

Browns Increase Lead by Trimming Athletics While Yankees Lose to the Indians

ST. LOUIS ENJOYS REAL PROSPERITY

Cards' Second Defeat of Giants and Browns' Verdict Over Macks Make Fans Happy

PETERS' HOMER AIDS PHILS

WE WHO have been down in the depths so long can appreciate how the fans in St. Louis must feel about their two teams this year. The Mound City fans can be justly proud of two of the most consistent teams in the leagues. George Sisler and his pals are enjoying a two and a half game lead on the champion Yankees. Over in the other circuit the Cards are within striking distance of the world's champions—the Giants.

Both teams won yesterday. The Browns handing over Athletics their tenth reverse in the West, while the Cards defeated the Giants for the second straight time, just when the fans of Gotham were certain that the team was on one of its famous long-winning streaks.

Lefty Helms hurled a game that would have been good for a victory nine times out of ten. He held the slugging Browns to six hits, two of which were bunched in the seventh for the run that earned the verdict.

The Phils haven't been doing half so bad on their present home stay with the Western teams. Yesterday's game, picked out of the first by Big Dick Peters, was the fourth win out of the last five games, against teams that are battling for first-division berths. A continuation of the same sort of play and hope that springs eternal may be realized before the season is over and our Phils may be found out of last place.

A Hectic Contest

For a hectic, sizzling contest, yesterday's describes the palm. For five innings it was a great hurling duel between Stueland and Lefty Weimer. In the sixth the Cubs hammered the south-paw hard for three runs, which included a home-run swing over the right field wall by Lefty Fiedler Miller. Weimer started a rally on Mr. Stueland, formerly of Sioux Falls, S. D. Three runs crossed the pentagon and the score was tied. Kid Art Fletcher slugging out a single with the bases filled that counted two.

That was all for Stueland, and Tony Kaufmann, a sandlotter from the Windy City, took the nook. A hurrying duel between the sandlotter and Weimer ensued until the ninth, when, for all intents and purposes the game was over, when with two out and Wright on first, the Cubs' Art Fletcher slammed the horsehide into the left-field bleachers.

Undaunted, the Phils rallied in their half and turned the tide when Peters, who has been out of the lineup for the second, respectively, two outs and one run to tie and two to win, took a toe hold, a mighty lunge, and the ball came within three or four rows of clearing the wall in left. It was a mighty shot, and one that sent joy into the hearts of the fans.

Yankees Drop Eight Straight

Trailing the Browns by two and a half games as a result of their eighth straight defeat, the skidding Yankees faced a battle to retain even second place against the Tigers, who by winning their seventh in a row were within two games of the New Yorkers.

Habe Ruth connected for his seventh homer in the first inning of the game with Cleveland, but lost his temper over a decision in the eighth and was banished from the field. The Yankees also lost in this inning. Speaker's men falling on Carl Mays' underhand delivery and driving across three runs to win by 4 to 2.

Harry Heilmann's great hitting streak was stopped by Fullerton while the Tigers were outslugging the Red Sox, 11 to 9. The Detroit star had registered ten consecutive hits, one less than the record of eleven established by Speaker in 1920.

The St. Louis Cardinals hit Phil Douglas hard in the early innings and took their second straight from the Giants. Pfeffer checked the champions in the ninth after Earl Smith started a rally with a home run.

Brooklyn staged a whirlwind ninth-inning rally against the Pirates, scoring four runs to tie the score, and won in the fourteenth, 6 to 5. Ferdie Schupp, ex-Giant who is staging a comeback with the White Sox, held Washington to four hits, fanned ten and won, 2 to 0.

HARD TO GET GAMES

Manager Barock, of 20th Ward, Passed Up, Though Team Wins

Herb Barock, manager of the Twentieth Ward Professionals, one of the foremost traveling tennis, is finding it hard to get games. The season but sixteen contests have been played to date, while ordinarily twice that number would have been contested.

Of the sixteen the Pros have won ten, a fair record. Manager Barock seeks games with teams such as Woodlyne, Audubon, Collingswood, Blackwood, Habdon Heights, Penocod Iron or Parkland. Open dates include June 24, July 8, 15 and 22. Address Herb Barock, 923 North Eleventh street.

Amateur Sports

Shamrock B. C., fifteen-seventeen, home away, July 1, 4, 11, 18, 25, 31, 18th and 20th streets.

Montrose B. C., eighteen-nineteen, years, traveling, J. T. Donohue, 2245 Belgrade street.

Woodland Travelers, first class, away, July 1, 4, 11, 18, 25, 31, 18th and 20th streets.

Albion A. A., seventeen years, traveling, July 4 afternoon open, Charles Cohen, cars July 1, 4, 11, 18, 25, 31, 18th and 20th streets.

Wellington All-Stars, first class, traveling, July 4 (two games) and July 29 open, Charles Wellington, 1918 S. North Lawrence street.

The Breveland Brothers smothered the McDonald, Acton & Young, printers, 12 to 13 last Saturday, McLaughlin, for the winning association, 21 to 10, out nineteen men.

Twenty-eighth Ward Club, traveling, first class, J. J. Jones, 2711 North Hancock street.

Stanton B. C., thirteen-fifteen years, away, Ellis Road, 1930 Colonial street, East Germantown.

The All-Saints C. C., first class, traveling, July 1, 4, 11, 18, 25, 31, 18th and 20th streets.

Ninth-seventh Ward A. A., first class, traveling, July 1, 4, 11, 18, 25, 31, 18th and 20th streets.

Walter Palash, 2535 North Lee street.

Alma A. J. Courtney, 2318 Fitzwater street.

Tullock Redz, July 1, 4 and 8 open, first class, away, J. K. Honk, 8519 Smedley street.

Dunkirk Club, of West Philadelphia, in-between night, Saturday and Sunday dates, traveling, first class, home or away, Joe McLaughlin, 2928 Mount Vernon street, or phone 4-1211.

Kershaw P. C., July 4 (two games) and July 11, 18, 25, 31, 18th and 20th streets.

Thomas R. Hill, 1329 North Eleventh street, or phone Poplar 7132 between 8 and 12 P. M.

Two players, a pitcher and an outfielder, with minor league experience, would like to connect with a good club. Carl Robinson, 1187 Blackstone street.

How Does It Strike You?

Peters' Homer
Richards' Def
Penn's Chances

By THE OBSERVER

THERE is one club in the National League which has nothing on our Phils, it is the Cubs.

Jack Peters' merriwell act in the ninth inning gave Wilhelm's athletes their fifth consecutive victory over Chicago. The Cubs have not won a game from the Phils this season.

Peters' homer was all the more sensational because it was a pinch hit. One time at bat, one chance, one hit and the game was won by the lefty.

The value of real pinch-hitting has been demonstrated often on local lots this season. During the A's-Detroit series, three games were tied and won by batters called from the bench at critical stages.

Although not possessed of great natural ability as a catcher, Peters is a valuable man to the Phils. He is an ordinary ball player with more than ordinary common sense and courage.

It is in the pinches that Pete is at his best. He hasn't been in many ball games this season, but whenever he dons the windup he doesn't stop fighting for victory until the last chance is gone.

Peters is an enemy to the disatisfied ball player. He raves at the hold-out and froths at the mouth when speaking of the athlete who doesn't give his best.

"I'm always out there trying," Pete said once, "because I figure I owe baseball a lot. I have three youngsters out in Kansas City and I'm depending on their education. Every baseball player owes his living to the game and why should he knock it or lay down on the job?"

If every professional viewed the national pastime as Peters does there would be less wrangling in the clubhouse and more baseball on the field.

MILLER HUGGINS' high-priced cast has cracked and they are taking it out on the umpires. Eight Yankees argued with arbiters yesterday and Ruth was banished.

Richards' Def to National Tennis Association

The recent ruling of the National Lawn Tennis Association regarding exhibition matches seems to aim at Vincent Richards and Bill Tilden.

Richards has said he would do as he pleased and Tilden previously has stated that the governing body attempted to interfere too much with the personal liberties of players.

The war between these two stars and the national association is of long duration and it is far from a peaceful settlement.

Both Tilden and Richards have done a great good for tennis in exhibition matches. They have given their time and energy for the game and their matches in many instances have enthused many to the point of participation.

Last winter the two stars and other nationally known players exhibited indoors at the University of Pennsylvania. Admission was charged and the funds aided the Red and Blue Tennis Association in getting to its financial feet. Not only that, but the enthusiasm for tennis was increased and more players reported for the team.

A sanctioned tournament with a good entry list will always have a pull on the lovers of the game. If other players can exhibit elsewhere and thus help tennis without seriously handicapping the tournament they should be permitted to do so.

JOCK HUTCHISON'S 71 in the qualifying round of the British Open proves the American is on top of his game. His splendid record predicts another championship in England.

Penn's Chances at Poughkeepsie

THEY are picking winners at Poughkeepsie now for the annual intercollegiate championship, which will be rowed next Monday.

The experts are almost unanimous in selecting the Navy, 1921 title-holder, to repeat. A few favor Cornell to win and fewer still pick Washington.

Navy, Cornell and Washington appears to be the rating and a logical one it is, but Pennsylvania has a slim, outside chance.

It would be one of the greatest upsets in the history of rowing if the Red and Blue came through with a triumph in the big event, but the Quaker blades in their daily workouts have been impressing the wise ones. It is a smart, polished crew that sports the varsity colors.

Pennsylvania's hope for victory is brighter in the junior race. The 150-pound oarsmen as well as the Jay Veas of Ien Franklin's University will go to the starting line.

The lightweighters are a confident crew, speedy and polished, but lacking in endurance. They may not be able to stand the long grind, but they are sure to cause some trouble.

IN HIS search for youth, Mr. McCormick overlooked a valuable source of information. Dr. Phillip B. Hawk, U. S. veteran tennis champion, could give him a few tips.

CHARLIE HELLER HEADS BUCKS COUNTY LEAGUE

Season Will Open With Three Games Next Sunday

The Bucks County Baseball League was formally launched at a meeting held last night at Langhorne, Pa. Charlie Heller, of Morrisville, well known in semi-pro circles, was elected president. The other officers are: Leroy Skillman, of Princeton, N. J., vice president; Harry Wist, of Newtown, Pa., treasurer, and Frank McCloskey, of Parkland, secretary.

A schedule of twenty games was presented by H. Waltermaithes, of Bristol. The opening games will be played on Sunday afternoon as follows: Parkland, Morrisville at Langhorne, 7 P. M.; Bristol, at the same place, 7 P. M.; and no fancy salaries for imported pitchers will be allowed. All the players must be registered with Secretary McCloskey by tomorrow. President Heller has not yet selected his staff of umpires.

ROCHESTER HAD PERFECT RECORD AT NAVY YARD

Team Did Not Lose a Single Game in Nine Contests Played

The U. S. S. Rochester has captured the baseball championship of the League Island Navy Yard, but the teams will continue to play until the football season rolls around just the same.

The Rochester players won all nine contests staged and defeated the U. S. S. Shawmut, considered its biggest rival, in the only two games that Shawmut lost. The Rochester boys are now far, far away and will not be here until next fall, and then they will unleash their burly football squad.

Two sections, "A" and "B," continue to play, and Receiving Station has jumped into second place, and is confident of finishing there. The standing of the teams follows:

CLASS A	CLASS B
Rochester, 9 0-1,000	Thomas, 2 0-1,000
Rec. Sta. 13 2-800	Cummings, 2 0-1,000
Shawmut, 8 1-815	Dallas, 2 0-1,000
Murfin, 5 4-555	Taylor, 3 1-750
Sandford, 3 3-550	Fulton, 1 1-350
Navy, 3 0-450	Palmer, 1 1-350
Heller, 4 7-365	McDonald, 1 2-350
Harries, 2 2-350	Kingwood, 1 2-350
Harding, 2 2-350	Stevens, 1 3-250
Squadron 3 1 1-500	Quinn, 0 1-000
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McCook, 0 2-000	Squadron 7 0 2-000
Stanton, 0 0-000	Strickham, 0 0-000
Squad, 14 0 2-000	Wadsworth, 0 2-000
Squad, 15 0 0-000	Cowell, 0 2-000
Annapolis, 0 0-000	

California's Loss in Japan

Oakland, June 20.—The unofficial baseball team from the University of California has met two more defeats in its tour. On Saturday the Diamond Club won, 4 to 3. On Sunday Keio University made three runs against the Californians' two.

Ray Spencer for Augusta

Augusta, Ga., June 20.—Ray Spencer, pitcher, has been turned over to the Augusta, South Atlantic Association, club by the Detroit Americans.

WALTER JOHNSON IS SHUTOUT KING

Washington Hurler Has Pitched 95 Scoreless Games in His Career

ALEXANDER RANKS SECOND

Baseball statisticians, digging back into the records of Walter Johnson, who, by blanking the Chicago White Sox on Sunday, 1-0, registered his seventh victory this season against three defeats, have found that not only has he the "big train" of the Washington staff entered the ultra select class of pitchers with a lifetime average of .600 or better, but he has clinched the title of champion shutout king of the majors. Sunday's blank drawn by the White Sox was the ninety-fifth Johnson has handed out in his big league career.

Johnson's 327 victories against 217 defeats, for an average of .601, is considered a remarkable tribute to his prowess, as he has been backed by clubs of only mediocre ability in a great majority of the sixteen seasons he has worn a Washington uniform.

There is only one pitcher now in harness considered to have a ghost of a chance to top Johnson in shutout fame and that is Grover Alexander, of the Chicago Nationals.

Alexander had but eighty goose egg victories to his credit at the start of the present season and the chance of his overthrowing the Washington twirler is deemed exceedingly slim.

Third on the list of shutout artists is the veteran Babe Adams, of Pittsburgh, who had forty-three to his credit when the season opened. Next in line are Jim Vaughn and George Tyler with forty-one and thirty-four, respectively, but both of whom are regarded as about finished.

Johnson's closest rival in the American League is Dutch Leonard, Tiger holdout, now suspended for pitching for an outlaw club. He is credited with thirty-three shutout victories.

Others who have over a score of shutouts chalked up, not including this season's results, are Joe Bush, twenty-seven; Bob Shawayke, twenty-six; Carl Mays, twenty-three; Stanley Cowdrie, twenty-two, and Ray Caldwell, twenty-two.

RICHARDS CLAIMS HE MISUNDERSTOOD RULE

Officials, However, Will Not Make Investigation of His Remarks

New York, June 20.—Officials of the United States Lawn Tennis Association were disposed to regard the defiant remarks credited to Vincent Richards upon his leaving Hartford last Sunday chiefly in the nature of "loose talk."

When discussing the subject yesterday they desired that quotation of their statements be omitted until such time as formal action was taken.

It was made plain by one of the highest of the lawn tennis authorities that an effort would be made to ascertain exactly what Richards said in connection with the phrase that he did not care a "damn" for the rule of the National Association. As this official pointed out, the players were absolutely free agents. They could decide to compete in the tournaments sanctioned by the National Association or remain out, or engage in other contests, as they wished. If they played in the sanctioned tournaments, as certain that they necessarily would have to conform to the rules.

Richards, while competing in the metropolitan championship tournament yesterday, explained that he had entirely misunderstood the ruling of the National Association. He was told at Hartford that he would not be permitted to play in exhibitions. It was to this that he had replied that such a ruling was beyond the jurisdiction of the governing body.

LUSK SIGNS PITCHERS

"Big Ed" Adds Four Hurlers to St. Barnabas' Staff

"Big" Ed Lusk, manager of the St. Barnabas team, announces the acquisition of four pitchers and with three others retained from his former number, is of the opinion that his staff compares with any team in the city.

The new additions are "Butch" Holt, who started the season with the South Phils; Cole from Morrisville; Jackie Jordan, a Kensington boy, now sought by Nativity, and O'Donnell, a recruit from up the State.

Cole received a defeat in the game on Saturday with Westinghouse, but Lusk saw him win several sensational battles and knows that he can deliver the goods. He still retains Cole, Leveen and Gallagher, who is also used in the outfield. The St. Barnabas

Minneapolis Club Blanked for First Time Since 1920

Chicago, June 20.—The great record of the Minneapolis club in the American Association of avoiding shutouts was ended Sunday and at the same time the team lost the association leadership to Indianapolis. Louisville twice upset Minneapolis, winning the second game of the double-header by 7 to 0. At the close of the first game Minneapolis held a world record of 237 consecutive games without a shutout. Not since September, 1920, had Minneapolis failed to score.

Chicago is being fenced in and the work will be completed in a few days.

BONNER QUILTS AMBLER

Resigns as Manager of Montgomery County League Baseball Team

Jim Bonner, one of the best known of local baseball managers, has tossed up his job as manager of the Ambler team, of the Montgomery County League. In Saturday's contest Ambler won from Conshohocken, the latter not getting a hit or run.

Bonner says he cannot hold the players on one game a week and refused to continue unless more contests were played as he claims it impossible to retain first-class players under these conditions.

He wants a job in the smaller leagues and would like to have a chance with a club in the South Jersey League. He can be reached at the Philadelphia Baseball Association, 1530 Chestnut street, or phone Walnut 7540.



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