

The Sportlight

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In the slow, deliberate type of athlete is a star. But this is from being the general rule.
On the average the star is a fast worker, with few false actions, with no undue waste, with nervous tension not permitted to grow through any extended delay.
And this goes for more games than one.

There Are Pitchers—

In baseball the fastest working pitching we have ever seen was that of Christy Mathewson.
When Matty worked, as a rule, you could figure the span of the game from an hour and thirty minutes to an hour and forty minutes.
He wasn't out there posing or chewing on the ball or making extended flourishes. His idea was to pitch. Having line control he wasted few throws. What he did counted. The result was a short game.

Walter Johnson and Alexander are both along the same lines. Neither is a slow, deliberate worker. Both hustle their games along and rarely ever go beyond an hour and forty minutes to achieve their ultimate destinies for the day.
Games are delayed and held up by slow pitching more than by any other factor. And when the stars are pitching there is always less delay, with few exceptions.

In Golf

Very few of the great golfers belong to the deliberative, lagging type. Travas, Outint and Evans step up, hit the ball and move along. Bob Gardner travels along at a fast clip, taking very little time for his shots. John G. Anderson, Phil Carter and Oswald Kirkby are three of the fastest workers in the game.
A useful play is all very well enough, but too much deliberation kills impetus.
The slow golfer is very rarely a good player. Alexander Smith, twice open champion, plays like a streak. Practically every leading Pro, spins through a round at good speed. Delay and deliberation are too often merely a strain upon nervous energy.

Winter League Stuff

Baseball has been too badly frozen since opening day to give the genial dope any logical outlet. Conditions have been entirely too adverse to judge clubs or individuals.
With Joe Jackson under .240, Eddie Collins around .230, Frank Baker way off and other stars far out of gear, several weeks may follow before the depressed athletes get going at normal speed.

Detroit, with a team batting average of .202, is a joke. A club that numbers Cobb, Veach, Crawford and Hellman belongs around .260. The Tigers led the American League upon attack last year, being far stronger than the Red Sox in this respect, but the same club up to date through the cold and chilly spasm has looked like an orphan asylum with the pip.
Figures compiled in the presence of cold winds, abundant rains and other annoying details mean very little. Yet all these barricades haven't bothered Tris Speaker to any notable extent. And so far they haven't annoyed Eddie Roush in any noticeable way.

Baseball, being a warm weather game, will only produce true form among the morose athletes when warm weather arrives.

Add "If" Stuff

And how about the Tigers?—
Perhaps they would give up
If in their box were Johnson,
And Ruth and Shore and Schupp!
Just one more little secret—
The golf champ would be me
If I could drive like Evans
And putt like Jerry T.
F. D. S.

"The suggestion has been made that golf courses be plowed up." Golf courses have been plowed up for the last five years—the only difference being that a maw and a niblick have been used by the energetic dufer in place of a plow.

"No man," says Colonel William A. Sunday, "could ever be called a greater pitcher than Mathewson. But if any one pitcher could be called as great the name would be John Clarkson, the napparel of his decade." One assertion that we would never care to take would be the job of proving that any certain pitcher was a greater workman than Mathewson—a more valuable pitcher or a greater one.

"You have never answered my query," writes a fan, "as to which of the two is the greater infielder—Jack Barry or Arthur Fletcher. How about it?" Comparing a second baseman in the American League with a shortstop in the National League is no plum-colored job. Fletcher is much the best man on attack, with Barry just a trifle steadier on infield play. Both are aggressive, valuable types, but their daily assignments are too far apart to call for any complete diagnosis.

Baseball Summary

SCORES OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES

National League	
Philadelphia, 1; St. Louis, 0.	
New York, 5; Cincinnati, 1.	
Chicago, 3; Brooklyn, 1.	
Pittsburgh, 11; Boston, 4.	
American League	
St. Louis, 2; Philadelphia, 1.	
New York, 1; Chicago, 0.	
Cleveland, 4; Washington, 3.	
Boston, 3; Detroit, 1.	
International League	
Newark, 8; Rochester, 2.	
Providence, 8; Toronto, 3.	
Buffalo, 5; Richmond, 1.	
Baltimore-Montreal, game postponed.	
New York State League	
Elmira, 5; Harrisburg, 2.	
Binghamton, 5; Reading, 2.	
Utica, 3; Scranton, 2.	
Syracuse, 5; Wilkes-Barre, 4.	
American Association	
Columbus, 5; Milwaukee, 1.	
Indianapolis, 3; Minneapolis, 0.	
Toledo, 6; St. Paul, 1.	
Louisville-Kansas City, rain.	
Lucknow Shop League	
Planing Mill, 5; Storehouse, 0.	
Blue Ridge League	
Chambersburg, 3; Gettysburg, 1.	
Hanover, 3; Frederick, 2.	
Martinsburg, 3; Hagerstown, 2.	
Allison Hill League	
Rosewood, 2; Reading, 1.	
WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY	
National League	
St. Louis at Philadelphia.	

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Finfrock's Superb Work Defeats Storehouse Team

Finfrock pitched sensational ball yesterday noon in a Lucknow Shop League game, when he held the Storehouse players to one hit, giving the Planing Mill team a 5 to 0 victory. The features of the contest were a shoestring catch by McKeever and a running catch by Steigerwalt. A strong gale swept the field and made fielding difficult. The score by innings:

Planing Mill	0	4	1	0	0	5	4	0
Storehouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

BANKS TEAM IS LEADING TOURNEY

Defeat Palmer Team Three Games and Take Match; Other Scores

The Banks team which jumped into the lead in the Dauphin-Cumberland county duckpin league, retained its lead last night when it took three games and match from the Palmer team. The Myers team in second place also retained its hold on that position by defeating the O'Leary team three games. The other games were close. The summary:

Palmer-Banks (Taylor Alleys)	
Banks	1367
Palmer	1403
Banks	560
Fox (Banks)	142
Demma (Banks)	359
O'Leary-Myers (Parthmore Alleys, N. Cumberland)	
Myers	1610
O'Leary	1437
Myers (Myers)	579
Myers (Myers)	148
Myers (Myers)	395
McIvor-Owen (Academy Alleys)	
McIvor	1474
Owen	1458
McIvor	627
Kimmel (Owen)	130
Kimmel (Owen)	326
Fickles-Bentz (Lemoyne-Alleys)	
Fickles	1556
Bentz	1483
Fickles (Fickles)	163
Fickles (Fickles)	396
Standing of the Teams	
W. L. Pct.	
Banks	25 14 .641
Myers	23 16 .589
O'Leary	21 18 .538
Schriver	21 19 .513
Owens	19 20 .487
Fickles	18 21 .462
Palmer	16 23 .410
Bentz	15 24 .385
Miscellaneous (Casino Alleys)	
Blues	1910
Grays	1728
Grays	662
Shooter (Blues)	433

Major League Scores

National League		
Cincinnati	0 0 2 0 0 0 0 0-2 7 0	
New York	0 0 0 1 1 2 0 18-5 11 1	
Batteries	Toney and Hugh; Ferritt and McCarty. Umpires—O'Day and Bransfield.	
At Brooklyn	Chicago	2 0 0 0 1 0 0 0-3 6 2
Brooklyn	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 8 4	
Batteries	Vaughn and Wilson; Cheney and Miller. Umpires—Quigley and Byron.	
At Boston	Pittsburgh	0 1 2 1 3 0 0 0-11 9 0
Boston	0 0 1 3 0 0 0 0-4 3 4	
Batteries	Mamaux, Miller and Schmidt; Barnes and Gowdy. Umpires—Rigler and Orth.	
At Philadelphia	St. Louis	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 4 0
Philadelphia	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 6 1	
Batteries	Meadows and Snyder; Alexander and Killifer. Umpires—Klem and Emslie.	
American League		
At Chicago	New York	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 4 1
Chicago	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0 5 2	
Batteries	Shawkey and Numamak-er; Russell and Schalk. Umpires—Hildebrand and O'Laughlin.	
At St. Louis	St. Louis	0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0-1 6 1
St. Louis	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-2 6 0	
Batteries	R. Johnson and Schang; Davenport and Severeid. Umpires—Nallin and Evans.	
At Detroit	Boston	0 0 0 0 0 1 1 1-0 3 6 2
Detroit	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 4 1	
Batteries	Leonard and Agnew; Ciolek and Spencer. Umpires—Dineen and Owens.	
At Cleveland	Washington	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1-3 9 1
Cleveland	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-4 3 2	
Batteries	Harper and Henry; Coombs and Billings. Umpires—Conolly and McCormick.	
New York State League		
At Scranton	Utica	1 1 0 0 0 0 0 0-1 3 7 1
Scranton	0 0 0 2 0 0 0 0-2 4 2	
Batteries	Karp and Demsey; Higgins and Brannon. Umpires—Williams and Brown.	
At Reading	Binghamton	1 1 0 0 0 2 0 0-5 7 0
Reading	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-2 6 3	
Batteries	Anchor and Meyers; Donahue and Watson. Umpires—Pirman and Glatts.	
At Wilkes-Barre	Syracuse	0 0 0 0 0 5 0 0-5 6 2
Wilkes-Barre	0 0 0 0 0 1 0 3 0-4 9	
Batteries	Roth and Hildebrand; Beretski and Cotter. Umpires—Carnew and Lewis.	

"CAP" SMITH IS STAR BATSMAN

Hit Ball For Freshmen; Lands Victory in Tech Interclass Series

In the second Tech interclass contest played on the Island yesterday afternoon the Freshmen succeeded in trimming the Juniors by a score of 6 to 4. The "Freshies" had one big inning in the fifth, and hammered Bott's offerings to all corners of the Island. When the third man was retired, five lids had crossed the plate.

Smith Hard Hitter
Until the unlucky, fifth, the third-year lads had a safe lead until the ascension came. "Cap" Smith was the heavy artillery for the winners, securing four bingles in four times at bat. Ramey played well for the losers.

The line-up and summary follows:

JUNIORS	
Cook, rf	1 2 0 0 0
Ramey, c	1 1 8 2 0
Beam, lf	0 0 0 0 0
Holland, ss	0 0 0 1 1
Froek, 1b	0 0 7 0 0
Miller, 2b-p	0 0 0 2 0
Bashore, 3f	1 1 2 0 0
Essig, cf	0 0 0 0 0
Botts p	1 1 1 0 0
Jones 2b	0 0 0 2 0
Totals	4 5 18 7 1
FRESHMEN	
George, ss	1 0 1 3 1
Douglas, rf	0 0 0 0 0
Beck, 3b	2 1 0 2 0
Smith, c	1 4 8 0 0
Holland, ss	1 1 0 3 1
Lingle, p	0 0 12 0 1
Wisbach, 1b	0 0 0 0 0
Davidson 2b	0 0 0 0 0
Palm, lf	0 0 0 0 0
Brenner, cf	1 0 0 0 0
Aldinger, if	0 0 0 0 1
Germer, 2b	0 1 0 1 0
Leiby, rf	0 0 0 0 0
Totals	6 7 21 10 6
Juniors	0 0 0 1 0 1 0-4
Freshmen	1 0 0 0 5 0 2-6

WAR HURTS BUSINESS

London, May 11.—War conditions have brought about a serious diminution in the volume of business done on the London property market, and also in the prices obtained for the comparatively few properties that have changed hands. Figures just compiled show that sales by auction or by private transaction have declined 60 per cent. Regarding the letting of house property, there has been a sharp decline in the leasing of large houses, and the letting of medium houses is almost stationary; small houses are let readily. In the case of shops there is a normal demand for large and medium-sized places, while the letting of small shops is at a discount. Factories have found tenants without difficulty and rentals have followed the demand.

CHILDREN ARE HUNGRY

Rotterdam, Netherlands, May 11.—Five hundred Vienna children on the average, have gained nine and a half pounds in weight during a few weeks' stay in Holland, some of them adding eighteen to twenty-four pounds, according to medical testimony. Despite the recent hint by Prime Minister Cort van de Linden regarding the undesirability of bringing more foreign children to this country when Hollanders themselves are being asked to observe the strictest economy on account of the scarcity of grain, Ger-

man youngsters continue to arrive in large numbers, nearly 1,200 having crossed the frontier to recoup in the course of one week.

TAKE SMALL MEN
Melbourne, Australia, May 11.—With the approval of the Imperial authorities the minimum standard measurements for enlistment in Australia have been reduced to a height of 5 feet 2 inches, and a chest measurement of 33 inches.

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