

In the World of Outdoor Sports.

Current Gossip of Baseball, Cycling, the Track And Various Other Popular Pastimes.

The Scrantons will certainly have to put on their bathing clothes or they will not get even a smell of the pennant gag. It is with the stick that the club is plainly weak and this has been proved in games won as well as in games lost. Clever fielding in the outer garden and infield has won for Scranton several games when their total hits were not as numerous those of opposing clubs. Springfield, with all its won games, does not show a better fielding average than Scranton, but the easterners have had their eyes on the ball and have batted as well as fielded themselves into their present commanding position. To illustrate the argument, the work of the Buffaloes should be considered. That club, in the total games with Springfield, Providence and Scranton, made a greater number of hits than their opponents, yet they lost all but three games on the trip. Had they fielded within 10 per cent, as good as Scranton or Springfield it is probable that the Buffaloes would now be next to Springfield on the percentage list. It all goes to show that Scranton must bat in order to have even a look-in on the pennant.

Speaking of fielding, Barnie's men have certainly done well and compare favorably with any team in the league. Any large number of errors recorded against them in any one game has been due more especially to the off day of some one player rather than the poor work of the whole team. Excepting in right field, Scranton's outfield is of the par excellence variety, and when Sweeney resumes play at short Rafford will go into right garden, and with Brady and Johnson will make a triplet which is not excelled in many of the National clubs. With "Bill" Clarking on first, "Piggy" Ward on second, "Milk" Whitehead on third and Sweeney in short, what more can be asked for in an infiel. Rogers certainly does a Trojan's duty behind the plate and plays right from the wire.

Perhaps reference should have been made to the pitching division as one of the causes for lost games. No reference need be made to Delaney; Scranton has won every game he pitched, excepting those games where he was put in to relieve other pitchers after the game was too far gone to be pulled back. Brown is capable of twirling great ball, but he has his poor days when he is wild and unreliable and when a catcher needs a scoop not to hold him. At the same time he is one of the best of pitchers, which he demonstrated in the 12-inning game with Syracuse. His arm is all right; his eye will improve after this month. T. Johnson has not had a chance to show his ability. He pitched one game against Rochester, which Scranton won in the tenth inning by Delaney's batting. Johnson pitched for three innings against Buffalo, when rain stopped the contest. Two hits had been made off him, he made one wild pitch and sent one player to first on balls. In the game with Toronto on May 9, he split his hand and will not be able to resume play until at least another week. Quarles, recently recalled from Chattanooga, completes only a trio of available pitchers—and Quarles didn't prove himself any great shakes, either. In his game against Toronto on Wednesday, he was touched for six hits and made three errors in the second inning, during which the Canadians scored eight runs. Maybe he had a touch of stage fright, maybe he was playing horse—goodness knows. Anyhow, he has thus far shown himself to be nothing more than a useless piece of timber.

So after considering the whole outfit there seem to be but two weak and serious causes for misgivings—pitching and batting. Barnie, with his long experience as manager, player and owner, probably will not allow these two critical matters to remain without remedying for any great length of time. That the boy needs more and better material, excepting Delaney and Brown, is plain; that the club needs an injection of hitting spirit is also plain. There's hope that Barnie will meet the emergency.

College athletic circles are stirred because of the resignation of Walter Camp from the Yale advisory committee. He was the most prominent figure in the athletics of Yale university, the sponsor of inter-collegiate foot ball and a noted representative of college sports. Mr. Camp's resignation was forwarded three weeks ago. An effort to keep it secret had been successful until Thursday night. The resignation was directly precipitated by the trouble now existing between the Yale and Harvard foot ball teams, and Mr. Camp himself in direct authority for the statement. It seems that matters have been going from bad to worse, as far as the foot ball feeling between the Cambridge and New Haven universities is concerned. Yale's demand apology from Harvard has not been forthcoming. Hinkley is up in Yale in every respect, and it has been against him more than the other players of the Yale men that the criticism of Harvard men has been directed. It now looks as if Yale will certainly not play Harvard at foot ball again unless an armistice is declared. Concerning the periodical squabbles with Harvard Mr. Camp says: "Some ten or twelve years ago, with others, I devoted a great deal of valuable time to patching up misunderstandings and petty squabbles concerning the crews and the boat race. Every year there has been a squabble over the date of the contest, the hour and the general conditions, which have only been settled after the hardness of feeling has been aroused and much good time frittered away. When we had a particularly hard rub one boating year I stated that if foot ball ever came to so hard a pass, I should certainly ask to be relieved from further responsibility, and judging from the present newspaper stories I should think the time had certainly come."

Emmet Rogers, Scranton's favorite catcher, has had an enviable record in his seven years of professional playing. He is young, well-built and good looking, and is very popular among the members of the team. Excepting during a portion of 1894 on the Scranton club, he has always been a catcher; during the period mentioned he played in right field owing to an injury which temporarily debarred him from going

behind the plate. Rogers is 26 years old and was born in Roxbury, Mass. When a small boy he lived in Little Rock, Ark., where he clerked in his uncle's grocery store and played amateur base ball. His professional record as a catcher is as follows: 1885, Fort Worth, Tex.; 1889, Houston, Tex., and sold to Toledo, O., upon the disruption



EMMET ROGERS,
Scranton's Favorite Catcher.

of the Texas league; 1890, Toledo; 1891, Lincoln, Neb.; 1892, Los Angeles; 1893, Memphis; 1894, Scranton. The Houston, Los Angeles and Memphis clubs won the pennants in their respective leagues while Rogers was with the clubs.

One of Scranton's players who has done much to bring the club to its present position near the top of the percentage list is Paul R. Radford, late of the Washingtons. He came to Scranton out of practice, but after his first game played with such surety and good judgment as to decisively establish him in popular favor. He is 34 years old and was born and reared in Boston, the starting point of more famed ball tossers than any city in the



PAUL R. RADFORD,
Scranton's Shortstop and Right Fielder.

country. He first played as an amateur on the famous Hyde Park club of the aristocratic city. He showed such proficiency that he was engaged as right fielder of the professional Boston in 1883, and since then has played as follows: 1884-5, Providence, right field; 1886, Kansas City, right field; 1887, Metropolitan (New York), short stop; 1888, Brooklyn, right field; 1889, Cleveland, and 1890, Brooklyn (Brotherhood); 1891, Boston, shortstop; 1892, 1893, 1894, Washington, right field and shortstop. Since playing with the Scrantons he has been at short, but will go permanently to right field, when Captain Sweeney recovers from his fractured shoulder.

BASE BALL BRIEFS:

Shenandoah people are disgusted with their club.

"Colt" Anson is known in Chicago as "Man-Who-Never-Grows-Out."

Catcher Weaver says farming beats ball, because it's a "growing industry"—Sporting Life.

Pittsburg has picked up Gus Weyhing and will let him lose a few games.—Cleveland World.

Managers Barnie, of Scranton, and Charles Morton, of the Buffaloes, are enthusiastic Elks.

Anson is said to have bet Duffy and McCarthy, of Boston, \$50 each, that Chicago would beat the race.

St. Louis players seem to have got their share of the "Colt" Anson's threats to the satisfaction of the players.

McGill, apparently, is the only pitcher Manager Irvin has any confidence in. "Wee Willie" certainly earns his salary.

Second Baseman Jack Tighe was struck on the right hand by a pitched ball at Pottsville Wednesday and one of the bones was broken.

The season, so far, has not been marred by the trials and tribulations of female base ball organizations. Franklin must be in some place.

The Cincinnati Reds have stolen more bases this season than any city in the national league. They also lead in the number of three-base hits.

The Rochester newspaper men have already soured on their team, and they're at a regular hair pulling match—the luckless players being the victims.

The Cincinnati Reds are up in arms against this new style Pittsburg's dirty ball playing. They say it is even worse than foot ball.—Sporting Life.

Captain Ewing could make no more popular move than by issuing an iron-clad order for the Reds to keep away from the pool rooms, says a Cincinnati exchange.

Catcher Fisher, of Chattanooga, has false teeth. In a recent game they fell out, and Umpire Keller had to call time to allow him to pick them up and wash them.

Arie Latham, the clown of the diamond, is reported as having signed a contract with Champion Corbett's theatrical company for next season.

President Robins, of the Cleveland club, must be talking through his hat when he says he will fight the Hodson case in the courts if it costs \$10,000.—Boston Herald.

Philadelphia has made a better showing than any of the eastern clubs. When the Phillies were playing at home the people began to think they had struck not one toboggan slide, but fifty.

Tim Keefe is the only National umpire up to date who has not been roasted. The two umpires who were turned down this year in the whim of one or two magnates will be needed when the time is out.

Business Manager Bancroft, of the Cincinnati, after seeing deaf mute Hoy converse in the sign language with two women who were deaf and dumb, spoke of it as "a little exercise with the dumb bells."

It is announced that Lovett is receiving about \$1,200 for playing with Providence. This is another example of the falls of the mighty. Lovett once laid off an entire season rather than play for what he termed cigarette money, \$5,500.

There is one citizen of Syracuse who will attend no more games for a long time to come. He sat on the fence between

the two grand stands and a high foul hit him on the back and knocked him into the mud. A doctor and a dressress came over his face, and he went home.

On Derby Day in Louisville the Philadelphia and Louisville men attended the races in a body, and had prearranged it that all should plunge on Potentate, Reprieve and Cattaragus. As a result the boys all had money to burn, and did not regret being forced to have "Money's" and "Potentate's" Artie Irwin alone "pulled down" \$200—Ex.

It is said that a man who was caught peeping through the fence at the Louisville ball ground was fined \$5. It is bad enough for the patrons of the game to have to pay the admission fee to see the sort of ball Louisville plays; but isn't it going a little too far to fine a man \$5 because he had the temerity to peep through the fence at such a game?—Ex.

A sample of the roast given Umpire Betts of the National league was written by O. P. Caylor in yesterday's Herald. Concerning Thursday's game with Pittsburg, the New York writer says: "Then they met their old charmer, Umpire Betts, who is doing business here. This is the gentleman on President Young's staff who worked so assiduously against New York's base ball interests last fall, and he has carried a large stock of his spleen over into this rare May weather. When Mr. Betts goes to New York for a session I want Polo ground patrons to remember that he is the umpire of the whole lot who takes especial pleasure wherever he is in seeing that the Giants don't get anything that he can keep out of their reach. Mr. Betts gave a double cross hold on Rusle and gave valuable encouragement to the Angels batsmen. Pardon a relapse to Betts. This is his haven of rest. He owns Pittsburgh or Pitsburgh owns him. May they own each other. Every visiting team has raised a howl over his treatment to the Pirates, and the howl is probably well rooted. If Young lets Betts unpin all the Cleveland games he ought to land Mack's son well up in the first division. Without Betts on the "staff" the Pittsburghers will not lead the schottische three weeks."

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WHIRLS OF THE WHEEL:

Road riding seems to be the craze this year. The Green Ridge Wheelmen will run to Glen Summit Decoration Day. The Scranton bicycle club will take its annual Delaware Water Gap run on May 30.

The Scranton bicycle club men take a spin to some point adjacent to the city every Tuesday night.

It does not seem probable that Coarser will wear the Scranton club's colors as had been previously announced.

Harold Bunting, Richard Wambold, James Garney and Everett Howe, of the Green Ridge wheelmen, will attend the race meet at Allentown Memorial Day.

Next Friday night the Scranton bicycle club will be in the line of the series of smokers that have been such an enjoyable feature of the winter's social programme.

The members of the Scranton bicycle club will enjoy a club run tomorrow, their destination being Hollisterville. They will leave the club house at 9:30 a.m.

There will be a special meeting of the Scranton bicycle club Thursday night to hear the report of the committee that has been considering the advisability of enlarging the club house.

The Lawrence band has consented to give an open air concert at the club house of the Green Ridge wheelmen next Tuesday evening. In all probability a select company will be arranged, consisting of instrumental solos, male quartettes, etc.

The club house will be open to the lady and gentlemen friends of the members that evening.

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