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DOPE INDICATES GIANTS WILL WIN

Some Interesting Statistics About Play in the Senior League.

By Associated Press NEW YORK, July 21.—Based upon the records of the past five years, the lead of the New York National League club, shortly after the halfway point of the season was reached, would appear to indicate that the team would win the senior league pennant. The race is so close in the American League however, that no such conclusion can be entertained in advance.

A comparison of these figures with those of July 15 for each season since 1912 shows that without exception a club leading either the National or American Leagues by fifty points or better on the middle of July captured the pennant and figured in the World's Series.

The New York club won the 1912 pennant by 66 points after having a margin of 126 points on July 15 of that year. The following season the Giants increased a 73 point lead to 81 at the close of the race. In 1914 the team had a 49 point advantage at mid-season yet Boston captured the flag by 69 points. Philadelphia played a 9 point lead into a 46 point margin of safety the next year while last season Brooklyn, which had a 49 point lead in July saw the same cut down to 15 points with the final game of October.

In the American League Boston had an 81 point lead and won with 92 in 1912 while the Philadelphia Athletics in 1913 won by 44 points after leading by 114 on July 15. The next season the situation was reversed for the Athletics were 35 points ahead at mid-season and added 20 more for safety before the schedule was completed.

The following tabulations show the leaders each year on July 15 and the pennant winners of the same year with the point advantage at both periods of the race:

Table with columns: Year, National League Leader, Point, Pennant Winner, Point. Rows for 1912-1917.

*New York second, †New York, fourth.

The recent slump of the New York American League team has resulted in the usual rumor that there is to be a change in the management of the team. The names of several managerial possibilities have been mentioned but to date none appear able to guarantee to make batters hit in pinches, which is the chief weakness of the Yankees.

A Prolific Writer. The late Andrew Lang, when in the mood, has more than once written 5,000 words of a book between breakfast and a late luncheon.

IS SALOON DOOMED?



Is the saloon going out of business? Photograph shows the largest factory in the United States for the manufacture of bar fixtures and saloon furniture in Chicago. On the corner is the "For Rent" sign. The factory was operated by the Brunswick-Balke-Collender company, manufacturers of billiard tables and furniture and equipment for other sporting establishments. But bar fixture and saloon furniture making has been discontinued.

CHAMPION FOR SIXTEEN YEARS



FRANK KRAMER

By PAUL PURMAN.

Sixteen years ago a youth of 20 went to his home in East Orange, N. J., with the news that he had won the bicycle championship of the world. He took with him the first money he had ever won on the board track.

A few years ago he lost his title to a youth of 20, then went out and broke his own record for the half mile.

He is Frank Kramer, a champion among champions—a man who for 16 years defended his title against all comers and in that time earned over \$200,000 at a game where winnings are small as sport winnings go.

To win this meant that he worked hard at his profession all of the time. He still has the money. This means that he has saved his accumulations.

Together they mean the rule of success, clean living, economy and hard work.

Kramer's rules for success are worth remembering. They are worth while alike to the athlete, to the business man or to the young man just getting his start.

Go to bed early and rise early, get plenty of sleep, eat regularly of wholesome food, are rules which Kramer has always followed.

Do not dissipate. Booze and body building don't make good bedfellows, neither do booze and business.

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THESE MEN FIRST TO BE SUMMONED BY BOARD

Marion County Outside of Fairmont Will be Required to Furnish 143 Men for the New National Army.

Marion county as a whole has been called upon to furnish 219 men for the National Army. Seventy-six of these, it is estimated, should come from the city of Fairmont. That leaves 143 to be drawn from the county outside of the city.

As the instructions from Washington are to summon twice the number needed for examination this will mean that the county exemption board will within a few days send summonses to 286 men. The names of the first 286 men whose names came out of the lottery at Washington are as follows:

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- List of names and addresses for the Marion County National Guard, including names like Frank Robinson, Hutchison, John Alwato, Worthington, etc.

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GIANT TOWN AGAIN DEFEATS BAXTER

Ready's Pitching Was the Feature of Yesterday's Contest.

Grant Town has defeated Baxter three straight games, the scores being 9-7, 9-2 and 5-4. The last game, which was played yesterday, was the best of the three and some good work was done by both teams.

In the eighth inning of the game yesterday the score stood 5-4 with runners on third and second and none out. Then John Ready proved that he was ready for the emergency, settled down into form and made the next three batters pop easy flies to the fielders.

Ready pitched all three of the games with Baxter and the victories of his team are largely due to his twirling although that would have availed him nothing if his team had not given him such able support.

Thomas Short also pitched a good game for Baxter, having five strikeouts to his credit; but the team as a whole was not equal to the task of defeating the strong Grant Town collection of stellar players. The score: Batteries—Ready and Burke; short and Sander.

SPORT CHATTER

Brooklyn has released Wheeler Dell. Taking the wheels out of wheeler, as it were.

Having had a race horse named after him, Omar Khayyam has become famous.

Yanks have signed Pitcher Lifer. Must be tough to be a lifer on that club.

Champion Willard was a court fight headline. About the only kind he can be herded into nowadays.

Jack Barry says he was hit 23 times by pitched balls last season, but doesn't believe in the banball. Jack's optimism is admirable, anyway.

Ho Hum. July 12—"I am going to resign."—John Tener. July 13—"I am not going to resign."—John Tener.

Sunshine and Love. "A flower cannot blossom without sunshine, and a man cannot live without love."—George P. Upton.

Pitchers Battle in the Church League

Hopewell defeated the Mining Machine team yesterday evening in one of the best games yet played in the Church League, the score being 3 to 2. The game was fast from the start and both teams were out for victory but when at the end of the seventh inning it became too dark to play the score stood 3-2 in favor of the Hopewell players.

The best feature of the contest was the pitching which was very good and was largely responsible for the interest which the game aroused. Two double plays also featured the contest.

The Formative Years. In the Woman's Home Companion a writer says: "Fathers must realize, as well as mothers, that the first five years of the child's life are the most important in the child's development. It is then that he is most formative, most impressionable; it is then that he needs most serious and careful thought from both parents. And if the child is properly handled through this period, half the battles of the future man in the child are won."

Advertisement for THE WEST VIRGINIAN, including text: "is on sale in Atlantic City", "Every Day by Phillip Chesler, Almanac Pier.", "American News Co., Boardwalk.", "Don't be without your home paper while away."

Advertisement for Footer's Dye Works, including text: "Now is the Time to Think of your summer clothing needs, and have them cleaned and freshened by our superior methods.", "Footer's service is always safest and best for Ladies' and gentlemen's garments.", "Felt or other hats, slippers, shoes, sweaters, light wraps.", "Just now we are preparing to render better and more efficient service than ever before.", "Footer's Dye Works, Cumberland, Maryland.", "R. GILKESON, Agent, Fairmont and Vicinity."



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