

SACRIFICE'S VALUE BECOMING KNOWN

League Records Show Why Detroit and Philadelphia Finished One, Two.

BUNT IS A GREAT HELP

Bush, Tom Jones, Crawford and Cobb Can "Lay 'Em Down." The Records.

In sacrifice hitting a lost art? Not by a long way. It is still in its infancy and baseball fans are bound to hear more of it each succeeding year, and at the same time will have greater respect for the "little sacrifice."

However, this does not necessarily mean that sacrifice hitting is becoming a lost art. Digging into the dope will further one learns that about one-third again in the season than it was during the season that is a little over two months past than in 1908.

Percentage Increases. Would you believe, Mr. Fan, that in 1908, American League batters sacrificed themselves at bat in an effort to advance runners a total of 2,000 times, or to be exact, 2,047?

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In scanning the dope of the past season, the fan will readily understand why Detroit and Philadelphia finished one, two. Bush of the Tigers led the league in sacrifice hits, while Tom Jones, Crawford and Cobb helped out with their mites.

Now, take Cleveland and St. Louis, two teams that were picked to make a big showing in the 1909 pennant race.

Bradley and Stovall were the only two batters to land in the electric circle of sacrifice batters with twenty credit marks. They were tied for twenty-third place.

The "sacrifice hit" looks like a mighty small thing in a box score, but when one comes down to brass tacks it is just as big a factor in scoring runs as a clean single to the outfield.

A man that can both bunt and at the same time earn himself a good batting average is a mighty good man for a ball club. He can usually lay down between 50 and 100 balls that were intended for sacrifice hits and beat some 33 or 40 of them out.

Bradley an Example. Time was when Bill Bradley of the Naps was feared by every pitcher in the league, for he could wield a willow with deadly effect.

Fans all over the circuit recall when Bradley's name graced the select eleven of 300 batters, but they have several years since the Naps third sacker has been even closer.

There is no denying that Bradley was one of the star sacrifice hitters of the major leagues for several seasons. Not only did his sacrifice hitting suffer, but he also failed to improve his batting average.

Few and far between are the players who are close to the top in sacrifice hits who can lay claim to hefty batting averages. In 1908, Bradley had the phenomenal record of sixty sacrifice hits in 148 games, a record not even approached by any other major league player.

Just to show the fallacy of the statement that a man can't hit and be a clever sacrificer at the same time, Frank Baker, third sacker of the Athletics, who finished the season with the nice juicy sweet average of .335, was first among the sacrifice hitters, with

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thirty-four. He was tied by his teammate, Danny Murphy, who played in one more game and finished the year with the handsome batting mark of .281.

Of the men who finished in high society in sacrifice hits in 1909 that is, those who had twenty or more, Bradley, Ganley, Lord, Tom Jones, Stovall, Altizer, Murphy, Crawford, Conroy, Keeler and Lee Tannahill repeated last season. The list of classy sacrifice hitters for the two years follows:

Table with columns for Player Name, Team, and Statistics. Includes names like Bush, Detroit, Ganley, Wash.-Phila., etc.

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ED GEERS HAS DRIVEN OVER A MILLION MILES

Veteran Horseman Has Been on Track Since 1874—Still Drives Flying Sulky.

How would you like to ride from fifty to 150 miles in a sulky in a day? How would you like to try the same thing every day for a month, and then for a year?

Few and far between have been the days since 1874 that Ed ("Pop") Geers, the veteran driver of harness racers, did not climb into his sulky, until, on some occasions, he had driven 150 miles. Other days he drove 100 miles, and some days only fifty miles. His average during all these years has been about 100 miles.

Just try to drive fifty miles a day in a sulky and you will learn that it is no snap. Geers, however, likes to be up behind a good piece of horse-flesh. He doesn't mind the fifty miles a day right now, despite his years. He says it's child's play. He feels that he has done a good deal of work when he drives 100 miles, while 150 (the limit) is such an extent that he never moves from the time he retires at night until next morning.

It is almost beyond comprehension the thousands and thousands of miles Geers has driven some of the best troopers and drivers in the history of the sport. Giving him credit for 100 miles a day for thirty-five years, a veteran has ridden 1,275,000 miles in sulky since he first started to train the fast stoppers. Of course Geers has missed some days, but that he has driven 100 miles, he did not drive, but they have been few. It is more than likely that his daily average is even more than 100 miles, in which event he probably has been in the sulky while his various charges reeled off 1,500,000 miles.

There is not a driver on the grand circuit who works any harder than the veteran. He is on the job every morning at the same hour, and makes it a point to retire about the same time each night.

Truly the record of Geers is one that will stand for many years to come, if not for all time.

VIRGINIA DEFEATS WILLIAM & MARY

Wins First Home Game of Basketball by Score of 36 to 16.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., January 8.—Virginia played her first home game of basketball to-night, defeating William & Mary by the decisive score of 36 to 16.

The visitors played pluckily in the first half, the score at the close of the period being 12 to 6. During the second half the speed and stamina of the locals proved too much for the younger and lighter visitors.

Trainer Lannick put in a number of new men and practically ran the Williamsburg players off their feet. Virginia's success lay in the fact that they learned to play the ball well down around their basket, where, by good team work, they made many opportunities to cage the ball.

Spratt, the former Emory and Henry star, put up a spectacular game. He covered lots of territory and landed several goals from mid-air. Cecil gave a clever exhibition of dribbling, and Captain May played a steady and consistent game throughout. His work in the second half, when he tossed a half-dozen goals, aroused much enthusiasm. Ashby did some effective guarding.

Harvard would regulate the sale of football seats.

Boston, Mass., January 8.—Suggestions looking toward a solution of the problem of the distribution of tickets for important football games at Harvard, especially for the biennial contest with Yale, are made in a report of a special committee of the Harvard club of this city, which investigated the methods employed in a recent game.

The committee's conclusions are that there should be a reduction in the number of especially awarded seats, that tickets for members of the Harvard Athletic Association should be abolished, that freshmen and sophomores should be limited to one ticket each, and that university officers should be classed with graduates.

There was an unusual demand for seats, and many complaints reached the management after the game from those who claimed to have been unable to obtain seats, but who were apparently entitled to them.

WOMEN GO UP IN BALLOON. Society Folk Witness Interesting Events at Festivals.

Pasadena at Pasadena. In the throng of 15,000 people crowding the grandstand, bleachers and automobile booths at Tournament Park, 500 well-known society folk of New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and Pittsburg, now composing the winter colony of Pasadena, viewed the exciting chariot race replica of old Roman sports indulged in by the Noras, and cheered on their voyage in air Clifford B. Harmon and two society women, well known in New York, who made an ascent in the balloon Navy York, owned and piloted by Mr. Harmon.

There were cowboys sports, lossing broncho bucking, a Wild West stage hold-up, and other passing events, to relieve the two main features of the tournament of Rose's program of sports.

Miss Jean French and Miss Marie Campbell, both well known to New York, Chicago and Cleveland society,

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made the ascent with Mr. Harmon. A warm sun and slow favorable winds carried them on their journey over a sunny Southland. The balloon landed at nightfall at West Glendale, ten miles west of here.

Navy Wins Basketball Game. Annapolis, Md., January 8.—The Midshipmen's basketball team to-day defeated the team of the New York City College by a score of 29 to 21.

Professional Player Signs Contract to Train Blue's Team. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Annapolis, Md., January 8.—A contract has been signed by the Blue's team for the season of 1910 by the professional player, who is now handling the Blue's team at the Naval Academy.

Declared Off for This Year—Sevannah Also Abandons Race-Meeting. New York, January 8.—There will be no racing over the Daytona sands this winter, unless all signs fail, the automobile tournaments were started in 1907. They have been held at Daytona, Ormond and Daytona. The railroads running South have done little or nothing, and the annual race meeting has become harder each year. In speaking of the matter, W. J. Morgan, who has managed the tournaments with the exception of one year, said:

"I am tired of bearing the burden of the Daytona tournaments, and last winter if I had not sent a man to Daytona there would have been no tournament. The people support it, however, and I am glad to see it supported. The little town of only a normal population of about 2,000 in summer and 15,000 in winter, raised the money for a severe strain on the citizens and merchants. It was my wish that the tournament be continued, and I had the mind bringing over from Europe some fast drivers, including Henry, whose managers called me last week that he would be there to compete against all comers. In the meantime I received a letter from the Florida Great Coast Automobile Association, which has raised the money for the tournament, and they would not care to raise any money this winter. I have received the same advice from Ormond, and I am glad to see my mind so far as I am concerned, there will be no tournament in Florida this winter. It is my earnest wish, however, that some one with more money and time than I possess, or some association or club, should take hold of the tournament, and they have my best wishes."

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AVIATION FIELD READY FOR TRIALS

Preparations Complete for Big Meet Near Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., January 8.—Thousands of curious persons went to-day to the aviation field, at Dominguez, where Glenn H. Curtiss, Charles F. Willard, Frank Johnson, Knabenshue, Charles K. Hamilton, aviators, and half-a-hundred mechanics were assembling aeroplanes and dirigible balloons, and more than 1,000 workmen were putting the finishing touches on the mammoth grandstand, and the field, where the American and foreign aviators will on Monday begin the first competitive flights between all ships ever held in America.

Judges' stands, administration buildings and food accommodations for the air craft were completed to-day. The Curtiss aeroplanes, brought here from Hammondport by Charles K. Hamilton, of the Curtiss Aeroplane Co., were assembled early to-day, in contemplation of trial flights to-morrow.

The new Knabenshue aeroplane, the smallest one that will be seen here, and the Gill-Dosch machine of the Curtiss type, brought from Baltimore, are ready for the morning trials.

Louis Paulhan, French aviator, who is bringing two Farman biplanes and two Bleriot "cross channel" monoplane, are due to arrive to-morrow morning. Until their arrival the program for the competitive trials cannot be completed.

The officers of the Aero Club of California announced to-night the selection of the judges for the competitive flights. Cortland Field Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America, chairman of the Aero Club of California, Charles K. Hamilton, vice-chairman, C. Neuner, Lieutenant Paul W. Beck, Dick Ferris and William Stevens.

Secretary to the judges, W. H. Leonard. Monday has been nominated as Aviation Day, and will be devoted to trials and elimination flights. The aviators will make their flight at night, and heavier than air machines will be flown by Glenn H. Curtiss, Louis Paulhan, Charles K. Hamilton, Charles F. Willard, Frank Johnson, Knabenshue and Lincoln Beachey.

Farman biplanes, Bleriot monoplane, Curtiss biplanes and the new Knabenshue machine will be flown, and several machines made by competitive unknown aviators will be flown. Their first trial will determine whether they shall be entered in the list of competitors for the \$30,000 in prizes.

Flights for the two dozen spherical balloons that have been brought to this city from all parts of the country will be made from Huntington Park, sixty miles from the aviation field.

The first one of the prize competitions for heavier-than-air machines will be on Tuesday. According to Glenn H. Curtiss, the aviators will be competing to make the lightest machine of height of about 75 feet on account of the topography of the field.

LADY IRMA WINS CAPITAL STAKES (Continued from First Page.)

103 (Glasner), 6 to 5, first; Ella Bryson, 116 (Ard), 13 to 5, second; Mr. Carter, 105 (Deerick), 26 to 1, third. Time, 35 4-5.

Second race—five furlongs—Harriet Rowe, 111 (Jackson), 10 to 1, first; Tannie, 116 (Irving), 7 to 1, second; Birt Aker, 122 (Crows), 25 to 1, third. Time, 1:06 3-5.

Third race—five furlongs—Billie Hibbs, 122 (Lewis), 5 to 2, first; Half-far, 125 (McCabe), 4 to 5, second; John Garner, 123 (J. Dennison), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:05 2-5.

Fourth race—six furlongs—Warner Griswell, 109 (Brannon), 3 to 1, first; Edwin L. 106 (Davenport), 4 to 5, second; Fundamental, 111 (Jackson), 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:15 2-5.

Fifth race—five and a half furlongs—Lush will return to the track on Monday, 7 to 1, first; Beth Goodwyn, 106 (Steinhart), 10 to 1, second; Ceasar, 94 (Steinhart), 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:12 1-5.

Sixth race—one and one-eighth miles—Descomnets, 105 (Davenport), 11 to 2, first; Vanon, 106 (Burton), 2 to 1, second; Red Hussler, 114 (Lang), 12 to 1, third. Time, 2:01.

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Lush would also have charge of baseball here, but an agreement could not be reached. Lush will return to the Yale, where he has been baseball coach for several seasons. He will report at New Haven on February 23.

The Naval Academy will use graduate coaches largely. The head coach will probably be Lieutenant P. H. Poole, who formerly coached on the Academy nine.

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Table with columns for ASSETS and LIABILITIES. Includes items like Loans and Discounts, Investments, Bonds and Stocks, etc.

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Table with columns for BOARD OF DIRECTORS. Lists names and positions of directors.

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DESERTED WIFE WILL BRING DAMAGE SUIT

She Believes Heires Was to Blame for Elopement With Waiter-Husband--Girl's Millionaire Grandfather Defendant.

Philadelphia, Pa., January 8.—Mrs. Ferdinand Cohen, wife of the hotel waiter who disappeared about the time Miss Roberta B. de Janon was reported missing, is bringing suit for \$50,000 against Robert Bult, the grandfather of the girl, for alleged alienation of her husband.

Mrs. Cohen returned here last night from New York, called upon Henry J. Scott, an attorney, to-day, and instructed him to bring the suit. Mr. Scott said he would prepare the papers and institute the suit next week. The action, Mr. Scott said, was brought against Mr. Bult as guardian of the girl, the missing heiress being a minor.

Before conferring with the attorney, Mrs. Cohen discussed the case with her usual freedom.

"I am going to get satisfaction," she said. "I have no more to say about it. I am as much to blame in this case as anybody. No one has any sympathy for me. Well, I will see what the court says about it. I propose to make the people sweat for the way I have been treated."

Mrs. Cohen said she thought the missing couple would be found as soon as their money runs out. "My husband," she said, "will have to hunt for the position in which he recognized and his game will be up. Roberta will drive him to seek work, and will soon be crying for her cozy room in the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. She is not the kind to stand poverty and suffering."

Has Strong Case. Mr. Scott, Mrs. Cohen's attorney, said: "I think Mrs. Cohen undoubtedly has a strong case against this girl. Examination of the letters which she showed me written by Miss de Janon to her husband satisfied me that the girl was the aggressor in the affair and knew what she was about."

Cohen's conduct, undoubtedly was reprehensible, and he deserves the severest punishment when caught. No doubt he will receive it. So far as Mrs. Cohen is concerned, for she has little sympathy for him. Mrs. Cohen says she will prosecute her husband when he is found. She feels that her husband's escapade, she also feels that if proper precautions had been taken and supervision exercised by the girl's caretakers, this elopement would never have occurred. Mrs. Cohen feels that some of them must have been aware of the girl's actions and could have prevented them. She has no doubt that the letters are genuine. Mrs. Cohen has from all in her possession and they will be produced in court."

A Family Skeleton. New York, January 8.—Possibly having an important bearing on the mystery of the disappearance of Roberta de Janon, of Philadelphia, the missing heiress to \$10,000,000, it was reported to-day on the strength of a statement credited to Ferdinand de Janon, that his wife, the girl's mother,

died as the result of a poisoning plot. A reconciliation between De Janon and his wife was effected only a few months before her death, and De Janon is declared to have said that she made a will bequeathing money to an enemy of his without acquainting him with her action. When Mrs. de Janon returned to live with him in Philadelphia this friend made frequent attempts to see her, according to the story. About this time frequent presents of fruits and candy were sent to Mrs. de Janon, and Mr. de Janon is quoted to-day as saying that he believed some of those delicacies contained strychnine.

Another Gleam. Fall River, Mass., January 8.—That Roberta de Janon, the missing young Philadelphia heiress, and Ferdinand Cohen, her married companion, came to Fall River by steamer last Monday and have since fled to Canada was the belief expressed to-night by the police here. Detectives who came here from New York told the police that a girl and a man closely answering the description of Miss de Janon and Cohen left New York Sunday night on the steamer Providence. The steamer reached Fall River Monday morning.

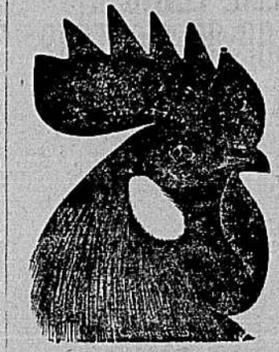
After a search of all the hotels and boarding houses found by the police, and the strange detective, who claimed to represent the family of Miss de Janon, came to the conclusion that the couple had fled to Canada. The police in Boston immediately after the arrival of the steamer. The detective told the police that he had reason to believe that Cohen was headed for Canada and that he would himself go there as soon as possible. He left Fall River to-day for Boston.

Still a Mystery. Philadelphia, January 8.—Although relatives of the girl make denial, rumors that Miss de Janon, the missing heiress, had been found and in conclusion will not down. It has been noticed that search for Miss de Janon and Ferdinand Cohen, the hotel waiter, who is believed to have met the girl with her, is less active than it was several days ago, which fact has lent color to the rumors.

It is persistently reported that the girl is on the farm of W. Atlee Bruce, a personal friend of Robert Bult, Miss de Janon's grandfather, but this is positively denied. The farm is at Doylestown, Pa., twenty-five miles from Philadelphia.

Timothy O'Leary, assistant superintendent of police, to-night said he had no knowledge of the whereabouts of the girl, but made the significant remark that the newspapers had better drop the affair. High police officials ventured the prediction that the newspapers will never get the story of the extraordinary case.

Gave Away a Pony. A pony was given away at the Rhoda Royal Circus yesterday to H. H. Coghill, of 325 Nicholson Street.



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