

REVIEW OF PREVAILING ATHLETIC SPORTS

WHERE NICKNAMES FIRST CAME FROM

Some of Them Are More Than Twenty Years Old in the Big Leagues.

PIRATES KIDNAPED BIERBAUER

Then Their Pet Name Started—Tigers The First to Wear Striped Stockings—Giants Were Fighters.

Cincinnati, Sept. 3.—You're a baseball fan, aren't you? You know the champion batters of the big leagues, who lead the fielders and who are the best base runners? Sure. You know the managers of all the clubs, and you know the nicknames of all the teams? Certainly. But, do you know how these teams got their names? Of course not. There is not one fan in a hundred who does know. However, this is not strange. Some of the nicknames date back 20 or more years, except, of course, those of the American league.

The Pittsburgh team, commonly called the "Pirates," got that name as a result of the kidnaping of St. Louis Bierbauer, a star second baseman, from the Philadelphia Athletics away back in 1889.

At that time there was a working agreement between the National league and the old American association, by which no club in either organization was permitted to reserve more than 15 players at the close of a season. The owners of the Athletics in the American association, desired to keep 16 of their men, but as only 15 could be legally reserved, the only way open was to leave one name off the list and take a chance on no other club grabbing the player. Accordingly the Athletic management failed to name Bierbauer in its reserve list, hoping the commission would be overlooked and that Bierbauer would be signed over as a new player. But a friend of the Pittsburgh club noticed that Bierbauer's name was missing from the Athletic list, and as St. Louis was a much-sought player at that time, the friend quietly tipped off manager Horace Phillips of the Pittsburgh club. Phillips was on the job in an instant, but, fearing that the omission of Bierbauer's name from the published list of reserved players was merely a newspaper error, he went to Washington to get official information from Nick Young, president of the National league.

The official list of reservations showed that the failure of Bierbauer's name to appear was not an error on the part of any publication, but the owners of the Athletics had really failed to reserve the player.

This made Bierbauer a free agent to deal with any club he desired and Phillips proceeded to hot-foot to Erie, Pa., where Louis spent the winter months at his home. His trip was successful. Bierbauer was willing to listen, a tempting offer was made and when Phillips returned he brought with him the player's signed contract for the following season.

The whole procedure was perfectly legal and Bierbauer played in Pittsburgh for many years, but the manager of his capture caused no end of talk in the baseball world and during the howl set up by the Athletics and their followers in Philadelphia, one Quaker writer referred to the affair as an act of piracy on the baseball seas. The Pittsburghs were promptly nicknamed the "Pirates," and the title has stuck ever since.

NAMED FOR PROGRESS.

The New York Nationals were dubbed the "Giants" by the late P. Jay Donald, who was the sporting editor of the New York World in the summer of 1885, when that team was making such a strenuous fight against the "Chicago team" for the championship. It was their deeds, and not their stature, as many rosters think, that were responsible for the name.

The New York American league team was named the "Highlanders" by

James R. Price, sporting editor of the New York Press, when the Johnson organization entered the metropolis in 1908. The president of the club at that time was Joseph Gordon and the grounds were on high land. In Scotland there is a regiment called the Gordon Highlanders, and the combination of Gordon and the high land on which the team played suggested the name after the Scotch regiment.

The name "Quakers" applied to the Philadelphia National league team, was natural because Philadelphia is known as the Quaker City. The name is thought to have been first used in 1883, when Philadelphia was represented in two organizations, the old American association and the National league. The Athletics were in the former league as a team known just as "Philadelphia" was in the latter. To distinguish between the two the newspapers called the National team the "Quakers," and it is still used.

On the first ball team ever organized in this country was the Athletics of Philadelphia. It was got together in 1842, and had a place in the "National Organization of Baseball Players" the first national league in the country. The name has been passed down through all the years, and when the American league expanded and placed a team in Philadelphia, the newspapers, with the tacit consent of the club owners, called "Connie Mack's" team the Athletics, because it was a time-honored name and to avoid calling it the Philadelphia Athletics.

NEWSPAPER MONICKERS.

White Stockings for his term when the American league invaded Chicago in 1900. J. E. Sanborn of the Chicago Tribune and Carl Green, then of the Chicago Record, were jointly responsible for the shortening of the name to the "White Sox." They could not make the longer one fit into the headlines of the papers and agreed to try the shorter one, with the result that it caught and made a great hit.

Another old name is the one by which the Cincinnati National league team is known, the "Reds." The first uniform of the Queen city team was designed by George B. Ellard of that city, in 1867. It consisted of short white flannel trousers, white shirt and long red stockings. This was the first time in the history of baseball that the players wore short trousers, and the bright-colored stockings were a novelty. Therefore the team was called the "Red Stockings" by Mr. Ellard, but it was afterwards abbreviated to the "Reds."

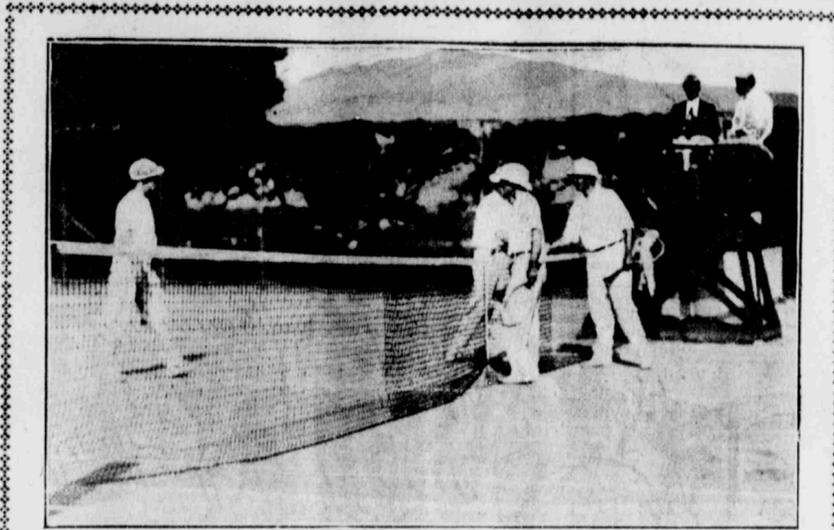
The Cleveland team has had perhaps more nicknames than any other team in either big league. Cleveland's American league team was first called the "Blues," and then the "Indians," and the traveling suits worn by the members. This name has never been used in Cleveland. The team was also called the "Naps," in honor of former manager Napoleon Lajoie, whose first name was Napoleon. This was shortened to "Naps" since Deacon McGuire has been manager the team has been called the "Mollie McGuire's." In this case Ernest J. Lanigan, "Shortstop" of the New York Press, named the color of his name will stick time only can tell, but the chances are that when another season rolls around some other writer will tack another name on them.

THE STRIPED HOSE.

Hughes Jennings's Detroit American league team, which won the pennant three times running, was named the "Tigers" by Philip J. Reid, now managing editor of the Detroit Free Press, in 1890. Mr. Reid at that time was the city editor of that paper. The reasons were—they were the first team to wear striped stockings, had achieved a reputation as fighters, and the other names by which they were known, Detroit and Wolverines, did not fit well in a newspaper heading.

During the past three years the team has certainly lived up to its name, and it is known the country over for its gameness and its ability to pull games against the odds. The team's bright red and white uniform, which has been the subject of much criticism in the recent world's championship series will long be remembered by the fans.

Tim Murnane, the Boston National league team the "Doves" after their late owner, George Dovey. After Mr. Dovey's death the control of the club



SINSABAUGH AND DUNCAN, 1910 CHAMPIONS, RECEIVING THE CONGRATULATIONS OF M'BROOM AND GARNETT AFTER THE CHALLENGE MATCH.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

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REDS AGAIN WINNERS.

Cincinnati, Sept. 2.—Cincinnati defeated Pittsburgh in an exciting game here today, 3 to 2. Cincinnati pulled off a triple play in the sixth inning when, with Flynn on second and Wilson on first, Gibson bled to Hohltzell. Hohltzell threw to Egan, who was covering first, retiring Wilson, and Egan relayed to McMillan at second, retiring Flynn.

DUBBED AFTER SHOW.

In the season of 1889 the leading members of the great Baltimore team and Manager Edward Hanlon were transferred to and amalgamated with the Brooklyn team. In the spring of 1900 Robert Woolley, a representative of the New York World, accompanied the team on its southern training trip, and while on the trip he named them the "Superbas." In that year the theatrical Hanlons had a show on the road called "Superbas," and this suggested the name. Although Mr. Hanlon no longer manages the team, the name is still used, despite several attempts to displace it with another, but 1909 was probably the last year for its use.

When Charles H. Ebbets, president of the club, made his renowned speech at the Pirates' banquet in the Waldorf, New York, last December, about the national pastime being in its infancy, he not only furnished baseball literature with a classic bit of oratory, but supplied a new name for his team. Hereafter the newspaper scribes on the major league circuits intend to call the Brooklyn the "Infants."

The original St. Louis American association team of the Von der Ahe and Comiskey regime was called the "Browns," owing to the brown trimmings of the uniforms. In 1891, when that fated league passed into history, the Robinsons took their Cleveland team to St. Louis, succeeding Von der Ahe's "Browns." They adopted white uniforms with cardinal trimmings for their teams. The late William McGale, a St. Louis sporting writer, suggested the name "Cardinals," and it was accepted and has been retained. When an American league team was placed in St. Louis that team was promptly dubbed the "Browns," because their uniforms were like those worn by the old association team.

The fans of the capital city named their team the "Nationals." They were asked through the newspapers to select a name for the team to displace the "Browns." The majority of the replies suggested the name be called the "Nationals," and "Nationals" it was.

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GIANTS BEATEN TWICE.

Philadelphia, Sept. 2.—Philadelphia defeated New York today in two games. Doolan acted as a pinch hitter in the ninth inning of the first game, and his single drove in the winning run, while in the second game, which went 11 innings, Knabe's single scored Thomas with the winning run.

TWO FOR THE DODGERS.

Boston, Sept. 2.—Brooklyn won two games from Boston today, 3 to 2, and 8 to 0.

EIGHTH FATAL TO BOSTON.

New York, Sept. 2.—The New York Americans made five runs in the eighth inning and thus beat Boston, 6 to 3. The winning tally was scored by Crean on a wild pitch.

SOX WERE EASY.

Detroit, Sept. 2.—Detroit easily defeated Chicago here today, 7 to 3. Although the visitors hit Mullin hard the hits were scattered.

GIVEN POOR SUPPORT.

Cleveland, Sept. 2.—Cleveland defeated St. Louis, 6 to 8. Hall was more effective and with perfect support would have held Cleveland to two runs.

COAST LEAGUE.

Table with columns for team names (Portland, Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento) and statistics (W, L, Pct).

HOW THEY STAND.

The National league has ten batters in the 300 class or one more than the American league. Snodgrass continues to lead with the splendid average of .327. The New Yorker has no rival in to old circuit, Magee being second with .327. Crandall, the New York pitcher is third with .325, but he has no chance to get it, on the auto race unless he works every day and thus acquires his 100 times at bat. Only two of the 300 hitters in the National have played 100 games or more, Magee and Wagner being the ones. In fact, only five have played more than 50 games.

Pittsburg leads in team batting, but is absolutely last when it comes to base running. The Pirates, not living up to their names as they have piled out by 87 cushions. Pittsburg evidently leans more to the hit and run and sacrifice game. New York and

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WILL ABANDON THE BUENA VISTA TRACK.

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FIFTEENTH INFANTRY WINNERS AT SEAGIRT.

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STRIKE-OUT RECORD.

Portland, Or., Sept. 2.—Pitcher Gregg of the Portland team of the Pacific Coast league according to Empire "Sun" Halgren and local authorities, established a world's record in the game today with 12 strikeouts in striking out eight men in succession with a total of 14 strikeouts in a no-hit, no-run game.

GOOD ROADS MEET NEXT LUNcheon PROGRAM.

Automobile Club to be Represented by Five Delegates and A Speaker.

TO URGE GOVERNMENT ACTION.

Convention Will Ask for National Highways and Appropriation of Public Land to Aid Movement.

Chairman J. A. Howell of the board of control of the Intermountain Good Roads association has invited the automobilists of the state to take a prominent part in the first annual meeting of the association to be held in Ogden, Sept. 23, 24 and 25. The association desires that there be a general pilgrimage from all over the state to the Junction city on one of those days and that the automobilists show themselves of sufficient number to have a right to claim consideration at the hands of the association and the city, county and state officials having the matter of good roads in hand.

The Automobile Club of Utah has been invited to participate in the proceedings of the meeting. Manager W. W. Rishel of the club has received an invitation to address the convention on the subject, "The Relation of the Automobile to Good Roads." The convention takes place at the same time as the Intermountain Good Roads show in Ogden and the International Show show in Ogden and aside from the convention features a lively time is anticipated. At a time when the resources of the intermountain empire are being exploited, it will be timely, the association believes, to urge that the resources of the state, particularly its agricultural resources, cannot be properly developed unless the good roads system is extended to all the highways of the state improved, thereby lessening the expense of marketing farm products in the haul to railroad lines or directly to the market. The discussions of the convention will for the greater part refer particularly to the subjects: Ways and means of inducing the national government to take action in the matter of constructing and maintaining national highways, especially the appropriation by Congress to construct a system of public lands to be devoted to good roads interests; the instituting of state highways and interstate highways between the states; the securing of the western states of the proper legislation referring to the matter of highways; the ways and means of securing better methods of road making in cities and counties; means of securing the passage of better laws regulating motor vehicles; and in general, a discussion of every phase of the good roads subject from the topographical, climatic and commercial standpoints.

There will be a practical demonstration of the building of good roads under the direction of the county commissioners of Weber county and the office of public roads of the United States department of agriculture, and a demonstration of the county commissioners of the city and county of Ogden. The governors and senators and congressmen of the intermountain states have been asked to take part in the convention. The Automobile Club of Utah will name five delegates to the convention and either Mr. Rishel, or some one selected by the club, will be the spokesman upon the subject indicated in the letter of Mr. Howell to the club today.

CLOUDS LET GO AT THE SAUCER TRACK.

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Form Chart of Intermountain Tennis Tournament

Men's Singles tournament bracket showing matches between players like Bundy, G. A. Gillette, E. Hamberger, etc., with scores and winners.