LIVE BASEBALL COMMENT---ST. LOUIS CLUB LEADS IN TEAM BATTING.

PENNANT PROSPECTS OF ST. LOUIS CLUB ARE BRIGHT.

Team Should Hold Fast Pace It Is Now Setting When Donovan Returns to Right Field and Heidrick Regains His Form at the Bat and in the Field.

The week just closed will be a memorable one in the baseball history of St. Louis. Donovan, Burkett & Co. returned to League Park after one of the most glorious trips ever made by any team. The firm was given a welcome fully equal in warmth to the merits of the work in the East. On the morning of the Fourth the St. Louis club was greeted by the largest crowd that ever attended a morning game. Fifteen thousand fans scorched on the bleachers and in the grand stand to see Harper down the Quakers. In the afternoon 17,000 witnessed the best game of the season on the local diamond up to that time. The total attendance of 32,000 surpasses the record of the season, if not of all seasons. Those fans thought they would never again see such a game as was pitched by Jack Powell for St. Louis and Orth for Philadelphia on Thursday afternoon. Yet the very next day Eddie Murphy and "Red" Donahue, a St. Louis cast-off of years gone by, gave them an exhibition in the twirling line which discounted the work of the Powell-Orth and Harper-Matthewson games. The baseball which is being played by the St. Louis club to-day will win the pennant. None of the Eastern aspirants nor fanatical fans of Pittsburg can deny it. The question is: "Can St. Louis hold the pace it is setting at present?"

It seems that the team cannot only keep up the fast gait, but improve it. Donovan has been out of a majority of the snappy games played in the last two weeks. Leaving the managerial problem out of the question, Donovan in right field is a 50 per cent improvement over any of the utility men who could be placed there. Arthur Nichols's work in the right suburb has been all that could be asked of him. Yet Thursday's loss came through his lack of experience on fly balls. It seems a shame that Nichols should be a debtor for anything he does in the outfield. He is paid by the St. Louis club to catch. And he certainly earns his salary in that position. As a batting and fielding catcher and base runner he has few equals and no superiors. Nichols was more disconsolate over the result of the afternoon game on the Fourth than any one else on the grounds. He realized that he might have caught the fly. He tried his best. He has won enough games for the club with the bat and with his clever throwing to bases to make up for more than one lost contest. It is Nichols's misfortune to be a great all-round player that gave him a case of the blues Thursday. If he was not such a versatile player, the St. Louis club would be in a bad way to fill the vacancy in right field, and the catching department would be a weak one, indeed.

The regulars are playing the game for all there is in it. Some of them have had their slumps during the winning streak, however.

Ryan is not hitting a "lick on earth." The fans have come to look upon his turn at the bat as an out. For a while this season Ryan batted heavily, and he will probably come again at an opportune period in the pennant race.

Otto Kruger has been off in his fielding occasionally, but his timely hitting is recompense for many errors. Any pitcher on the team will overlook Kruger's mechanical mishaps and thank him for the hits which have pulled them out of a rut time and again.

Bobby Wallace and Dick Padden, along with McGann, have shown gingery ball for the last month. Padden never overlooks an opportunity to put it on an opponent legitimately, and his success borders on the marvelous.

Jesse Burkett is the "ripe, red peach" of them all. Jesse's batting has caused many to wager that he will lead the League with the stick this season. The fact that Billy Keeler and Burkett are both batting so well this year make the fight for sticking honors doubly interesting. Each man led the League two successive years. For four years—from '95 to '98, inclusive—they had the honors between them. Now it is a fight between them for 1901 figures. Burkett is fielding faster than any other left fielder in the National League to-day. His return throws have held many doubles, and even triples, to singles in the last two weeks. He is in the game heart and soul, and the way he fights for every point of a game is good to see. Burkett does not argue on points where there is no question as to the propriety of a decision, as was often the case with the old Cleveland bunch. He does not worry an umpire unnecessarily any more. When he makes a kick he feels that there is one coming, and the umpires have grown to respect his objections more of late. Burkett has shown that he has managerial ability, and his work with the club has allowed of no criticism during the absence of Manager Donovan.

The genial P. J. will return to the game this week, and everything will be in running order again, with the possible exception of the pitching department. Five pitchers are doing good work, and the club has climbed to third place with only four. Murphy has earned a regular turn, and will probably get it hereafter. Sudhoff will be used against those clubs against which he has always been peculiarly successful. It is the two new twirlers who will cause any doubts that may arise about the St. Louis club. It is hardly possible that Mr. Donovan will retain seven pitchers, and Burns will be forced to fight his way with Fisher in an effort to supplant one of the regulars. Neither may be successful. If both should win out some one will have to go. Just who that one will be is a question which can only be solved through the work of Fisher and Burns.

Emmett Heidrick, who led the League in batting for three weeks, has fallen off most lamentably with the stick. His work in the field has not been good by any means. On Friday he came near losing the sensational eleven-inning game for Eddie Murphy with his three errors. On the Eastern trip he made many errors with remarkable regularity. That Heidrick is about the best center fielder in the business has never been questioned, even by a pessimist. Heidrick is simply out of form, and that gives St. Louis a brighter outlook for the pennant. With Heidrick off color, Donovan out of the game, and the team continuing to climb the ladder, there is no telling what will happen when Donovan dons the spangles and Heidrick regains his batting orbs and double fielding legs and fingers.

The prospects are bright, yet there is but one man connected with the St. Louis club who has sufficient confidence in the team to predict that the pennant will be flying at Sandiventer avenue and Natural Bridge road next season. B. S. Muckenfuss says St. Louis will win the pennant. He has not acquired his supreme confidence on the strength of the winning streak of the last three weeks. Mr. Muckenfuss made the statement just after the fire which destroyed the grand stand at League Park on May 4. It is good to see some one who has the courage of his convictions. The fact that the players do not say they will win out is to their credit. If they were blustering about the way they would beat in twist begets the same results in an entirely different manner.

Rumor says there is a movement on foot among the magnates of the National League to do away with the National agreement at the end of the present season, so far as it concerns minor leagues. It is said that the club owners are getting tired—or are tired—of paying large sums for untried players, many of whom have their averages bolstered in order that they may be sold at a profit to the National League clubs. The magnates see no reason why they should pay for the privilege of advancing the interests of baseball players, and so will try to convince the minor leagues and each other that in justice to all concerned—and to advance the interests of the National League in particular—drafting and selling rules, so far as active ball players are concerned, shall be dispensed with. It has not been so many years since the minor leagues were given protection. Before that time a major league club could pick up players wherever it could find one that might suit. And now there probably will be a return of those days—with the minor league clubs as the losers.

During the stay of the Reds in Philadelphia Umpire Cantillon of the American League, in conversation with some of the Cincinnati players, said that Frank Shugart of the Chicago team gave him the hottest shot he ever received during his career as umpire. It was near the close of the season some years ago and Cantillon was preparing for his annual cruise down the Mississippi in a houseboat. The people in the city where the game was being played knew of this. When Cantillon punished Shugart for some offense the player got back at him by saying: "I hope your boat sinks." Cantillon said that the remark hurt him more than any language that had ever been hurled at him.

Occasionally one sees a player credited with a stolen base that causes one to smile. There are some players in the National League who are so slow of foot—pitchers, generally, and a few catchers—that it seems a miracle or a joke when they do succeed in pilfering a base. However, there is a time when every man has an opportunity to get credit for a stolen base, and none of them fails to take advantage of it. One man in the National League—the only man I have ever found to make the confession—there is, who does not lay claim to having ever pilfered a base. Frank Hahn is the individual referred to. The other evening he was deploring the fact that while he had made some remarkable records for a pitcher, such as shutting out a team without a hit or knocking out home runs at opportune times, he had never, so far as his knowledge went, been accused of pilfering a bag. "As long as I have played baseball," said Hahn, "I do not recollect of ever having received credit for stealing a base. One of these days I am going to try to add this accomplishment to my record, just to see how it feels to reach second or third base while the ball is being delivered. I am afraid, though, if ever I succeed that I will give the catcher and pitcher that allowed me to make the steal such a hearty laugh that I will have heart failure."

It is a remarkable fact that has never been commented on to any extent that the rival magnates in Philadelphia—President Reach of the National League Club and President Shibe of the American League Club—are business associates. Their baseball interests do not appear to influence their business relations in the least, and vice versa. Neither man is a man of war. Both think that baseball would be better served if there were peace between the two organizations, but neither will take the initiative to patch up a truce in Philadelphia—a move that might result in peace all along the line. In speaking on the subject of peace, President Shibe of the Athletics said the other day that if some of the magnates on either side would show the least bit of common sense the trouble between the American and the National leagues could be fixed up in a short time. "There are several hot-headed gentlemen in both organizations," said Mr. Shibe, "who do not believe in a compromise of any kind. They want to fight this thing out on the original lines, and believe it can be done. The others, who want all differences settled for the good of the game in general, cannot control these men at present, and until they do the two organizations will continue on the outs."

The fact that Charlie Hickman has been playing a star game at short for the New York team does not bring tears of joy to the eyes of Manager Selee of the Bostons, who was the discoverer of Hickman. On the contrary, there is a sound which, carefully analyzed, bears a striking resemblance to the genus cuss word, emanates from Mr. Selee whenever Hickman's name is mentioned, inlaid with words of praise. Selee never wanted to part with Hickman. He realized at the time the Boston club had him that he would develop into a star; that by constant work in either the infield or the outfield he could be made to fit nicely into one of those positions. He also took him under his care in the way of hitting, and advanced him sufficiently far in the art of handling a bat to have him give promise of developing into a good sticker. His protests against the Boston club turning him over to New York were in vain. The gentlemen who owned the Boston club thought they knew better than the manager just how good—or how bad—Hickman was. And the Giants got him. To-day Hickman is a more valuable man than Selee has on his outfield. But he belongs to New York.

WILLIAM KEELER,

Scientific batter of the Brooklyn club, who is expected to fight it out with Jesse Burkett for batting honors this season. Burkett led the League in 1895 and 1896, while Keeler gained the honors in the two years following.

Exclusive of Rusie the Reds now have only thirteen men under contract. No team in the League has such a small pay roll, so far as numbers are concerned.

Waddell played first for Chicago Tuesday, after Dexter retired with a sore hand. Doyle, who was injured Monday, will be out of the game for several days.

Tommy Corcoran has given out the statement that he hopes to join the Reds in the middle of July, although he does not expect to play regularly until August 15.

TROUBLE IN IOWA ATHLETICS.

Cornhuskers Differ on Policy of Managing Teams.

Iowa City, Ia., July 6.—Athletics is a bone of contention at the State University of Iowa. A bitter fight is making in the city, and it is fairer, perhaps, to say the contest is waging around rather than in the university.

The newspapers have attacked the management of the various teams, and the defenders and opponents of the prevalent system are ranged in warfare, one against the other, as a result of attacks on Manager McCutchen and Coach Knipe.

The chief ammunition of the foes of athletics is furnished by the fact that both these men have been retained by the Board of Regents—each at an advanced salary—for the coming year. It is alleged by those arrayed against the management that the university is "putting a premium on brawn, the while it is depreciating the value of brain." One writer charges the regents with paying larger salaries to the men who manage a football team and train experts than they pay to professors who have devoted years of study and labor to the university upbuilding. It is further alleged that the various teams offer physical training to but a few students, while 1,000 or more are absolutely neglected, so far as any real help is concerned. "Yet," say the opponents of athletics, "the taxpayers of Iowa settle these bills—and they are heavy ones—for the few football players who represent the university." Even the Legislature has been stormed with these arguments.

The claim, too, is made that the Athletic Union is still in debt, despite the fact that the university alleged that it had a champion eleven last fall; that the patronage was large here and abroad, and that $18,700 was spent for athletics at this institution. It is further charged that men who are "built" to play football are induced to come to the university for no other purpose than to take just enough studies to keep up their credits so they can appear on the gridiron.

Inasmuch as the time for the summer training of the 'varsity eleven is drawing near, the question of defending or abandoning athletics at the university is particularly important at present.

In the meantime, while the battle goes on, friends of athletics are making a determined effort (which they claim will be successful) to raise a fund to place athletics on a footing that will put an end to the bickerings and jealousies which have been so prominent of late. The movement is being made with the hope that the University of Iowa may be placed in the front rank of western institutions in athletics.

HARPER LEADS PITCHERS; NICHOLS THE SLUGGERS.

Heidrick Is Well Up in the Batting List—Donlin's Long Hitting Is a Feature of American League Games.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Latest National League batting records show a new Richmond in the field of sluggers—Charley Nichols of the Bostons. Nick is hitting them out for an even .400, with Keeler second, Delehanty third and Heidrick tied with Van Haltren for fourth. Jesse Burkett is but one point behind Van and Emmett. Burkett and Keeler are tied as premier run-getters, with 63 apiece. The two top-notch St. Louis batters have made 98 hits apiece, thus leading the League in this particular. Twenty-nine men are batting .300 or better, the St. Louis list including Heidrick, Burkett, Wallace and Donovan. St. Louis leads in team batting with an even .300. The Cardinals also lead in long-range batting, but Heidrick leads his job as chief individual slugger. Sam Crawford, by dint of some terrific whaling, has gone up top, with 80 extra bases.

Harper has an unquestionable lead among the pitchers, with a winning percentage of .786 to .727 for Sam Leever. Powell ranks ninth with .625. The figures:

National League Batting.

Players.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	SB.	Pct.
Nichols, Boston	19	60	7	24	1	0	.400
Keeler, Brooklyn	57	241	63	92	6	16	.390
Delehanty, Philadelphia	57	226	52	87	2	9	.384
Heidrick, St. Louis	59	255	58	98	6	19	.384
Van Haltren, New York	47	185	33	71	0	9	.384
Burkett, St. Louis	60	256	63	98	1	9	.383
White, Philadelphia	15	46	9	17	2	0	.370
Sheckard, Brooklyn	57	231	58	84	1	19	.364
Davis, New York	43	164	27	59	4	10	.360
Hartzel, Chicago	61	244	42	87	1	23	.357
Crawford, Cincinnati	59	255	50	83	2	9	.353
Wallace, St. Louis	51	209	34	72	5	3	.345
Dorront, Boston	54	213	65	72	9	12	.340
Donovan, St. Louis	54	221	44	76	1	16	.329
Wagner, Pittsburg	58	229	37	77	1	22	.336
Green, Chicago	52	217	33	72	1	18	.332
Kelley, Brooklyn	43	176	25	57	2	10	.324
Flick, Philadelphia	57	229	45	71	9	5	.310
Farrell, Brooklyn	30	124	16	39	2	5	.315
Hurley, Cincinnati	50	200	28	63	2	12	.315
Seibach, New York	53	219	42	68	4	5	.314
Douglass, Philadelphia	22	86	5	27	0	3	.314
Hickman, New York	53	209	27	65	1	7	.311
Wolverton, Philadelphia	50	190	22	59	1	7	.311
Long, Boston	54	210	31	65	6	10	.310
Daly, Brooklyn	58	231	45	71	4	14	.307
Strang, New York	21	185	18	56	5	10	.303
Warner, New York	23	76	10	23	0	2	.303
Beckley, Cincinnati	59	235	40	71	7	2	.302
Bransfield, Pittsburg	58	234	37	70	4	9	.299
Ritchey, Pittsburg	58	225	38	67	8	11	.298
Leach, Pittsburg	53	222	36	66	5	13	.297
Merefee, Chicago	20	64	7	19	3	1	.297
McGuire, Brooklyn	48	169	18	50	2	2	.296
Hamilton, Boston	51	170	41	50	9	13	.294
Thomas, Philadelphia	49	184	45	54	4	8	.293
Clarke, Pittsburg	46	181	35	53	2	8	.293
McCreery, Brooklyn	54	218	61	63	1	11	.289
Kling, Chicago	41	146	19	42	1	6	.288
Steinfeldt, Cincinnati	59	178	22	51	3	3	.286
Kittridge, Boston	46	151	16	43	9	6	.285
Kruger, St. Louis	60	213	23	60	1	8	.282
Dobbs, Cincinnati	43	150	27	42	7	6	.280
Beaumont, Pittsburg	51	218	34	61	8	19	.280
Matthewson, New York	19	58	3	16	0	0	.276
Peitz, Cincinnati	22	116	12	31	2	1	.275
Rayner, Chicago	47	186	18	51	1	1	.272
Waddell, Pitts.-Chicago	16	48	7	13	0	3	.271
Padden, St. Louis	45	181	24	49	4	9	.271
Childs, St. Louis	20	70	11	19	1	1	.271
Dexter, Chicago	49	200	21	54	3	4	.270
McFarland, Philadelphia	21	111	14	30	2	4	.270
Lecyle, Chicago	27	104	11	28	0	8	.269
Eshoe, Cin.-Chicago	17	52	6	14	3	0	.269
Phillips, Cincinnati	17	45	8	12	1	0	.267
Poole, Pittsburg	16	49	1	13	1	1	.265
Kitson, Brooklyn	19	53	8	14	0	0	.264
Dolan, Chicago-Brook	48	187	29	49	1	5	.262
Nichols, St. Louis	34	126	28	33	0	6	.262
Moran, Boston	18	68	5	18	2	0	.258
Magoon, Cincinnati	50	175	13	45	4	6	.257
McBride, Cin.-New York	30	122	23	31	1	0	.254
McGann, St. Louis	55	221	34	55	0	10	.249
Chance, Chicago	29	97	17	24	0	15	.248
Crelius, Boston	39	146	21	36	0	4	.247
Sudhoff, St. Louis	17	49	7	12	0	0	.245
Gatins, Brooklyn	35	142	15	34	2	2	.239
Davis, Brooklyn-Pitts	29	102	12	24	1	5	.237
Childs, Chicago	58	211	22	50	1	6	.237
McCormick, Chicago	60	216	30	51	3	8	.236
Irwin, Cincinnati	59	220	21	52	3	12	.236
Hallman, Philadelphia	29	140	19	33	10	6	.236
Zimmer, Pittsburg	31	107	8	25	3	3	.234
Donovan, Brooklyn	20	61	9	14	2	1	.230
Ryan, St. Louis	37	145	16	33	4	1	.228
Lowe, Boston	44	154	16	35	3	2	.227
Bergen, Cincinnati	27	90	11	20	1	2	.222
Corcoran, Cincinnati	15	51	9	14	1	6	.219
Bowerman, New York	28	98	13	21	0	1	.219
Cross, Philadelphia	57	196	24	46	5	6	.219
Gammons, Boston	26	92	10	20	3	6	.217
Dahlen, Brooklyn	54	213	26	45	4	8	.212
Ganzel, New York	53	190	15	43	2	1	.211
Barry, Boston-Phila	31	109	10	23	3	10	.211
Ely, Pittsburg	53	212	17	44	5	3	.208
Hahn, Cincinnati	18	58	4	12	1	0	.207
Bernard, New York	22	79	12	16	0	2	.203
Nelson, New York	34	120	13	24	3	8	.200
Slagle, Philadelphia	48	182	20	36	4	7	.198
Phillips, Pittsburg	18	48	4	9	3	2	.188
O'Connor, Pittsburg	29	91	8	17	3	0	.187
Harper, St. Louis	18	49	8	9	2	0	.184
Tannehill, Pittsburg	28	77	7	14	2	3	.182
Taylor, New York	17	48	8	8	3	0	.167
Delehanty, Chicago	17	64	4	11	1	5	.172
Smith, Pittsburg-Boston	16	59	5	10	2	2	.169
Dineen, Boston	17	54	5	9	2	5	.167
Powell, St. Louis	21	70	4	8	3	0	.160
Newton, Cincinnati	18	53	3	8	0	0	.151
Donahue, Philadelphia	15	53	9	7	1	0	.132

Club Batting.

Clubs.	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	SB.	Pct.
St. Louis	2,117	374	638	29	77	.301
Brooklyn	2,087	336	599	81	93	.287
New York	1,796	247	502	23	45	.280
Cincinnati	1,981	269	541	35	59	.273
Chicago	2,135	276	578	23	115	.272
Philadelphia	1,917	291	533	35	71	.272
Pittsburg	2,027	300	541	41	97	.267
Boston	1,790	244	468	54	71	.265

Long Hits by Clubs.

Clubs.	2B.	3B.	4B.	Total Extra Bases.
St. Louis	93	46	17	389
Brooklyn	81	50	14	358
Cincinnati	84	34	13	322
Philadelphia	82	26	13	294
Chicago	58	20	7	234
New York	71	25	4	232
Pittsburg	55	34	5	232
Boston	57	20	10	214

Individual Sluggers.

Players.	2B.	3B.	4B.	Total Extra Bases
Crawford, Cincinnati	7	14	6	80
Delehanty, Philadelphia	18	9	4	79
Flick, Philadelphia	13	8	5	70
Heidrick, St. Louis	11	9	5	69
Hartzel, Chicago	14	10	2	66
Sheckard, Brooklyn	11	7	4	59
Burkett, St. Louis	8	9	3	55
Daly, Brooklyn	16	6	1	54
Keeler, Brooklyn	9	10	1	52
McCreery, Brooklyn	9	8	3	52

Base Running.

Players.	G.	SB.	Pct.
Chance, Chicago	29	15	.517
Wagner, Pittsburg	58	22	.379
Hartzel, Chicago	61	23	.377
Corcoran, Cincinnati	16	6	.375
Beaumont, Pittsburg	51	19	.373
Green, Chicago	53	13	.316
Sheckard, Brooklyn	57	19	.333
Barry, Boston-Philadelphia	31	10	.322
Heidrick, St. Louis	59	19	.322

Pitching Records.

Players.	W.	L.	Pct.	R.	BH.	BB.	SO.
*Harper, St. Louis	11	3	.786	69	137	25	41
Leever, Pittsburg	8	3	.727	54	102	21	50
Donovan, Brooklyn	5	2	.714	36	79	19	41
*Matthewson, New York	12	5	.706	43	112	33	93
Philippi, Pittsburg	9	4	.692	25	93	17	51
*Hahn, Cincinnati	11	6	.647	72	171	20	113
Donohue, Philadelphia	9	5	.643	54	137	32	34
Pittinger, Boston	7	4	.636	43	118	33	47
Powell, St. Louis	10	6	.625	58	128	18	53
*Tannehill, Pittsburg	7	5	.583	48	108	21	51
Willis, Boston	7	5	.583	50	122	22	59
Orth, Philadelphia	7	5	.583	43	111	14	27
Dineen, Boston	8	6	.571	63	141	23	77
Chesbro, Pittsburg	6	5	.545	38	79	19	41
Sudhoff, St. Louis	7	6	.538	53	113	22	31
Hughes, Brooklyn	6	6	.500	57	116	48	43
Duggleby, Philadelphia	6	6	.500	57	118	27	34
Taylor, New York	8	9	.471	69	125	37	61
White, Philadelphia	7	8	.467	65	123	30	71
Phillips, Cincinnati	8	9	.460	101	165	30	49
Taylor, Chicago	5	9	.357	76	128	18	26
*Nichols, Boston	4	8	.333	59	115	23	54
*Kitson, Brooklyn	4	8	.333	69	122	31	46
Waddell, Pitts-Chicago	5	10	.333	89	177	41	70
Menefee, Chicago	4	9	.308	72	155	25	31
*Newton, Cincinnati	4	11	.267	102	165	54	53
*Hughes, Chicago	2	9	.182	63	115	37	70

*One tied game pitched.

AMERICAN CRACKS ABROAD.

Formidable Bunch of Athletes After Foreign Honors.

Maxwell W. Long, holder of the world's record for a quarter of a mile, sailed for England ten days ago on the St. Louis to compete in the championship meeting at Huddersfield on July 6.

Several months ago, it was stated that a formidable team of American athletes would visit England this season and tour through that country as well as Scotland and Ireland, independent of the athletic clubs to which they belong. Long's arrival will complete the team, which, in addition to the champion quarter-miler, consists of A. F. Duffy, intercollegiate and English 100-yard champion; I. K. Baxter, international and English high-jump champion; A. C. Kraenzlein, holder of world's record for 120 yards and 220-yard hurdles, and J. W. B. Tewksbury, ex-champion intercollegiate sprinter.

So far as known, the above are not being sent to represent any athletic club, but have been induced to make the trip by the better prizes and more thorough appreciation of their endeavors which maintain in England. Maxy Long only made up his mind to take the trip a few days ago. He only started in training a few days before the national championships at Buffalo, which explains his failure to defend his title to the quarter mile American championship. Before leaving Long said that he would make a tour of Great Britain and would return to America about the middle of September. A number of the Twenty-three

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Napoleon La Joie is still the top-notch batter of the American League, and has even lifted his percentage a shade during the week. Odd Cy Young, who never did any leather knitting in the National League, is on a frightful rampage with the club, and ranks but one point below La Joie. Keister is third and Ralph Seybold fourth; Thirty men are batting over .300, seventeen of the number being National League deserters.

Baltimore leads in team batting, and the Athletics in extra bases. La Joie is still the premier individual slugger, with 81 extra cushions. The antique Young is leading pitcher, with a remarkable record, Clark Griffith but a little way behind. The figures:

Players.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	SB.	Pct.
La Joie, Athletics	53	228	64	93	0	15	.408
Young, Boston	16	64	13	22	1	6	.407
Keister, Baltimore	38	156	37	61	2	22	.391
Seybold, Athletics	31	136	26	53	0	5	.390
Mercer, Washington	17	44	13	15	4	2	.364
McGraw, Baltimore	47	169	52	61	2	20	.361
Hart, Baltimore	20	75	13	27	2	3	.360
Grady, Washington	24	79	17	28	2	4	.354
Collins, Boston	51	207	45	73	2	4	.353
Donlin, Baltimore	25	145	40	51	1	9	.352
Dungan, Washington	50	211	28	74	3	6	.351
Freeman, Boston	30	134	34	63	0	3	.350
Bock, Cleveland	49	202	26	71	3	3	.350
Duffy, Milwaukee	51	170	30	59	7	7	.347
Sugden, Chicago	17	49	8	17	2	3	.347
Lord, Athletics	54	226	44	78	5	5	.339
Seymour, Baltimore	48	196	27	66	7	17	.333
Stahl, Boston	46	172	35	57	4	15	.333
McCarthy, Cleveland	55	218	35	71	11	7	.326
Barrett, Detroit	56	225	49	72	3	14	.320
Hickman, Cleveland	54	216	41	67	3	16	.319
McFarland, Chicago	52	183	38	58	5	13	.317
Elberfeld, Detroit	42	136	33	43	4	10	.316
Dowd, Boston	51	216	37	68	3	15	.315
Foster, Washington	34	147	23	45	0	4	.313
Schreck, Boston	23	103	13	32	2	2	.311
Mertes, Chicago	57	213	43	65	15	20	.305
Hartman, Chicago	57	237	40	72	1	17	.304
Griffith, Chicago	16	43	9	13	0	0	.302
Bradley, Cleveland	54	202	42	61	2	4	.302
Anderson, Milwaukee	57	236	29	70	2	19	.297
Conroy, Milwaukee	51	195	34	58	1	12	.297
Yeager, Detroit	16	54	11	16	2	2	.296
Lee, Washington	17	54	6	16	0	1	.296
La Chance, Cleveland	49	210	35	62	1	5	.295
Ferris, Boston	51	185	28	54	2	4	.293
Robinson, Baltimore	39	148	19	43	2	5	.291
Jackson, Baltimore	48	193	23	56	3	10	.290
Dillon, Detroit	34	124	21	38	1	9	.284
Fultz, Athletics	51	213	30	60	9	15	.282
Waldron, Milwaukee	56	242	41	68	2	11	.281
Holmes, Detroit	55	226	38	63	1	17	.279
Clarke, Washington	38	154	18	43	1	3	.279
Jones, Chicago	57	205	56	57	8	16	.278
Wood, Cleveland	46	181	25	50	2	2	.276
Hayden, Athletics	50	216	33	59	7	4	.273
Williams, Baltimore	47	198	51	54	4	8	.273
Hemphill, Boston	50	199	30	54	2	7	.271
Hallman, Milwaukee	57	229	27	63	5	5	.271
Nance, Detroit	56	202	30	55	8	3	.269
Gilbert, Milwaukee	54	218	37	58	8	6	.269
Hawley, Milwaukee	16	41	1	11	0	0	.268
Gear, Washington	17	58	5	15	0	1	.268
Bresnahan, Baltimore	15	49	10	13	1	1	.265
Isbell, Chicago	57	245	46	65	2	21	.265
Sullivan, Chicago	43	171	15	45	6	6	.263
Powers, Athletics	51	196	27	51	6	6	.260
Coughlin, Washington	50	197	33	51	3	3	.259
O'Brien, Wash.-Cleve	41	176	23	46	2	8	.255
Casey, Detroit	50	227	43	58	2	11	.216
Leahy, Milwaukee-Ath	33	111	18	28	2	4	.252
McAllister, Detroit	35	123	22	31	5	8	.251
Quinn, Washington	16	52	4	13	2	0	.250
Carrick, Washington	16	52	4	13	2	0	.250
Parent, Boston	51	197	34	49	2	4	.249
Blunart, Chicago	57	227	32	56	2	6	.247
Farrell, Washington	46	187	34	46	0	12	.246
Davis, Athletics	34	143	15	35	3	6	.245
Genins, Cleveland	26	85	15	23	4	2	.243
Yeager, Cleveland	23	92	9	22	3	2	.239
Hoy, Chicago	57	223	53	53	5	9	.238
Geier, Athletics	50	211	45	50	1	8	.237
Shay, Cleveland	19	75	4	17	1	1	.227
Gleason, Detroit	56	228	24	51	7	10	.226
Connor, Milwaukee	22	67	9	15	1	0	.224
Friel, Milwaukee	20	77	8	17	2	2	.221
Burke, Milwaukee	57	209	25	46	3	7	.220
Patterson, Chic