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SPORT GRAPHS

"HORSE" MAHAFFEY

On the Sidelines



Mahaffey

Mahaffey came to the majors for the first time in 1927. He was tried out by Pittsburgh, and by the way, it strikes me that quite a few successful ball players in the big time were tried and rejected by the Pirates. He turned up in Portland in 1929 where he appeared in no less than 56 games indicating that he probably pitched about every other day. Connie Mack turned over to Tom Turner some fairly good fancy spinners for Mahaffey's service. Mahaffey who achieved the sobriquet of "Work Horse" on the coast, moved into his job without the pomp or emotion, appearing slyly in 33 games last year and winning 9 against 5 lost. This year the Horse has been starting more regularly, with the results stated above. Fifteen won and three much pretty good for a young man. Spitches only when Grove, Walberg and Earnshaw feel like an afternoon of Earl.

The result is two closely grouped league races with two clubs carrying on a hot battle for first place and a third team in each loop on the edge of the fight, able to pop into it by a win or two.

Jimmy Wilson, catcher for the St. Louis Nationals, has worked in more than 900 baseball games in the eight years of service in the older loop. He celebrated his thirty-fifth birthday recently and expects to spend several more years behind the bat. When Jim Bottomley, of the St. Louis Nationals cracked out six hits in one game against Pittsburgh, it was the second such performance, and if put him in a tie with Ed Delahunty, old time star. Delahunty hit for six hits twice during his career. Manager Mike McNalley of the Wilkes-Barre Barons of the New York Pennsylvania league, is being mentioned as the possible manager of the Buffalo team of the International League for 1932. At the same time it is reported that Jack Bentley will manage the Elmira Team of the NYP league, and Jake Pitler or Glen Killenger will manage the 1932 Wilkes-Barre team.

Lefty Grove won his 30th game, and because of it hope has been revived of his chances to break Joe Wood's record of 34 victories, made in 1912. The odds are against Lefty, however, by mathematical calculation. Assuming the big leftlander pitched at three day intervals between games, then he can win two more provided he wins all, that would give him a record of 34 wins. It isn't likely Connie Mack will pitch Grove out of turn, though he may employ him with the score tied in late

innings, thereby presenting a chance to add an extra contest. But the opportunity of winning as a relief pitcher is balanced by the chance of losing a game or two. Grove can be counted to cop at least 2 out of 3, which is a great average. He cannot win them all and shouldn't be expected to. This column guesses he will get at least two more, for a season's total of 32 wins.

Here's the way the pennant races would have looked on August 21, if there were no A's or Cards.

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Team	W. L.	Pct.
Washington	63 36	.636
New York	59 40	.600
Cleveland	53 44	.546
Chicago	44 55	.444
St. Louis	44 57	.431
Detroit	42 56	.429
Boston	34 60	.423

  

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Team	W. L.	Pct.
New York	57 39	.593
Chicago	58 41	.586
Brooklyn	54 48	.529
Pittsburgh	50 52	.490
Boston	48 55	.466
Philadelphia	46 59	.438
Cincinnati	41 61	.401

If it weren't for the A's and the Cards, bawls out the irate fan "the big league gallops would be closer than Monday and Tuesday. Baseball would be viewing two red hot scraps instead of the twin farce. Is that right? It is!

The loudest protests of fans following the 14 clubs in the two major leagues that are decidedly out in the color against the "preponderance of strength" grouped on the Athletic and Cardinal rosters, looks like the old baloney, sliced thick, until one analyzes the pennant races.

Let's suppose there weren't any Philadelphia Athletics or St. Louis Cardinals. That is, let's discount their performances against their foes this season. We do this by subtracting all the games won by the A's and Cards from the loss column or their foes and all games lost by the A's and Cards from the victory record of the other clubs.

Seeking Interest Of Youth

That Business and Parents May Co-operate; Not Unlawful For Newspapers, If Sports Belongs To Others

By Richard Lawley

In these political times, newspapers that have originated, thrived and blossomed on that game have found their ablest aids in sports. In the old days editors worked without pay hoping for some opening to politics, hence, politics came to sports as well as sports leaned to politics. It is hard to separate them and when one becomes reminiscent in the newspapers it is mutually beneficial to both the newsdaily or Sunday as it is to the politicians. As to the players—well, perhaps most of them are in politics or business, today. Then, we have the readers. What do you suppose they think of? Well, where is the one who has not yet paid 50 cents or \$1.00 to witness a prize fight or a game in Wilkes-Barre or vicinity? That is just how they take it. They take it seriously and the promoters take it as a joke. But, all work hard toward the end. The boy gets his praise, the editor his graft and the promoter gets first whack and the State begs, not too humbly for part of the gold the boy made by taking some good punches in the mouth, bruises to his body or other hurts received in deadly combat. This is so, because we are living in a money mad stage where politics reigns supreme—and as conscious as the governor is, who finds one of his own neighbors raided and loaded with strong drink. In thinking of some of the old days of the purely amateur order—and that is really over 20 years ago—when, Tom Brislin was on the Times-Leader, Joe Hefferman was on the Evening News, Diamond Dust MacCullom was on the Record and Wendell Richards was on the Independent, with the late Charley Jones, and we are coming down to the time when sporting editors did draw a little pay, you know without going farther back—when they didn't. We had to spend a long shift over in Y. M. C. A. park scoring a double-header between Scranton and Wilkes-Barre school boys—Highs and Ex-Highs. In these games the two Scranton teams won. Ray Shiber, who mailed out the Record for years after, and who resides just beyond the office of the Post here in Dallas, pitched for Wilkes-Barre ex-high against St. Thomas College in the second game, which began at 5:00 and ended at 7:00. This game traveled only seven innings, and while the college boys made 8 errors the ex-high made a good dozen and Ray was put out in the 5th. This score was 13 to 4. These were counted pretty big men in those days, but we took a dare and ran a school game not of High School age in the Times before these games. The boys on the ex-high were as popular on the day of that game as they are today. Bud Frantz, Nick Thompson, who finished up the game, Ray Shiber, Howe and McLean, Brown, Shoemaker and Goff, Rhinehart and Hughes, a great athlete. We received a good calling down for running the Kingston High School—Monarchs of Wilkes-Barre game the day after sending it through. J. R. Davis' twin brothers, Wesley and Wendell, Jimmie Nesbitt, Kingston barber, Stanley Newitt, Plumber Johnson, editor Chamberlaines son Roy, Leo Smith, Arnold, Mush Whitney, Gates, Bill Wardin and Lynch comprised the team—but they did not look like High School men and the editor of the

Times, Chas Chamberlain with editor Lincoln, both of Kingston knew that they were too young to be taking up space in the Times!

Then we had a team in Kingston which we did not count in the class of the Luzerne Reds, the Stafford and Trainers, the Kilcoynes, the Pittston Brothers, the Larksville Clippers, the Plymouth Reds, the Mayock Brothers, Plains and a few more so we played the aggregation headed by the late Floyd Hess, attorney of Forty Fort, and when we won the game, we originated the title of Second Class Champions and no team in our class could defeat us. We had—Dy Jones, Bill Covert, Matiser and Murray. Davis is now residing in Dallas. Forty-Fort had—Booth, Winters, Ransom, Culver, Cook, Willis, Lewis Brew, A. Jones, Burges Boyd and Hess. This was a great game and ended 11 to 12 when Modie and Dy knocked the ball over the cullm bank and our team scored 8 runs in the 8th inning. Lewie Brew and Boyd were fine pitchers,

Lewie, later being Billy Thomas' star twirler in the Suburban and Wyoming leagues. Willis and Winters were, also, star players, each being able to handle any pitcher, but they joined the benedicts and gave up the game when young Hess, (not Harry Hess of Nanticoke) once pitched for the Barons. Jack Gately was in short trousers at the time he pitched this game and a few years later he played 3rd for the Reds, as most fans remember.

With the end of the Suburban league around 1915, came back the Wyoming league for years then that died. Politicians revived that league when the new blood got on our newspapers. The Reds, managed by Billy Thomas in the Suburban league, became falous through these players: Haley, Corrigan, Tim Gately, Jack Gately, Billy Jones, Reiley, John McEnrue, Del Higgins, Trevor Jones, Van Buskirk, Donohue, Simpson, Reiley, Carr, McDade, Brew and Preston Clark. In (Continued on Page 7)

FOR SUMMER THIRST



WHETHER you live in the wee house on the moor, or in the grand manor on the hill has nothing whatever to do with your charm as a hostess. For the little white gate may creak the most inviting sort of "come in" and the pink hollyhocks along the flagstone path may nod very gaily to you as you wander up the moor, while great wrought-iron gates have been known to swing open with a forbidding clang. It is all a question of the genuine gladness in the hospitality which awaits you and the ease with which you are taken, for a time, into the life of the household. If it happens to be a warm day in August or early September when you lift the latch on the gate, wouldn't it be inviting to find a table in some shady spot—veranda, terrace or courtyard—and a tray of glasses conveniently near some leisurely-looking chairs?

An Ideal Setting

A hostess whose tiny English home is joyful with blue iris, crimson tips, or trailing yellow roses in season, keeps a rustic table in her courtyard always set, with delightful homespun linen, cool green or yellow pottery and a bowl of garden flowers. A quick trip to the refrigerator for some delicious fruit punch and a tempt-

ing morsel of pastry or sandwich spread, and presto! refreshments are served on a wicker tray, the drinks clinking with ice in colorful glasses and the hors d'oeuvre assortment in separate glass containers on a round wicker tray. You stretch out in the awning-striped chairs sipping something cool and nibbling something delicious, and you wonder how it was so quickly done.

Spilling the Secret

Shall we divulge the secret? An emergency shelf in the refrigerator tells the story. It contains jars of fruit juices, combined from left-over syrups from canned fruits, cans of tomato juice, orange, grapefruit and pineapple juices, and several bottles of charged water to make occasional "fizzy" drinks. On this same shelf are tiny cans of sandwich-spreads, cool and ready to open quickly and top the "bite-size" wafers which are kept in a thin box in the pantry.

Here are some tested recipes for drinks, devised especially for that summer thirst: **Four Fruit Fizz:** Have the following ingredients very cold: one cup of orange juice, one-fourth cup of lemon juice, one cup of syrup from canned pineapple and the juice from one No. 3 can of

fresh prunes. (Save the fruit for a delicious summer salad.) Mix all ingredients together and, just before serving, add two bottles of charged water and plenty of cracked ice. This fills sixteen punch glasses.

**Havana Special:** Mix together one 10-ounce can of grapefruit juice, one cup of syrup from canned pineapple; add one-fourth cup of sugar and one cup of water which have been boiled together and then cooled. Chill, add one bottle of charged water, and serve very cold in punch glasses. This fills ten punch glasses.

**Cherry Rickey:** Boil one-fourth cup sugar and one cup water, cool and add the juice from one No. 2 can of pitted sour cherries, one-fourth cup of maraschino cherry juice and the contents of a 10-ounce can of grapefruit juice. Chill and add the contents of one bottle of charged water just before serving very cold. This fills twelve punch glasses.

**Tomato and Celery Cocktail:** Simmer together for thirty minutes three cups of strained tomato juice, two cups of water, one cup of celery (using the outer stalks and leaves), one bay leaf, one teaspoon horseradish, one pepper corn, one teaspoon of salt and one slice of onion. Strain and cool. Serve very cold in cocktail glasses. Serves eight persons.\*

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WHEN you buy a Ford there are two things you never have to worry about. One is reliability. The other is long life.

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