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MR. MUDD IS BETTER.

Maryland Politics Excluded From Representative's Reading.

BALTIMORE, July 26.—It was stated yesterday by a relative of Representative Sydney E. Mudd that Mr. Mudd is gradually improving at the sanatorium of Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, near Philadelphia, where he has been staying for nearly a year, and that the reports of his condition were exceedingly encouraging.

Mr. Mudd is allowed to read the Philadelphia papers and other literature, but the doctors have prohibited him reading anything concerning Maryland politics.

FIRST BASE NO SNAP

Position Requires Player of Nerve and Ability.

FEW TEAMS HAVE STARS

Chase Considered Greatest in Game's History—Chance's Place Is One Which Requires Thought.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

PITTSBURG, July 26.—Despite the contention of many well informed base ball people that first base is one of the easiest positions on the diamond to play, it requires all the mental and physical strength of such base ball giants as Chance, Chase, Davis and others of more or less fame to meet what is expected of them by the public which supports the game.

Regardless of the fact that to the occasional visitor to a ball park the first baseman seems to have an easy time of it, the careful observer and student of the game will perceive, after watching the actions of a first sacker for a prolonged period, that life is not one sweet dream for the guardian of the initial sack after all.

"I have played first base for a number of years," said Frank Chance, manager of the Chicago Cubs, touching on this subject recently, "and there isn't a day passes that I don't learn just a trifle more. No doubt it is an easy position to play, but there are times when a first baseman is placed in a more perilous situation than any member of the team.

"Take for example a batter at the plate, who is bent upon bunting the ball. Invariably if a man is on second or third he will bunt toward first Now suppose the pitcher runs in and over to almost the foul line to get the ball. There the first baseman is on the bag waiting for the throw. He sees practically the runner and the ball coming at the same time. Occasionally the runner gets in the way and he can't for the life of him see the ball until it's on top of him. Then the runner, if the play is close, is liable to leap at the bag spikes first. Then the first baseman has also to watch out for the other men on the bags and see that they do not steal an extra base, all of which happens in the fraction of a minute. So there you are."

But after all there really are not more than a few great first basemen. Although it is claimed that Chance is one of the greatest first basemen in the league, there is no denying the fact that he has his weaknesses, which are plainly apparent to the close observer of the game.

Chance is slow on fielding difficult ground balls. Not so, however, with his side partner. Johnny Evers, who, it is said, takes care of many a ball that should rightfully be handled by "Husk." Of course, Chance is only human, and, like every one else, has weaknesses, but he more than makes up for this deficiency in the remarkable manner in which he leads one of the greatest ball clubs to victory after victory. He is also mighty with the stick.

Ever see H. Davis play the bag? He's not so awfully graceful, that's admitted, but he's "there" when it comes to handling himself around first. Harry is rather heavy, weighing almost 200, but he certainly can get around the bases in a remarkable manner. Connie Mack, one of the greatest judges of base ball players, is well satisfied with the work of Davis, and when that wise old owl is pleased nothing will bear more weight in the line of recommendation.

"Bonehead" Merkle. Yes, we've all heard of him. He's been called a dub, a wooden head and everything imaginable under the sun. But getting right down to facts, Merkle is one of the brainiest first basemen playing major league base ball today. Nobody realizes this any better than does Muggsy McGraw, who can tell a good man when he sees him just as well as a good race horse.

Then there's old Tom Jones. Tom's all right now, but he wasn't so much when playing the initial sack for the Browns. At least that was what the St. Louis fans thought. Some of the scribes, too, said Tom was getting old—too old, in fact, to play base ball. But then "Ee-Yah" Jennings put out his line and bait and ever since Jones has been regarded as good enough for any team in either league.

Cleveland has a first baseman in Stovall. While there is nothing sensational about his playing, he is what might be termed a steady and reliable man—a player who does what is expected of him at the right time, and a man who can be depended upon in emergencies. He has been on the bench on several occasions, however, in hopes of building up the batting department of the Naps, but it was always discovered that Stovall was good enough and back he went to his favorite position.

Undoubtedly Hal Chase is the greatest fielding first baseman in either league and a great hitter as well. All around the circuit Hal brings the crowds to their feet by pulling off some of the most unusual and sensational plays ever seen on any diamond. Chase is without a peer in this line, and had only one good rival as a graceful fielder in the last five or six years, that being "Jiggs" Donahue, the ex-first baseman of the Chicago White Sox.

Although still an unknown quantity, Gandil of Chicago is a coming ball player. He has one of the strongest whips on the diamond. It is a pleasure to attend a game just to see this man throw. He is also fast on his feet and hits the ball harder than any man on the White Sox team, with the possible exception of Pat Dougherty.

Then there is Konetchy of St. Louis, Daubert of Brooklyn, Flynn and Hyatt of Pittsburg, Stahl, the Boston slugger; Unglaub of Washington, Hoblitzell of the Reds, Sharpe of the Boston Nationals, and Bransfield of Philadelphia, all of whom are heady and reliable first basemen.

NEWS AND GOSSIP OF AMATEUR LEAGUES

Yesterday's Results.

Capital City League—Aloysius, 7; Cornell Co., 4.

Sunday School League—Hamline, 12; Anacostia, 2.

Marquette League—C. & P., 4; Columbia, 3.

Suburban League—Petworth, 3; Silver Spring, 0.

Independence League—Manhattan, 12; National Union, 10.

Railroad Y. M. C. A. League—Station, 5; Trainmen, 5.

Commercial League—Berry & Whitmore, 8; Andrews, 4.

Bankers' League—Washington Loan and Trust Company, 7; National City, 6.

Olympia League—Olives, 7; Tenleytown, 4.

Colored Department League—Agriculture, 14; Bureau, 12.

Marquette League.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Columbia	14	2	.875	Brookland	7	8	.467
Pension Bu.	10	4	.714	Hyg'nic Lab.	3	11	.214
C. & P. Tel.	9	8	.529	G. P. O.	3	12	.200

Today's game—Pension Bureau vs. Brookland Athletic Club, 5:30 o'clock.

For the second time this year the Columbia 101 team has lost a game in the Marquette League. The defeat yesterday was at the hands of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, which won by a score of 4 to 3.

The only other defeat of the leaders was given them in the fourth game of the season, when the Pension Bureau boys took their scalp.

The effective box work of Thompson for the Hello team and the fielding of Egbert in center for the winners caused the downfall of the Printers.

Thompson sent eight batters down on strikes, allowed seven hits and uncorked two wild pitches. He kept the hits well scattered, which enabled his team to pull off the victory.

Weaver did the twirling for the Printers, and was hit for six safe drives, three of them coming in the second inning, which, with two misplays, netted three runs. Weaver fanned seven batters, passed three and had one wild pitch.

Suess tried his hardest to keep his team from being defeated, when out of four times up he connected for three safe drives. Two of them were good for two bases each, while the other was a single to center.

Engle got the only extra base hit for the winners when he landed on one of Weaver's curves in the second inning after two strikes had been called on him, and planted the leather in right garden for three sacks. He would have possibly scored a home run, but one of his shoes came off as he neared third base.

Herrell got a double, while Reynolds, McCarthy and Thornberg each connected for a single, for Columbia.

Thompson got two singles, and Langan landed one of the six hits for the winners.

The fielding of Egbert in center for the winners was perfect. Four hard drives were sent into his territory, and each was labeled for at least two sasks, but he got under all of them, and thus enabled his team to cop the game.

Engle made the real star catch of the game when in the seventh inning Waderlich led off with a steamer through short field on a line. With the crack of the bat the shortstop of the Hello team went toward third base and, while extended at full length, pulled in the drive.

Five stolen bases were recorded by the Printers, while the Chesapeake and Potomac boys got only one.

The schedule of the Marquette League closes with the game today, but as there was a lay-off during the early part of the season because of the bad condition of the grounds many games were postponed, which, with several ties and postponements on account of bad weather, extends the games until next month.

The postponed games, which start tomorrow, are: July 27, Brookland A. C. vs. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company; July 28, Government Printing Office vs. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company; July 29; Pension Bureau vs. Hygienic Laboratory; July 30, Government Printing Office vs. Columbia, '01; August 1, Brookland A. C. vs. Hygienic Laboratory; August 2, Government Printing Office vs. Hygienic Laboratory; August 3, Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company vs. Columbia 101; August 4, Pension Bureau vs. Brookland A. C.; August 5, Brookland A. C. vs. Hygienic Laboratory; August 6, Government Printing Office vs. Pension Bureau.

Railroad Y. M. C. A. League.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Adams	17	3	.850	Shopmen	3	12	.200
Southern	12	3	.800	Trainmen	2	9	.182
Car Dept.	9	6	.600	Station	2	12	.143

In a loosely played but at the same time one of the most exciting games seen in the league this season, the two tailend teams, the Trainmen and the Union Station batted until it was almost dark yesterday evening in the Terminal Railroad Y. M. C. A. League, each side striving desperately to put another run across the plate with the score a 5 to 5 tie, but both pitchers tightened up and the game finally had to be called.

Knighton, who was on the rubber for the Trainmen, pitched, a good steady game and with proper support would have won, but his team was rather weak in the infield, five costly miscues being made by his trusty henchmen, who were behind him. He allowed seven hits, but they were all scattered, and also had three hard assists, taking all of them without any slip-up. Thompson, who was on the firing line for the Station team, also pitched a good game, allowing only six hits, but he was prone to be careless at times. He also had a busy day in the box outside of firing the ball, having five chances altogether and taking three of them.

Clements, third baseman of the Union Station team, and White, shortstop of the Trainmen, both played a star game in the field. In the third round White by a great run in back of third picked the ball up while on a dead run and recovered himself in time to shoot it to first to retire his man. White also brought in one of his team's five runs and got a pretty single. Clements led both teams in batting yesterday, getting two hits, one of them a triple. He also made several feature catches which are worthy of note.

The Union Station team almost won the game in the final session, when one of their men, Fitz by name, came in with what would have been the winning run, but he failed to touch third, with the result that he was called out. Station tied the score in the fifth when two runs came in on a passed ball by Anderson.

The Trainmen tied the score in the third on a peculiar play, when really three men were out. After the first two men had been thrown out in this inning, Bergling, who played second base for the Trainmen, after fouling two balls took a long healthy swipe at the next one, which he missed by a foot, but Anderson let the ball get away from him and Bergling started for second and it looked as though he would be an easy out. Anderson, however, threw wild to the second station with the result that Bergling came all the way home on the play.

Sam Ryon, the tallest player in this league, made one of the most sensational stops in the fourth inning ever seen. He was playing third base and was about five feet from the third base bag, when the batter sent a screamer toward left that looked good for a double, but Ryon scooped the ball right off the sack and then retired his man at first. It was a great stop and he was warmly applauded.

Capital City League.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	W.	L.	Pct.		w.	L.	Pct.
Cornell Co.	13	5	.722	Navy Yard	7	9	.438
Aloysius	12	5	.706	Midways	6	14	.300
Sew.P.Sta.	11	8	.579	Kenilworth	4	12	.250

Today's game—Kenilworth vs. Sewage Pumping Station, 5:30 p.m.

In the most exciting and interesting game fought in the Capital City League park this season and before the largest crowd of the season the Aloysius club beat their old-time rivals, the Cornell Company, with ease yesterday afternoon by the score 7 to 4.

Umpire Betts had to call the battle at the close of the seventh round on account of darkness.

Lynch was in the box for the winners, making it his third game of the season, and twirled brilliant ball throughout the combat, allowing but six hits, striking out four and only passing two. His support was almost perfect, Jack Carr being the only player behind him to make a miscue.

Opposing Lynch was "Smoke" Balzer at the start of the game, and it was the same old story, "Smoke had speed, curves and shoots but no control." During the six innings he pitched, Balzer walked five, hit three, made two wild pitches and allowed seven bingles.

With Lynch on second and Willie Taylor on first and none out in the seventh, Norris relieved Balzer. Although this newcomer was only touched up for one hit and never allowed a man to reach first on wide ones, three tallies were scored on him. He was responsible for one of the three himself by making such a miserable throw of Taylor's bunt trying to catch Lynch at third. It was Jack Hurley's single to left that scored one of the other two runs.

One of the most sensational pieces of work accomplished during the game was Murphy's clean steal home in the seventh. This act brought the spectators to their feet.

Silk Carroll made a beautiful catch of Hurley's wide throw in the fourth, nailing Dutch Hessler at first.

Howard, the Cornell University boy, put up a swell exhibition in the field for the Tigers and got one of the six bingles.

By winning yesterday's contest it puts the Aloysius boys but one game behind the Cornell Company. Manager O'Conner says he is going to make them hustle for that pennant.

Bankers' League.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
A. S. & T.	8	2	.800	Nat. City	1	7	.125
Commercial	7	2	.778	Am. Nat.	0	7	.000
W. L. & T.	6	4	.600				

After a long lay-off the Bankers resumed play of the postponed games yesterday afternoon. Washington Loan and Trust Company won out in the tenth over National City, in spite of the fact the trust company was off to a bad start, allowing its opponents to score four runs in the opening inning. Both Scarf and Hodgson pitched winning ball, but the support was very poor on both sides, especially in the early part of the game. Hodgson was very steady in pinches and was invincible with men on bases.

Mayne, the plucky little backstop, of Washington Loan and Trust, played the whole game for the winners, and it was his fast running in the tenth that enabled him to cross the plate with the winning run. He also led at the bat with three hits, two of which went for three bases. His catch of a foul ball off Genau's bat in the fifth inning was the feature play of the game.

Washington Loan and Trust was minus the services of two of its best players, namely, Robertson and Claxton. Both boys are on their vacations, and their absence made it necessary for this team to present the weakest line-up it has used this season. However, the team displayed plenty of fighting spirit and finally landed the game after it looked a sure victory for National City.

In spite of the fact that Scarf is pitching with a game arm, sustained in a fall early in the year, he is certainly rounding into form. He fanned fifteen in yesterday's contest and should have won his game hands down with any kind of support.

With all this wrangle and controversy going on, the Bankers' League is about on its last legs unless something for the best shows itself in the near future. It seems a pity all this child's play and baby actions cannot be put on the shelf and that harmonious feeling cannot be established between the teams of the league. The whole tangle will soon be undone, and the best way to accomplish this end is for American Security and Trust Company to establish its supremacy by playing out the remaining postponed contests, and showing the public which is undoubtedly the best team in the league and what nine is really entitled to represent this league in the post-season series.

The Quintard brothers are the life of the National City team, and in each game this club has played this season these boys have clearly demonstrated that they are players of no mean ability. They have done a greater part of the hitting for National City all through the series and have won many friends by their earnest work on the diamond. It is no enviable job to play on a losing team, and, for this reason, they deserve all the more credit.

Olympia League.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Olives	14	1	.933	Tanglewood	6	13	.316
St. Stephens	12	2	.857	Georgetown	3	10	.231
Tenleytown	11	8	.579	Spartans	2	12	.140

Yesterday's game—Olives, 7; Tenleytown, 4.
Today's game—Tanglewood vs. Georgetown.

Yesterday's Olive-Tenleytown game was a one-sided affair, the losers not having a look-in. They scored four runs in the fourth on four hits. In the fifth it looked as though the Suburbanites would score when the bases were filled, but Donaldson fouled out to Howard.

Kidwell pitched a crackerjack game until the fourth, when four hits were bunched for a total of four runs. Midwell displayed his gameness throughout the game by playing with a broken finger.

The Tenleytown crew pulled off two rapid double plays. In the second George started one by digging Limeric's vicious grounder out of the dirt and pegging to Freeman at the plate. The backstop then fired to third, catching Howard. In the fourth Hurley made a fine catch of Myers' line drive and caught Eckendorf off first.

Joe Freeman made a catch of Myers' foul in the first that brought the crowd up.

Hilleary electrified the crowd in the fifth by his daring steal of home. He had just stolen second a few minutes before.

Hurley's triple in the fourth was one of the longest drives of the season. Had it hit a few inches higher it would have gone into the street and been a homer.

Sullivan took up the pitching for the Olives in the fourth, relieving Kidwell. Sullivan is slated to pitch against St. Stephen's Wednesday and as first place depends upon the victor, the big twirler has been saved from the less important games.

Howard's catch of Donaldson's fly in the fifth was a remarkable exhibition of fielding. The little third baseman ran half way up the hill before making the catch.

Sunday School League.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Ninth	13	3	.813	Langdon	6	13	.316
Hamline	16	4	.800	Peck	5	14	.263
Anacostia	10	6	.625	Sixth	3	13	.188

The result of yesterday's game in the Sunday School League put Hamline within thirteen points of the leaders. The Methodists downed the Anacostia Baptist troupe in a seven-inning farce by the score of 12 to 2.

Birch was again in the center of the diamond for Patty Holmes' crew and his twirling was the feature of the afternoon. In only one inning did he lose control of the situation and that was the sixth. In this inning the Baptists registered three of their six hits.

Phipps was very successful last week against the Peck aggregation, when he allowed five hits, but yesterday, when he faced Hamline, he was admitted to the "in bad" club.

The Methodists were quick to take advantage of Phipps' weakness in the opening session and tallied five runs. Phipps was not hit hard, but his inability to "set them over" allowed Hamline to get men on the bags every inning. The big fellow hit three and passed nine.

Dutch Stuckert showed his best form of the season around bag No. 2 yesterday. He was on the job to get Rogers' throws at all times and missed but one runner who attempted to swipe the middle bag. He handled two ground balls cleverly and laced out two hits.

Snyder handled three chances in center without a miscue, and in the first inning with two down, the soldier boy planted one in the center field crowd for three bases.

Capt. Pennington played first for the Baptists yesterday and established somewhat of a record in this circuit with but three putouts.

Ray Sheaffer made the only extra base hit credited to Hamline. It was a three-sacker and came in the sixth round, with the bases crowded.

Schedule for this week:
Tuesday—Sixth vs. Langdon.
Wednesday—Ninth vs. Anacostia.
Thursday—Peck vs. Hamline.
Friday—Sixth vs. Ninth.
Saturday—Anacostia vs. Langdon.

Commercial League.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Herald	15	5	.750	B. & W.	8	12	.400
Andrews	14	5	.737	D. N. Walford	5	12	.294
Southeast	8	7	.533				

Game today—Southeast Y. M. C. A. vs. Herald, at 5:30 o'clock.

In a well played game yesterday afternoon Berry & Whitmore defeated the strong Andrews nine by 8 to 4. This game gives the Herald team first place for the pennant. It was a terrible shock to the leaders, but they were unable to handle the many bingles of the Jewelers.

Bullock, twirling for the F street nine, was responsible for the victory, as he held his opponents to three scattered hits and fanned ten men. He also showed up well with the bat, getting a hit, a run, and handling his three chances in easy fashion.

Salb worked three innings for Andrews and was hit hard from the start, eight hits being garnered off his delivery, while he fanned four men. In the fourth he was replaced by George Garland, who allowed half the number of hits as his partner and struck out the same number. Salb was the star with the stick, as he got a two-bagger and accepted seven chances well. He also made a splendid slide to third in the first round that brought him many rounds of applause.

John Fitzgerald, in left for the Papersellers, attracted much attention all during the game. He recorded a double in the opening stanza, scored a tally, stole two bases, and got four putouts to his credit.

Shortstop Harry Woodard of the Jewelers led his team with the stick, getting a home run, which came in the fifth round; a three-sacker, in the second inning, and a single, besides stealing two sacks, scoring two tallies and getting one assist to his credit.

Murphy put up his usual good game at the third corner for the winners. Besides getting two hits, including a double, which came in the second round, he stole two bases and handled five chances in fine style.

Second Baseman Mulloy of the Jewelers got a home run in the second inning and also showed up well at the Merkle station.

Schmidt of the winners stung the pellet for three bases and also stole the same number of sacks.

The Commercial League fans will see another good game this afternoon when the Southeast Y. M. C. A. meets the Herald team. "Mike" Burgess and "Reds" Beavers will compose the battery for the association team, while Harry Smithson or Walters and Doleman will work for the Newsboys' nine. A large crowd is expected.

Independence League.

STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

	W.	L.	Pct.		W.	L.	Pct.
Manhattan	14	5	.737	St. Paul's	11	7	.611
Twining	12	6	.667	Nat'l Union	6	14	.300
St. Martin's	11	7	.611	Nassau	3	18	.143

Today's game—St. Paul vs. Twining.

Manhattan all but lost to National Union, and only by Falconer's great catch in right did they nose out, 12 to 10. In the early innings Manhattan got a good lead and toyed with the Union team, which crept slowly and surely after them. In the eighth Ferguson was sent in the box in place of Umbaugh. He was wild as could be, and with two down had the bases filled on balls. The score was 12 to 9 in Manhattan's favor, but the situation was dangerous. Van Buskirk came up with a timely hit, scoring one of the men, and Hinkle was at the stick. He had already gotten two hits and the game looked gone. He knocked a short fly to right which Falconer raced after and just did get above his shoe tops. Had it passed him it would have been a home run.

Yesterday was the second time this season that Falconer saved Manhattan from defeat. Once before, in a game with Twining, Hope was sent in late in the game, and that time his opportune three-bagger saved his team. Yesterday he was sent in in place of Oakley and drew his team from the jaws of defeat by a wonderful running catch.

Rawlings, who has been out of the game for some time, got back in yesterday and showed up in great style. He played first for Manhattan, and while a novice at that position he acquitted himself in a clever manner. His hitting, too, was a feature in the leaders' victory, getting three bingles.

Simon played well in left for the losers, getting several difficult chances. Two of his timely hits put four runs across the plate for National Union.

Fegan had his finger injured early in the game and as result was very lax in the way he held Umbaugh up. He played a gritty game, and in the seventh made a good catch of Fischer's foul fly.

Haislip robbed several of his opponents of extra bases on long hits by his true and unerring throws to the infield. Haislip's mighty arm is feared by all the players in the Independence League.

Donnelly sacrificed three times—once in the first, third and fifth rounds. He has been doing some clever bunting this year and is a good man to run second on the batting list. His fielding has been most reliable and by some he is held to be the best second baseman in the league.

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TO GIVE GIRLS GOOD TIME.

Two Small Boys Rob Six Hundred Homes in Canton, Ohio.

CANTON, Ohio, July 26.—To get money with which "to show their girls a good time," two eleven-year-old boys, Ray Metcalf and John Warner, robbed 600 Canton homes in the last six months, according to their confession in juvenile court yesterday. Both boys say they had read dime novels and wanted to be "bad men" themselves.

A coal shed in the rear of the Metcalf boy's home was found by the police to be a veritable treasure house, filled with jewelry of every description. Here the boy robbers kept their loot until they could dispose of it, which they did by selling costly watches, rings and the like at anything from 10 cents to $1.

"The boys did things that would do credit to the smoothest criminals," said Chief of Police Smith.

ALLEGED ABDUCTION.

Wilmington Police Investigating Disappearance of Ralph Emery.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 26.—Ralph Emery, fifteen years old, residing in Mousely row, was kidnaped early yesterday evening by an unknown man. The abductor, who was about five feet seven inches in height, was described as being of dark complexion. He wore a dark suit and leather cap.

The boy, who is small for his age, was sitting on the steps of his home, when the man appeared, represented himself as an officer and took him away.

Persons sitting on porches several squares distant saw the pair, but no trace can be obtained after they passed 24th street. The police are working on the case.

Mutt and Jeff Take a Little Trip Down to Atlantic City : : : By "Bud" Fisher.