

FISTICALLY SPEAKING, WHEN LOOKING FOR A CLOUTER WHY NOT PAGE BOSTON BABE RUTH?

BABE RUTH'S CIRCUIT CLOUTING THREATENS TO DIM COBB'S GLORY

Bawston Bruiser Has Biffed His Way to Within One Homer of Seybold's American League Record of Sixteen and Has Chance to Establish Record

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YOUNG GEORGE RUTH, the fence buster, now is sharing honors with Ty Cobb for stellar honors in the American League. For a long time Ty Cobb has been the big noise and large excitement on the Johnson circuit, but not until now has his right to reign been questioned seriously. This Speaker got by for one year and fell by the wayside, and other whirlwinds, like Larry Tajoie, Joe Jackson and George Sibley, tried only to meet with dismal failure. Cobb has been monarch of all he surveyed for 10 years, many years, but old man Time is hanging heavily on his shoulders and while he is just as good as ever at present, he is bound to slow up soon. And even if he doesn't shift into slow speed, he will find it difficult to struggle along as the greatest attraction in the American League.

Babe Ruth is ending his stuff. Today day the lumber from Bawston is biffing the ball out of regulation circles and winning games for his club. When he isn't mauling with his mighty nose he is out there pitching his pals to victory, thus proving his versatility. He is the new hero in the league, the fans are talking about him and when those birds get interested it means many additional pennies in the box office. Ruth is worth thousands of dollars a year to the Boston club—the same as Ty Cobb is to Detroit.

Ruth never will be as good a hitter or ball player as Ty Cobb. He never will crack out as many home runs nor will he thrill the multitude with some daring base running. Ty is in a class by himself and we doubt if his equal ever will be found. He is an all-around player. He is a great fielder, a great batter, a great base runner and one of the brainiest men the national game has seen. He deserves every bit of the fame and glory wished upon him.

With Ruth it is different. He is a bum fielder, a terrible base runner, but how that boy can HIT! Not those well-placed singles or occasional two-bangers, but real, honest to goodness home runs. When Babe leans against the ball it travels fast. He has won many ball games with those long wallpops and the fans shriek with joy every time he steps up to the plate.

A HOME RUN slinger always is popular. He can have an average of .175 and still be a hero with the masses. All he has to do is to knock the curve off the ball a couple of times and he gets the glad hand on all sides. Pretty soft for those guys with strong backs.

Seybold's Home-Run Record in Danger

THE Babe from Bawston is like a boxer who knocks his opponents stiff every time he performs. The knockout artist soon has a big following, and that is the dope on Ruth. It isn't hard to be a hero these days. Just do something out of the ordinary, get your name in the paper a few times, get the people talking about you and the deed is done.

Up to last year Ruth was regarded as a fair pitcher and a dangerous hitter. Nobody got excited when his name was mentioned, but passed on to other topics. About a year ago, however, he started to clout the ball. The regular left fielder was laid up for repairs and Babe was the only man to take his place. He got off to a good start and horned into the limelight when he busted four home runs on four successive days. This tied the record made by Bill Bradley, and the nervous fans began to sit up and take notice. It was predicted on all sides that he would smash the modern home-run record, but near the end of the season he had a slump.

This year he will break the American League record, and it's a thousand to one shot. Way back in 1902 Socks Seybold hammered out sixteen homers, and the mark never has been bettered. This year, with the season only half over, Ruth has registered fifteen circuit clouts, and still is going strong. It was his homer in Cleveland last week that caused Lee Fohl to resign as manager of the Indians. There were three on base and a relief pitcher laid one in the groove for the slugger. The result was that the ball was knocked out of the lot, Cleveland lost the game and Fohl lost his job.

They say Ruth has a weakness. Pitchers have told us that they can keep him from hitting safely by pitching close, so he hits with the handle of his bat. Perhaps this is true, but few hurlers are getting away with it. They always try to sneak one over, and when they do Babe just naturally knocks it into the adjoining neighborhood. Scott Perry tried it on Devonport Day, and Ruth not only knocked the ball over the right field fence, but over the houses in Twentieth street as well. It was one of the longest hits ever seen here.

So we must get ready to hang the crown on Babe's alabaster brow in a short time and give him the glad hand every time he appears. This must be done because he now is a hero.

IT SEEMS that the American League has the hero market cornered. Every club has some guy with a big reputation, while in the National you have to look for stars with a microscope. The biggest men in the National are Morrice, Pat Moran and Garvey Cravath, while the opposition presents George Sibley, Eddie Collins, Cicotte, Jackson, Speaker, Cobb, Baker, Ruth, Scott Perry and Walter Johnson.

When Speaking of Heroes, Don't Overlook Kilbane as long as he lives. Johnny Kilbane has fought his way into the hearts of the boxing fans and stands out among all of the others in his profession. Johnny is a featherweight champion, but never has dodged a match. Every opponent has been given a chance at the title with the exception of Joey Fox, and he will be accommodated tonight. Kilbane is the only modern champion who was not afraid to take a chance.

When featherweights refused to have anything to do with him he stepped out of his class and boxed lightweights. He almost won the title from Freddy Welsh, and that caused him to box Benny Leonard here two years ago. Benny won by a knockout and Kilbane was the first man to come out with praise for the victor. To this day he has not made an excuse, which shows how game he is and can take a beating like a gentleman.

Johnny says he is going to retire within a year, but before he lays aside the gloves every featherweight who has any sort of a reputation will be given a chance to try for the title. He will not sneak into retirement, but when he goes it will be after all of his logical opponents have been taken care of.

The champion is thirty years old, has a wife and family, supports his blind father, but has made enough money to keep them comfortable for the rest of their lives. Johnny also was the first boxer to offer his services to train the soldiers for the great war. He did not appear in a professional engagement until the armistice had been signed, and he was rewarded with a first lieutenant's commission in the regular army.

THE boxing game would be better off if we had a few more champions like Johnny Kilbane.

Meadows the New Phil Alexander

IF LEE MEADOWS continues to win ball games for the Phils we will have a hero of our own in a short time. The bespectacled pitcher annexed another victory on Saturday, shutting out Brooklyn in the first game, 2 to 0. He twirled nobilitate ball and had the Dodgers eating out of his unburned hand.

Meadows is the best flinger on Cravath's payroll, and it now looks as if we got the better of the trade with St. Louis. Paulette is a good all-around man and will do as much for the ball club as his pitching companion. Lee, by the way, has been in three contests and allowed but one run to be scored off his delivery. He pitched thirty innings and was nicked for fifteen hits.

The Phils have done very good work since Cravath was appointed manager, but better results will be obtained if a high-class pitcher is signed in the near future. The team plays Boston here today and then leaves on a western trip, returning in two weeks.

THE A's will open with Cleveland at Shibe Park on the morrow.

JOHN SHERMAN, of North Hills, finished second in the finals of the third sixteen on Saturday, bowing to the prowess of Mr. Winkill, his opponent. No box score was kept and the spectators did not remember the hits, runs and errors. The only announcement was that Mr. Sherman lost 6 and 4, which is fairly close.

Lee Cronley lost another important match in the finals of the second sixteen on Saturday and figures were 7 and 5.

WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



BRIGGS

ANOTHER ATHLETE FOR MEADOWBROOK

Floyd, Winner of Pole Vault in Interallied Meet, to Represent Local Club

WILL ENTER PENN IN FALL

Another link was added to the already long Meadowbrook Club chain of star athletes with which Secretary Samuel J. Dallas hopes to win the national A. A. U. junior and senior track and field championships this fall. The newest member of the local department store organization is S. W. Floyd, of Missouri and France fame. Floyd is a pole vaulter of exceptional ability, and will no doubt be among the leaders in the titular meet. He has been competing in A. A. U. events for several years and has built up a fine reputation.

Has Cleared 13 Feet

Three seasons ago in the National A. A. U. games in Newark, Floyd, representing the Missouri A. C., tied with Knorrack, of the Illinois A. C., for second place in the pole vault, with a leap of 12 feet 6 inches. Sherman Landers, the present Penn athlete, won this event by clearing 12 feet 9 inches.

Floyd has been in the army for nearly two years. He competed for this country in the recent interallied track and field games held near Paris and won the pole vault with a vault of 12 feet 3 inches. His best performance was 13 feet.

Barron Coming Home

Secretary Dallas received a postal card this morning which caused the bustling official to begin his week's work all smiles. The card contained less than ten words. It was from Harold Barron, the former National A. A. U. low hurdle champion, who now is stationed at St. Nazaire.

Barron has written to Dallas stating that he wanted to be entered in the next meet. This is the Middle Atlantic championships at Camp Dix on September 1. Barron is in fine shape, and Dallas will enter him with the hope that he will be home in time.

TWILIGHT GAME ON

Fast Team From Central Part of City to Meet Club in Port Richmond

Tomorrow evening there will be twilight game staged between the Chestnut Street A. A. and the Gorman A. C. of Port Richmond, played on the latter's field. Joe Slavin, the playing manager of the Chestnut street aggregation, arranged the contest and announces that he will put a strong bunch against the North Easters. "All of my boys can go the distance at top speed," said Manager Slavin. "They are experienced in twilight play and I can't see how we are going to lose."

Regardless of which team wins, it is expected that a return match will be pulled off.

American Stars Sail Wednesday

New York, July 28.—The American track and field team which won the title of their field in the recent interallied championships at Paris will leave for home on the transport Leviathan on July 30.

PHILADELPHIA WOMEN IN GOLF LIMELIGHT

Their Play Being Followed by Enthusiasts Everywhere: Begin Tourney at Cape May Today

Amateur Golf Entries Will Close August 11

Entries for the twenty-third amateur championship tournament of the United States Golf Association will close with Secretary Howard E. Whitney on Monday, August 11. Play for the national title, last won by Charles "Chick" Evans, of Chicago, at Philadelphia in 1916, will begin Saturday, August 16, at the Oakmont Country Club, Allegheny county, Pa. On that date there will be a preliminary qualifying round of eight holes, the sixty-four players who qualify on the opening day will continue on Monday, playing thirty-six holes. Thirty-two will qualify in these two rounds of the course for the championship match play, of which there will be thirty-six holes each day during the rest of the week.

Players have familiarized themselves with the course but because the greens and fairways are in such fine shape for tournament play.

Platt Wins Out

Woody Platt is the 1919 champion of North Hills. Woody put Eddie Styles out of the final round yesterday, winning on the thirty-second green, 5 up and 4 to play. Styles was not in putting form, and to that fact he may charge his loss of the North Hills title. His driving and approach shots were good, but on the greens he was weak.

Begin Play Today

This afternoon the first of a preliminary series of tournaments will begin on the nine-hole course at Cape May. The entry list will be fairly representative, although Philadelphia will have by far the most players. Among the more expert Philadelphians who were to appear this afternoon were Mrs. Caleb Fox, Mrs. R. H. Barlow and Mrs. G. Henry Stetson.

This afternoon an eighteen-hole qualifying round was on the docket. Three sixteens were to qualify and being match play tomorrow morning, only the top three were to appear on Wednesday afternoon.

Below is the list of pairings:

- 2:00—Mrs. C. H. Fox, Huntington Valley, and Mrs. G. Henry Stetson.
2:15—Mrs. T. H. Vetterling, Overbrook, and Mrs. Stewart Hamilton, Phila. C. C.
2:30—Mrs. S. E. Martin, Phila. C. C. and Mrs. J. E. Cook, Phila. C. C.
2:45—Mrs. H. D. Brown, Cape May, and Mrs. D. G. Jones, Baltimore, C.
2:55—Mrs. A. Wood, Cape May, and Mrs. J. Moon, Cape May.
3:10—Mrs. A. Wood, Cape May, and Mrs. J. Harding, Phila. C. C.
3:25—Mrs. G. E. Armstrong, and Mrs. H. J. Farr, Quirin, Jr., Cape May, and Mrs. M. M. Dillman, Cape May.
3:40—Mrs. W. H. Riven, Lanserch, and Mrs. Paul R. Robinson, Cape May.
3:55—Mrs. J. L. Crew, Lanserch, and Mrs. M. W. Wagon, Cape May.
4:10—Mrs. W. J. Stevenson, Bala, and Mrs. G. L. Smith, Cape May, and Mrs. M. Phelps, Cape May.
4:25—Mrs. G. Robinson, Cape May, and Mrs. S. Shemmaker, Cape May.
4:40—Mrs. S. Rogers, Cape May, and Mrs. E. Wood, Cape May.
4:55—Mrs. G. N. Naylor, Cape May, and Mrs. H. M. Tilden, Cape May.

Course in Shape

The course at Cape May is in fine condition for the tournament. There was not nearly so much rain at the seaside resorts of southern Jersey as there was in Philadelphia; consequently the greens committee at Cape May saw to it that the course was kept well groomed for this banner event of the golf season at the shore.

All during the last week many of the women who were entered in the tournament have been practicing, and it is expected that there will be some excellent scores made, not only because the

Huguenot Regatta August 16

New York, July 28.—The Huguenot Yacht Club announces that its fourth annual regatta will be sailed on Saturday, August 16. It is open to all regular classes of boats, with the exception of the special classes not over Class P.

INDUSTRIAL NINES ARE TIED FOR LEAD

Stokes & Smith Defeats Bement Co. and Causes Deadlock for First Place

WHEELER FALLS DOWN

Standings of Teams in the Little Leagues

Table with columns for League Name, Team Name, Wins, Losses, and Games Played. Includes leagues like Montgomery County, Philadelphia Suburban, and Delaware River.

Philadelphia Suburban League

Stokes & Smith 1, Bement Co. 0. Bement Co. 1, Stokes & Smith 0. Bement Co. 2, Stokes & Smith 1. Stokes & Smith 3, Bement Co. 2.

Wheeler Falls Down

The interest is expected to continue until the close of the season, as the leaders clash on the next three Saturdays. F. G. L., the champions, who started off so handsomely with their stride and are in fourth place and but two games from the lead. In speaking of the situation, President Paul G. Beunfield had this to say:

"I have never seen better ball than is now being played in our circuit. Each week they appear to get better. Hardly four scheduled games are not decided by a single run. The pitching is especially commendable." Beunfield witnessed parts of the Wheeler-U. G. I. and Bement-Stokes & Smith games on Saturday, although they were played in sections wide apart.

VETERAN COLLINS HANDICAP VICTOR

Pedals Thirty Miles at Point Breeze Velodrome Without Mishap

The first handicap motor-paced race of the season was won by Elinor Collins at the Point Breeze Velodrome Saturday night, the veteran riding the entire thirty miles without accident and beating out Marcel Berger by a quarter lap. Collins had a three-lap handicap and Berger four. Percy Lawrence gave his first motor-paced race on Friday. Chapman was forced to leave the track in the twenty-fourth mile, due to tire trouble. The time was 43 minutes 44.3 seconds.

HORACE FEHR WINS

Defeats Dr. W. C. Decker on Courts of West Walnut St. Tennis Club

Horace Fehr won the final round in the annual handicap tennis tournament of the West Walnut Street Tennis Club. Forty-ninth and Sanson streets, yesterday afternoon, defeating Dr. W. C. Decker in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, 7-5. The winner had a handicap of minus forty and the runner-up minus thirty. Doctor Decker had the final set within his grasp several times, but Fehr's steadiness in the pinches overcame his opponent's efforts to force a finish. Play in the men's "round robin" double began yesterday. The West Walnut Club has arranged a dual meeting with the Bethany Club, Fifty-fourth and Locust streets.

Are You Set?

JAN. F. DOUGHERTY Presents PHIL'S PARK TONIGHT AT 8:30 Johnny Kilbane, World's Champion, vs. Joey Fox, British Champion, at Norfolk vs. Jamaica Kid, Greenleaf, and other top class acts. Plenty of room for all. Tickets 10c, 25c, 50c. Buy at Edwards, Gimble and Spalding's, or at park tonight.

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FAILURE IN PAST MEANS NOTHING TO REDS UNDER MORAN

Forty-five Seasons of Setbacks Will Have No Psychological Effect on This New Cincinnati Clan, Which Is Led by Manager Who Has Known Success

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE

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The Call of Fate

There are some whom I drop to the depths: There are some whom I lead to the crest; I hate them and make them— Or hold them and break them— Before they have grown to the test. I stay with them—play with them— Go on my way with them, Molding each dream in each breast.

And I smile as I hear the crowds cheer Some star I've ordained for the fray, While others must fall Whom I've crushed to the wall

Through the heart of the fray, Regardless of what I may see; Who falls me and blacks me, Who seizes me and mocks me, By playing the game to the end.

But once in a while there is born A fighter who breaks from my trend; Who curves his own way Through the heart of the fray,

Who plays the game to the end, By playing the game to the end.

Cincinnati Psychology

"WHAT" queries a reader, "would be the psychology of a club like Cincinnati, that has known forty-five years of failure in forty-five pennant races without producing a single success?"

If it were the same club that started out the rocky trail forty-five years ago, we should say that the psychology thereof would be slightly tinged with pessimism.

But with a new manager, who has known more than his share of success, and a new inflow of athletes who haven't bothered about the unkempt past, we can't see that it makes any vast difference.

The harrowing effect would be on the fans who have followed the fortunes or misfortunes of the club for two or three decades. The tendency on their part would be to wear their collars out low in order to be prepared for the worst. For they have had their silver dreams smeared too often before.

Canadian Sportsmanship

CANADA proved the quality of her sportsmanship to the last dip by offering to take on the best golf team the United States had to send for an international parlez vous, knowing at the time her chance for success looked to be seven minus zero.

It takes a 100 per cent sportsman to issue a challenge where he knows the odds are all banked the other way. For the normal human likes at least a fair chance to bag the laurel when he starts.

Jeffries vs. Dempsey

JUST after the Dempsey-Willard potpourri this letter got in: "To help settle an argument, who was the greatest fighter—Dempsey as he was against Willard or Jeffries as he was against Fitzsimmons in their first fight?"

Merely matching a man from 1919 against one from 1890 calls for more than normal imagination. Jeffries at that date was twenty-five pounds heavier than Dempsey was against Willard, almost as fast and much more rugged. With that ancient crouch he had a better defense than Dempsey seems to have, but not as much leverage in his punches.

Jeffries was not dropping them in one or two rounds. But he was meeting Fitzsimmons, Corbett and Sharkey—not Morris, Fulton, etc.

ISN'T it almost enough for a man to be the top-liner in his profession in his own day and time?

IT MUST not be forgotten that Jeffries was the man who virtually killed off all competition and that after holding the title for six years he had to retire and pass it along to Tommy Burns, because there was no one else who even wanted to take the loser's end against him.

THOSE who believe that the material makes the manager might study the case of Pat Moran—what happened while he was in Philadelphia and what happened when he left; what happened before he got to Cincinnati and what happened after he landed there. What happened to Jack Combs doesn't prove anything for the Colby Carbine of other days, who was never given any sort of a chance from the day he took hold. The wonder is that Pat Moran ever got as far as he did in Philadelphia against the crushing handicap of that club's ownership.

WE MAY be all wrong, but we have a dim, faint hunch that it will be some time again before any boxing promoter will charge and get \$60 a seat. Not that it isn't still on schedule, but even the shorn lamb recalls the harrowing details for a month or two.

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