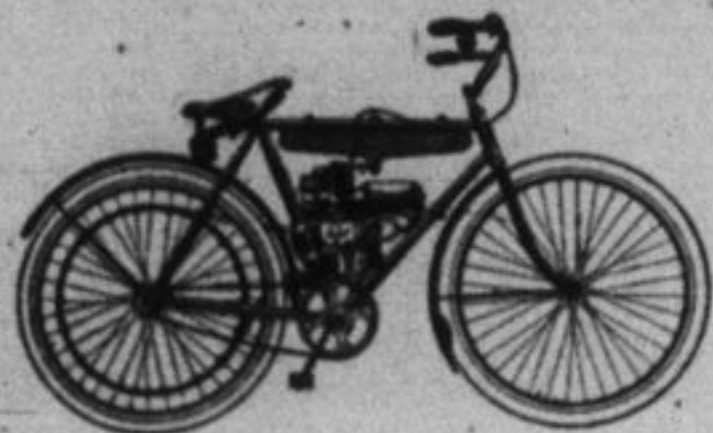


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MAJOR LEAGUES READY FOR GRINDING RACE

Baseball teams of the major leagues have now settled down to the grinding pace, wherein the weak will be separated from the strong, and the stake entries will be found out with the "platers" and also shown up. From this point on, the chase becomes one of daily struggles, with none of the entries able to relax and the pace setters set upon by a vicious, ripping, tearing, smashing collection of trained to the minute athletes, all of whom are ready to go to any means to bring back the leaders and annex for themselves the job of showing the way.

From now on it will be an easy matter to determine whether or not the Yankees and Dodgers, present pace setters in their respective leagues, possess the winning spirit. It will be plainly shown, and quickly too, whether or not the adherents of the Yankees and Dodger cause can feel optimistic or pessimistic. In a few weeks the Yankees and Dodgers will either have stamped themselves as worthy of worship or else just "quarter horses" able to gallop into an early lead, but without heart enough to stay in front once challenged by real opposition.

Browns and Reds Out.

There are some who still hope that the St. Louis Browns and the Cincinnati Reds will make themselves known, but only once in a decade does a team overcome a poor early start and go out in front. It seems a certainty that the Browns and Reds are to be dubbed second divisions.

"Connie" Mack's misfit collection of collegians and semi-professionals are miles out of their class. The club since its disintegration has been a disgrace to major league baseball. Possessing one or two high-salaried stars, the owners of the Athletics have been content to fill the rest of the positions with men who will work for mere pittance, and consequently are far from the ability needed to make even an impression in big league baseball.

Having eliminated two teams in the American League and one in the National, there remains thirteen organizations still with fight in them, and still pounding along in the thick of the race. Some of these are wobbling and beginning to tire, while others seem to have regained a "second wind" and are just beginning to make the race interesting.

In the American League Boston and Chicago have come out of the rack, moved up to a threatening position, and are making the Yankees know that there are to be several ar-

guments before the finish-line is reached. Chicago of late has been getting better in pitching and batting. The players have regained their confidence and are willing to talk about a pennant. The club is fighting mad, seeking fight and willing to combat any of the opposition. In this condition the Donorantes can keep a sharp lookout in the direction of Chicago or else something decidedly unpleasant will happen.

The world's champion Boston Red Sox are not beaten, by a long way, as the team is contesting every step of the way, and is working so valiantly that its efforts are beginning to bear fruit. Boston, with a great pitching staff and earnest workers, must be counted as a contender. For that matter, almost every manager in the league concedes that the team to beat for the pennant is Boston.

Detroit Falling Back.

Poor pitching has had its effect on Detroit, and threatens to again rob the Tigers of a cherished pennant. Detroit is not too far back to be able to come ahead again, but there is not the fear of Detroit being a few weeks ago. According to the Yankee players, Detroit has fought its fight. Weakness at bat makes Washington and also ran right now. Cleveland continues to worry the leaders, and keeps close enough to the front rank to sprout into the lead at any time, but few care to predict anything for Cleveland. For that matter, every one is waiting for Cleveland to "crack under the strain." Lee Fohl says Cleveland will not "crack." "Bill" Donovan declares Cleveland has "cracked."

Brooklyn's chief worry seems to be mixed up in the Boston and Philadelphia outfits. However, the Dodgers are winning, just as consistently as the two named, and for this reason need not lose any too much sleep. Boston without Evers is like a ship without a rudder, and until Evers is returned to the game the Dodgers can breathe freely.

The Phillies are determined to agitate the National League gonfalon, and are playing as if they meant it. However, few believe that the Phillies possess enough strength to come to the top this season.

The Giants, Cubs, Pirates and Cardinals are playing too erratically to cause a great deal of worry. However, there is latent strength in each of these teams that once kindled to a flame may burn its way clear through the league. New York has enough hitting strength to win the pennant, if only its pitchers can pitch.

HEAVY EXTRA BASE HITTING

THIS IS PROMINENT FEATURE OF PRESENT SEASON.

Leaders Are Close To, If They Have Not Equalled Figures Made For Entire Playing Period of 1915.

Heavy extra base hitting among the leading batters of the big leagues has been a prominent feature of the present season. Notwithstanding the fact that a considerable percentage of the scheduled games to date have been postponed, the leaders in the extra base divisions are close to, if they have not already equalled the figures made for the entire playing period of 1915.

The latest compilations show that in the American League, Granev, of Cleveland, leads the two-base drives with a total of twenty-four, whereas he collected but twenty during the entire season a year ago. Joe Jackson, of Chicago, is second with twenty, which just equals his record for the whole of the previous season. Tris Speaker, of Cleveland, is still six doubles behind his 1915 figures, and Ty Cobb, of Detroit, is a little better than half way toward his total of last year.

None of the leaders in the three-base division has yet surpassed last season's record, but several are close to their total for twelve months ago. Weaver, of Chicago; Veach, of Detroit, and Pipp, of New York, are tied with eight triples, which is more than 7 per cent. of their 1915 collection. Baker, of New York, leads in home runs with eight circuit drives, which is equal to the mark he made during the entire 1914 season while a member of the Athletics. Pipp, of the same club, has already equalled his record of last season, and Granev, of Cleveland, is ahead with Ruth, of Boston, and Fournier, of Chicago, within a drive of their figures of a year ago.

Several of the National League heavy hitters are ahead of last season's totals in this department of the game, and others are rapidly approaching the point where they will be able to pass the aggregate.

Among the leading two-base sluggers, Stock, of Philadelphia, alone has eclipsed the total made during the pennant race of twelve months ago.

Groh, of Cincinnati, has rapped out nine triples to date, which just equals his mark of last season. Bescher, of St. Louis; Williams, of Chicago; Myers, of Brooklyn, and Betzel, of St. Louis, are all ahead of their 1915 totals. In the home run class the leading trio have yet to reach the marks for 1915.

The records of the leading two-base, three-base, and home run hitters in both leagues to July 1st, together with their totals for the complete season of 1915, are appended.

IN BOWLING AT BROCKVILLE.

Kingston Men Are Doing Very Well in First Round.

A private telegram was received in the city to-day giving the results of the bowling of the Kingston men at the Eastern Lawn Bowling tournament which is being held at Brockville this season. J. H. Elliott's team won in the preliminary round and in the first round, and H. W. Newman's in the first round, while R. S. Graham's rink lost. The teams are:

J. F. McMillan, Prof. Day, H. D. Bibby, M. Elliott, skip.  
O. O. Boyd, D. Givens, W. H. Wormwith, H. W. Newman, skip.  
T. Lambert, Dr. R. E. Sparks, J. W. Corbett, R. S. Graham, skip.

The Pitching Hall of Fame

The pitching hall of fame, in which are inscribed the names of those ballplayers who have twirled no-hit games, had its beginning so far as professional ball is concerned, just 40 years ago last Saturday. It was on the fifteenth of July, 1876, the first year of the National League, that George W. Bradley, of the St. Louis club, held the Hartford team hitless, and so repeated the great stunt which had been performed the previous year by a college player, Joe Mann, of Princeton, in a contest with Yale. Not only were the Hartford lads unable to get a single hit off Bradley's delivery, but they didn't even get a man on first base.

Bradley, the pioneer of the more than four-score twirlers who have since pitched no-hit games in the big leagues, was the whole pitching staff of the Mound City club in 1876. Thanks largely to Bradley's superior box work, St. Louis finished third in the National League race in 1876—higher than it has ever climbed since except in 1914, when the Cards again reached the third rung from the top of the ladder.

Bradley joined "Cap" Anson's club in Chicago in 1877, and afterwards played with the National League clubs of Troy and Providence, but he never repeated the feat that won for him the premier niche in the hall of pitching immortals.

Athlete is Wounded. Harvey Aggett, well known in University of Toronto athletic circles as a hockey and football player, has been wounded in action, and is now in a hospital in France. While at "Varsity" he played football with the S.P.S. team in the Mulock Cup series, and was with the Junior O.H.A. champions.

Jack Dillon is Taciturn

If Julius Caesar, who had a predilection for sleek, fat men who slept o' nights, could have seen Jack Dillon, he might have become very uneasy, for not even the "lean and hungry Casius" had a look more solemnly taciturn, more ostentatiously sullen than that of the famous pitcher.

Notoriety he shuns as he would the plague, and familiarity on the part of strangers he resents with a cold, steely stare and short, incisive replies calculated to abruptly curtail any extended conversation.

Except to members of his training and managerial staff and some of his warm personal friends in Indiana, Dillon is harder to reach socially than a cabinet official.

Even in his ring appearance he maintains a cold, forbidding demeanor that is in sharp contrast with the majority of boxers who court popular favor. In response to the heartiest applause Dillon bows distantly, and when waiting for the bell he looks fixedly at the floor. This he varies by an occasional scowl at his prospective victim. By just beating the gong brings him to the centre of the ring he at once shows great interest in the situation, and especially in the man facing him. This interest soon takes the form of demonic fury expressed in a series of cyclonic attacks.

The Hoosier never loses this eager interest in his opponent while the latter is on his feet, and once the bell sounds the close of the last round Dillon retreats behind his look of scowling discontent and disappears from the ring.

The Dillon smile can be compared to one thing only, and that is the cheerless glint of a December sun on the side of an iceberg. And there are only two things that will bring that cold grin to the Dillon countenance. One is when he sees an opponent giving signals of impending surrender and the other is when his antagonist delivers blows that startle the Bearcat out of his customary condition of gloomy indifference.

BOLT KILLED TROTTERS.

Three Thoroughbreds Lost Their Lives at Yonkers.

A lightning bolt killed three thoroughbreds at the Empire City track at Yonkers, besides causing fright among the spectators by shattering the flagpole on the grandstand and damaging the stands.

The bolt drove through the barn where the Belmont and Butler strings were stabled, killing August Belmont's two-year-olds Cockshell and Nancy Fair, and injuring the Butler three-year-old Variety so badly it had to be destroyed.

Red Sox Were Victorious. Bunched hits at critical moments, coupled with errors, enabled the Havana Red Sox, Watertown, N.Y., to defeat Ryan 14 to 10 in a weird game at Star Park, Syracuse. This was the deciding contest of a series, each team having won three games and lost three.

BASEBALL BRIEFS.

Catcher Dooin has been released to Rochester by the Giants.

Infielder King of the Athletics is a son of Silver King, once a famous pitcher for the St. Louis Browns under C. W. Comiskey.

The Yankees series with the White Sox drew 42,000 paid admission.

Wise pitchers are feeding slow balls to Home Run Baker.

Caldwell seems to be in hard luck. The Yankees seldom hit well behind him.

Rube Marquard says that he'd rather beat the Giants once than draw a month's pay. He and McGraw are bitter enemies.

Ty Cobb said the other day that he felt like retiring from baseball. He had just been fined and suspended by Ban Johnson. Ty probably forgot that he was drawing a \$15,000 salary.

Pitcher Barnes of the Braves has as much speed as Alexander or Walter Johnson.

Stuffy McInnis of the Athletics wants his release. He'd like to play with the Red Sox or White Sox.

Comiskey paid \$11,000 for Eddie Murphy to Mack and \$6,000 for Nemo Leiboh to the Cleveland. Both are bench warmers now.

Jack Coombs pitches an average of one fast ball to each batsman, or about thirty-five in an ordinary game. He knows how to save the old wing.

Matty is troubled again with that pain in the neck. It's neuritis, the doctors say.

Hans Wagner is beating 328. He is third behind Robertson and Daubert and tied with Hinchman and Tommy Long.

Manager McGraw, of the Giants, announces that Slim Sallee, the St. Louis pitcher, who was suspended recently, and then quit the game, has been signed by New York. The Giants are said to have paid \$10,000 for Sallee.

Outfielder Shorten, of the Boston Red Sox, has been turned over to New York, under an optional agreement. Shorten will fill the place left vacant by the recall of Milan by Washington.

"Hook" Warner, third baseman of the Dayton, Ohio, team, in the Central League, has been sold to Pittsburgh. The player will report to the Pirates about the first of September. The price paid for the player is \$4,000, of which \$2,000 is cash, and the balance of Warner is retained by the Pirates.

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