

Changing of Rules in Scoring in Baseball

Changes Will Help the Batter and the Base Stealer.

The opening of the 1939 baseball season serves as a reminder to devotees of the score card that several scoring rule changes have gone into effect.

The new sacrifice fly rule exempts the hitter from the time at bat if his flyball scores a run, even if the ball is dropped.

A sacrifice hit, also shall be credited to the batsman who, with no one out or only one out, hits a flyball that is caught but which results in a base runner scoring, or scored a base runner if said fly was dropped for an error in the judgement of the official scorer.

About a decade ago the officials passed a rule which prevented scoring a stolen base if the steal were accompanied by balk, wild pitch or passed ball.

The paragraph forbidding the crediting of a stolen base to a runner who had started to steal, and the pitcher was guilty of a balk, has been eliminated.

Likewise the paragraph forbidding the crediting of a stolen base when a wild pitch or a passed ball occurred after said runner has started to steal, has been eliminated.

In both instances the committee of the Baseball Writers' Association figured the runner's action in starting the steal probably caused the balk, wild pitch or passed ball.

For years the writers have contended it was wrong to give a batter credit for a run batted in if he hit into a double play. The rulemakers have admitted this and adopted the following rule.

The batsman however, shall not be credited with driving in a run when a runner scores as the batsman hits it into a forced infield double play, or a double play in which the field baseman picks up a fair hit ground ball, touches first base and then throws to second, retiring the runner who had been on first, said runner not being forced, having to be tagged out.

The change which governs the oversliding of a base places the batsman who just become a runner on a par with the runner trying to steal a base. Oversliding a base takes away credit having reached the base. Here is the new rule:

In the event of a batsman oversliding second or third base and being tagged out by the opposing fielder when said batsman is attempting to stretch a single into a two-base hit or a two-base hit into a three-base hit, the play should be scored the same as when a base runner attempts to steal, overslides and is tagged out. In other words, the batsman oversliding second base and is tagged out shall be credited only with a two-base hit.

The long debated question as to "ownership" of a batter to whom a retiring pitcher has delivered a few balls, and who then faces the relief man is settled thus:

With the count two or three balls and one or no strikes; if the batter reaches first base, charge to first pitcher; if he strikes out or is otherwise retired, credit relieving pitcher.

Count three and two—same as above. Count two and two—charge to relieving pitcher, whether batter is retired or gets on base.

The last change governing earned

runs is self-explanatory and follows: "An earned run shall be scored every time the player reaches home (before fielding chances have been offered to retire the side) by aid of (amongst other things): Wild pitches even if the wild pitch be a third strike. ("In scoring earned runs) give the pitcher the benefit of the doubt on fielding errors and in determining the base to which a runner would have been held with perfect support on the part of the fielders."

Re-Elected to Provincial Executive of Boy Scouts

At the twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Provincial Council of the Boy Scouts Association of Ontario, held in Toronto some days ago, Mr. Geo. Lake, of Timmins, was re-elected to the executive committee of the provincial association.

The following were the officers elected: Honorary presidents—J. W. Mitchell and Percy G. Cherry, both of Toronto.

Provincial Commissioner—Lt. Col. R. P. Locke, K.C., E.D., Toronto.

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Executive Committee—The foregoing officers and the following: Dr. R. H. Atkey, St. Catharines; Fred H. Cairns, Niagara Falls; H. J. Carmichael, St. Catharines; Col. Frank Chapell, Oshawa; Malcolm L. Douglas, Brockville; G. E. Elliott, Milton; J. E. Fehrenbach, Kitchener; H. R. T. Gill, Ottawa; Dr. R. Harcourt, Guelph; Alex Harvey, London; J. P. Johnson, North Bay; Ford S. Kumpf, Waterloo; Geo. Lake, Timmins; Lt. Col. Lionel H. Mullen, Hamilton; N. M. Paterson, Fort William; H. C. Sootheran, Peterborough; Col. Hubert Statham, Kingston; Lt. Col. Jas. Stonehaver, Hamilton; H. S. Thomas, Chatham; and the following, all of Toronto: Chas. J. Gilooly, R. D. Hume, K.C., Fred M. Mann, A. S. McCordick, S. B. McMichael, Brigadier R. T. Spooner, J. F. M. Stewart and W. H. J. Tisdale.

Kapuskasing Legion All Ready for Home Service

At a meeting last week of the Kapuskasing Branch of the Canadian Legion the matter of signing up for home defence service was considered, and practically every member of the branch volunteered for this service.

Moccasin Dance by Schumacher Lions

Jitterbug Contest One of the Features.

A smiling room beamed on the happy dancers at the "moccasin dance" held in the McIntyre Arena on Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Schumacher Lions Club.

A special feature of the evening, was a "jitterbug contest" won by Miss Lucy Proulx and Mr. Jimmy Ellis. Many couples joined in the contest, which caused much merriment when the "slippery" ice surface would bring the couples down.

Cartier Has First Showing in Canada

New Picture with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers to Have First Showing in Timmins.

The Cartier theatre has the distinction of being one of the group of theatres to have the first showing in Canada of the most talked of play of the year, "The Story of Vernon and Irene Castle," starring that famous dancing team, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

SIFTING THE NEWS

By Hugh Murphy. For a long time Britain has been trying to get Russia into the anti-aggression bloc formed to prevent Hitler from further "aggrandizing" the German nation at the expense of weaker Central European powers.

The entente of Britain, France and Russia would collocate the first two nations to come to the Soviet's defence in case of attack by Japan or an Eastern power, which attack Russia apparently fears.

If Britain did not accept there was the strong possibility that an alliance might be formed between Russia and Germany—and that would be disastrous. On first impression such an alliance seems preposterous but accredited observers are more and more beginning to see it as more probable than possible.

At last indication it seems that Britain will accept the Russian condition and revive the entente.

King Vittorio Emanuele, of Italy is not the "forgotten man" he sometimes appears to be. Despite the fact that illustrations seem always to picture him in the shadow of Benito Mussolini's bulging jaw, he still has the allegiance and loyalty of a large section of the Italian people.

It now comes out that prior to Mussolini's invasion of Albania, Vittorio was willing to abdicate if convinced that his son, Umberto, could prevent the invasion and in other ways assist Italy to escape from the Rome-Berlin axis, which neither the Royal family, its adherents or the Vatican like. There was a conference between the Pope and Umberto—two of them in fact. Decision was to take no action.

When Mussolini heard of the conference he said: "I am ready to face a crisis of regime and if it should become necessary the regime is strong enough to get along by itself."

Friends are as valuable to nations as they are to individuals and if they are rich and powerful that does not by any means lessen their value. China has found that out and Japan is sadly realizing the same fact.

To date Britain has loaned \$27,500,000 to China. Last week another \$15,000,000 was earmarked as a Chinese loan. The United States has loaned \$25,000,000 and two weeks ago Belgian Finance Minister H. H. Kung announced that a Belgian firm had agreed to loan \$109,000,000 and that a "huge" Russian loan was pending.

Japan also has friends—two of them—Germany and Italy. However, they are in no position to lend money. So far she has not been able to wring a single yen from them.

Japan has been feeling the pinch consequently. She has come to realize that the war in the Orient has developed primarily into an adventure in high finance rather than an ordinary military conflict.

Recently the Japanese cabinet, facing the serious problem of where money was to be got, decided to importune Italy and Germany to bring "diplomatic pressure" against British, French, American and Russian aid to China and to sharply curtail the interest of those four nations in China.

The coming visit of the King and Queen to America is causing as much furore in the United States, where all men are equal, as it is in Canada, a professedly pro-British country.

Washington hostesses are scrambling to get invitations to dinners and receptions for the King and Queen. The British Embassy and the White House are receiving piles of letters begging for an opportunity to meet the reigning monarchs. In one day a pile two and a half feet high was received at the White House.

A Montreal society recently drew the opprobrium of the nation on it when its spokesman, commenting on the switch by Mr. Chamberlain from a policy of appeasement of totalitarian states to one of anti-aggressor alliances, said that it was "dangerous to Canadian unity and contrary to the interests of Canada's sovereignty."

In Toronto two university professors were recently charged with anti-British utterances. They are being defended on the grounds of "free speech."

What's the difference between the two cases?

The British parliament will present its budget to the people tomorrow. It was to have been presented on April 18 but the date was postponed. Possible answer for the postponement was that Treasury officials were having a difficult time framing a budget for the gigantic arms expenditures of the past year.

Peeling is that Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, might not hold his job long after the presentation. Reason: In a speech two weeks ago Sir John advocated the scrapping of the principle of collective security. Present government is backing that policy. 'Twas said that extra time had been

given to see how the policy of collective security harmonized with swift moving international events.

The succulent taste of a live goldfish on the palate no longer holds any attractions for American college gourmets. They have taken to quadrupeds. Most recent gulping feat was the swallowing of five baby white mice by a student. To date collegians have eaten goldfish, phograph records and mice. Some of them ought to try an arsenic sandwich with a little sulphuric acid as a chaser.

Nothing like a good college education—what!

Plan New Hospital for New Liskeard

Present Hospital Not Considered Adequate or Safe From Fire Hazard.

New Liskeard, April 24.—(Special to The Advance)—Called together to express a free opinion on what the chairman, W. F. B. Cadman, head of a Kiwanis club committee studying the question, said was the problem of deciding whether to build a new institution or renovate the existing building on the hillside west of the town, a meeting attended by prominent local citizens and representatives of rural municipalities also interested, decided on Saturday afternoon that it was advisable to give serious consideration to the desirability of erecting a new hospital here.

The necessary motion was sponsored by F. L. Hutchinson and Reeve Arthur Messenger, of Hudson township, after R. S. Taylor, chairman of the hospital board, had dealt with the situation confronting that body over the inadequate facilities and inconvenient location claimed to exist in the present quarters, and other delegates in attendance had spoken on the subject to express various views on the matter. C. A. Byam took the gathering a survey some time ago shown 60 per cent of the patients in two years had been from outside points and J. M. Beemans considered the problem one for the municipality, with the cost spread over the years by means of a sinking fund.

Mr. Hutchinson, who recalled the erection of the present hospital 34 years ago, when New Liskeard was "a mighty small town," and who thought the new movement less difficult than the first step in 1905, thought capital costs should be borne by New Liskeard, with the townships providing annual amounts in their estimates for upkeep. Reeve Messenger and Reeve J. H. Sumblor, of Dymond gave personal approval to the scheme, with qualifications, and there was no expressed dissenting vote when the chairman put the resolution, prior to which Mrs. McDonald, of the ladies' board, had said she was very much surprised with the condition of the building on a recent trip of inspection.

Mr. Taylor presented the alternatives—a new hospital of 20 beds, approximate cost \$35,000, exclusive of equipment, and a series of repairs to the present building for which \$5,000 "if we had it would not be too much." He detailed the list of requirements, and stressed the fire hazard he said existed at the hospital, a point taken up by other speakers. Mr. Taylor suggested a five-year plan for financing a building program and intimated over \$2,300 annually for the suggested term had been tentatively promised already. Operating of the hospital had been in the hands of the Red Cross Society for the past ten or eleven years, Mr. Taylor said, and there had been a deficit of \$28,000 in that time. Costs were increasing each year, he added.

The board chairman also told of thoughts he believed were present in the minds of the Ontario Minister of Health and his deputy on the hospital situation in the district, their views apparently being that one institution for the towns of Cobalt, Halleybury and New Liskeard was sufficient under modern conditions, with Halleybury favoured because of the sanatorium there. Mr. Taylor considered this viewpoint overlooked the rural districts and said New Liskeard was the logical point for establishing a hospital, if only one was required, and on this point Mr. Beemans urged that a canvass of opinion be made through the councils of Cobalt, Halleybury and Buckle township. The meeting approved continuation of the work of a committee already considering the subject and it will formulate plans to be laid before the interested parties later. On the committee are representatives of the town council, hospital board, medical association, board of trade and Kiwanis club, with the township councils of Harley, Harris, Dymond, Kerns, Casey and Hudson, also from Elk Lake and Matachewan, whose nearest hospital is here. The meeting was told during the session of difficulties encountered in reaching the hospital during the winter of motor

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vehicle because of the condition of the hill by which approach is made to the building, but this condition is likely to be remedied by construction of a new road. Reeve Sumblor, in whose municipality it is located, said.

First Negro Twins Born in North Land

Four Families of Coloured Folks Settled Near New Liskeard.

New Liskeard, April 24.—(Special to The Advance)—Scores of townspeople and other residents of the district have been calling at the home of Mrs. George McNeil, on Armstrong St. here, to see the young son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford Douglass, the first negro twins ever to be born in the North Country, it is believed. The youngsters are doing well and, with their mother, expect to proceed to their country home northeast of here about Wednesday. They were born on April 14, and their advent doubled the number of children in their parents' family, which previously had comprised six-year-old Doug and his sister Betty, three years younger. The twins have been named Lillian Geraldine and Frederick Cecil, and when they start for home this week there will be borne with them a large assortment of gifts brought by the numerous visitors. Mr. and Mrs. Douglass are members of a negro colony of several families which has located in 'Brethour' township. Previously, they had lived in Southern Ontario.

German Nazi Troubled by Mystery Radio Station

The following is from "Chronicle News Bits" in last week's issue of the Huntingdon Gleaner:—

"Alarmed at the activity of a secret radio station through which British labour and trade union leaders have broadcast to German workers, Hitler has offered a reward of £40,000 for the denunciation of the station's organizers. And a warning is given that unless the mystery broadcasters come forward voluntarily by the end of this month, they will be subject to the death penalty for high treason when they are run to earth. Every night for months broadcasts to German railwaymen and other workers have been given from the station. They give information on aspects of world affairs which the German people cannot discover from their own newspapers. All the technical resources of that German government have been used in a vain attempt to locate the mystery station. High-speed armed lorries, with a powerful detecting instrument have been at work every night for two months. In a single night the station has broadcast from as many as 10 different areas. But the lorries told off to search these areas have had no success. On one occasion the unknown broadcasters were detected within a few yards of the official German station at Zeesen. But when a lorry arrived on the spot the station was broadcasting again—at least 100 miles away. It can now be revealed that the station is operating from specially constructed airplane registered in the name of a private citizen living outside Germany—sometimes in France at other times in Switzerland, but never far from the German border.

LIVE AND LET LIVE (Kapuskasing Northern Tribune) "When under the weather, I go at once to a doctor. Doctors have to live. And then, after getting a prescription, I go at once to a druggist. Druggists must live. Arriving home, I immediately throw the medicine away. "Why do you do that?" "I also must live."

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If You Like Books

By A. H.

Scheduled to be shown at the New Empire Theatre as a "revival" picture, on Wednesday and Thursday, April 26th and 27th, "Lives of a Bengal Lancer" is one of the numerous films which have been based on interesting and popular fiction, as well as many of the world's most famous and favoured writings.

The film version of the story is somewhat different from the original work. "The Lives of a Bengal Lancer" is written by Yeats-Brown in the first person, and deals centrally with only one character. The film version stars three actors, Gary Cooper, Franchot Tone and Richard Cromwell. The scenes portray the "rough" character of the book in appropriate way, and the film is one which won the proud title of being an exceptionally good film even without the ability of a female star included in the cast.

"The Lives of a Bengal Lancer" tells of the turmoil in the hearts of great soldiers, who fight great battles in out-of-the-way places. They are rough and rugged characters to whom life was denied a great many of her pleasures, but to whom has been given the pleasure of guarding an Empire, and the glory of giving their lives for their country. They battle the native element in a strange land, where uprisings are sudden and often develop into massacres of innocent children and women. Each man is willing to die if need be, but before meeting death, that man will do away with as many of the enemy as he can. These men do not fear death—but they detest the torturous manner in which the natives often treat their victims.

The book is written in a manner which clearly portrays the hope which these men hold even when hope seems to be just a dream. It has strength of character in each line, and for that reason, the book and the film seem to give added energy and ambition to the reader and the movie-goer.

Pembroke Standard: It is stated that fully 80 per cent. of those who pay an Income Tax are obliged to borrow money to pay the same on the last day of April.

Standing of Teams in the Dart Throwing Contest

The following games were played on April 21st in the Legion's dart-throwing league:

Table with 3 columns: Team, Wins, Losses. United, 2; Legion, 0. Cardinals, 1; Rangers, 1. Canadians, 0; Imperials, 2. Wanderers, 2; Gambles, 0. Canadians, 1; Gambles, 1. League Standing: United 18 12 2 4 28, Imperials 19 12 4 3 27, Nixons 17 8 3 6 22, Canadians 18 7 4 7 21, Rangers 18 5 5 8 18, Cardinals 16 4 6 6 17, Gambles 19 2 8 9 13, Wanderers 19 2 10 7 11, L.E.C. 16 0 7 9 9. Games for Friday, April 29: Cardinals vs. United, Gambles vs. Imperials, Wanderers vs. Canadians, L.E.C. vs. Nixons.