

Ruth's Thirty-fifth Homer Helps Yanks Retain Their Three and a Half Game Lead Over Browns

SISLER DESERVING OF HONOR OF GREATEST IN AMERICAN LEAGUE

Brown's Star Ranks as Brightest in Baseball Today. Rusie Calls Him One of Greatest of All Times. Pirates Again Humble Giants—Heimach Wins One

THE greatest player in the American League? That is the tribute paid George Harold Sisler, first baseman of the St. Louis Browns, by a group of newspapermen after many weeks of cutting the records of every player in the Johnson circuit. They stamped the Mullanburg graduate as the most valuable man to his team of any in the American League, an honor never before accorded to any player.

Not a dissenting vote was registered in the poll, probably one of the most unusual made in the history of the national pastime. Sisler's name will be chiseled on the shaft to be erected outside of Washington to the honor of baseball, the greatest of all sports, in the years to come.

When about their task the newspaper experts have called Sisler the greatest player in baseball today. In the National League but one man stands out as a possible rival to Sisler—Rogers Hornsby, of the St. Louis Cardinals. Hornsby is unquestionably a star, but he doesn't rank with Sisler.

The Browns' star is a better, more certain hitter and a more polished fielder than the National League star. And it might be added that Sisler is a greater power for offense and a better player than Hornsby, not to take any credit away from the youthful Texan.

Amos Rusie, during a series of the Polo Grounds several weeks ago between the Browns and the Yankees, termed Sisler one of the greatest players in the history of baseball. Rusie, himself one of baseball's most brilliant performers, ranked the Mullanburg graduate among such super stars as Pop Anson, Rogers Hornsby, Sam Rice, Fred Luderus, Fred Tenney and the old days, perhaps the greatest array of players in the annals of the game.

SUCH a tribute from a man always regarded as the best pitcher there is worthy of Sisler. In fact, Sisler is a star in the land who can teach Sisler's record. He is the star of stars, without using too much praise.

Has Hit Over 400 Twice in Eight Years

SISLER will be thirty years old next March 24. In most baseball circles he is regarded as an age when the average player has peaked and is ready to keel. And in baseball it is the year when the sliding board is all ground. There are many notable exceptions to the rule—Cobb, for instance—but not so very many.

It took Cobb seven years to hit over 400 twice. Yet Sisler has accomplished the feat in eight. It is reasonable to suppose that Sisler will have at least five more seasons of hitting like him, and it is reasonable to suppose that he will hit 400 or more in that space providing nothing untoward happens.

Sisler has had an unusual career as a player. Scarcely even in college was he. He was born on March 24, 1892, in Manchester, O., weighs 170 pounds and is five feet ten inches in height. He is a right-handed batsman and a left-handed pitcher.

Back in 1910 he starred in his baseball career with Akron High school. At Michigan University he was the best pitcher in the college. His record was brilliant on the gridiron, on the baseball set "Happy Up" and sacrificed his football ability to keep him in baseball.

In college Sisler was a pitcher, first baseman and outfielder, but it was as a hurler that he gained his greatest fame. In 1915, when Syracuse had its greatest team, Sisler pitched thirteen games, during which time he fanned twenty batters, an extraordinary feat for a college pitcher.

In three seasons at Michigan he had the remarkable hitting average of .514, and in only two games over that period did he fail to get a hit. In 1915 Sisler pitched to the Browns after finishing his course at Michigan. He appeared in eight games and hit .255, as a pitcher, outfielder and first baseman.

In the following year he hit .325 in 151 games as a pitcher, first baseman and outfielder. In 1917 he pitched third and in the outfield, and alarmed the fans by hitting .333. A crowd of more than 100,000 gathered to watch what position Sisler would play best. It was decided that first base was his natural habitat, and he has been there ever since. In 1918 he hit .341; 1919, .352; 1920, .407; 1921, .371, and this year to date, .421.

SISLER has many records to his credit. In 1921 he made ten straight hits, one back at the world's record. Speaker and DeLahanty are the only ones to hit a triple in a game. Sisler has hit a triple in a game, a Washington player, and tied with Sisler for hitting a triple in a game.

Browns Win First Game Since Sisler's Absence

THE HAS been the absence of Sisler that contributed to the downfall of the Browns at this most critical stage of the race. His presence alone in the game has been an inspiration to the fans.

Yesterday the Browns won their first game in the last four with Sisler out of the game. George M. Fox, who was a hard man to beat for the Mount City club, was pitched from the mound by Bill Brubaker, while rookie Wally Piatek was pitched from the mound and off.

Let the Browns aimed for the game, despite their fifteen hits. A rally in the seventh, when the runs were scored, and another in the ninth, when one counted, came within a run of tying the figures. Bamey, who pitched shutout ball for six innings, was pitched from the mound and Piatek was found for a run and hit in the ninth.

The victory didn't give the Browns any for the Yankees also won. The same margin arose and a half game separates the two teams this morning. The Yankees can clinch the lead by winning one of their seven remaining games, even if the Browns win all six of the rest. Three wins for Higgins and six for Pohl will mean a tie.

Babe Ruth staged his brilliant home of the season in adding the Yanks, which placed him just behind Williams and Hornsby, the two league leaders. Babe's feat came in the seventh, with one on and tied the score.

Bob Messer, who won Wednesday's game, had another homer with two on in the sixth, giving the Yanks a 2-0 lead. The Yanks' total of forty-two runs was made during the conflict.

THE Yanks used the Yanks—Egan, Green, Gilham, Egan and Cole—to stem the tide and to lead. Higgins sent Mays, Hoyt, Jones and Smith back to the dugout in victory scenes.

Heimach and Miller Win for A's

OUR Athletes bring their two-game losing streak when Bing Miller and Lefty Heimach were out of the game after a victory over the White Sox. Bingo had a home run and single, Heimach had a home run and was responsible for a double play. The Yanks' score was the nineteenth of the season.

Heimach's homer came in the fifth inning, following his one run and eight hits, including a grand slam, that was expected of him all year in the pinches. He also had a home run and a double in the first game on the base paths, and he had a home run and a double in the second game without damage to his record.

Roberson, who pitched for the Yanks, lasted four innings; Duff, three, and Homer Davenport, one. The Yanks' record now stands at 10-10 on Wednesday, pitched one for one, a home run and a double. The Yanks had a trio of singles in five trips to the plate, and a double, from the few weeks.

PLAN TO BOOST AMATEUR BOXING

Association Will Be Formed to Foster "All-for-Glory" Ring Competition

BILL HAINES IS READY

By LOUIS H. JAFFE
AMATEUR boxing, as it has been in New York City, is going to be established as a big sport in Philadelphia this season, if plans of several local men interested in the all-for-glory pastime do not go astray.

For several years Philadelphia has been in the background from an amateur boxing standpoint. There are a dock of youngsters who are anxious to appear in competition, but tournaments have been few.

In the latter part of 1921 two amateur meets were held, one being the Middle Atlantic States championship, and both resulted successfully, so far as the respective entry lists and caliber of the matches were concerned. The attendance in each case was not so good.

Plans are on foot now to organize an athletic association, the purpose of which will be to stimulate amateur boxing in Philadelphia so that a squad of competent youngsters may be developed to represent the Quaker City here as well as out of town.

Nothing definite as yet has been decided about the formation of the association, although it is understood that a former national amateur champion is setting behind the movement.

Ben Vickery's Heavy Is About to Get Started

Down in Southwark lives a six-foot, well-knit, twenty-four-year-old and well-known pugilist. His name is William Haines Schlinger, but for pugilistic purposes the big boy will be known as Bill Haines.

Haines has been practicing the gentle art of sock or get socked, and after about two years of preliminary work he is ready to get into the ring for the first time. He is a native Philadelphian, and he is a native Philadelphian.

Next week Vickery plans to start his training at Philadelphia. He is a native Philadelphian, and he is a native Philadelphian.

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LUOHRAN AT OLYMPIA

Will Meet George Shade in Eight-Rounder Monday Night

The first round of Tommy Loughran's underdog campaign will be decided in the ring of the Olympia. A new record will be set, and a new record will be set.

Loughran's rival is credited with having a 132 ring battle. He has won almost half of his contests via the knockout route. In recent years he has finished Johnny Howard, Young Marzillo and Tillie (Kid) Herzig.

Young Montreal, of Providence, has been set as the opponent for the champion of this city, in the fourth round.

Earl Francis, of California, will defend the title of champion of Baltimore, while Frankie Rose, of Baltimore, will defend the title of champion of New York, will meet, and Bill Haines, of Philadelphia, will take on Messenger Miller, of this city.

GEORGE RAMSEY BEATEN

Junior Cross-Country Champion Ready to Race Again

George Ramsey, the noted cross-country runner and stayer, who formerly was a member of the Philadelphia Athletic Club, was beaten in a race against the champion of the Philadelphia Athletic Club, who was a member of the Philadelphia Athletic Club.

Runs Scored for Week in Three Big Leagues

League	W	L	T	Runs
NATIONAL LEAGUE	10	10	1	100
AMERICAN LEAGUE	10	10	1	100
INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE	10	10	1	100

Davis Named I-N-V-U Manager

Chief Wallace will head a delegation to the World's Fair

"BULLY" THINKS HIS YELL IS BULLY



FINDLAY HONORED BY TAVISTOCK CLUB

Noted Golf Architect to Be Dined by Jersey Club Tomorrow

MEIGS IN LIMELIGHT

The Tavistock Country Club, at Tarrytown, N. J., will honor one of the best-known men in golf tomorrow by a luncheon for club members and their families.

The gentleman is Alexander H. Findlay, golf architect extraordinary and one of the first Philadelphians to make good a vital part of the world's life.

Meigs is a veteran in the links game. He played it and advocated it years ago, when gentlemen were arrested for using up balls in public parks, and those who weren't arrested were stuffed at for their devotion to a game that most people thought was a sure indication of mental insanity.

Meigs' illness has come at a bad time, as he was being held in public view by a number of matches, one or two having been scheduled for Philadelphia.

Five Leading Batsmen in Each Major League

League	Player	W	L	T	Runs
NATIONAL LEAGUE	Hornsby	145	105	133	206
NATIONAL LEAGUE	Tinker	130	102	126	204
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AMERICAN LEAGUE	Sisler	145	105	133	206
AMERICAN LEAGUE	Cobb	130	102	126	204
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AMERICAN LEAGUE	Miller	117	113	88	203

ONE-GOAL WIN BY BRYN MAWR FOUR

Eastcott Anglo-American Team Loses Polo Match at Bala by 16-15

ONLY FIVE EARNED POINTS

Spotting their rivals to an eleven-goal lead, the Eastcott Anglo-American polo team was defeated by the Bryn Mawr team in an exhibition match at the Bala oval yesterday afternoon.

The Bryn Mawr team, consisting of J. W. Converse, A. M. Collins, Barclay McConverse and Captain F. A. Gill, of the All-Irish, only succeeded in scoring five earned goals, but this was sufficient to win, 16-15.

E. W. Hopping was high scorer for the Eastcott team, making six of their fifteen goals. He scored three in the first chukker and one each in the third, fifth and eighth. Major Humdall scored four times, as did also S. S. Sanford, and Major Lockett contributed a goal in the final period.

CHARLEY PADDOCK ENTERS NATIONAL LEGION GAMES

Over 1600 Athletes, Including Walter Hoover, in New Orleans Meet

New Orleans, Sept. 22—More than 1600 athletes and forty-six rifle teams have entered the American Legion national athletic championship meet, to be held during the national convention of the Legion in New Orleans October 13-20.

California's track and field team will be led by Charles Paddock, who holds the world's record for the 100-yard dash. Johnny Weissmuller, world's champion speed swimmer, and Norman Ross, intercollegiate Olympic champion, will lead the Illinois Aquatic team.

Walter Hoover, of Minnesota, world's champion single oarsman, has challenged all comers. The Minnesota four and eight-oared rowing teams also have issued challenges.

The meet is divided into seven main parts, track and field events, professional boxing, amateur boxing and wrestling, aquatic sports, rifle meet, tennis and golf.

ST. JOAN OF ARC RUN

Northeast Club Will Hold Marathon in Connection With Anniversary

The St. Joan of Arc Catholic Club will observe anniversary week beginning Monday, September 25, and as a fitting conclusion will conduct its annual street marathon on Saturday, September 30.

All the leading clubs of the city will take part. Mendoc Brook captured the team honors last year with a home barrier winning first place.

Many valuable trophies will be presented the winners and entries close next Monday with James J. Duff, captain of the St. Joan of Arc Club, at 1940 East Toga street. Duff has charge of the event.

Harvard Adopts Rocking Seat

Cambridge, Mass., Sept. 22—The Harvard rowing crew crutches have adopted for training purposes the rocking seat, invented by Dr. Joe E. Goldwater, of the Union Boat Club of Boston, in place of the sliding seat formerly used.

How Does It Strike You?

St. Louis Fans Tennis Entry Limit Pop Bottles

LESS than a week ago St. Louis fans were seeking World Series tickets and the Browns were the idols and pets of the city. In just a few days the Yankees there was an average daily attendance of 30,000. Every hit brought ringing cheers from the bleachers and every error a sigh of sorrow.

On Wednesday there were less than 2000 at the game and Lee Fohl's athletes were sneered at and jeered. In just a few days the Browns have traveled the great span between fame and unpopularity. The journey is easily made—when the flight is downward.

Pitted against the greatest "paper" team in the league, a troupe of high-class and high-priced athletes, the Browns have fought the talented Yanks down through the long campaign and it is only in the dying days of the season that the New Yorkers have been able to obtain a commanding lead.

The Browns made the American League race this year when "on paper" it looked like a walkover for Higgins' expensive cast. And yet, despite this splendid showing the St. Louis fans have turned turtle, rolled over and played dead.

St. Louis hasn't had a pennant in forty years—and doesn't deserve one. The fans, not the players, quit.

Limiting the Tennis Entries

WHEN the National Lawn Tennis Association holds its annual meeting next spring a suggestion will be made to limit the number of entries in the American championship to sixty-four.

This is not a new thought. Officials of the association already have discussed the advisability of cutting down the draw, but no action was taken. At present there is a limit of 128 players and in the recent tournament at Germantown Cricket Club 123 were entered. Nineteen courts were in use and it took seven days to complete the play.

Not more than ten of the thirty-eight Philadelphians entered rated the honor of competing for the national title and the same thing applied to the thirty-five New Yorkers.

The field was unweildy and gave the officials worry and unnecessary work. The entry list can easily be cut in half and the standard of the tournament would be improved rather than lowered.

With sixty-four entries the champion could be decided within a week. As it is now, seven playing days are necessary and allowing for Sundays and rainy days, it takes nine or ten days to complete the tourney.

Even with fewer playing days, it is doubtful if the receipts would dwindle. Larger crowds would attend the early rounds and the total attendance for five days would not be much below the figures for seven days.

THE Philadelphia and District tennis championships at Bala seem to be thoroughly Thayer. Three members of the noted Philadelphia family, Molly, Alex and Joe, were in the final of the mixed doubles and Molly reached the semi-final of the singles.

The Last Pop of the Pop Bottle

THE pop bottle has popped for the last time at a ball park, if Ban B. Johnson has his way.

It is unfortunate that it had to pop on "Whitney" Witt's head, but Lawton's straw-covered "dome" has withstood the crack and his painful sacrifice is for the good of the game.

Pop bottles are dangerous things even if resting quietly and calmly on the grass of the outfield, for one spectator wrote that the bottle which so carelessly grepped Witt on the head was not thrown, but flew in the air when stepped on by the saved-off and hammered-down Yankee. You see, even a pop bottle dislikes being stepped on.

A bottle is a mean weapon in the hands of delirious fans and frequently players are endangered by flying glass.

Any player who would throw a bat or a ball at a spectator would be arrested, fined and suspended, yet the fan who tosses pop bottles is unmolested. The athlete is entitled to the same protection as the spectator, and even St. Louis fans should know better than to throw bottles.

BILL ROEPA is strong for repairs. In the early afternoon he fights for street repairs in Council and late in the P. M. he seeks to repair the Princeton eleven.

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TO HONOR JAMES C. DUNN

Will Unveil Memorial to Deceased Cleveland Owner Today

Cleveland, O., Sept. 22—Before today's game with the New York Americans a bronze plaque bearing the likeness of James C. Dunn, former owner of the Cleveland team, who died June 19, will be unveiled by Mayor Fred Kohler.

The memorial is a gift of the Cleveland Fire Department from Chief George A. Wallace, Down, and is in appreciation of an order from Mr. Dunn, when he bought the Cleveland team, to admit any fireman wearing his badge to the games free of charge.

Chief Wallace will head a delegation of men on the grounds.



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