

GOSSIP OF WINTER SPORTS

HEAVY HITTERS ARE POOL SHARKS

Slugging Ball Tossers Are Experts With the Cue and Ivories, According to Statistics.

GOOD EYESIGHT, REASON

The More Probable Cause, However, Is That They Seek This Form of Recreation During the Winter Months.

That practically every great hitter in baseball has been an expert pool or billiard player is a rather interesting fact that came to light the other night while Jack Doyle was trying to get Hal Chase and John McGraw to play a three-cushion billiard match before the teams went south for spring practice.

Chase and McGraw are both experts with the cue, and it was while they were being discussed "Pop" Anson called attention to the fact that all of the great hitters were good with the ivories. Anson is a greater expert than either McGraw or Chase at billiards, and it is also true that he was probably the heaviest hitter that baseball ever had.

"There is no doubt," explained Anson, "but that good eyes are required to become expert at either baseball or billiards, and when I was manager of the old Colts I always encouraged my players to try and become pool and billiard players, so as to develop their eyesight. I know it helped me and I believe it helps others. A man must have good eyesight to be a good hitter, and if he has good sight it is comparatively easy for him to become expert with the ivories."

The idea struck the crowd as being so novel that the records were brought in and they show that with the possible exception of Willie Keeler and Hans Wagner all of the hitters have been billiard players. Anson says the keen eyesight that helped him to win that championship also helped him to be a greater catcher.

Whether this appetite for billiards is due to the ball player's good eye at the bat or whether his good eye at the bat is due to billiards, is an open question. The records seem to bear out the former. All of them became good billiard or pool players after having made a reputation in baseball. The same keenness of sight is required in both.

Hal Chase has been a crack billiard player as well as a crack batter since his boyhood. McGraw had a hitting average of more than .340 for seven years, and he is now considered one of the best amateur billiard players in the country. Sherwood Magee is very handy with the ivories, and so is Frank Chicago.

When Mike Donlin was in the fight for batting honors of the National League he played in the amateur billiard tournament and was considered one of the best players. Johnny Kling of the Cubs was at one time champion pool player of the world. Christy Mathewson is a crack three-cushion player, and so is Fred Merkle.

Larry Lajoie, the great hitter of the Cleveland club, is an expert pool player and has taken part in several amateur tournaments. He says that his good eye at pool and baseball is due to the fact that he has never allowed himself to read newspapers or books by lamplight. In fact, Lajoie says he has not read a dark for more than ten years. He thinks all ball players would be benefited if they did not use their eyes by artificial light.

Ty Cobb thinks so well of his billiard playing that he has challenged Hal Chase to a match game the first time they meet in Detroit. Eddie Collins is a crack pool player, and while a Columbia student he was one of the best players in the school. Willie Keeler never became a billiard player because he did not care for the game. While the other players were toying with the ivories Keeler was always reading books. He and Al Orth have the reputation of being the two greatest book-worms in baseball.

BASKET BALL GAME WITH MT. PLEASANT

Y Teams Will Clash Here Saturday Night at Gymnasium in Important Game.

The Y. M. C. A. basket ball teams of Mt. Pleasant and Keokuk will meet here Saturday night in one of the important games of the season.

The Mt. Pleasant club is one of the strongest in southeastern Iowa and the contest should resolve itself into a fast affair. A number of new basket ball players have entered the ranks of the team and a formidable line-up will be

Sporting Views

By the Editor

Milwaukee has a ski club. Pasadena, Cal., is enjoying polo. Georgetown University base ball nine may go to Japan in June. University of Colorado is to have a new athletic field.

Harvard varsity nine will play Boston Americans on the latter's grounds April 11.

Toronto Golf Club has paid \$75,000 for new 300-acre course.

Carlisle Indian football eleven will play Vanderbilt at Nashville, November 11.

"Cy" Young will go to Hot Springs February 15, and join the Cleveands, who go to Alexandria, Va., for training February 25.

Coach Joe Wright, of the Argonaut Rowing club, of Toronto, is president of the Inter-Provincial Rugby Union, of the Dominion of Canada.

A battle for the base ball championship of Cuba is being waged between the Almendares, Havana, and Fe Clubs.

Next year will mark the silver anniversary of the Younkers-to-Terry town race of the Associated Cycling clubs of New York.

Wrestling champion Frank Gotch is reported willing to defend his title against the winner of a series of elimination contest between Zbyszko, Mahmood and Hackenschmidt.

Winnipeg will hold the annual bonspiel from February 6 to 15. The prize list is longer and better than ever, and is headed by the Caledonian, valued at \$1,000.

A deal has been practically closed, according to a report from Hannibal, whereby Jim Hamilton, the Can short-stop is to be sold to an American association club, the name of which has not yet been made public.

Hannibal has received several offers for Mike Webster, the first baseman. None have been accepted. Webster got five home runs at Hannibal last year, putting the ball over the short fence in right field.

Magnates of the Illinois-Missouri league will meet in Peoria Thursday. The most important work to be done is enlarging the circuit to an eight-club organization. Beardstown and either Pana or Bushnell probably will be the new clubs.

Among the men signed for the coming season by Spokane is Grant Schopp, the former Ottumwa pitcher. Schopp was with Birmingham, but securing his release, became a free agent. He was unable to stand the southern climate and claims he was affected with malaria. Schopp is a southpaw.

Pitcher Orel Clarke from Iroquois, Ill., has been signed by Kewanee. Clarke reported to Dr. Andrews, the Kewanee manager, at St. Joe in 1905, but at the time was so wild he couldn't have hit a barn at fifty paces.

The Quincy papers continue to give generous space to Central Association baseball matters. The Whig today publishes a denial of the story that Keokuk is to trade three players for Catcher Clarke. It also notes the suggestion recently made by President Justice regarding inter-league games and notes the opening of the training season for Keokuk.

It is reported, how true the report is cannot be ascertained, that an enterprising theatrical man has offered Al Tearney, president of the Three-Eye league, \$1,000 for his appearance on the vaudeville stage for three nights only.

A new bowler entered the ranks of the Keokuk Bowling Association last night in the person of "Willie" Prough, the baseball pitcher. He shot an average of 149 2-3.

MUSCATINE TO PLAY DAVENPORT

Walters' Team to Stack up Against Three-I League Aggregation in Early Series.

MUSCATINE, Iowa, Feb. 8.—Secretary Al Barry succeeded in booking exhibition games with the Davenport team of the Three-I league yesterday. The first two games will be played in Davenport on April 11 and 12 and the return exhibitions will be contested on the local diamond on the eighteenth and nineteenth of the same month. A number of other good clubs will probably be booked by him and the team should be in good shape when the league season actually opens.

"King" Kelley, who was the star back-stop of the Freeport team last season and who finished with the Dubuque club, will be seen in a Muscatine uniform next year if he plays up to his form of last year. Walters, in a letter to Barry, stated that he had his signature to a contract. No contracts were forwarded to this city other than the first four, several days ago, but Walters writes that he has a number in sight.

KEOKUK CLUB OUT OF LEAGUE

Differences With Keokuk Bowling Association Caused Captain to Announce Action Yesterday.

MORE GAMES AT HOME

Declared That Schedule Was Drawn in Favor of Other Clubs—LeBron's Rolled Against Straw Men.

Standing of the Teams.

Clubs	P.	W.	L.	Pct
Olympians	42	24	18	.571
Pennants	36	21	15	.566
LeBrons	42	23	19	.548
Grand Leaders	36	19	17	.528
Keokuk Club	42	22	20	.523
Power City	39	17	22	.435
Wells	42	18	24	.428
Drexels	39	16	23	.410

Harmony in the ranks of the Keokuk Bowling Association was broken yesterday with the result that in the evening the Keokuk Club team, scheduled to meet LeBrons, failed to appear on the down-town alleys and sent the announcement that it has withdrawn from the league. Schedule difference is given as the cause. When the schedule was drawn up before the season opened the Keokuk Club was given only every third game on its own alleys, this being equitable, so the clubs said, because the Keokuk Club alleys are private and outsiders are not permitted to obtain the advantage of practice. The Keokuk club's contention was not pressed until last week, when the captain declared he would withdraw his team unless given additional games on their own alleys. President Cook of the league says that he visited club captains yesterday, but they would not agree to consent to affecting this transfer. It would appear, after hearing all sides of the case, that the league's action in not coming to some understanding with the Keokuk club, has not the tone of official sanction. The league should have a meeting and attempt to adjust the differences, according to the opinion of many of the bowlers.

The LeBron team was prepared to shoot when the announcement was made. Unwilling to postpone the engagement further the Jewellers rolled against five straw men and won three straight games. Strickler came mighty near spilling "Willie" Powell from his high average mark of 205. The LeBron bowler had a great chance for high games each time, but missing two spares spilled the beans for him. Strickler went 202 in his first and third game and 192 in his second. In the third he had 115 in the fifth and had he put 115 more on top of it in the last five frames his average would have been close to the 210 mark.

While Strickler was performing in this manner on the Olympian alleys "Willie" Powell was making a great effort to boost that mark of 205 and put it beyond the attack of the Jeweler pin star. Powell opened with 171 and followed it with 186. He then went wild and shot a pretty game of 223 with a clean sheet. This gave him an average of 196 2-3 and a temporary hold on first place in the season average, displacing George Loomis, who has held the honor since the season opened.

The Olympians won three straight games from Wells, having a close rub in the first and third. Following are the scores:

Wells	1.	2.	3.	Avg.
Hiller	186	150	118	151 1-3
Straw	—	—	—	120
Kirchner	149	—	—	149
Roberts	—	—	—	157 1-7
Publsky	168	130	166	154 2-3
Rovane	110	159	164	144 1-3
Ericson	177	165	161	167
Handicap	40	40	40	

Olympians.	1.	2.	3.	Avg.
Cook	203	153	169	175
Prough	138	147	164	149 2-3
Hennemann	165	204	108	159
Loomis	164	145	168	152 1-3
Powell	171	186	232	196 2-3

LeBrons.	1.	2.	3.	Avg.
Strickler	202	192	202	198 2-3
Burk	148	116	154	139 1-3
Dickey	129	161	169	150
Palmer	166	168	180	171 1-3
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STARK SIGNS TWO PLAYERS

Monmouth Manager Secures a Pitcher and Catcher From Semi-professional Club.

MONMOUTH, Ill., Feb. 8.—Manager Stark of the Browns signed two more new players yesterday. One is a pitcher, the other a catcher. Both of the players are young in the game but are said to be comers and are very desirous to break into the professional ring.

The new players are George Bugos, a pitcher, and John Rohansky, a catcher. They came here from Gilchrist where they are employed in the mines and have played semi-professional ball with the Sherrard team for a number of years. They will come for a try out wholly on their own responsibility and believe that they will make good.

WATERLOO WOULD SIGN PLAYERS

Fighting Gaily Moguls of Iowa City Decline to Remain Down for the Count.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 8.—Waterloo positively declines to stay down for the count. Game to the core, the moguls who handled the "Three-I" league club in that city last season prefer to remain right in the midst of the league politics. This was made known yesterday when President Al Tearney received a hurried call from the Waterloo management for official contracts to be applied in signing the sixteen athletes who will wear the Waterloo togs this season.

The communication, coming like a voice from the baseball grave, not quite but nearly floored Prexy Tearney. Only ten days ago the Waterloo club was derrickled from the league to make way for Quincy, pennant winner last season in the Central Association. Simultaneously with the ouster proceedings steps were taken by Tearney to dispose of the players under reserve by Waterloo. And now comes the defeated magnates asking for the papers wherewith a club may be signed.

Tearney considers the Waterloo affair a piece of history and lost no time in making reply. He wrote the club officials as follows: "Your club is no longer a member of the 'Three-I' league. Hence there will be no contracts from this office."

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If the lady with golden hair seated in the steamer chair next to yours inadvertently puts her head on your shoulder and groans do not rudely remove it, but whistle a soft lullaby, as if you did not notice the act. Bear in mind that two heads are better than one. The lullaby may put her to sleep, when her curls may be gently removed to her own sofa pillow. Should you desire to go below before she goes to sleep send the deck steward after her husband and ask him to remove them himself.

If in the midst of your dinner you feel a sudden emotional qualm arising within you rise with it as nearly simultaneously as possible and hasten from the saloon, taking care in your flight to stick to the aisles between the tables and not go leaping from table to table like a frightened antelope toward the exit. This latter course would cause considerable confusion in the dining room, and in your haste you might inadvertently trip over another passenger's welsch rabbit, which is not considered good form in polished circles either on the land or on the sea.

If on your way to the upper deck you find the staircases blocked by others hastening upward like yourself do not step upon them in your mad flight upward, but slide down the banisters to the lower deck, which you will find just as well adapted to your needs as the upper. Any deck is good in a qualm.—John Kendrick Bangs in Harper's Weekly.

POWER OF A WORD.

Why France Changed the Name of the "Life Saving Belt"

A vivid illustration of the power of mere words over human beings was once brought to the attention of French people by Francisque Sarcey.

After the wreck of the Bourgogne many passengers were found floating drowned with life preservers on. These life preservers were fastened upon the bodies, but round the middle instead of under the arms, and the greater weight of the upper part of the body had tipped the head under water and the person of course was inevitably drowned.

Now it appears that the greater number of the persons so drowned were French. The French term for life preserver is ceinture de sauvetage, or "life saving belt." This word ceinture suggests to the mind in its moments of disorder and unreadiness, such as a great catastrophe brings, the idea of putting on a belt, and as a belt is put round the waist and nowhere else the frightened person instinctively adjusts the life preserver close about the hips.

The result is that as soon as the person so provided falls into the water his body tips over, with the heavier part downward, and the head is plunged beneath the surface.

The word "belt," therefore, was the cause of the loss of many lives in the Bourgogne disaster. Sarcey accordingly proposed to counteract the fatal effect of the French word by renaming the article and calling it a brassiere, which is a kind of waist, and by bringing the word bras, or arm, to mind to teach people to put a life preserver on just underneath the arms.—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Cooling of the Worlds.

All bodies in space are gradually approaching frigidly. When a red-hot cannon ball is taken out of a furnace and suspended in the air it parts with its heat and keeps on cooling until it finally reaches the temperature surrounding it. And what happens to the cannon ball is happening to the sun. The sun is steadily losing its heat and contracting, and the same is true of the planets and of every other body in space. Just as the arctic circle is ever encroaching upon the temperate and equatorial regions, so the final chill is steadily advancing upon the warmth everywhere.—New York American.

A Modest Post.

There is a story told of a French poet who inquired of a friend and flatterer what he thought of his last work. "I have arrived at the fifteenth canto," he replied with enthusiasm, "and think there is nothing more beautiful and harmonious in the language." "Pardon me, there is one thing," said the poet. "Ah, perhaps you mean Chateaubriand's 'Atala'?" "Certainly not! I mean my sixteenth canto."

Testing Her.

"How would you feel, Clarisse, if you and I were sailing down the stream of life together far away from here?"

"How far, George?" "Oh, far, far away!" "I'd be so terribly homesick for mother!"

And from that night this young man ceased his visits.—Judge's Library.

A Divulgent Time. "Did Jack derive any fruit from the lecture?" "Yes, sure he did. He met there a girl he knew and made a date with her, and she's a peach."—Baltimore American.

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WAYS OF MIDDLEAGED MAN

He Finds His Greatest Happiness in a Life That to Youth is Irksome.

"Younger people," said the middle-aged man, "want variety, they want to be always on the go. Routine falls them; they hate to have to do the same thing over and over and over again day after day.

"They want to go somewhere or do something different all the time. Older people are happiest in a life of routine, most disturbed when variety is thrust upon them.

"For myself I welcome my daily task, endlessly repeated and always the same. I should be lost without it, disturbed if it were changed. A life of habit suits me best. I like the old scenes, familiar, friendly surroundings. I don't want to change.

"Nor do I want much outside pleasure. In fact I think I should be best suited with none. I like my groove; it fits me and I fit it. I don't want change. I just want to be left alone, to work in my accustomed ways. It is in my groove that I am most comfortable. I like a life of labor and routine.

"And could there come to one a greater blessing, Nature and the customs of men enforce routine upon us whether we like it or not. In youth this irks us, but in our maturer years in a life of routine, in the undisturbed enjoyment of a familiar labor we may find our greatest happiness."

Bread Upon the Waters.

A kindness done to the good is never lost.—Plautus.

Indoor Work Bad For the Complexion

From the New York Fashion Gazette: "Women whose household duties confine them to their homes and young ladies who work in offices or stores without sufficient sunlight often find their complexion growing dark, sallow and patchy looking.

"Of course there is nothing so good for the complexion as sunshine and fresh air, but there are thousands of persons to whom this is denied. The use of paints, powders and cosmetics often do more harm than good in an endeavor to preserve the youthful appearance as long as Nature intended it should last.

"In lieu of outdoor life the best help to the complexion is a simple solution made by dissolving an original package of mayotone in 8 ounces of witch hazel. Massage the face, neck and arms daily with this lotion and the skin will