

George Sisler Is Foremost Candidate for the American League's Proposed Monument of Fame

\$100,000 MONUMENT TO PERPETUATE FAME OF BASEBALL STARS

American League Apparently Doesn't Care What It Does With Its Profits—Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker Cannot Have Names Inscribed in Marble

HAVING erected a monument of shame in the graveyard of memory to the eight Black Sox who debased themselves, the American League is preparing a more substantial monument to the national game and the greatest American League players.

This one will be of marble, carved by one of the best-known sculptors in the country, and one name each year—that of the most valuable player on the circuit—will be inscribed upon it.

There are a lot of things that they could do with a hundred thousand dollars. For instance, they could buy a minor league ball player like Willie Kann, or they could purchase one-way tickets to the bad lands of Patagonia for the eight Soiled Sox and a couple of dozen others whom baseball doesn't need.

As alternatives they could assemble enough chewing tobacco to last all the spitball pitchers in the country for 1103 years; or put some of their busted old stars on pension.

But a monument! For a hundred thousand one-dollar bills! A committee of eight baseball writers has already been selected to pick the name of the most valuable player in the league.

The player in question probably would have a little boost in salary, but that is beside the question.

THE point system will prevail in choosing, and the player who gets the most votes will have the exquisite pleasure of walking down to East Potomac Park some chilly winter afternoon and watching a sculptor carve his name on the marble.

Cobb and Speaker Not Eligible

EVERYBODY in the American League, except Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker, is eligible for the honor. This is because they are playing managers.

The supposition is that managing the Tigers and Indians is a sort of relaxation, and shouldn't be counted in the final summing up. From the battle these two stars have had so far this year, it seems that each should have extra credit for being a skipper.

But they are arbitrarily ruled out—no the critical eye must roam over the other ball players in the league in an effort to find out who should be chosen as the greatest.

Not merely on batting, pitching or fielding averages, do you see? but on value to the club in other ways; such as boosting morale, following Judge Landis' orders about not betting on the slow-running ponies, being in every game, not punching umpires and so forth.

No credit is given the rumor that points will be deducted for players who eat limburger cheese, play eighteen holes of golf in more than 120 or sing in glee clubs. The committee will positively not consider these points in making its selection.

If one lays Ty Cobb away in lavender and old lace just because he is a playing manager it seems to the unbiased observer that it is a waste of time to dally over a lot of names in deciding who is the most valuable player in the league.

GEORGE SISLER is the lad. Paste that in your hat band in case any one requires information.

Sisler an All-Around Star

THERE isn't anything in the baseball line that the Greek god of Ann Arbor can't do.

As a hitter he can give almost any other player in the league—barring ancient Mr. Cobb—big and little Casino and still walk away with the prize. He can field in a way that brings back poignant memories of Prince Hal Chase in his salad days.

He can stand bases and think three times while Babe Ruth is revolving his convolutions once. Besides, he doesn't drink, smoke or use slang—and that ought to qualify him to have his name chiseled on the \$100,000 monument.

Another thought comes up in connection with this expensive piece of bric-a-brac. Captain Eddie Grant, who died while leading his company in the Argonne and was the only major leaguer to lay down his life for his country, was remembered with a bronze tablet in the Polo Grounds.

Nobody talked about putting up a \$100,000 memorial in his honor, or in honor of Hank Gowdy or other ball players who saw service.

This monument, which is to be placed in Washington, seems something of a flamboyant thing—a gesture to appease the high gods of sport.

BASEBALL doesn't need a thing like that to popularize it with the honorable public. The players themselves don't give three hoats in Halifax about being listed in the Hall of Fame. A 350 batting average and a slice of the World Series pot is more interesting to them than having their names perpetuated in marble.

Tierney's Search

WHEN Cotton Tierney, the snappy insider of the Pittsburgh Pirates, tumbled into the big league he had heard a lot of talk about baseball's Hall of Fame. He thought it was a regular, honest-to-goodness place that he could take his friends around to see.

So he asked Max Carey about it. Max, being a minister, is nothing if not veracious.

"It's in New York," he said. "Down on Seventh avenue, I think. Look it up when we get there."

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TO MAKE up for that loss he can go to Washington next winter and look at George Sisler's name on the \$100,000 monument.

NEIL SULLIVAN, of Germantown Academy, will not play in the national junior singles tennis championship tournament, which starts at Longwood August 21.

By winning the Boys' Week tourney recently, Sullivan qualified to play in the junior classic. But according to the present dope he is going to pass up the chance that hundreds strove for by not attending.

Sullivan recently was graduated from the boys' class, in which he was a sensation. Since joining the junior ranks he has played wonderful tennis, and can be classed with the best in the city.

However, Neil says he isn't so good. He asserts he hasn't had enough experience as a junior, and that he would rather wait another year before playing in the nationals.

Jack Brammal, the West Philadelphia, is one of Philadelphia's juniors who qualified for the junior title, and he is going to make the trip to Longwood.

For some time Brammal was undecided whether he would play in the nationals. He thought everything over thoroughly, and then decided the experience he would receive would prove valuable. So he made up his mind to go.

ONE of Sullivan's reasons for not making the Longwood trip is that he has not had enough experience. Here is his chance. He can get more experience in the national junior tournament than he could get by playing in ten other smaller tourneys.

SPALDING'S BINGLE WINS FOR VISCOSÉ

Frank Miller's Club Turns Back Opponents for Third Time in Four Starts

Frank Miller's Viscose Club won another game for the championship of Delaware County, when Chester was turned back for the third time in four starts at Marcus Hook, the score being 8 to 1.

Norman Plitt was again on the hill for Viscose. He has matched all four games. He was opposed to a new hurler just signed by Bris Lord named Adams. Chester was first to score, getting its only run in the fourth.

Five Leading Batters in Each Major League

Table with columns for League, Player, Team, and Stats.

The Ardmore Main Liners secured victory on the South Philadelphia for the first time by turning back the downcasters at Ardmore 4 to 2. The veteran Jack Sweeney was on the hill against Herb Stone. While the latter yielded no hit less than Sweeney he was not as steady and Ardmore gained the decision on their ability to make hits when they meant runs. Joe Cullinan, who managed Ardmore, was the star at bat for the winners with three hits.

Tom O'Neill's Wyndmor All-Stars defeated the Powell's Wyndmor Field Club by a score of 5 to 0 in the first game of the Harry Griffith, former Villanova Prep star, was on the hill for Wyndmor and kept the Senators hitless, while the latter was seeking for six runs in the first inning. O'Neill and the latter led Wyndmor for the rest of the game.

PIRATES' WINNING STREAK BROKEN

Reds' Victory in Tenth Stops Bucs After Thirteen in Row. Hornsby Gets Homer

WEINERT LOSES TOUGH ONE

THE Pirates, winning streak was broken, the Cardinals lost and the Giants won, Roger Hornsby hit his twenty-ninth home run of the season, the Phillies lost a close one to the Dodgers and the Athletics won an exhibition game before stepping off against Cleveland this afternoon. All the above was crowded into yesterday's baseball card.

Hornsby's homer, which brings him to within one of Ken Williams, the leader of the majors, did not help the Cards any, for they lost a slugging to the Cubs, 16 to 3. The Chicagoans found all sorts of pitching axes, hitting the horsehide to all corners of the lot.

The most important event of the day was the breaking of the Pirates' winning streak by Pat Moran's Reds. He took ten innings to convince the fans of Smoke-town that they did not have an unbeatable team. Senior Adolpho Lique, acting as relief hurler, put the skids under the Bucs by hitting them a single hit in the last three frames after they had knotted the figures of Johnny Couch.

Morrison twirled great ball until the seventh, when the visitors pushed over a pair of runs that tied the score and sent the struggle into extra innings. Fonseca's single after Daubert's three-bagger won the game for Cincy.

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The Browns suffered the second humiliation of the day at the hands of Chicago, when the White Sox blasted Vangilder off the mound in the second inning with six runs. Leverette and Faber held Sisler and the pals safe.

Washington pulled a big surprise by mauling the laughing Nanks, who were dusted down in the Capital. The Senators captured the contest, 3 to 2.

Three singles in the ninth gave Cleveland a triumph over Detroit in a keen pitching duel between Ebbes and George Dumas. Tris Speaker made three hits to one for Cobb.

Lefty Weinert pitched a great game against the Dodgers, but Lady Luck would not lend him aid. The southern-pyram flinger held Robbie's combination to six hits, one a double. A fly that fell between Jimmy Smith and Cy Williams spelled doom for the Phils.

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Ketchum, the Texas recruit, pitched his first full game in a Mackian uniform against the Allentown Frogs and defeated them, 4 to 3. He was pushed for ten safeties, while his mates made fourteen. Bing Miller's hitting and brilliant fielding by Galloway featured the game.

Boots and Saddle

The Troy Selling Stakes features the Saratoga card today, being the vehicle for two-year-olds, five and one-half furlongs. Twelve youngsters are entered, with Edict appearing the best of a fair band. The Saratoga Lake Purse, a secondary feature, is for non-winners of the meeting. Emotion stands the best chance of coming out of the non-winning class.

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TROTTERING CHAMP VISITS OUR CITY

Peter Manning, 1:57 3/4, Arrives at Belmont Track for Grand Circuit Meeting

Crowds Welcome Stars

The champion of champions! The fastest piece of horseflesh that has ever stuck its nose under a wire since the days of Dan Patch tripped blithely down the steps of his "Pull-man" car yesterday at the Cynwud station. He whinnied a greeting to the assemblage of railbirds.

Peter Manning, 1:57 3/4. He is owned by Irving W. Gleason, of Williamsport, Pa.

Francis proudly in the station yard, with ears cocked skyward and eyes gleaming like a grand opera diva, Peter nodded his head and announced to the world in general that he had landed in Philadelphia for the purpose of knocking into a cocked hat the State trotting record, which was set by St. Frisco some years ago. Then with a graceful bow, Peter started for his more luxurious quarters at the Belmont track, Narberth, where the Grand Circuit opens tomorrow.

Arion Guy Here, Too. In the "drawing room" with Peter when the train chugged into the station were Arion Guy, champion four-year-old gelding of the world, and Near Worthy, another crack performer. Then there was Bill Sharen with a dozen or more other speedy nags, who are teamed by no other than that Grand Circuit ace, Tommy Murphy.

Following the two cars in which Peter and his side-kicks had traveled from the North Randall track at Cleveland came the kings and queens in the stable of Walter Cox. Fine pieces of horseflesh never stuck their hoofs into the dirt.

Then came the stables of Lon McDonald, Fred Edman, Nat Ray, Joe Serrill, Tommy Berry, "Skip" Pallen, Harry Fleming and many others.

By the time twilight had arrived, ninety-two horses, the cream of the Middle West may not turn out big for the bout.

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In baseball there is no better example than Ray Schalk, catcher of the Chicago White Sox. Schalk just celebrated his tenth anniversary in the American League. He has been with the White Sox during the entire decade.

In his ten years of big-league baseball Schalk has caught close to 1300 games, an average of 130 in a 154-game season.

It is not Schalk's idea of pleasure to "lollypop" on the bench and watch some other chap perspire behind the mask. Ray wants to do all the catching for Chicago, and nothing short of physical injury keeps him out of a game.