

WALTER JOHNSON HAS FLUNG 90 SHUT-OUTS

Washington Hurler Tops Mathewson and Alexander in Scoreless Games—Matty Is Leading Winner With 300 Victories, Alex Second With 234

By GRANTLAND RICE
"ARMS and the man I sing"—began the late Mr. Virgil by way of marking the immortal epic.
Whereas we sing of the arms of three men who, since 1900, have been the most dominant factors in the pitching industry of this vast commonwealth, there have been a lot of other good ones in these past twenty years, including Mordecai Brown, Ed Walsh, Chief Bender and Eddie Plank, but three to compare to the record holders of Christy Mathewson, Walter Johnson and Grover Cleveland Alexander, of whom, unlyrically, we sing.

Matty and Walter
The companion careers of Matty and Johnson at this point call for unusually interesting data, which comprise fourteen campaigns, is now a closed book, complete and final.

Johnson's last year was also his fourteenth season, so the territory two have covered in point of time is precisely the same. They cannot be compared directly, as Matty worked with a winner in the National League, while Johnson worked with a less successful club in the American, but the record built up by each shows that they belong well out in front of all competitors.

They are, for one thing, the only two who began pitching since 1900 with a yield of more than 300 victories. The next man in line who is still in the game is Grover Alexander, with 234 victories, after nine years of intelligent toil. So with five years to go Alex has his chance to catch or pass both.

Two Survivors
MATHEWSON'S fourteen campaigns with the Giants netted 359 victories and 150 defeats for a winning mark of .693.

Johnson's fourteen seasons with Washington netted 303 victories, with 92 defeats, for a mark of .600.

But Johnson, like Alexander, hasn't turned in his pitching uniform yet, despite his veteran still has a lot of smoke left in his ancient wing. A heavy cold, which settled in his arm in the first few days of the season, came near completing his last long hike. He lasted long enough to pitch a no-hit game around midseason and then retire.

But we understand that he will be good for twenty-five or thirty games this season, and by being able to get more rest he should be good for many a winning afternoon. He still pitched thirty-three victories to overtake Matty.

TELEPHONE FIVES IN CLOSE RACE

First Half of Schedule Will End Tomorrow—Construction Holds Lead

The Bell Telephone Basketball League will close the first half of its schedule tomorrow night when Maintenance Equipment and Construction opposes the Plant Engineering.

The league race is very close and the champions of the first half will not be determined until after the games tomorrow night. At present the Construction five leads the league with five games won and one lost. Maintenance, however, is right behind with four victories and two defeats. Plant Engineering also has a chance for the first half title. It is tied for second place with Maintenance.

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FIELDERS REPORT AT PENN TODAY

Large Number of Veterans Expected to Start Practice on Franklin Field

Baseball at the University of Pennsylvania will get into full swing this afternoon with the reporting of the infield and outfield candidates for the Red and Blue nine.

The pitchers and catchers have had the advantage of a week of good weather to get their right and left wings into shape for one of the hardest seasons that ever confronted a Penn nine.

The excellent weather of the last week and the prospects for a few more days of it has induced the coach to ask for more pep in the drills. The twirlers spend but a half hour throwing to the catcher and after taking a lap around the track are sent to the showers.

With the outfield and infield candidates expected to number more than seventy-five, Franklin Field will be an extremely busy place from now until the close of the University in June.

Because of the lack of space on the field proper the candidates will be forced to work out in the corners. The wooden track that occupies more than three-fourths of the field will not be lifted until about March 1, as the trackmen have several more meets, principally the one in Illinois on March 5.

Until the track is removed Coach Cariss will be hard pressed for space. On the daily program until the field is cleared Coach Cariss has slated mild throwing the ball, bunting and fielding drills and running around the track.

The candidates will be impressed this year with the necessity of keeping in excellent shape throughout the season because of the hard schedule of thirty-one games.

Among the veterans and members of last year's freshman team who are expected to report is Al Mouradian, the former Central High School star and a member of Coach Roy Thomas' team in 1917.

Mouradian returned to the university last fall after an absence of two years. He was a member of the basketball team until he injured his ankles in the Temple game and was advised to give up the indoor sport if he desired to play baseball.

The Grinnon and Gold star of the past will be an outfield candidate. There is a wealth of veteran and freshman material for the outer-garden positions. Herman Harvey, Bud Myers, Joe Straus, Mike Whitehill and Rudine are all men of experience in the outfield.

McNichol at second, Shriver, Sullivan and Korber at shortstop and Hinckle, the freshman star, at third. Korber subbed at the hot corner for Sweeney in several games last year and may make a bid for that position.

Rudine or Whitehill may be drawn from among the outfield candidates for the initial sack, as both have the general build of a first baseman, being tall and rangy and possessed of strong arms.

Joe Yates will be used exclusively this year as well as along with Walter Huntzinger and Doug Sheffy, last year's regulars. Incidentally, Huntz announced that he would not wait until the end of the baseball season to get into shape for the baseball season but would work out every afternoon starting next week.

Lewis, a freshman from last year, Larsen and Meyer, two other candidates of experience, look like the best of the new men. For the backstopping, Cariss has Malzer, the one-year veteran, Norman Gotwals, second-year star, and Jimmie, second-year star, as well as receiver last spring, and Pinney.

The next voice, a familiar bass, was identified as that of George Hoffer, by the following conversation:
"I am no professional prognosticator, but I'd like to promulgate the data that I have which will be very much in the running for the suburban title this year as we

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Kayoula to Play Westville
Kayoula Catholic Club will meet the Westville five this evening at St. Anthony's Hall, Twenty-fourth and Carpenter streets. The line-up is composed of former Eastern Leagueurs. Manager Tom Clavin of Kayoula will have in his line-up Tom Clavin and Fisher, forwards; Regan, center; McCarty and Kilpatrick, guards; Jimmy Ramsey will referee. There will be a preliminary game starting at 8:45.

FAVORS \$5 ADMISSION TAGS AT NATIONAL GOLF TOURNEYS

Local Player Has Several Reasons Why It Would Be an All-Round Benefit—Max Sherritt Brightens Month With an Eagle

By SANDY McNICOLL
A great session this week at Seaview, according to the next phone conversation, and deserves mention from the fact that Eddie Victory O'Hanlan CONTRIBUTED.

A group of locals go down to the seaside course for a game every Wednesday, via the 9:45. One day there were sixteen on board, but this time only five. Jack Sawyer, pro at Torrensale; Bill Bonner, pro at Frankford; Fred Wahl, David McMullin and O'Hanlan, all Whitmarshians.

O'Hanlan took on the pro's even, ran against a series of par holes, interspersed with four birds, and paid to watch, when he had four three-putt greens coming in.

O'Hanlan generally elects himself "receiving teller." The match Wednesday just shows what a humbling game is golf.

Bonner had a 78, the best score of the day. The greens were lightning fast and held approaches like mid-summer. The weather has kept Seaview in the "green of condition."

California has claimed one star local, at least, in the person of Herbert B. Newton. He went on one of the agency tours and had a tough time explaining the presence of a bag of golf sticks in his baggage to the boss of the trip at the station.

"What are those for?" asked the manager accusingly.
"Thought there might be a li'l shooting," blushed Uncle Herbert. "Don't they have eagles out in California?"
"Yes, but not that kind," was the reply. "If everybody carried them sticks, where would this tour wind up?"

Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow, Merion, bid adieu to her fancy skating practice at the Ice Palace this week and has more fun to come at her premier amour, golf.

F. J. Higgins, Stenton, Edward M. Clary, Dan, Paul Jennings and Edward Tallant, Cedarbrook, took a few licks at one another this week. The returns are not as yet all in.

J. Wood Platt, city champion, is chiefly concerned with his trip to Pinehurst, which he will make to play in the North and South, despite word he has received from his brother Zimmer, now at Pinehurst with his bride on a honeymoon. A few words of the letter were dictated over the phone.

"I am mighty keen for this international invasion, as it has a lot more significance than just a golf match. I do not know yet just what amateurs will make the trip this year, but I do think it is the same situation that existed last season. Until the expenses are paid a representative team will not make the trip, it seems."

These fellows down here sure have the course down fine," writes Zimmer of the Pinehurst regulars. Woody is told to watch his step and get in plenty of practice.

"They are liable to get a 74 and you an 84 down here," the letter says. "It's a great piece, though," writes Zimmer, "except it's like another Palm Beach—everybody with the palm out."

Colonel Bogey's winter golf class had

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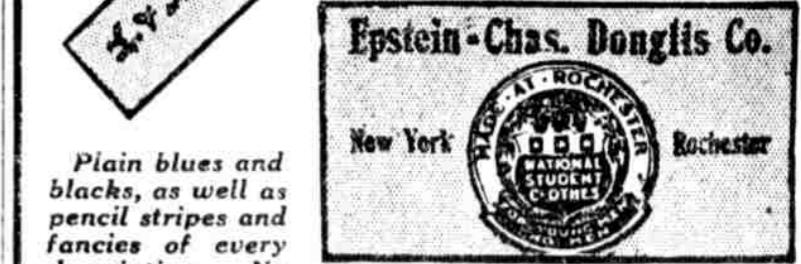
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