

Giants Humbled Pirates and Are Now Four and a Half Games in Lead in National League Race

ROMMEL, ON SEVENTH PLACE TEAM, IS KING OF JOHNSON CIRCUIT

Athletics' Ace Has Won Forty-two Per Cent of Team's Games This Year—Is Ranked Second to Sisler and Most Valuable Player—Has Always Been Iron Man

JOHNNY EVERS, on a recent visit to this city with the Chicago White Sox, told the writer that he considered Edward Rommel, of the Athletics, one of the most valuable players in baseball. "And I'll tell you the reason," said Evers during a fanning bee. "Rommel to my mind is the kind of ball player who makes the game worth while. It is never too much for him to go out and warm up in the bullpen the day following nine full innings of standing on the hill. "I have seen that fellow not alone in Philadelphia, but out in Chicago, play first, second, third and short during batting practice, warm up and go in to pitch. All of which shows just how much Rommel loves baseball. He is the kind of player they used to have in the good old days, who never thought of how soon the game was to be over, but who always kept in mind the fact that the game had to be won no matter how long it took. "As a pitcher I would rank Rommel with the best in the business. Perhaps he has had a big start the last couple of years, but that is due to his being with a club that isn't up there fighting all the time. His knuckleball is one of the hardest to hit of any used by pitchers all over the American and National League circuits. "In addition to that," continued the former Cub star of the past, "Rommel is the best selling pitcher in baseball; that is, of those I have seen. Unlike a lot of hurlers he never figures on the infielders, but tries for everything hit within his reach. "More players like Rommel in baseball would do the kind of pennant fights they had in the good old days when the old story of the game isn't won until the last man is out, but that is of course, there are a lot of players in both leagues who work zealously like Rommel, but there are others—well, that is a different story. "What Evers said has been backed up by a board of experts selected to name the most valuable players in the American League over the present season. They nominated the Athletics' premier hurler as second only to the incomparable Sisler, a rare honor for a pitcher with a seventh-place team, but a well-deserved one withal.

ROMMEL, if the Athletics remain out of last place, and there is every reason to believe they will, will be responsible for the first seventh place in eight years for the House of Mack. Has Won 42 Per Cent of Athletic Victories. CONSIDER the Athletics' standing this evening. Of the sixty games won by the team this season, Rommel alone has been the victor in twenty-five, or 42 per cent of the team's triumphs. That in itself is a record for this season. Then consider again that the Athletics have played to date 144 games and that Rommel has pitched full or part games forty-eight times, which means that he has appeared in one-third of the games played by his team. For a pitcher to participate in that many games is in itself evidence that Rommel has proved of the utmost value to the Athletics. Rommel was a holdover at the start of the season. He figured that he deserved more money with a last place team when he appeared in so many games and had pitched so many innings. He has been a regular since Rommel's return to the Mackmen has never been held, but it is a clutch that he is working this year on the long's system. How well he has performed his part of the bargain is attested by his record to date. The Mackmen did not win twenty-five until the 13th of next month, which means that he has pitched probably eight years of major league pitching still remains in his system, having won seven and lost three. He started his career with the Athletics in 1915, when he pitched in thirty games, winning thirteen and losing fifteen. John Moroney saw possibilities in the youngster and took him south on the spring training trip. For one of the few times in his career Moroney failed to see that Rommel would be a star. He sent him back to Newark without even a contract. In 1916 Rommel worked the entire season for the International League team, winning twenty-one and losing fifteen games. His first major league work evidently measured up to Moroney's standards, for he purchased the right-hand, sending several papers and some cash Newark way. In 1920 Mack took Rommel over for good, and he had plenty of that. He appeared in thirty-three games and was rewarded as having won seven and lost thirty. He was a regular pitcher for an entire season, but Rommel wasn't the greatest success in the world, for he was a glutton for work. He appeared in forty-six games, winning sixteen and losing twenty-three.

With the improvement in the Athletics as the result of Rommel's work, the Athletics should do even better next season. If there is a possibility of a seventh place finish, the Athletics should be able to do it. Rommel has shown that he is a clutch pitcher, and his work has been the backbone of the Athletics' success this year. Many Stars Missing From Honor List ONE of the features of the voting for the most valuable players of the year was the nomination of Jimmy Dykes, Ralph Perkins and Chick Galloway among the twenty-seven selected. Galloway, one of the best improved players in the league this year, gained the rank of eleventh in the list, a rank better than a regular among more than 200 players in the league. Dykes was down the list, but that doesn't detract from his being a good player. Had the Ryan Major had hit as well this year as was expected, he would have ranked higher. Only one other team, the Yankees with four, named the Athletics among the selections. Perfect had four, and Washington the same number, and Houston, Cleveland, Chicago and St. Louis had two each. The selections as a whole were unusual. Bush unquestionably has been the star of the Yankees, along with Wally Pipp, Wally Solberg, Irish Meusel and Everett Scott. Sisler and Slusher have kept the Browns in the race, and Schalk and Collins have been instrumental in making the White Sox a first division contender. Pratt and Burns have greatly added the last place Red Sox. In fact, another improved player, Bassler, a new pitcher, Hoffman, the veteran outfielder, and catcher, another veteran, have done much to keep the Tigers among the best. O'Neil, Jamieson, Joe Sewe, and Wang have been instrumental in keeping the Indians out of the bottom, while Joe Judge, Walter Johnson, Harry Hooper and DeGraffenhagen have been the high lights of Washington's play this season.

WHEN such stars as Ruth, Williams, Slaughter, Cobb, Trout, M. I. Lewis, and Hank Greenberg, M. I. Lewis, and Hank Greenberg are left out, it can be seen just how much credit is due our four Athletics, particularly Rommel. Miller and Hauser Hit Homers, but A's Lost ROMMEL, who pitched against the Pirates yesterday, hit Maag recently wanted to give him a break. The pitcher was the selection of the right-hander in the game, but he was not to be. Schilling, the present hurler, was next, and he was not to be. The Mackmen made two errors, one in the second and four in the first of Ray Kolp, but this was offset by the terrific hitting of the St. Louisans. Bing Miller hit his twentieth of the season, his second home run, and Joe Hauser also had a double. Sid Wilkerson and Walter, the latter acting in the role of pinch hitter, Hauser, Bruce, Miller and Perkins each had a single apiece. Four errors by the Mackmen, two by Deane and one each by Galloway and Scherer, helped Hauser in his double hit. The Mackmen were out of the newsmen in the later innings, but they did not lose. The game was a close one, and the Mackmen were out of the game, but they were not to be. The victory didn't help the Browns any, for the Yankees won, and the standings this morning show the same three-out-of-five game lead for the latter. Edwards and Wynn, two rookies, proved easy for Higgins' prima donna, who made thirteen hits of the four for his fans. Babe Ruth fanned twice, but hit a home run and a double during the game. This Speaker, who is giving his youngsters every opportunity to show in the outfield and who has been doing nothing but pinch hitting of late, got a single to lead to his long string. Joe Bush turned in his twenty-sixth of the season in winning, which places him one ahead of Rommel. The former Mackman allowed nine hits and hit no time was in the field. In the other American League games the Red Sox helped the Mackmen along by losing to the Tigers. The Sox was the whole show with four hits, one a double. Phillies held the Beacons to two scattered hits, while Ferguson and Karr were hit hard.

BURNED hits enabled the White Sox to triumph over the Sox. Hauser, with Maag and Hauser, played the game for the Sox. Up to the seventh Mack, a better hurler, allowed but one hit, but three safeties and a base on balls at that round forced his retirement. Phils Have Third Straight Double-Header THE Phillies halved their third straight double-header with the Cubs, losing the first in eleven rounds and outpacing the second in the regulation period. Jimmy Rising proved easy in the first game, and his successor, George Specht, otherwise until the eleventh, when a lot of hard luck led the game for him. In the second tilt Osborne pitched good ball, but seven losses on balls and three errors by Adams, the latter lurching in one inning, proved his undoing. Singleton started, but failed to finish this game. Winters showed lots of stuff in the late innings. The even-Stephen affair gave the Phils the season's series 13 to 9. The Giants shook off the Pirate hoodoo by a late rally and jumped back to a four-and-a-half game lead, which should be enough to carry them up to the pennant.

SORE MOUTH COSTS LEONARD \$500,000

Four Matches in Open Since Hammer Go Would Have Netted Him Half-Million

WILL NOT BOX UNTIL NOV.

By LOUIS H. JAFFE HAD it not been for the infection of Benny Leonard's mouth, originally caused by a Lou Tondler left unhealed in Jersey City when the champion had a tooth knocked out, the former probably would have had his bank account fattened by something like a half-million dollars. When Leonard's mouth was further infested following his tilt with Ever Hammer at Michigan City, Benny was handicapped so that he would be able to step into the ring until sometime in November.

Forced to cancel his October 3 match with the former White at Jersey City, Leonard's mouth is shy in his neighborhood of \$750,000, while the trip abroad which Benny had planned probably would have netted him the same amount, and it is figured that a return engagement with Tondler in New York would have brought the first-fighter at least a quarter of a million dollars. Pursues Not So Big in Cold Weather Whether Leonard would have met Tondler again this summer is a question which that matter, there are many who believe that Benny never will consent to another match with the Philadelphia southpaw; yet it is hardly possible that the New Yorker would refuse \$250,000 or more to defend his distinction under law.

With the open air season closed, pugilistic purses will not be so big and the chances of a fight between Leonard and Tondler will not be so good as in the past. Leonard will not be able to earn as much money through the winter season as he could in three or four months in outdoor arenas. If Leonard's return to the ring is to be made in the winter, he will not be able to earn as much money as he could in the summer. Leonard will not be able to earn as much money as he could in the summer. Leonard will not be able to earn as much money as he could in the summer.

Hartman Claims State Junior Title Ed Hartman, of South Philadelphia, is in shape to start the 1922-23 season and he has come out with a bang to defeat the Pennsylvania champion, heavyweight champion, Ed Hartman, who first defeated the former champion in the first round of the fight. Hartman, who first defeated the former champion in the first round of the fight. Hartman, who first defeated the former champion in the first round of the fight.

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GAME HALTED; NEW EQUIPMENT REQUIRED



DOPE GOES WRONG AS DOELP LOSES

E. S. Satterthwaite Furnishes Big Surprise in Aronimink Invitation Golf Tourney

TRAPPED AT NINETEENTH A very middle-aged golfer who lies from the traps and hunters of Aronimink, E. S. Satterthwaite by name, turned in the real surprise of yesterday's section of the Aronimink invitation golf tourney.

PICK GEORGES TO SCORE KAYO OVER BATTLING SIKI Battle With Senegalese Pugilist Tomorrow Draws Record Gate Paris, Sept. 23.—Georges Carpentier is looked upon by the experts as a certain winner over Battling Siki, the Senegalese pugilist, in their twenty-round battle for the European heavyweight title tomorrow afternoon in the Buffalo Volodrom, outside Paris.

Opening Soccer Game Fleisher Will Meet Thirty-sixth Ward Eleven Tomorrow The Thirty-sixth Ward soccer team will play the Fleisher Warriors tomorrow afternoon at Twenty-sixth and Reed streets in the opening game of the season, which is more of a practice match for the two teams.

Motor Record Broken Springfield, Mass., Sept. 23.—A new world record for a motor car was established at the Springfield State Fair when the Springfield Motor Club car, driven by H. W. Brown, made a record of 85.45 seconds at Lincoln, Neb.

Dempsey Goes Gunning In Pink of Condition as He Starts After Big Game St. John, N. B., Sept. 23.—Jack Dempsey and his party, consisting of Jerry Lewandowski, Robert Edgren, Al Curran, Dr. H. F. Purser and Walter D. Hinds, of Portland, Me., left today by automobile for Haverlock, Kings County, to enter the woods in search of big game.

Little at Villanova Former Red and Blue Star Will Assist Alle Miller Lou Little, former Penn football star, who has coached in La Salle Prep School for the last three years, will assist Alle Miller at Villanova this season. Little, who has been at work with La Salle Prep, resigned to take over his new duties next Monday, while Phil Barry, former Penn State footballer, will take charge of the La Salle eleven.

Galloway and Walker Lead A's and Phils

Table with columns for Player, Team, W, L, P, HR, R, B, SO, etc. Galloway and Walker are listed as top performers for the Athletics and Phillies respectively.

SISLER HAS WORST DROP OF SEASON Browns' Star, Handicapped by Injured Arm, Loses Seven Points in a Week Oldham Has Unique Record George Oldham, of the Tigers, holds a unique record in the American League for having pitched a no-hitter in the ninth inning of a game.

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How Does It Strike You?

Football Spirit Amateur Boxing Tennis Critics By THE OBSERVER

THIS is the overlapping season in sports, the fog end of one and the beginning of another. Baseball, the national sport, is staggering down the homestretch, and football, the greatest of college athletics, is crowding under the gun. In many towns and cities today the cheers of thousands will be heard emanating from stadiums where young athletes, inspired by the spirit of their alma mater, tear at each other for victory.

The season officially opens today with games in the East, South and Middle West, and once again football will attract its thousands and pour its profits into the coffers of athletic associations to maintain the other athletic activities throughout the academic year. Football is the big money-maker, the Rockefeller of sports. It is the richest of all collegiate athletics, rich in tradition, rich in spirit and rich in amateurism. While the game is commercialized so far as the spectators are concerned, it is free from the evils of professionalism despite the few scandals that crop out occasionally.

There is no sport in America that generates spirit and fighting nerves like football. Youth willingly suffers physical pain in exchange for victory. The thrill of the good horse has come up from the mass to bring boxing prestige in amateur circles to this city, but their success was won in spite of conditions here rather than because of them. This is an unhealthy state of affairs and not at all in accord with development of amateurs in other branches of sport. Boxing has thrived in collegiate ranks recently. The University of Pennsylvania, the Naval Academy and Pennsylvania State really were pioneers in the field and through the efforts of these institutions boxing has gained due respect.

George Decker has proved himself a thorough and conscientious teacher in the manly art at the University and will be in the field with another good team this year. Decker conducts a regular class in boxing with more than a hundred students enrolled. It is from this group that he selects his men for the meets and the championships. The Penn coach until recently has been pinched and handicapped by a small appropriation and the same condition has bothered instructors at other colleges. CLUBS and colleges should unite in boosting amateur boxing. They are beginning to realize the benefits derived therefrom. In Defense of Tennis

BEEN reading a lot," pens a reader, "about sportsmanship in tennis. Is it true a player cries for the loser when he wins a match? Oh, good!" The fine sportsmanship of the player who gets a snuff from a cert in tennis. The same thing is so common that it hasn't been mentioned in the same category with ping-pong and riddle-d-winks. The number of women playing tennis has perpetuated the idea that the game is for weaklings, but this is a boost for the former sex rather than a knock at tennis. Women crowd the fields in trapezoidal, swimming, golf and track athletics and they are breaking into boxing, basketball, backhaling, horse racing and whatnot. No one has accused the sports of belonging to the middle-class.

The modern girl is as distinctly related to the faunting, clinging-vine type of a half century ago as Webster is to King Learner. She imitates in man's sports in man fashion without losing the touch of the eternal feminine. Tennis demands skill of mind and hand, speed of foot and brain and a considerable amount of self-punishment. BUT the game needs no wordsy sport. It stands on its own pillars in case of ethics of clean sportsmanship.

What May Happen in Baseball Today NATIONAL LEAGUE W L P HR R B SO... PHILLES vs CINCINNATI SEATS AT GIMMEL AND STALLING

Play First Game of Series Charles Huggert, manager of the Reds, says that the Reds will play the first game of the series at Cincinnati on Sunday, Sept. 24. PHILLES vs CINCINNATI SEATS AT GIMMEL AND STALLING

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