Armour Makes Favorable Impression FIRST BRASSARD



## AMATEUR TUSSLE PROMISED A'S ON WAY TO CH 'BEST-EVER' NATIONAL GOLF

Big-Four Americans Furnish Much Speculation and Promised Entry of Two Foreign Champions Makes This

Year's Play Highly Enthralling

### By SANDY MCNIBLICK

The tussic for the annateur golf by large entry list. The showing of J. W. Platt, George Hoffner, Paul Tewksbury and E. C. Clarcy was a great stimulus last year and put local golf with the strength of the transformation of the strength of the most brilliant young players abroad today in the amateur ranks.

One or two other British stars are nirendy said to have arrived, but the Interacy ship to have arrived, but the latest expert from abrond expected to compute is T. D. Amour, A newsmaper necount of the arrival of Walter Hagen stated that Monsieur (we presume) Amour is the French amateur champion, and that he would probably pete for our title. But that's not compete fo half of it.

### Consider the American "Big Four" Two Links

Francis Ouimet, in the opinion of all who have seen him play this year. all who have seen him play this year. is in the best of health once more after a winter's "baking out" at Pine-hurst, and is playing the game of his life. He did at Pinehurst, where he won the north and south with conspir-uous case, and he has been playing the same sterling game in the environs of Boston town. Jesse Guilford is also the basis of the great field which is the title. The tournament, as has been announced, will be held September 6-11 over the links of the Engineers' Country Club at Roslyn, L. L. the tournament is holes. the basis of the first, and Schacht, who pitched the ninth, set the Macks down in order. Shaw began the

### From the West

From Chiengo will come two who have already won the championship three times, and one of them, Bob **GOES IO WILEY** 

has ever been witnessed. It takes on golf very much on the national map, a very decided international flavor with the proposed entry of Cyril J. H. Tolley, new British champion, and J. Ver, With the proposed entry of Cyril J. H. Tolley, new British champion, and J. Unriowly A's are on their way Chi-cagoward, where they are to start on a tour of the western portion of B. Johnson's league against the White Sox, beginning Wednesday. In their match hefore starting West the A's the construction of Kid Gleason's careful ob-Clarey, too, learned his game here.

in the national and, well, you never Shanks followed can call them in golf.

Complete arrangements for the na- throes of a batting slump, singled the

STAGING DUAL RACE IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

Unless Unexpected Happens Reds and Dodgers Will Fight It Out-Kid Gleason Is Optimistic Over Chances of His White Sox Winning Flag

pitching

Just a little of both. The National League has a shade in pitching. And

the American League, with Speaker, Sisler, Ruth and Jackson, has a margin

in batting. The American League has four batsmen at the top who undoubt.

edly have quite a bit more than any four men the older league can show.

THERE is never an occasion for be.

but if the remainder of the universe can stop the Olympic team which the United

Win and Lose

**Giants to Get Bonus** 

for Defeating Reds

Cincinnati, July 26 .- The mem-

bers of the New York Giants will re-

ceive a bonus from Manager Me-

Graw for winning the deciding game

of the series with the Reds here yes-

terday afternoon. Before the team

reached here Tuesday night McGraw

promised that he would divide \$500

among the players if they won a ma-

jority of the games from the cham-

The New Yorkers took the first

two contests and dropped the next

two, but they gained the reward by

pions in the series just ended.

from the box.

coming overconfident in advance.

By GRANTLAND RICE A READER wants to know why it is that Hornsby, leading the National

Before I'm Old Before I'm old, too old to take Lengue, has a lower average than Sam Rice, standing fifth among American The rougher trails where few intrude By rock-bound ways and tangled brake "Is National League stronger," he asks That bar the way to solitude. I'd like to turn one daring page stronger," he asks, "or is American League hitting better?"

From life where keen adventure calls. Something to dream of in old age When I am held within four walls.

Life at its best is but a breath Where many are content to slog Along the road that leads to death Nor ever look beyond the fog They may be right—and yet I know Old age would never sit alone

If I could see one red dawn glow Upon a road no man had known.

READER.-Eddie Collins is a ball player of great skill and a certain player of great skill and a certain magnetism, but we never heard of him in track and field events—there is nethbeing listed in the temperamental class. Afterward

ing to do but tear up the dope sheet and quit guessing. Not a thing else can be done about it. TN THEIR time they knew the cheers and applause of the multitude, the  ${f R}^{
m EVISED}$  Proverb — "Go to the Ruth, thou slugger; consider his accluim that belongs with the olive

way and get wise." Jeffries is a respected California

farmer-but a forgotten ghost of glory. Willard is out of the limelight-beaten WHILE panning the intentional pass, VV consider also the feelings of the pitcher who stands with his month ones with virtually no one to mourn his passing.

And Jack Johnson arrived with a nd watches one of his fast ones sailing gracefully out of the park. sheriff in tow-or rather a sheriff arrived with Jack Johnson in tow.

(Copyright, 1920. All rights reserved.) Sic gloria transit-as the slang phrase VARDON AND RAY SPLIT

jimson weed or the wild raspberry. It's a great life if you don't mind the soapy Englishmen Oppose Each Other and

New York, July 26 .- Harry Vardon THE homestretch in the two pennant and Edward Ray both took a hund at winning yesterday over the Apawamis races isn't yet in sight, but it isn't so very far away after all. links in two exhibition golf matches in which they exchanged amateur part

The National League has settled down to a two-club dash, and unless some bizarre turn comes Brooklyn and Cinners, morning and afternoon, Roger Lapham, long time member there, and Findlay S. Douglas, a Metropolitan star of twenty years ago, were the lyn with the stronger pitching staff and Simon-pures.

"Every one figures it will be Cleveto give everything they have to the glory the eighth, when solid clouting beat 1919 we had to get along with two win-of the golf district that bred them. Kerr was then only a beginner. the youngster's seasoned and Red Faber

league ever knew.

driving Sallee, a former teammate. I for the winning club in the next

The chance to walk under this shower of gold isn't getting on the nerves of Athletics, the Tigers, the Phillies, the the Braves or some of the others. But the strain is beginning to tell on the leaders. You can tell it by a cer-



wreath.

is winning a lot of games. We are not out of it by a whole lot. It will be one of the greatest three-cornered races through August and September any

The Telling Strain

THERE will be at least \$5000 apiece world series.



Tolley on the Oxford University team players the city has ever produced, lost a hard-fought battle, 4 to 3, to servers offered this tip: as captain this year. These two are They have been playing brilliant golf in the Griffmen at Washington yesterday. "Every one figures in

suit and Johnson

The qualifying test at thirty-six holes will be played on Monday. September 6. Half the field will play its morning round at Engineers while the other half makes the circuit of the adjoining North

chute.

FOR WESTERN TOUR The laurel today-but tomorrow the Macks Lose, 4-3; to Griffs, Drifting Toward the Stretch

## Then Leave for Windy City.

**Play Wednesday** Our lowly A's are on their way Chi-

the tournaments this year hereabouts. The Athletics gathered three runs in land or New York. But here's the are both now national "veterans," have the opening inning off Shaw and went dope: Cleveland can hold New York. mapped out the season's play to reach the height of keenness for the cham-pionship, and both are fully determined bad. Naylor had pitched line ball until better club than we had last year. In

Griffin robbed Judge, hitting for and has a tournament with a win over Ulatt to his credit this year. He came close to upsetting the favorite last year Naylor on the down grade with a single. perched on third. He scored and Shanks made the far corner when Milan dou-

bled. Then Roth, who has been in

Interscholastic League May Be It Reorganized on Creases of Associated Clubs

SCHOOL CRICKET

**PLAN** REVIVAL OF

Plans are being completed for a against Barnes and Alex Smith. The revival of cricket in the preparatory and high schools of this city and suburbs. I up, with a remarkable best ball of For a good many years cricket was

## Gibson, 8: Audubon, 7

Auduben and (Phase engaged to Met. W same yesteritay distributed at sixterities treet below Elimited system limit, and aroken up in the horn a system of single horn was broken up in the horn ningle entry, was Baseman Everant of Glown and Decision across the plate with the stands while Wolfall opened the blad social to be ning. Deciser next up, which is in the ing. Deciser next up, which is in the brough with the timely black then a ser-informs with the timely black. ting. Deemer has up, Starsat then takes brough with the timely black that spell-d victory for Girsen, Ka had be used for GD, as dig Picter Ktautter of Auduten

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ampionship, created a very favorable impression yesterday on th Shenerossett links by his superb golf. It was the first course that he has played in America, and his long driving Dope by Handing Defeat to surprised the big gallery who are here to see the international match today, in which Barnes and Hagen will incet Vardon and Ray.

in His American Debut

Acmour, the Scottish amateur golfer who came over to play in our amateur

New London, Conn., July 26.-T. D.

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the following starts and heats as her as Young Ramatchi vs J. String Favor. But h Wales as Johnny Dougherts and John Nearly vs. Young Earl -----

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three times, and one of them. Bob Gardner's has been on everybody's lips this sension for his feat of going to the finals for the British title. If Tolley and Gardner should meet, Yankee fans better ending, of the great match abetter ending, of the great match Chick Evans has just beaten Bobby Jones for the western title and cannat

Jones for the western title and cannot be at all removed from the crest of his radiant game, though he has abundoned nore or less his daily play and ever-at the Point Breeze Velodrome last bis game to the westernet, it is said. He contines this game to the westernet this said. He contines this game to the westernet the westernet the westernet the contines this game to the westernet. It is said. He contines this year, reports state. If anything further than the dender of the U.S. G.A.



Successful Year

thatch race. The Atlanta amateur last by didn't qualify last year and that the first heat of the event, but copped should spur han on. D. E. Sawyer, the following two. He was beaten by formerly of Chearo and of many west-llarris last Thursday night in the should spur han on the metropolitan this test hap was made in eighteen seconds year, and will play for the district. Frank Dyer, formerly a University of George Gergely, another Philadelphia Pennsylvania student, who then capmateur, also starred. He came through ; tured the state title, is going great, with with a pair of victories. Jessie Sweetser, intercollegiate cham-pion, and others there. Philadelphia should have an unusual-Sphas Spank Disston A minimum rails by the Iriston saw-makers in the some with the South Phila-deiann Hebrew Association sectorday affor-ten at Sith road and Thoma street, fell is run short of time up the visitors, and the sawmakers were content to take the short and if a detab score. Lee Scheffy was on the mound for Dission, but retired with two down in the fifth after the visitors had sent say runs across the blick Mason who suc-reseded him, kept the Solins from acoring and pitched wonderful bail. SUITS TO MEASURE For \$15 GUAL BRAND Bridesburg Beats Main Line from your materials.

Manager Caskey's Bridesburg child de feated the Main Line Lengue All-Stars, 7 is 8 year-rday. The lines hay all stars, 7 for a total of twenty-one hases. Brown was on the mound for lindesburg, and had the All-Stars eather out of his hand. Min-now corride off the baiting heater. Brown Bakey having two three-base hits, while Bakey hit well for the All-Stars.

## Wins Twentieth Straight

The Jewish World defeated the Franklin fitts printing Co. and Suity & Hickey Sola Co. The features were the playing of Stillweit. Rin McKee Larkins incurrents, Clancy, Darkh and Covie's playing. Hickey at drat base played surgeblat. R. H. B.