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George Sisler Stars With Bat Against Clark Griffith's Men

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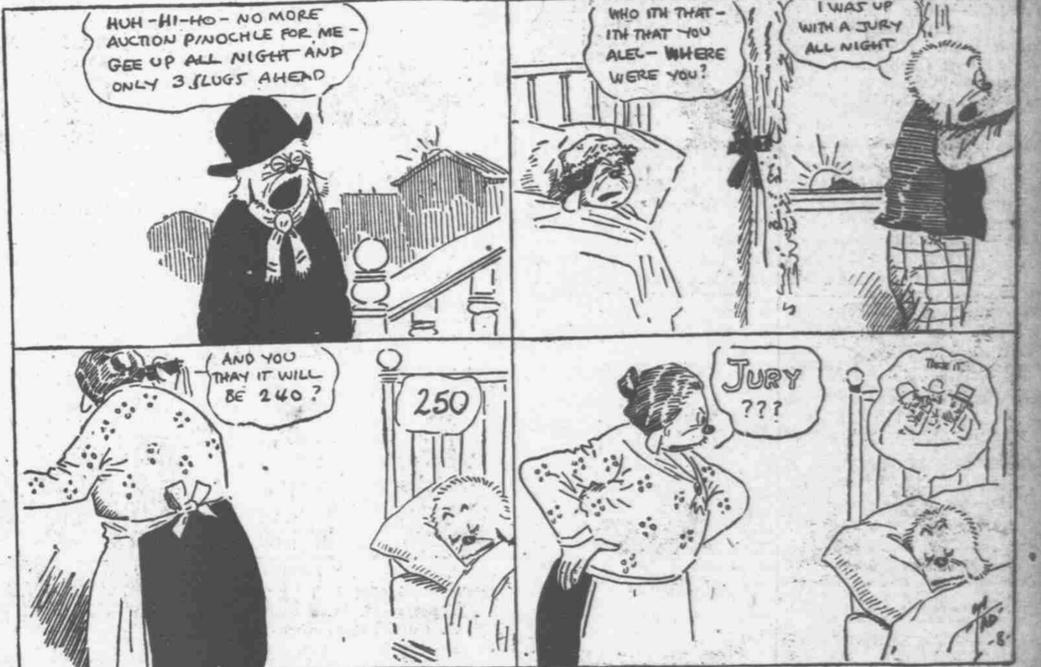
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The Judge Overbid His Hand



GEORGE SISLER MAKES GOOD RECORD WITH FLAIL AGAINST GRIFF HURLERS

By AL MUNRO ELIAS.

The greatest player that has flashed into major league view since Ty Cobb's advent in 1905. That is what is said of George Sisler—and all of it is true.

Of the countless thousands of men who have cavorted on the diamond in the past fifteen years, none has performed with the brilliance or in a fashion so spectacular as that of the all-around Brownie.

The two big leagues nearly went to war over the possession of Sisler, the Pittsburgh Nationals and the St. Louis Browns each laid claim to him. It was one of the few times in the history of organized baseball that there has been a real conflict over the possession of a player. But all the battling that was done over Sisler was justifiable because he was a prize such as rarely is drawn in these days of scarcity of real diamond athletes.

Sisler, born in 1883, played his first real games in 1910 and 1911 as a member of the Akron (Ohio) High School team. In 1912 he was signed by the Akron club, of the Ohio and Pennsylvania League, and later was transferred to Columbus, in the American Association. That club sold him to the Pirates on August 22, 1912, but Sisler refused to report. He had decided to go to college and took a course at the University of Michigan. He was a player on one of the brightest chapters in collegiate history.

Great College Hurler. Sisler gained his greatest fame as a pitcher in his college days. And it was largely on the strength of this that he was signed by the Browns.

The Pirates at once insisted that Sisler was their property, and they pointed out that they had kept him on the reserve list. A fight was made for Sisler by Barney Dreyfuss, and in the end he was awarded to the American League club.

During a recent fanning bee, at which both Barney Dreyfuss and the writer took their three healthies with the rest of the gang, Dreyfuss spilled the real info regarding the discovery of George Sisler.

During the early summer of 1912 Artie Hoffman, one time gangster, was the man who rushed into Dreyfuss' office in the Smoky City and prevailed upon Barney making a trip to Bargarion, Ohio, with whom Sisler was playing, the team playing independent ball at nearby towns.

Dreyfuss, after watching Sisler at practice, left the grounds and bought Sisler via phone from the Columbus American Association, the man who owned title to the player, but he never got him.

Made Debut in 1915. Sisler's debut as a pitcher was on June 28, 1915, against the White Sox. He served in the role of a pinch hitter and then twirled the last three innings for his club. His showing that day convinced every one that he was one of the greatest natural all-around ball players that ever wore a spike.

Sisler's first complete game as a pitcher was on July 3, 1915, when he beat the Indians, 3 to 1. His hitting in that game and in subsequent contests, his wonderful base running ability and his faultless fielding convinced the Browns owners that Sisler would be a far more valuable man at first base than as a pitcher.

Averages .319 at Bat. Sisler, in his four seasons, has batted the ball for an average of .319 and has fielded for the remarkable average of .986. He has scored 241 runs in a total of 480 games and has batted out 158 hits. A total of 116 stolen bases is to Sisler's credit—an average of twenty-nine pilfers a season.

Sisler, during his career, has found the pitching of the Indian staff the easiest to maltreat—and that of the Red Sox the hardest. Since 1915 he has hit for .371 against the Indian moundmen and he could gather in only .255 when pitted against the Bostonians.

Sisler's record as a pitcher is not a very extensive one because he so quickly proved his all-around ability that he was taken from the mound and placed on first base. He pitched a total of seventeen games during the four years and won five of them.

One of the outstanding features of Sisler's batting prowess is the fact that the more wonderful the pitcher the more he seems to connect. Death Valley Jim Scott, of the White Sox, never had any terrors for Sisler. The Browns clouted him for an average of .464.

Ernie Shore of the Red Sox was a

TWO AND THREE WITH "BUGS" BAER

Now that the Kaiser is back in his cage again and the works are safe for democracy, the world has settled back to feeding the canary and wondering if mixing up the contents of three two per cent bottles will give you a six per cent concoction.

Mathematically chipping, three times two are six, but somehow, the guy who invented the adding machine left the kick out.

The war bumped an awful dent in afternoon teas, dancing, and other essential industries. Unlike garages were buttoned up to the ears and the tango sniffers and dancing doops flat-footed it for the draft-proof cellar. But since the war groundhog failed to lamp his shadow this year, they have all popped out and are at the old stand with a new line of peanuts.

Dancing is clattering along on all four cylinders again. The muftige and glue parlors are traveling faster than ever. Maybe it's because they are going down hill. The momentum is always swifter going down and out.

The latest rash to bust out in the hoofing epidemic is labeled the Larumba Shiver. It's an artistic piece of heel shaking if you say it quick and don't stop to think what you are talking about. It is a hash of St. Vitus's dance, epilepsy and capillary tremors. It was smuggled into America by Doodiedia, who danced it before all the uncrowned skulls of Europe. We wiped the opening show and the whole house was pointing with sobers. There wasn't a dry opera glass in the front row.

In the old days when your granny was a grandflogger, dancing consisted of waltz and the Virginia reel. The waltz was limped to mausemum music slowed up especially for the occasion. If any chicken toddled faster than a whisper, four dozen hand-picked chorons got tangled up in their lorgettes and it took a wrecking crew to get 'em back on the tracks again.

The Virginia reel was a neat but not gaudy method of limping through the evening without giving the neighbors anything to buzz about. Old-time dancing was merely picking up your feet and saying 'em down again. Picking 'em up and saying 'em down—that's all.

But now? Sweet cookies! Dancing is an earthquake in shoes. Even the old Hawaiian hella-hella dance is out. Not enough pep. The Hindu meale dance has taken its place. Great waltz. Reach it. The Virginia reel, too. Victim must keep out of the sunlight. Sort of a terpsichorean spasm with no extenuating circumstances. This is a one-sticker job. Needs no accompaniment, and dances is safe unless police grab his thumbs-pink off of the dinner check. Notta chance.

The Pijl blaster dance is also some two-footed apoplexy. You shake your shoulder-blades until you get blisters on your insteps. Fine business.

The Hawaiian flex jazz is another anti-trotting atrocity. This isn't exactly a dance—more of a hunt. Something stylish imported from Turkey in the Constantinople convulsion. This is a toe excruciation. You trot about a full marathon in one spot. Gyrate around as if the linoleum was red hot. Generally finished in a form-fitting coil the next day with an orchestra of police whistles. The straightjacket jassarine isn't so popular, as the dancer is wired in like a bale of old paper.

The straitjacket jassarine is a ringer to move nothing but his feet, which spoils the tableaux. They don't use their feet in dancing any more.

Get the Dope Here

SISLER'S FOUR YEAR BATTING AND FIELDING RECORD AGAINST EACH CLUB

Clubs	G.	A.B.	R.	H.	SB.	H.R.	TC.	P.	DP.
Indians	66	259	41	96	29	3	125	8	18
Yankees	76	295	24	99	10	3	124	7	11
Athletics	79	312	26	85	12	4	119	10	26
Cleveland	80	288	20	82	15	5	110	9	27
Griffman	68	253	20	80	11	5	104	14	16
Tigers	69	268	24	82	15	5	110	9	27
White Sox	63	241	22	62	6	4	79	7	10
Red Sox	79	295	28	84	10	5	110	15	14
Totals	480	1848	241	585	59	29	762	56	116

HOW SISLER PITCHED TO EACH CLUB IN THE AMERICAN LEAGUE

Clubs	G.	W.	L.	P.	IP.	AB.	R.	H.	BB.	H.B.	S.O.	WP.
Philadelphia	1	0	1	0	1.000	5	19	1	0	0	0	0
Washington	4	2	1	0	7.500	36	119	8	26	7	15	0
St. Louis	1	0	1	0	1.000	5	19	1	0	0	0	0
Detroit	1	0	1	0	1.000	5	19	1	0	0	0	0
Chicago	2	0	1	0	1.000	12	42	2	8	4	0	0
New York	4	0	1	0	1.000	2	7	3	1	1	1	0
Grand totals	17	2	6	0	4.500	80	314	28	72	46	5	0

During his American League career as a hurler, Sisler pitched to 314 batters. Of these 77 hits were made for an average of .239 that the American League batters have hit Sisler for.

HOW SISLER BATTED AGAINST TWENTY-FIVE LEADING HURLERS

Pitcher and club	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	H.R.	T.B.	S.H.	S.B.	P.C.
Scott, Chicago	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Shore, Boston	9	36	5	14	3	0	1	20	1	.389
Shaw, Philadelphia	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.333
Galla, Washington	13	59	5	19	2	0	1	20	0	.322
Shaw, Washington	9	34	5	12	1	0	1	15	0	.353
Harpur, Washington	10	42	6	15	2	0	0	15	0	.357
Myer, Philadelphia	12	46	11	16	0	0	1	18	3	.344
Ayer, Washington	7	29	2	10	0	0	0	10	0	.345
Faber, Chicago	11	41	14	14	2	0	0	14	0	.340
S. Coveleski, Cleveland	9	41	2	14	4	0	0	18	0	.341
Bagby, Philadelphia	10	34	6	12	0	0	0	15	2	.353
Grady, Philadelphia	9	32	4	12	4	0	0	14	0	.375
Caldwell, New York	11	49	5	16	4	1	0	22	0	.327
Morton, Cleveland	11	42	14	14	1	0	0	14	0	.333
W. Johnson, Washington	18	62	9	20	5	1	0	27	0	.323
Shawkey, Phila. and N.Y.	9	36	2	11	1	0	0	12	0	.306
Morrissey, New York	11	41	6	14	1	0	0	14	0	.341
Boiland, Detroit	9	35	5	10	2	0	1	14	1	.286
Mitchell, Detroit	13	50	9	12	2	0	1	18	2	.269
Paul, Detroit	11	44	14	14	2	0	0	14	0	.318
Ruth, Boston	18	64	8	18	1	0	0	19	6	.281
Deacon, Detroit	12	48	7	12	2	0	0	13	2	.250
Mays, Boston	12	58	4	13	1	0	0	16	0	.224
Cicotte, Chicago	7	29	2	8	0	0	0	6	1	.274
Perry, Philadelphia	20	79	2	27	2	0	0	27	0	.341
Grand totals	262	1,020	116	314	48	15	6	410	29	62

GEORGE SISLER'S BATTING STREAKS IN TEN OR MORE CONSECUTIVE GAMES

Date	Clubs	AB.	R.	H.	SB.	H.R.	Sept.	Williams
Aug. 18, 1917	20	80	14	33	3	0	28	.413
Sept. 19, 1917	12	42	12	19	2	0	18	.452
Aug. 22, 1917	12	50	7	24	0	0	29	.480
June 30, 1917	11	42	10	20	7	0	27	.476
Apr. 22, 1917	14	49	10	20	1	0	22	.408
July 19, 1916	10	36	6	16	2	0	22	.444
July 12, 1918	10	39	7	17	2	0	22	.436
June 9, 1918	10	43	5	18	4	1	24	.419
Total 8 streaks	97	388	64	116	27	8	1	.313

IDAHO AND NEVADA HAVE BUT AN OUTSIDE CHANCE

PORT WORTH, Texas, March 8.—Location of the Willard-Dempsey mill July 4 will not be selected until the Legislatures of Illinois and New York dispose of pending boxing bills. Promoter Tex Rickard made this statement before boarding a train that is carrying him toward New York today. He expected to arrive in New York Monday.

OPPOSING MOLLYCODDLES, WOMAN CHAMPIONS BOXING

BOISE, Idaho, March 8.—I don't want my sons to be mollycoddles. This bill will prevent a race of mollycoddles, said Representative Carrie White, championing the twenty-round boxing bill, which became a State law today.

Mrs. White, another woman legislator and a minister, were active supporters of the bill, which had been strongly urged by returned soldiers. The measure was signed yesterday by Governor Davis, shortly after its passage.

PICK DENMAN THOMPSON.

Denman Thompson, sporting editor of the Evening Star, was elected unanimously Washington representative of the Baseball Writers' Association of America at the annual meeting held yesterday. He has outlined a progressive campaign of justice and decorum for the press box at the Georgia avenue park and plans to serve tea and cakes on Wednesdays with near beer on Saturdays and Sundays.

CLAIMS WELTER TITLE.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 8.—Johnny Colmans, of Toledo, claims the welterweight championship today, following the refusal of Ted (Kid) Lewis to enter the ring for his scheduled eight-round bout here last night. Lewis watched Colmans weigh in at 149 pounds, then stated he was too ill to fight. His manager, Charley Harvey, made no statement.

GASEY OR GHARRITY DOOMED TO TRAVEL

Announced officially by Ed Barrow in Boston and reluctantly admitted here by Manager Griffith, "Slam" Agnew, the veteran backstop, has been purchased by the Washington club for the waiver price of \$2,400. His coming means the passing of either Joe "Foghorn" Casey or Ed Gharrity. "Slam" received his nickname during his first season with the Red Sox. He injected his burly person into a scrap near the pitcher's box at Georgia avenue, wallopping Clark Griffith right on the kisser. Agnew threatened to become a big league batsman of parts while with the St. Louis Browns, but one day he stuck his face in the path of one of Agnew's wild heaves. He spent several weeks at Georgetown University Hospital and, on his return to the game, always remembered that accident and his batting prowess passed from sight. Ray Morgan used to start the fights for Eddie Alasmith to finish, but next season Hank Shanks will be the official starter, with "Slam" Agnew to flame them in the ring. Agnew should have a busy year, especially if Agnew can begin to keep up with Hank.

HANK SEVEREID EXPECTS TO START BASEBALL YEAR

ST. LOUIS, March 8.—A letter from Hank Severid, of the Browns, was received at American League headquarters here today, which contained good news for the local club's leadership. Severid stated that he was on his way to Bordeaux, at the village of Tere, awaiting shipment back to this country.

He said he did not expect to be here in time to take part in the spring training trip, but that he felt certain they would be transported in time to get into the game early in the season. At American League headquarters it was stated that Severid might even now be on the ocean, as some weeks had elapsed since the letter was posted.

SHAWKEY SIGNS PAPERS; HUGGINS EXPECTS BAKER

NEW YORK, March 8.—Bob Shawkey, ace of the Yankees' right-hand pitchers, has affixed his signature to a Yankee contract for the coming season. Miller Huggins signed Shawkiey in Philadelphia, as a part of his roundup of the stragglers. Huggins, continuing his scouting program, is now trying to sign Frank Baker. He has called on Baker at his home in Trappe, Md., and hopes to return with his contract.

TAKES SMALL SQUAD.

CHICAGO, March 8.—I shall take not more than twenty-four players to Pasadena, said President-Manager Fred Mitchell today as he announced the release of Pitcher Dixie Walker to Columbus in the American Association.

FRESHMEN WOULD PLAY.

The University of Virginia Freshmen are anxious to land a game or two here around April 15. John C. Davidson is manager of the Virginia freshman nine, and would like to hear from Washington schools in regard to a contest.

"JING" JOHNSON SIGNS.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—"Jingling" Johnson, one of Connie Mack's most promising young hurlers, has signed his 1919 contract. He formerly pitched for Urbana College and was mustered out of the naval reserve only yesterday.

CHANEY MEETS DRONEY.

PHILADELPHIA, March 8.—George Chaney, Baltimore's outpaw slugger, will meet Tim Dronney, of Lancaster, tonight in six rounds at the National A. A.

RED SOX SIGN SCOTT.

BOSTON, March 8.—Everett Scott, the Red Sox shortstop, has signed his 1919 contract.

Bad Eyesight Explains This Incident.

A few weeks ago in Frisco Jim Flynn walked into Louis Parente's glided cafe. Jim had some friends with him and they all started to look at the fight photos which adorn Parente's walls. They laughed over the picture of Leitch Cross knocked out by Hyland. They laughed at Rivers dropped by Ritchie. They had many a laugh, and Jim meandered off to a corner by himself. He discovered a pip of a knockout. He gave it one look and then yelled to his friends: "Say, fellers, come here. Did you ever see a guy deader than this fellow is? He's stiff!" The friends walked over and after looking at the photo they read the line below it. This said: "Jim Flynn, knocked out by Sam Langford in one round."

COLLEGES ENGAGE IN DOUBLE BILL

The last big double bill of the basketball season will be served up to faithful fans at the Y. M. C. A. tonight, starting at 8 o'clock, when Gallaudet College and Catholic University will meet in a double bill. The first contest is expected to settle the District Intercollegiate Basketball League title. A win for Gallaudet will mean that the Kendall Greeners will have but one more contest to go before annexing the championship. A win for Catholic University will put the Brooklanders ahead of the Gallaudets.

Both contests are expected to furnish a deal of scrap. Maryland State has been improving right along and can be counted upon to give the Hatchettes a good battle. Catholic University will probably have O'Brien, Goebel, McDonough, Kendrick and Glasscott in the lineup. Catholic University will play Wilson, La Fontaine, Bouchard, Downes and Dohrmann or House.

George Washington will present Ladd, Witt, Wilson, Endrowood and Lanche, while State will have Gilbert, Berlin, Burrell, Knode, Stone and Ready in the play.

STYLES IS VICTOR.

PINEHURST, N. C., March 8.—Edward Styles, of the Washington Golf and Country Club, will meet Dwight L. Armstrong, the Oakmont golfer, in the play off for the tie in medal play in the spring tournament here today. They also meet in the final round of the tournament.

TECH ATHLETES OUT.

Tech's athletes responded to a call for spring work yesterday that astonished Coach W. M. Apple. The Tech track and baseball candidates were out in droves, while the basketball league games were well patronized.

POTOMACS GET OUT.

Potomac Boat Club oarsmen are expected to get a workout tomorrow if shells can be gotten out. Rowing activities are on the boom with the return of many oarsmen.

WILL PLAY TUESDAY.

Western and Central freshmen will play Tuesday afternoon for the High School Freshman League title.

FRESH START OUT.

Georgetown Preps are arranging their baseball season. Veterans of last season are available for the team.

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