Small Lead Means Nothing Now, With Clubs Averaging Eight Hits Per Contest sets will be

MAJOR LEAGUE CLUBS HAVE AVERAGED MORE THAN 8 HITS PER TILT

Many Blame Poor Pitching and Others Vicious Swinging for Hefty Clouting Witnessed This Season-Ruth, Mighty Sultan of Swat, Batting .228

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

A NEW crop of sluggers has been developed in the major leagues. No longer is the man who hits a pairry 300 considered a fence-buster—he is just an ordinary clouter who causes a ripple of excitement only occasionally. One is not exclusive unless he hits close to .400 in these days of rock

em and sock 'em. In the National League, according to the last batch of Al Munro Elias' verages, some forty-six gents are hitting 300 or better. In the American there are thirty-five. A majority of these are over ,330,

Something has to be blamed for the walloping wizards, and the first to fall under the hammer is the so-called lively baseball. Everybody believes the ack-rabbit sphere is being worked overtime-that is, except the players and the managers. They don't blame the ball. They bay everything to the pitching. Perhaps the pitchers do not agree with them, but they can't be blamed

Last Saturday we visited the St. Louis bench and asked about the baseballs.

"They are not as lively as last year," said Rogers Hornsby," "They don't travel great distances unless you connect solidly." The balls are all right," chimed in Leslie Mann.

were so soft that they were knocked lopsided after being hit once. "I believe it is the pitching," said Branch Rickey. "The man on the mound must use only his natural stuff these days and also has to use too

'Another thing." continued the manager of the Cardinals, "is the new style of hitting. Just watch my boys in batting practice," and he pointed to "Notice how every one holds his bat. Do you see any one choking, as they used to do a few years ago? Instead, every man takes a hold at the end of the handle and swings from the hip. They all want to be homerun hitters and it is impossible to change them.

GIF EVERYBODY continues to swing at every pitch they must connect some time, and when they do the ball has to travel. That probably is the reason for so many long hits-that and the pitching.

Small Lead in Game Means Nothing

NO MATTER what the answer is, whether it is the ball, the pitching or the recent batting styles, there has been some befty clouding in the fast set during this young senson, which is only two months old. Every club is hitting well and also scoring a lot of runs.

Once upon a time a big league team was perfectly satisfied if it had a one or two run lead over an opponent. This lead could be nursed along, safety first methods adopted and was good for a victory in nine cases out of ten. Many managers worked for that one-run lead and were content when they The old White Sox, when known as the hitless wonders, won a pennant and a World Series because they could get that one run.

Now a ball club isn't safe unless it is six or seven tallies to the good when the ninth inning begins. One never can tell what will happen in this The same goes for hitting. Seldom indeed were there many hits made

during the games when the pitchers were going good. Whenever a club stepped out and connected with a dozen safeties everybody talked about it. Now a team is talked about if it doesn't make a dozen or more hits. Batting averages always are interesting if one can find the interest-

ing spots.

Ernie Lanigan, the figger filbert, is a regular Columbus when it comes to digging facts from figgers.

Why don't you sharpen your carpenter's pencil," sugested Ernie, "and figger the whys and wherefores of the club batting averages since the senson started? Also take a fling at the number of runs scored. You'll be sur-

THE results were startling. Gather closely and have a look.

Average Eight Hits Per Game

In THE first place, every club in the American League has averaged eight or more hits per game since the season started. In the National the average is higher, the weakest club averaging 8 4-5 hits per game. And as for runs, every club has averaged four runs or better per game since April 12. Once upon a time four runs were considered enough to win

couple of ball games. Now it is just an average. Here are some figgers which prove every

They are approximately correct. Get an eyeful:

Games	Runs	Hits
Cleveland 51	514	10 1 - 3
St. Louis 49	5 1.3	10 2 - 3
Detroit 49	5 1.7	10 1 - 10
New York 50	4 4-5	10 1 - 3
Athletics 43	5 1 - 5	9 1-9
Washington 50	416	8 9-10
Boston 45	41.8	8 1 . 9
White Sox 49	4	8 1-3
National Leag	ue	
New York 46	574	10 9-10
Pittsburgh 48	5 4-5	10 2 - 3
Brooklyn 48	5 1-3	9 1 - 3
St. Louis48	4 9-10	9 5 - 6
Cincinnati 52	546	91,
Boston 45	4 2.5	8 4 - 5
Chicago 46	4	9
Phillies 44	4 2-11	9 3-11

4 2-11 The Browns are doing the heaviest hitting and Cleveland most of the scering in the American League, and the Giants are the clouters and the Pirates the run makers in the National. Whether this will continue all season is a question, but it can easily be seen that the boys have a good start and have a chance to bust some records.

OUR Phils and Athletics have been sucking well and also scoring their share of runs, but when they have a good day the other club happens to have one slightly better.

Ruth Hitting .228

A NOTHER interesting feature in the list of names and figgers is the posi-tion occupied by George Herman Ruth, familiarly known as Babe. Once upon a time the Babe was a pitcher, and he seems to have returned to his old habits. His name-and he is the mightiest slugger of all time-is exactly one hundred from the top and can be located among the light-hitting pitchers.

His average is .228, something which is hard to believe.

Bambino is having a hard time getting started this year. His varation was not the best thing in the world, for it allowed the pitchers to gain a few laps on him. The Babe already has admitted he cannot break his record of last year, and that makes it unanimous. There is no doubt that he will get started before the end of the month and will click the bulb out of many parks, but the clouts will not be so numerous as last year.

T it certainly is surprising to see Ruth listed No. 100 in the batting averages with a mark of 228. Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger Company

APPLEHANS ENTERED IN HOUR BRASSARD EVENT

German Star to Make Debut Here, today are:

the American motor chasers. Since arriving in this country, Applehans has won several races in the East.

On next Thursday night the German will make his first appearance in Philadelphia when he will compete at the Velodrome, Point Breeze Park. Applehans has been entered in the

Brassard, an annual running in this city. It is an hour race, and on Thurs-day night there will be four starters, four different countries being reprezo Maddona, of Italy, will go

gritty/ little bike pusher from

won his way into the Bras-y winning the Phitadelphia shed at the Velodrome at Point and Thursday night. It was a the count and after the Anti-mat will be bed on the fifth mile.

Boots and Saddle

Three Other Starters

Applehans, champion bike rider of Germany, is in America. He was the European sensation in following pace at various tracks in Europe last year, and this season he is here to conquor the American motor chasers.

Three Other Starters

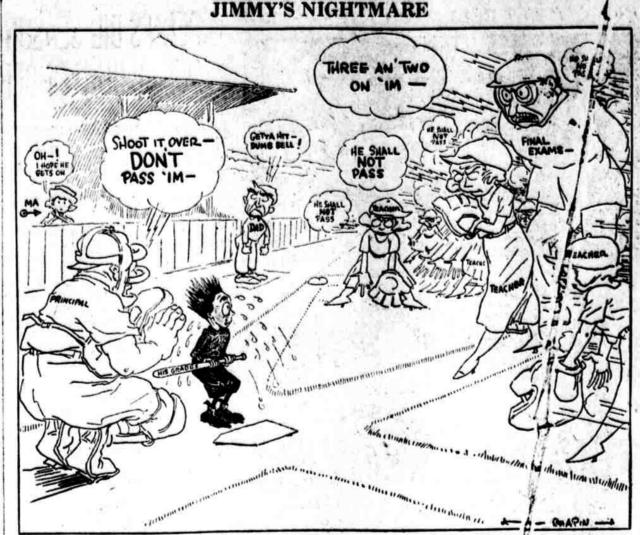
First race—Petie, Wayward Lady, "I'm going in there to score a knock-out," is the way Lew looks at it, "even if I have to take a chance of getting knocked out myself."

Welo, Virgo, Jordan; fifth—Arrarat, Col. Baker, Blowing Bubbles; sixth—Manieure Maid, Miss Minerva, Paylowa; seventh—Countess, Padua, Dr. Rae.

Blue Bonnets—Elizabeth Bean, De-usive, Arendel: second—Myrtle Crown, Mallowmot, Landless: third—St. Paul,

Belmont Park: First race—Edgar Allen I'ce, Camafluer, End Man; sec-ond—Slosset, Highland Lad, New Haven; third—Thimble, Polly Ann. the post, as will Clarence Carman. Chattenu Thierry; fourth — Tufter, American crack, and Frank Corry, Pilgrim, Krewar; fifth—Leiterman. Master Hand, Prudish; sixth-Bril-liance, Sister Sue, Pay Dear.

William H. Roens, known to thousands of sports readers as "Billy" Rown, is following the unusual activities of the local pole interest in pale is increasing. In Manner Public interest in pale is increasing. In Manner in sports of overy laise data be maintained by regularly readers, the sports again it is a continuated to regularly readers, the sports again. Lewis hurled a good game for Morals, having eight strike-outs, but his support was ragged.



3 BOUTS IN MONTH Penn Reconstruction SET FOR LEONARD

Benny Will Face Hardest Test of Career - Britton, Kansas and Tendler

SHOULD COP WELTER TITLE

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

BENNY LEONARD is finishing up out the last season of his three his tenth year in the ring. And in games as Heisman's last chance. less than a month-between June 26 and July 20-the lightweight champion will face the most trying test of his entire clouting career.

Imagine Leonard, a titleholder, being larger number of candidates should be u aged to report for practice and thus matched for three bouts, and all of the contests to be decided within twenty-five days! It doesn't seem possible in these times of boxinglers champions But that's exactly what Benny is going to do, and all three battles virtuall are a surety.

Here's the dope on the New Yorker's

next three bouts:

June 28—Meets Jack Britton, New York City, fifteen rounds to a decision. and will be the favorite to annex the welterweight championship. July 4-Meets Rocky Kansas, Michi-

The only way Leonard can lose his lightweight laurels in this match is on a knockout or a foul. It isn't probable that Benny will be dethroned. July 20—Meets Lew Tendler, Jersey City, N. J., twelve rounds, no decision. Chances of Tendler winning the crown are virtually the same as that of Kan-

sas' in the Michigan City set-to. Britton Easy

While it may seem Leonard's easiest mach will be that against Britton and will result in Benny being crowned a double titleholder, he will have no einch in the Kansas and Tendler bouts, even

though each may go the limit. proved when he was rendered a fifteen-round decision against Tendler, ul-though it was believed that the Philadelphia southpaw was not entirely him-

self that night in the Garden.
Later Rocky again displayed his worth by going along at a winning gait eleven rounds against Leonard. when a knockdown scored by the cham-pion enabled the latter to come through conqueror in the scheduled fifteen

It's going to be no einch for Leonard that Kansas contest out West, and then his meeting about a fortnight later with Tendler is expected to prove the toughest of the lot for Benny. It's a pity the Tendler-Leonard match was not clinched for New York, where the Philadelphian would have a chance of secoming the champion by a victory on

Percentage Bout

Had Tendler he'd out for a decision affair, he might have gotten it. He re-fused to sign for a meeting with Leon-ard only on a "gambling" basis, and for 25 per cent at that. It took some time, but Lew won that point, and it is probable that he would have been granted the opportunity for a decision bout had he insisted for that, too.

Despite the fact that the Tendler-Leonard go is to be no decision, Benny may expect a much harder battle than he will get from Kansas, and that July 4 encounter won't be a pink fea by any Tendler has said for some time that

Horses which seem best at Latonia if a Leonard match was clinched for him, "some one will drop, either Leonard or Tendler."

Complains Against Ump's Decision in Standard Victory

Blue Bonnets—Elizabeth Bean, Delusive, Arendel: second—Myrtle Crown, Mallowmot, Landless: third—St. Paul, Courteous, By Heck: fourth—Charles game, which ended in a 13 to 11 score in favor of the latter, on Stenton Field seventh—Star Realm, Duke Ruff, Attorney Muir.

In Standard victory of Morais Lodge protested the victory of Standard in the Judaic Union League game, which ended in a 13 to 11 score in favor of the latter, on Stenton Field seventh—Star Realm, Duke Ruff, Attorney Muir.

made his protest after the game.

In the other game Disraeli forfeited to the Philadelphia Lodge.

Manager Nat E. Jaffe used three pitchers for his Standard team against Morais. After Hill Josephs, the Standard pitcher, had been hit for four runs in the fifth inning, Manager Jaffe used poor judgment in letting him remain in the box.

How Does It Strike You?

Herzog as Coach

TLA OBSERVER Legion Track Games

THE CORNERSTONE of the reconstructed In anklin Field was laid on Saturday during the alumni reunion, and it n sirked the end of the old and the beginning of the new in athletics at the Univ at sity.

The ball game against Dartmouth was the best home athletic event of the academic season

Next fall. Pennsylvania starts with a new # graduate manager of athletics, a virtually new coaching staff for football. a frevised gridiron policy and a During the next football campaign John W. K. Heisman, head coach, will serve

out the last season of his three-year contr. M.t. Many are viewing the 1922 The Red and Blue tutor has had the plackles of tradition raised. The check-rein has been lifted. He has been promitted to select his own staff.

The coming campaign will be consider of as more or less of an experiment and the work of the coaches will be careful by watched.

and the work of the coaches will be carefu' ty watched. The student body should give its fu fi-hearted support to the coach. A

permit the coaches to discover new talent.

The public also should do its share in aiding Penn in the new policy. Judgment on the staff should be withhe d until proof of success or failure is

DOTH Mile. Lenglen and M. J. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory won B championships on foreign cour is on Saturday. Americans trust this is an indication that both are on Atop of the game for their match at Wimbledon, but it is reported the Suzanne is ill again.

Buck Herzog as Army Baseball Coach

Area, is in a position to do the national game and the soldiers an immeasrable amount of good.

There are 260 clubs under hist supervision. These clubs are located in mps through Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia. Herzog is always on the momy. He plays with the doughboys on the field day and he teaches his char pos by night.

The net result will be that the soldiers will play better baseball, and any

natural ability they possess wil I he developed by the peppery coach. Already Herzog claims he has seen improvement, and he is watching two iyers who he says are worth; of a trial with a big-league club now.

Herzog is a type of man who appeals to fighting men. An all-around, aggressive athlete who fears suching and nobody, Herzog will find a faithful following among the doughbo ps.
On many occasions has flerzog proved his courage. Probably his greatest show of red blood came who is he insisted on fighting Ty Cobb in a hotel room

Kansas is no soft-boiled egg by any down South after he had I sen spiked by the Tiger star during an exhibition Herzog knew his cha dees of beating the famous Georgian were slight, He gave away at least twe ty pounds and several inches in reach in the match.

But he insisted on fighting; and when the beating came he took it without Aggressive, intelligen & courageous and crafty, Herzog should go far in his

WOODIE PLATT? won the Philadelphia amateur championship by beating Marcu f Greer in the final of the tourney. He thoroughly deserved the honors, if for he played consistent golf in the severe tests of

Poor Support Accorded Legion Games THE third annual . Imerican Legion track and field games were successful,

athletically.

The competition sas keen and the races thrilling. Excellent times were nade and records proi ibly would have been shattered if some one had not blundered in measuring to e track. The speedway was twenty yards short to the Financially, the sitwo-day meet was a total failure. There was only a box

of spectators proment on Friday and less than 2500 on Saturday. Officials of the organization and George W. Orton, the manager, fulfilled their part in prepar hig the meet; a number of citizens contributed prizes and the former soldiers and sailors put forth their best efforts. It was the public that

In time of with the members of the American Legion ably supported the people, and it would have been more fitting to the spirit of Philadelphia if Shibe Park had be n crowded to overflowing.

PILLORY won and Snob II finished second in the Belmont Stakes race, wi tich was even too good a place for any snob to finish.

Scraps A lout Scrappers

Brooks.

an English 140-bounder.
has made a big hit with
a fans.
sants a return bout with
despite the difference in
Brooks insists that he was not in
t of sha; bast week against Willis,
not wa; to disappoint the Cambria
ge. Ma; y declares that he could not
rate in
his mi s training for several days
his mi ch with Willis. Brooks bedady when his wife presented him
baby b y last Wednesday night.

Kid Wagner returned home from Meriden, conn., yester ay after scoring a ten-round referee der den over Lou (Kid) Kaplun. featherweish champion of Connecticut, Kaplun is a to the acrapper. "Wagner looked like a champion," today said Boo Boo Hoff, who took the trip with Wagner. Charley () cas has arranged another Nearge wind-up for his next show at the National Cub. Jac' Dillon will meet Johnny Massley. The armi also will be between Nearge figures. Farry Nutter meeting Black Jet.

Jimmy Baxter is keeping in shape for outs by ddy Nitchie has in view for firer w ch the little fellow will put the loves a ray for the remainder of the m-

ribor Silver and Dave Gershanfeld, with Levels at Dave Gershanfeld, North Dave State State of the Night of the State of th

Carpentier Cannot Come To Box Greb This Summer New York, June 12 .- Tex Rick-

ard has received an answer to the two cablegrams he sent to Francois Descamps regarding a match between Georges Carpentier and Harry Greb. at Boyle's Thirty Acres. Jersey City. some time during the summer. Descamps' answer reads: "Thanks for handsome offer. which arrived too late. Am already

signed up with Nilles, in Paris, in September, and Beckett, London, October."

Johnson streets. The wind-up will be Pat Bradley vs. Len Hawlins. Other bouts: Bobby Robideau vs. Billy Gannon, Messenger Miller vs. Limmy Merino. Al Moore vs Jimmy Willis Jimmy Briggs vs. Mickey Door and Jimmy Dount vs. Danny Morgan. Ramus Wins French Derby

SCHOOL SEASON

Sports Competition in Thres Scholastic Leagues Was Exciting During Spring

ment has been packed away, and many schools have closed for the summer vacation.
The season was remarkable inasmuch

mantown High won the Interscholastic League baseball crown without a de-feat during the entire League season. The Clivedens placed a team on the

Villanova Prep also won its second straight championship when it copped the Catholic Schools League crown. Salesianum High, of Wilmington, was a dangerous foe. The last game between these teams, on which the title depended, ended in a row. The result was protested, but the league officials awarded the game to Villanova, which had been leading when a fight started in the eighth inning.

Tennis Crown for Penn Charter

Five Leading Batsmen in Each Major League

Sheler, St. Lonia, 63 218 Stephenon, Cleveland, 89 101 Maher, Philadelohia, 45 121 or Seill, Cleveland, 44 168 Speaker, Cleveland, 44 168

MAJOR SPORTS REVIEWED played brilliantly during the entire sea-

By PAUL PREP

THE scholastic athletic season for the Appring of 1922 is almost at an end. A few baseball games, a track meet or a tennis match are still on the schedule, but they mean little. Equipment has been packed away, and many the little season for the same score by which it was beaten in 1920. But this time it was Penn Charter that had won the most individual matches. The Quakers also won the Interacademic League and Junior League championships.

League championships.

Track rarely arouses interest until the last few weeks of the season. Such was the case this year. But when the various meets were run off to decide the various meets were run of to decide the titles the sport came in for a great share of glory.

Track Title for West Catholic

The Clivedens placed a team on the field that equalled the record established in 1921.

However, Germantown came close to being defeated several times when losses meant the League lead. Twice the Green and White was many runs behind to start the eighth inning, only to win out.

Episcopal Unbeaten

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Episcopal Academy went through another undefeated League season, winning the Interacademic League title. But throughout Penn Charter loomed as dangerous rivals.

Villanova Prep also won its second straight championship when it copped

scoring twice as many points as its nearest rival, Haverford.

Then came a series of meets for the class championships of the public high schools. All were held on Northeast Field. The first, for the sophomore championship, was won by the West Philadelphia High School. The Speedbays came through scale is the light. had been leading when a fight started in the eighth inning.

Episcopal Academy challenged Germantown High immediately after the teams had won their respective titles. The game was played on Northeast Field and after the first inning the Germantown crew had batting practice. Whitney allowed the Churchmen only the high started in the senior affair. Central High copped the freshman meet, but the points scored by West Philadelphia in the other three meets gave it the all-around championships held by Northeast High.

After the class championships the annual "quads" were held on the same boys came through again in the junior meet and duplicated in the senior af-

nual "quads" were held on the same field. Germantown loomed the favorite two hits.

Then Villanova Prep asked Germantown for a game, which was played on
Pencoyd Field. Villanova emerged victorious, 3 to 0, Harry Griffith allowing
torious, 4 to 0, West Philadelphia
the Interscholastic League champions team through to a victory, scoring 45 points, three more than Germantown. It was West Philadelphia's first cham-So much for baseball. Now to turn pionship, the title always having been to tennis. West Philadelphia High was held either by Northeast High or Cen-

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