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## MATHEWSON GIVES TIPS

### TO BOYS ON CORRECT WAY TO THROW CURVES.

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Christy Mathewson, the famous pitcher of the New York Giants, in an article in the American Boy Magazine for June, gives some tips on pitching that are as interesting to the fans as they are to the young baseball pitcher. Christy tells how to throw all of the curves, including the "fadeaway," for which he is famous.

The Giants' pitcher is very explicit in directing the young twirler to hold the ball properly. He says:

"The fast ball should be held so that none of the fingers touches a seam. Take a baseball, and you will find it possible to hold it so that none of the points of contact touches the seams. The advantage of this is that you get all the speed out of the ball with as little revolving motion as possible. When the fingers touch the seams, you drag the ball back just before you let go of it and are bound to put 'English' on it, as the billiard players say. By 'English' I mean that peculiar twisting motion which makes a ball break and curve in its course."

"Now, every ball that is pitched should be held in the hand in the same way. It is not the manner of holding which gives the variety in pitching, but the style of delivery. Always hold the ball with the thumb and the first two fingers pressed against it. Big league pitchers, who are working every day, either in a game or practice, get callouses on their fingers where the ball touches them. Many boys have a mistaken notion that curves and shoots are obtained by the manner in which the ball is held. I have heard youngsters ask if two fingers gave an out and one an in, and so on. This is not so.

"Be sure to hold the ball with the thumb and two fingers, and do not think you have to squeeze the life out of it. It is only for freak and difficult deliveries, such as the knuckle ball, that the ball is gripped otherwise than with the two fingers and thumb. You grip the ball slightly tighter for a curve than a fast one. Never wrap your hands around it, because then you will tip the batter that you are going to pitch a curve, and you will lose control and display general bad form. Always cover the ball with your gloved hand before pitching."

## BOWLING GAMES PLAYED WEDNESDAY.

### Two Interesting Contests Were Put On and Quite Hotly Contested.

Two interesting bowling games were played last night on Queen's bowling green. The team skipped by W. C. Crozier won from J. M. Elliott by a score of 15 to 13. The teams were:

- W. Linton, Geo. Vanborn, L. Sleoth, W. C. Crozier, skip.
  - C. E. Schwab, T. M. Asselstine, J. W. Kelly, J. M. Elliott, skip.
- The team skipped by C. F. Smith won from that of H. W. Newman by 14 to 12. The teams were:
- H. F. Price, W. M. Ballie, J. E. Singleton, C. F. Smith, skip.
  - J. Farrar, W. H. Dyde, Prof. Day, H. W. Newman, skip.

## LAST OF THE DELEHANTYS

### "Jim" Started His Career in the Texas League

Jim Delehanty, the last of that famous clan to shine in major league baseball, was born in Cleveland thirty-six years ago today, June 20, 1880. Jim is a brother of the lamented Ed Delehanty, the famous slugger, and also of Frank and Joe and goodness knows how many other Delehantys. It used to be that no game was complete without a Delehanty mixed up in it somewhere. Jim started the present season in the uniform of the Beaumont club of the Texas League, having completed his major league service in the service of the Brooklyn Feds last year. Jim was one of the original big leaguers to jump to the Gilmore circuit, and did fairly well in 1914, but last year the game was too fast for him, and he was farmed out to the Colonial League, and later given his unconditional release by John Gangel. Jim has played in all the big leagues of his time, and with a number of clubs, including Cincinnati, Boston, St. Louis, Washington and Detroit. He was a classy infielder, and, as second baseman of the Tigers in 1909, was one of the batting stars of the world's series.

## The Mighty McDonalds.

Martin Sheridan was telling Pat McDonald a story about the athletes in Ireland, says Bob Edgren.

"I hear there's a young fellow over there who can throw the 56-pound weight over 50 feet with one hand," said Martin.

"Go on," said Pat. "It's impossible. No man living will ever do that."

"But his name is McDonald," said Martin.

"One of us McDonalds!" exclaimed Pat. "Well, may be it's true. I'd not be a bit surprised."

## Toronto's Veteran Golfer.

Golfers may come and golfers may go, but Toronto's own veteran of the grass, George S. Lyon, more times champion of Canada than can be enumerated on the fingers of both hands, is still making long drives, and giving Col. Bogy a merry chase. The grand old sportsman, who is now competing in Philadelphia, in an open tournament, was among the leaders in the qualifying round yesterday, and is considered to have a good chance of winning the first prize. Mr. Lyon's son, Seymour, who is at the front, was wounded by shell fire recently, but not seriously.

## TURF GOSSIP.

Howard Oots has shipped seven of his English-bred horses to Hamilton from Lexington. They left yesterday.

W. T. Anderson, who is now racing his horse at Jamaica, has found it necessary to destroy the three-year-old filly Renard. She was kicked by Sea Beach while at the post in a race at Havre de Grace last spring, and badly injured.

Mike Gorman reports that the province-bred Copper King is again going soundly, and taking his daily gallops. He will be shipped to Hamilton from Ottawa at the conclusion of the latter meeting.

Racing will be continued at Jamaica until Saturday, when Aqueduct will open for a five-day meeting.

Roamer is training in a highly satisfactory manner for the Brooklyn Handicap.

Racing in Ireland, which was stopped owing to the Sinn Fein rebellion, will be resumed throughout the Emerald Isle on July 1st.

## SUTTON REWARDED FOR HIS PERSISTENCY.

### Veteran Chicago Billiardist Will Play Willie Hoppe for World's Championship.

The peculiar persistency of G. Butler Sutton, the veteran Chicago billiardist, in challenging William F. Hoppe, of New York, has been rewarded. Hoppe's indifferent attitude towards the portly blond, whose belated sportsmanlike game he has been wrestling with since the veteran's heart he feels that, notwithstanding a row of defeats at the hands of the champion of champions, he is still his master, which he hopes to demonstrate at St. Louis late next October.

Now that he has won his chance after repeated failures, what shall he accomplish? That is the question devotees of balk line billiards, all over the country, are asking one another. The average fan does not believe Sutton figures to win against Hoppe at all, but the veteran's heart he feels that, notwithstanding a row of defeats at the hands of the champion of champions, he is still his master, which he hopes to demonstrate at St. Louis late next October.

## SOCCER TEAM MOURNS

### The Death of Gunner J. F. Shaw, Montreal.

Montreal soccerists are mourning the death of Gunner J. F. Shaw, First Contingent British Expeditionary Force, Divisional Artillery (1st Brigade), C. E. F., who was killed in action in France.

Gunner Shaw played centre-forward for a Canadian Vickers football team, and was a general favorite to all football followers, for the energetic and sportsmanlike game he played on all occasions. He was also a champion lawn tennis player, and he won numerous prizes in this branch of sport. He was a clever boxer also, winning the championship of his company at both boxing and wrestling. It is with much regret that all followers of the game will receive the announcement. Canadian Vickers will wear black bands on their outfit on Saturday at Dominion Park in the game with "Peter Lyall" F. C. as a token of respect for their late comrade.

## WHOLE N. H. A. TEAM

### Has Enlisted in the 228th North Bay Battalion.

The 228th Regiment of North Bay will be able to beat the world at hockey, now numbering no less than eight N. H. A. players, including three of the champion Canadians, in its roster.

The regiment now includes Jack Walker, the former Toronto star who jumped to the Coast last season; Amos Arbour, the shifty Canadian forward; the two McNamara brothers, one of whom captained the Canadiens last season; Gordon Keats, of Toronto; "Goldie" Progers, of Wanderers and Canadians; Jack Marks, the Quebec veteran; and Duncan, of Vancouver.

## BASEBALL BRIEFS.

Gilholly is back in the game for the New York Americans, and hitting well. He is the lead-off man for the Yankees.

Connie Mack, of the Philadelphia Athletics, has released infielder Malone and outfielder Stellbauer to St. Paul, of the American Association.

Johnny Dodge, third baseman of the Mobile Southern Association ball team, died last night from concussion of the brain caused by being hit by a pitched ball.

Only nine regulars are hitting over .300 in the American League. Detroit has three of them, Cleveland two, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Washington and Boston one each. Catcher Numa-maker is the only New York batter in the exclusive class.

Newark fans refuse to have anything to do with minor league baseball since their Federal League experience. The Feds' invasion of the New Jersey city has practically killed the game there.

The baseball situation is becoming more acute. Brooklyn fans realize this when they start mobbing umpires, while in the American four straight defeats of the Cleveland team have led the critics to remark that the Indians have "cracked."

## WEAK PITCHING ACCOUNTS

### FOR SO MANY .300 HITTERS IN THE INTERNATIONAL.

Twenty-eight Regulars, including Three Toronto Players, Are in International League's Select Class. A glance over the International League batting averages discloses the interesting fact that twenty-eight regular players are hitting over the .300 mark. This is something unusual, and there must be an answer to it. Both the American and National League averages show less than ten hitters over the .300 mark. The large number of heavy hitters in the Barrow circuit may be accounted for by the weak pitching. All the teams in the International are complaining of the poor work of the pitchers. The cold, rainy weather, which has been general all over the circuit since the opening of the season, has retarded the work of the twirlers, who have been unable to put everything into the batter's hands. The result has been that the batters have had only ordinary pitching to contend with. When the weather becomes warmer and the pitchers round to form, some of the clouters will soon drop back from the select class.

Three Toronto players are hitting over .300, namely, Truesdale, McKee and Graham, in the order named. In team batting the Leafs are now tied with Rochester for sixth place, while they are seventh in club fielding. In the latter respect, however, their showing is not so bad as their position would indicate. Buffalo, the leaders, have a mark of .962, while that of the Leafs is .954. The Orioles, who are at the bottom, have a mark of .942.

## GIRL SWIMMER TRIES FOR AQUATIC HONORS.

### Pians 20-Mile Journey Between Asbury Park and Lavalette.

Miss Anna Kean, of Philadelphia, a 19-year-old girl, is within a few weeks to attempt two feats of long-distance swimming never before accomplished by man or woman. The first will be the crossing of Chesapeake bay from Cape Charles to Cape Henry, the same trip at which Charles Durborow, holder of the American record of thirty-four miles for continuous swimming failed last summer, owing to weather conditions, and which he is to undertake again on June 28th. The other is the twenty-mile journey between Asbury Park and Lavalette, on the Jersey coast, a course not so far completed by swimmers of either sex.

## OVERLOOK HOME TALENT

### When It Might Prove Better Than the Imported.

President McCaffrey is scouring the country for players, while promising prospects are lying around idle almost in his own back yard, says the Toronto News. Alexander Graham, the local twirler who was with Guelph last year, and who is as good a prospect as can be found anywhere, is well worth a trial. He has won all his games to date in the city league and on Saturday turned in a one-hit performance against the Packard Automobile Club, is as good a fielder as Hogan and a much better hitter. He was not kept by Manager Clymer last season because it was alleged he lacked "pop," not from want of ability. No one could accuse Hogan of being a "live wire." Home talent, however, is apparently not desired by the local management.

## Parlay Bet on Giant Streak.

A belated statistician has figured out what a parlay bet starting with \$10 would have netted for the investor if he had followed the historic winning streak of the Giants when they were away from home. At the end of the seventeenth straight victory, the \$10 would have been built up to something like \$550,000. But what a Memorial Day—that was when the Phillies licked the Giants and broke the streak—it would have been for the get-rich-quick bettor if he had tried to turn the \$550,000 into \$1,300,000 on the eighteenth game. That is the usual fate of a parlay player.

## Prove Magnets on Tour

If the continental trip of Hoppe and Yamada, which recently closed, is any criterion, balk line billiards is on the boom. The pair made a lot of money playing in big houses everywhere. In San Francisco alone they far outdrew the big match there some years ago between Horgan and De Oro for the world's three-cushion title. As a result of their success Hoppe is again booked for practically all of next year.

## Johnson in Bull Ring.

Every once in a while we learn that "Jack" Johnson is broke. But this kind of talk is only piffle. In a cablegram to "Tom" Andrews, of Milwaukee, which cost \$15 to send weight champion says that he is billed to fight a regular bull on June 26th, also that he is willing to fight Sam McVey, Sam Langford, Jess Willard or any of the present crop of heavies.

## Jack Walker Dons Khaki

Jack Walker, who played left wing for the Toronto professional hockey team two winters ago, and last winter was with Seattle, in the Pacific Coast League, has enlisted with a battalion in his home town, Port Arthur.

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