

Big League Career of Duster Mails Short, Brilliant and Dim

MAILS BIDS BIG LEAGUE 'ADIEU'

Southpaw Who Won Pennant for Cleveland in 1920 Is Shipped to Minors

DOC JOHNSTON ALSO GOES

"Duster" Mails is through. The erratic southpaw who stepped into the breach in the waning days of 1920, and carried the Cleveland Club through to a championship, has been shipped out to the Pacific Coast League.

The Duster's career should be a warning to some daisy young ball players in fast company who think that they can keep up with the sun dodgers during the wee sma' hours, and still hold their ends on the diamond.

Mails first came to the big league as a member of the Brooklyn National League team. He was there, one of the greatest portenders that ever lived, was finishing out his gorgeous career.

There was never any question of his being a star, but he wouldn't quit doing the things that hurt him, and only one thing could be expected. During the season of 1920 he was the sensation of the Pacific Coast League.

Single handed Mails stemmed the tide. He won seven straight games, and was undoubtedly responsible for the championship pennant that came to the Ohio city.

Johnston has been up and down several times. Pittsburgh gave him up years ago as being all in, but the Doc came back to the American League, and held his for a long while.

He has always been a credit to baseball, a brainy player, too. His legs have been getting rickety for awhile, and he has been able to get through the season, but in the first few months of the campaign he goes like a house on fire.

Johnston goes to the league, where his brother, Jimmy, now with the Brooklyn Nationals, hung up a record of stealing more than 120 bases for two consecutive seasons.

The coming news of Joe Hauser virtually signed Johnston's death warrant as a major leaguer, for he knew that he didn't have a chance to beat out the robust young clubber for Milwaukee.

St. Louis' Hopes Last season the Browns finished just one game behind the Yankees in the American League race, in spite of the fact that there was a pronounced weakness in the pitching staff and at third base.

Lee Fohl is already making desperate efforts to strengthen the team. Fifteen new players have been purchased, and ten more recalled, among them Dave Danforth, Homer Egan, of San Antonio, will be groomed to fill Ellerbe's place.

The umpires are backed unequivocally, and the official scorers should have the same support. Johnston has set a bad precedent in overruling the scorer. Though there wasn't the same outcry that there was when Third Base- man Red Corridan, of the Browns, allowed Nap Lajoie to beat out eight hits in a double-header in order to bolster a batting average there will be some noise.

FUTURITY TO BE LONGER

Two-Year-Old Race to Be Seven Furlongs in 1925 New York, Dec. 8.—To promote greater interest in distance racing, the Westchester Racing Association has announced that the Futurity at Belmont Park, the blue ribbon of the two-year-old races in this country, will be increased from six to seven furlongs.

The race at the new distance will be in 1925, entries for which will be received up to January 3, 1923. An added money value of \$10,000 will go with the event, making it one of the most attractive purses in its history.

Indiana Release Mails

Cleveland, Dec. 8.—Walter Mails, a left-handed pitcher of the Cleveland American League club for the last two seasons, has been released by President K. S. Barnard of the Oakland Club of the Pacific Coast League.

You Auto Know

Batteries not used during the winter months should be stored. When there is a click in the coil it indicates a leak in the circuit.

Basketball Statistics

EASTERN LEAGUE
Camden, W. L. P. C. 18; Trenton, 17; Atlantic City, 16; Camden, 15; Trenton, 14; Atlantic City, 13; Camden, 12; Trenton, 11; Atlantic City, 10; Camden, 9; Trenton, 8; Atlantic City, 7; Camden, 6; Trenton, 5; Atlantic City, 4; Camden, 3; Trenton, 2; Atlantic City, 1.

7 WORLD'S SWIM RECORDS SMASHED

Fraction of Second Shaved From Old Marks in Illinois A. C. Tank

WEISMULLER IS A STAR

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Seven world's swimming records were broken here last night in a swimming meet held under the auspices of the Illinois Athletic Club.

New marks were made in the 100-yard free style, open; women's fifty-yard dash, back stroke, open; interscholastic medley relay; men's 100-yard dash, back stroke, open; interscholastic 100-yard dash, free style; men's relay, 100-yard dash, open; and women's 220-yard sprint, back stroke.

Johnny Weismuller, wearing the colors of the I. A. C., was the individual star, breaking two world's records and swimming with the relay team that broke the record for the 100-yard distance.

In the 100-yard free-for-all dash, open style, he shaved one-fifth second from the former record of 52 2-5, and in the men's 100-yard dash, back stroke, he lowered the record by one second, the new mark being 1:05 2-5.

Miss Sybil Bauer, I. A. C., in winning the women's 50-yard dash, back stroke, established a new world's record of 34 4-5 seconds. She also established a new record of 3:06 4-5 in the women's open 220-yard back stroke by winning the event.

The Hyde Park High School relay team crossed the line first in the medley race and set a new world record of 2:14 4-5, one and one-fifth seconds below the old record.

Howell, of the Hyde Park team, set a new record for the interscholastic 100-yard free style dash, clipping off the distance in 55 4-5 seconds, one-fifth second under the former record.

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JASPER FAILS TO GET FIELD GOAL

Uptown Fans See Sad Exhibition by "Jewels" in Game With Trenton

SHORE FIVE WINS ONE

By WILLIAM S. DALLAS
THE Trenton Eastern League Basketball team will move into first place in the standing tonight if they are successful in their big tilt with the Camden Skeeters in the Arena at Trenton.

The Potters edged into a tie for the lead when they invaded the Rose Garden, home of the Jewels, and handed the uptowners a beautiful trouncing, score 32 to 8. It was the worst trimming ever handed a Jasper club on the home court.

Not once did a blue and white jerseyed athlete hit the rim for a two-pointer, and their exhibition of foul shooting was so ridiculous that a number of youngsters in the front row were compelled to laugh.

In twenty-seven trips to the black mark the uptowners caged the ball but eight times, and it appeared as if they were aiming at the Delaware River, a few miles distant. The "contest" was also punctuated by some rough-house work on the part of the fans, who seem to think that "Stretch" Meehan is to blame for being six feet four inches in height.

Morality Flies A sad mistake was made when John Moriarity was started against Meehan, and a sadler mistake was made when Barney Sedran's appeal to have him removed five minutes after play was under way was rejected.

The Potters observed that Meehan had a walkway and decided to "feed" him. While he had plenty of chances to score, he only managed to hit the cords twice. When the Potters had run up a lead of 14 to 3 Moriarity was yanked and "Inkie" Regan rushed to the rescue. The half time score was also 14 to 3.

With Regan in the second half Meehan was held down somewhat, but

the snap of the Jewels was not there and the visitors had things their own way. The only man on the uptown team that showed any real ability was "Doc" Newman.

The ten gold goals of the visitors went to Dunn, two; Meehan, two; Tome, two and Barlow, four. Hedy Kearns was blanked by Marty Friedman and this pair also nearly came to settling their differences right in the cage.

Shore Five Triumphs The Atlantic City team moved into the select first division by handing the Reading Bears a neat trimming at the shore last night by the score of 49 to 25. The former Celts gave a great exhibition of shooting and Johnny Beck man set up a season's field goal record with nine.

The star of the shore quintet was dropping them in from all angles, and Chris Leonard, who was at center, also had a big night with five two-pointers.

The totals at half-time were 20 to 7, but in the second half the home team eased up and a laxity in defense allowed the visitors to score a number of field goals which, under ordinary circumstances, would have easily been stopped. The baskets went to Beckman 9; Barry 1; Leonard, 5; Holman, 3; Wittig, 2; Schmeek, 4; Diegler, 5; Mosier, 1; Swenson, 1; Armprister, 1, and Morris, 1.

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