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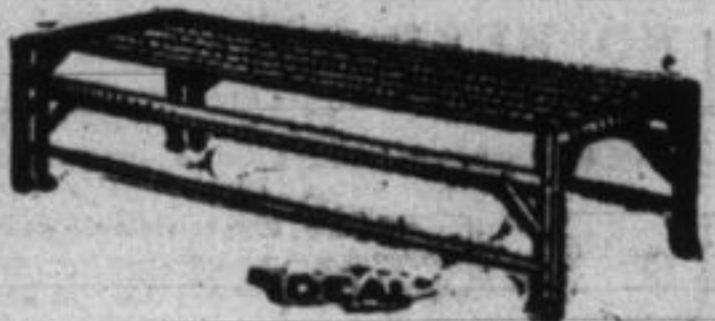
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MATTY BEWAILS FACT

THAT THE BALK RULE IS NOT ENFORCED.

Giant Pitcher Tells Where National League Falls Down Before Younger Organization — Player Limit Will Tell in World Series.

Christy Mathewson, writing in a New York paper, says: "The National League before another season will do well to remedy two things that place it at a great advantage in rivalry with the American League. One of these defects is the twenty-one-player limit; the other is the lax interpretation of the balk rule."

"The world's championship series between the pennant winners of the two leagues has become a permanent institution; it is as great as either league. And as long as the National League allows these two handicaps I speak of to remain, just so long it will weaken itself. The supreme test in baseball process that comes with each recurring October.

"It would be foolish, would it not," said Manager McGraw of the Giants the other day, "to give a fellow equal as strong and fast as yourself ten yards handicap in a hundred-yard sprint? That is just what the National League does when it resorts to a twenty-one-player roster while the American League club are allowed to carry twenty-five eligible men all of the time. That alone," concluded McGraw, "is a 20 per cent. handicap."

Besides, it must be remembered that the American League clubs are not forced to cut to twenty-five eligibles before May 15. National League clubs are forced to pare down to twenty-one before May 1. That extra two weeks, I can tell you, means a great deal to a manager who is trying to reconstruct a ball team. Two weeks more leeway would certainly have been a blessing to many a National League manager this season. Why, we didn't have any baseball worthy until after May 1. No manager had a chance, after leaving the south, to get a line on his young talent before it was necessary to part company with it.

Now, the National and American Leagues are bound to continue the fraternally friendly rivalry each October, and until the two leagues are placed on an equal footing as regards strength of numbers the National League is bound to continue at a great disadvantage.

ALF. SMITH TO COACH

The Ottawa Lacrosse Club—Play Cornwall Saturday

There has been a shake-up in connection with the Ottawa Lacrosse Club. "Billy" Starks, who started out as coach, was unable to devote the necessary time to the team, so he notified the executive this week he could not continue. The club met Wednesday night and left the coaching in the hands of the team committee, which requested Alf. Smith to take over the work for the time being at least. He consented, and had charge of the squad this evening. Clint Benedict has retired as goalkeeper, and will be succeeded by Housse Hutton, the latter consenting to do a "come back." Hutton should be a great improvement. Art Harrison, the Toronto defence player, is due back to-day, while Bruce Fairbairn made his debut this week, as did Billy Fagan. Fairbairn will be a fixture at point. Saraz is moving out to the field. The Ottawas play their next game at Cornwall Saturday, and will be unable to form for it. They have arranged an excursion, and will take a big crowd to Cornwall.

QUIMET'S INELIGIBILITY.

Merely the Outcome of a Fight for a Principle.

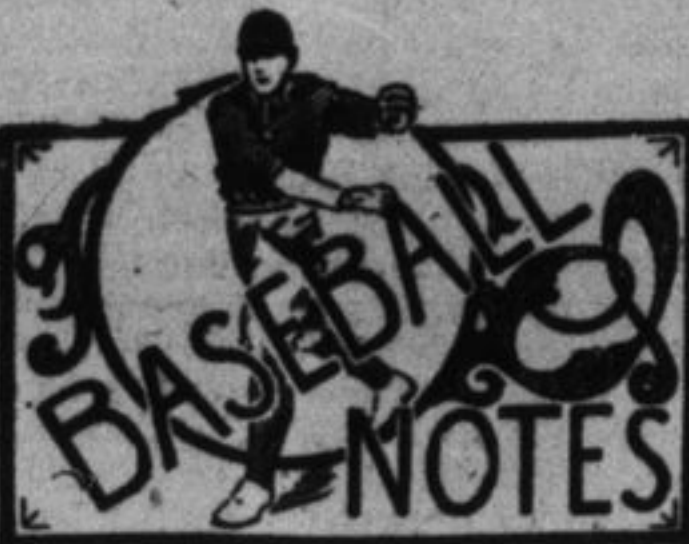
Golfers in the United States, on the whole, do not seem to realize that their sympathy for individual, as exemplified in Francis Quimet, the former open and amateur champion, is warping their judgment for a principle.

In the wisdom of the United States Golf Association, it was considered important to protect the good name of the sport from those who did not hesitate to capitalize their athletic fame and to profit financially while skulking under the cloak of an amateur. Quimet may not have been one of these, in spite of some circumstantial evidence to support it, and in my opinion (says a writer in the New York World) he is a true amateur at heart, but rules are rules. He has simply put himself in a position that automatically worked his ineligibility. His prominence alone emphasized the hardship that at times must be worked to kill a crying evil.

LIEUT. M. E. MALONE

Killed in Action Was Old 'Varsity Hockeyist

Two years ago the 'Varsity junior hockey team swept everything before them, and won the junior O.H.A. championship. Yesterday the casualty list from the front announced that Lieut. M. E. Malone had been killed in action. It was Malone who helped more than a little to bring the first junior O.H.A. championship to 'Varsity, and he also had the honor of figuring on the last championship team at 'Varsity. Malone was a very big cog in the winning of the championship, as his sterling work in goal staved off many a score. Critics counted him as good a goalkeeper as Vic Gilbert of the Argonauts. He could have played on the senior 'Varsity team that year, but despite their coaxing refused to forsake the boys he had turned out with first. Malone was a very modest boy, and therefore was a great favorite with everybody. Before going to 'Varsity he attended St. Andrew's College.



BASEBALL NOTES

Pat Tobean, oldtimer in baseball, insists that Pop was the greatest litter the game ever knew.

Urban Shocker, the pitching sensation of the of the Leafs, who has won five straight games since he joined the club three weeks ago.

Eddie Collins is still unable to hit anything but foul balls. Busting into double plays is his latest specialty. Eddie made three hits in sixteen times at bat this series.

No deal in the history of baseball has brought such a return so quickly as has the deal which brought Tris Speaker to Cleveland! Owner Dunn must have all that \$50,000 back now and the season is only a month old.

John McGraw's New York Giants certainly cannot be called "homers." They have won but three games all season at the Polo grounds, being just as unsuccessful since their return from their fine road trip as they were before they made the trip around the circuit.

Midge Craven, the former manager of the St. Thomas Canadian League Club, now playing with the Carter Crumes of Niagara Falls, N.Y., met with a rather serious accident on Saturday night in Buffalo, when an automobile struck him just as he was leaving the Terrace depot. An X-ray examination revealed the fact that his knee bone is cracked and his ankle is also injured.

BASEBALL STANDING

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Providence	23	11	.676
Newark	19	18	.543
Baltimore	18	18	.500
Richmond	17	18	.486
Montreal	17	18	.486
Buffalo	15	18	.455
Rochester	14	19	.424
TORONTO	12	17	.414

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Cleveland	27	18	.600
New York	24	18	.571
Washington	24	19	.558
Boston	23	21	.523
Detroit	22	23	.489
Chicago	19	23	.452
St. Louis	19	25	.432
Philadelphia	15	26	.366

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Brooklyn	24	15	.615
New York	23	16	.591
Philadelphia	23	19	.548
Chicago	22	24	.478
Boston	20	22	.476
Cincinnati	22	25	.468
Pittsburg	20	23	.465
St. Louis	20	27	.426

A PECULIAR PLAY

Occurred in Toronto Baseball Game This Week.

A peculiar play cropped up in the eighth innings of Wednesday's Toronto game, and was the subject of much comment. With the bases full Herche delivered a wild pitch. The ball struck the ground out of the catcher's reach, and bounding up, hit the umpire's mask. Casey recovered so quickly, and the runner on third was unable to advance. Some of the fans argued that transference should have allowed the basemen to advance, but they were wrong. The rule covering the point is as follows: "Should a thrown or pitched ball strike the person or clothing of an umpire, the ball is dead, and base-runners are entitled to all the bases they can make." Had the sphere rolled beyond the official the runner could have advanced, but it would have been at his own risk.

His Sliding Differs.

Joe Gedson, the new second baseman of the New Yorks, keep the opposing guardians guessing as to how he is going to get to the base. His manner of sliding into bases differs from particularly every major leaguer now in the game. His usual method to get to the bag is to dive for it head first, hooking it with one hand and curving his body as far as possible from the baseman. Occasionally, just to fool the fellow who expects to nail him coming into the base, Gedson slides to it in the regular standardized manner.

Cleveland's New Rules.

Manager Fohl has not brought forth a big bunch of rules for his Cleveland players to live up to. Fohl hasn't cut out cigarettes or card playing. Manager Griffith, of the Senators, has put a ban on cigarettes and any member of his team caught smoking one of them is fined \$10. Fohl says that just so long as a player gives him his best service, plays good ball and doesn't let individual may smoke all the cigarettes he desires. Which is right?

Third Easiest to Steal.

Ty Cobb, king of base stealers; Buck Herzog, veteran inflielder, and Branch Rickey believe that third base is the easiest position to steal. Ty's reason for thinking so is that runners can take a bigger lead off second than off any other sack. Buck says the runner is helped by the fact that the third sacker must take the ball at a hard angle and the runner has more room in which to slide around him.

JOHNSON IN SPAIN

HILLS HIMSELF AS THE WORLD'S CHAMPION.

L'I Artha Still Holds That He Is the Star of the Boxing World.

Jack Johnson is finding the world growing small. Barred in America, France, England, Russia, Germany, Cuba and perhaps a few other places, poor Jack has at last settled down in Spain, where he'll find the bull fights giving him hard competition. If he was younger he might make a wonderful bull fighter, for he certainly had the eye, the strength of wrist and skill in time and movement that the sport demanded. As he is, he's trying to earn a living with the gloves in a land that specializes in cold steel.

Johnson can't come to America without being heartily welcomed by the legal authorities. In France he declared his intention of becoming a French citizen. They'd soon rush him to the trenches. He once made good money in Germany giving boxing exhibitions, but he'd starve in Germany now and he might be imprisoned as a French citizen. England has driven him out for reasons not widely advertised. He was lucky to get out of Cuba without being financially stripped clean after the Willard fight, many claims for money having been lodged against him there. His one chance now, it seems, might be to box in some of the South American countries.

In Spain, I notice in the Spanish reports, Johnson bills himself as "Champion of the world." Perhaps he can get away with it there. The Doum may not have heard of Willard.

Enjoys It More Than Ever.

Larry Lajoie declares that he enjoys baseball more this season than at any other time in his 21-year career and he attributes it to the presence of young Witt at short. Larry is enthusiastic about the youngster and says it is a pleasure to work beside a youth who has so much nerve, ginger, fight and ambition, without being too fresh. Witt provides many a laugh for the other infielders also with his incessant chattering.

Late Lieut. Rutter a Boxer.

Lieut. G. W. Rutter, who is reported as having died of wounds, is an old St. Andrew's College boy, and was without doubt one of the best boxers that ever attended that school. He is a son of A. F. Rutter, who for many years was connected with the Toronto lacrosse club.

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