

# NEWS OF THE SPORT WORLD

## LOOK WHO'S HERE! MATTY DEFIES PRECEDENTS, PUTS THE CINCINNATI REDS IN SECOND PLACE



Matty and three of the stars who are keeping Reds in race. Above, Fred Toney and "Greasy" Neale; below, Heinie Groh.

BY PAUL PURMAN.  
For the first time in years the Cincinnati Reds are in the first division this late in the season.

This is a tremendous achievement for Christy Mathewson, the first of half a score of managers who have been able to pull the Reds into the first four in the National league race.

Matty, one of the greatest and smartest pitchers the game has ever known, has established himself as a smart manager—a manager who does things.

It is quite possible that Matty will finish the season in third or even in second place. He has a better club than the Cubs and is making his athletes play the kind of ball which brings out all the latent power in a ball club. His club is fully as strong as the Cardinals and he is getting as much from it.

Matty has four players hitting over .300. Roush, who leads the league with an average around .350; Groh, who leads both leagues in run getting; Chase, last year league leader, who has hit his

strike and Tom Clarke, the veteran catcher.

Greasy Neals and Tom Griffith are near the .300 mark.

Baseball critics have watched Matty carefully this year. His success or his failure was a great question.

Matty wasn't given a great ball club, but he was given one with possibilities. He had stars in Chase, Groh and Toney. The rest of the club ranged between mediocre and fair.

The club was torn by internal dissension. Buck Herzog had left a bunch of suckers.

He established good feeling among his players. He showed them that he was for them and with them and soon they started to work for him. Then the Reds began to climb.

Fred Toney, one of the great pitchers in the league, has been going well. Fred Schneider is getting back where he was a couple of years ago. Mitchell is pitching good ball. Eiler and Ring are doing well.

Matty has two good catchers in Clarke and Wingo.

With Chase and Groh as a nucleus he has developed a good infield with Shean, a youngster and Kopf, a Mackian cast-off at the keystone corner. His outfield is up to average.

Matty has made good.

## STAGG REFUSES TO GO TO THE TRAINING CAMP

### Chicago University Coach Says No Special Time is Allotted for Sport.

Chicago, July 28.—Coach A. A. Stagg of the University of Chicago has wired Raymond B. Fosdick, commissioner of training camps, that he will not report for duty at Fort Sheridan to instruct officers in recreative athletics. Because no specific time on the schedule has been allotted to this work, no great accomplishments would result in the opinion of the university coach. Stagg explained his stand.

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## PEACH NOW HAS 32-POINT LEAD

### Cobb Continues to Hit Pill at Terrific Clip—Roush Leads the National.

Chicago, July 28.—Ty Cobb has a 32-point lead in the race for American league batting honors. "Official" figures released today show him hitting .377. The averages include games of Wednesday. Cobb maintained his lead in scoring. He crossed the plate 64 times. Cobb boosted his total base hitting to 203. Roth of Cleveland gained the lead in base stealing with 31, edging Chapman, his teammate. Chapman, however, continues to show the way to the sacrifice hitters with 45. Pipp, with six circuit drives, is the leading home-run hitter. Detroit tops the list in team batting with 256.

Leading batters for half or more of their club's games: Cobb, Detroit, .377; Speaker, Cleveland, .345; Sisler, St. Louis, .344; Ruml, St. Louis, .321; Baker, New York, .314; McInnis, Philadelphia, .307; Chapman, Cleveland, .306; Heilman, Detroit, .303.

Roush of Cincinnati broke the tie for hitting supremacy in the National league, and with an average of .341 has a nine-point lead over Cruise of St. Louis. Groh of Cincinnati took the lead in scoring, having crossed the plate 61 times. Gravath of Philadelphia tied Hornsby of St. Louis in home-run hitting, each having eight. Carey of Pittsburgh added four stolen bases to his total, bringing his total up to 25. Deal of Chicago clings to sacrifice-hitting honors with 20. Cincinnati continues to lead in team batting with 268. The averages include games of Wednesday. Leading batters for half or more of their club's games:

Roush, Cincinnati, .341; Cruise, St. Louis, .332; Hornsby, St. Louis, .330; Fischer, Pittsburgh, .328; Griffith, Cincinnati, .316; Ravida, New York, .309; Rawlings, Boston, .308; Groh, Cincinnati, .305.

## SPORT GOSSIP

Anaconda fans tomorrow will have the opportunity of seeing Wheeler Bell, the former Brooklyn twirler, in action. He has been secured to pitch for the Black Rocks against the Anoda team. "Dutch" Hoffman, it is said, will be at the receiving end for the Rocks.

Eddie Johnson and Elmer Leifer, both of whom are now in Butte, will in all probability play with the Dillon team tomorrow. Dillon meets an aggregation from Idaho.

Speedy Rush decides to quit coaching the Princeton eleven and the varsity team may not play next fall. You might think Speedy was the whole team.

The Butte District Soccer league will hold a meeting at the court house at 6 o'clock tomorrow evening for the purpose of drawing up the schedule for the season.

Ty Cobb worked the old trapped fly trick play yesterday and got away with it. Bases for the Athletics was on first and Bodie on second. Then McInnis

## JOHNSON'S FAILURE TO WIN CAUSES QUERY FROM FANS

What is the matter with Walter Johnson? asks Denman Thompson in the Washington Star.

This question is heard on all sides from fans in every city of the circuit, having been asked in Washington by an effort to strengthen the old Crawford territory.

Phillies he is the highest-paid pitcher in the game—runs out at the end of this season and the end of the figures written into next year's document naturally will depend largely upon what he has been able to accomplish this season. Incentive is not lacking.

Manager Griffith's answer to the question: "What is the matter with Johnson?" is short and to the point. "Nothing."

Eddie Ainsmith, who has been Johnson's battery mate almost exclusively for the last five or six years—since Gabby Street left the team—gives it as his honest opinion that Johnson this season has as much stuff as he ever did, and the catcher should now. Eddie Collins and other batsmen of repute say the same thing. Yet—Johnson this season is experiencing the worst year he has had since 1909, when he was just "arriving," and faces the prospect of finishing in October with a record of having lost more games than he has won for the first time in a span of eight years.

For the last two or three seasons Johnson has made use of curves, an ever-increasing extent to the exclusion of his fast ball. In former years he used to "bust 'em" by the batters. Now he dangles with slow balls, curves and change of pace in addition to using smoke. The blinding, burning speed with which Johnson used to keep hitters with occasionally, but batsmen who formerly faced him on the "safety first" plan now go up there and take a toe hold.

Johnson may be capable of going through a game at top speed, of using for nine innings the smoke that mowed down the stockmen because they couldn't hit what they couldn't see, but he is not doing it.

That, in our opinion, is the answer to the question: "What is the matter with Johnson?"

Other critics voice the belief that Johnson does not care, that he is not trying. These persons don't know the man. There is nothing of the shrub in Walter Johnson. Whenever he is in that box he is putting forth his level best efforts, using every ounce of energy he possesses to win. What is more, Johnson's contract—with Grover Alexander of the

## WORLD SERIES MAY BE ABANDONED THIS YEAR

### Many of Players Have Been Drafted—Smaller Leagues Will Suffer.

Chicago, July 28.—There is likely to be no world's series this year as a result of the draft on major league base ball players by the draft. B. B. Johnson, president of the American league, said here last night. He said the draft probably would take 25 men from the American league and that the league would not play the series if it were handicapped by that serious a loss.

An interview by the American league president in New York urging ball players not to claim exemptions gave rise to suggestions by baseball experts here that the draft would result in recalling to the major leagues many men now playing in the minor leagues who are over the age of the draft.

The smaller leagues will suffer more from the draft, it was pointed out, than the big leagues, owing to the fact that younger players are being tried out in the smaller clubs, and these leagues will show a larger percentage of loss than the others.

"I sincerely hope that ball players in both minor leagues who have been drafted will go to the colors without claiming exemption," Mr. Johnson said.

drove a fly to short center. Cobb let it drop and then threw to second, forcing Bates, and the ball was relayed to third getting Bodie.

Herbert Hunter, former infielder of the Vernon Pacific Coast league team, was signed yesterday by Walter McCreddie, manager of the Portland club. Portland is crippled with Pinell and Burton both injured.

Edwin F. Hall, one of the best mile runners the middle west has ever developed and who represented Oberlin college on the cinders last spring, has enlisted in the navy.

Boeckel, who held down third base for the Great Falls team in the defunct Northwestern league, is playing regularly for the Pirates. His stick work to date in the big show has been of the mediocre stamp.

Harry Metropoulos, 115-pound wrestler and one of the best amateurs in his class in the west, is going to war. He enlisted yesterday in the regular army. Metropoulos has been seen in all the amateur shows in Butte during the past few years and has never yet met a man here who was his equal in his class.

Duffy Lewis of the Red Sox, who is usually there with a healthy wallop, has been suffering a bad batting slump of late.

"Big Ed" Walsh, former White Sox star, however his pitching arm is still strong enough to make his turn on the firing line for the Braves.

George Twombly, formerly with the Braves, has joined the Providence team of the International league.

Right field seems to be the weak spot in the Detroit Tigers' lineup. Hughie Jennings is kept busy trying out past liners in an effort to strengthen the old Crawford territory.



## SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR RACERS IN CALIFORNIA

### Every Horse in State Fit to Race is Entered in the Grand Circuit.

San Francisco, July 28.—California is experiencing the most successful trotting and pacing season in its history. This is the unqualified statement of Joseph Waddell, secretary of the California Fair and Racing Circuit.

"Every horse in California that is fit to race is entered in the various events," said Mr. Waddell. "There never have been more expert drivers seen in California's tracks. The list of Grand Circuit drivers who are handling the reins in our present meets is the largest and most representative we have ever had. Special efforts have been made to have the various tracks in perfect condition, and they never were better or faster. The fact that they are fast is attested to by the times which are being scored for the various races. The first three meets at Salinas, Petaluma and Woodland respectively, have furnished the very best of competition, practically every race being decided by the narrowest of margins.

"The interest this is arousing among horsemen themselves is the important point. It will encourage them to go ahead with their breeding and, with the inevitable shortage of horses which will result from the war, the results achieved by the circuit in indirectly replenishing the wastage in horseflesh will be no considerable item on the reconstruction days.

"The special train which is used to transport the horses from one meet to another is working out finely and the animals are being taken from place to place with maximum of care and comfort. Aside from the Michigan short spur circuit, California's circuit is the only one offering this facility to the entries of the horsemen."

## COUNTRYMEN OF DARCY FORGIVE HIM IN DEATH

Australia has forgiven Les Darcy. Death has caused Australian sportsmen to quash their indictment against the world's most unfortunate slacker and grant him a full pardon.

This is the word that comes from Snowy Baker, Australian boxing promoter, who has written friends here that a fund has been started to raise a monument to the memory of the world's middle-weight champion of the world, who paid so dearly for his mistakes.

"Australians regret deeply that death has cut short such a promising career," Baker wrote. "In a recent bout between Jeff Smith and Jimmy Clabby the great audience which had just learned of Darcy's death paid its respects to his memory by standing with bare heads for 10 seconds after the announcer had repeated the details of his death."

## GUNSHOT WOUND PROVES FATAL TO PRIZE FIGHTER

Fergus Falls, Minn., July 28.—"Al" Palmer, the boxer, died this morning as a result of the gunshot wound inflicted by his father late Thursday. Palmer was shot through the abdomen while seeking to protect his mother, and ran a mile and a half to the hospital. The father was held last night without bail.

## OAKLAND CLUB AFTER SEATTLE FIRST SACKER

Seattle, July 27.—Rube Gardner, first baseman of the disbanded Seattle baseball team, and manager of the Giants after Bill Leonard departed for the big league, probably will finish the season on first base for the Oakland club of the Pacific Coast league. D. E. Dugdale, owner of the Seattle club, today received a telegram from the Oakland management asking for the services of Gardner and a deal will be closed as soon as Gardner reaches San Francisco. Gardner is now on his way to California.

## CABBAGE PATCH WINS.

The Mallmen were easy victims last night for the Cabbage Patch nine, the score being 15 to 5. The Cabbage Patch team is going strong and a number of games have been arranged to be played during the early hours of the evenings.

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## STANDING OF THE CLUBS

AMERICAN LEAGUE  
Chicago.....51 23  
Boston.....50 25  
Cleveland.....49 26  
Detroit.....48 27  
New York.....47 28  
Washington.....46 29  
Philadelphia.....45 30  
St. Louis.....44 31

NATIONAL LEAGUE  
New York.....50 24  
St. Paul.....49 25  
Cincinnati.....48 26  
Philadelphia.....47 27  
Toledo.....46 28  
Boston.....45 29  
Pittsburg.....44 30

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION  
Indianapolis.....41 35  
St. Paul.....40 36  
Louisville.....39 37  
Kansas City.....38 38  
Columbus.....37 39  
Minneapolis.....36 40  
Toledo.....35 41  
Milwaukee.....34 42

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE  
San Francisco.....67 1st  
Los Angeles.....58 2d  
Salt Lake.....55 3d  
Chicago.....52 4d  
Oakland.....49 5d  
Vernon.....48 6d

## YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

American League.  
At New York—R. H. Chicago.....9  
At New York—R. H. New York.....5  
Batteries—Russell, Cloutie and Caldwell, Love, Shooker, Margolis, Walters.  
At Washington—Second game.  
Cleveland.....9  
St. Paul.....8  
Batteries—Morton, Combs, Gooden, De Berry; Shaw and Ainsmith.

National League.  
At Cincinnati—R. H. Philadelphia.....4  
Cincinnati.....4  
Batteries—Mayer, Bender and Toney and Wingo.  
At New York—R. H. New York.....3  
Chicago.....3  
Batteries—Salles and Gibson; Demaree and Illioffer.  
At St. Louis—R. H. Boston.....3  
St. Louis.....3  
Batteries—Allen, Ames, Nohel and Rice; Packard, Ahan and

American Association.  
St. Paul 1, Columbus 0.  
Minneapolis 7, Louisville 5.  
Milwaukee 4, Indianapolis 2.  
Kansas City 3, Toledo 1.

Pacific Coast League.  
San Francisco 6, Oakland 2.  
Salt Lake 2, Vernon 0.  
Los Angeles 4, Portland 7.

## FAMOUS STALLION DEAD

London, July 28.—Rayard, one of the famous English stallions in recent years, owned by A. W. Cox, who reared under the name of Mr. Fairlie, is dead from pneumonia. As a two-year-old he had a brilliant winning all seven races he competed in. In 1909 Bayardo ran fourth in the long odds laid on the son of Bay.

## MAMAUX SUSPENDED

Pittsburg, July 27.—It became known that Hugo Beadok, now manager of the Pittsburg Pirates, had suspended pitcher, Al Mamaux, who in the fall of 1915 and 1916 was one of the mainstays in the box. The suspension is indefinite and will depend largely on the conduct of the Pirate twirler in future. Insubordination and breaking club's rules were the reasons given. Beadok's action, as it is charged, Mamaux failed to return Saturday to the hotel where the team was staying while in New York.

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## DOINGS OF THE DUFFS



## OLIVIA WAS FIRST AID TO THE AMBULANCE.

