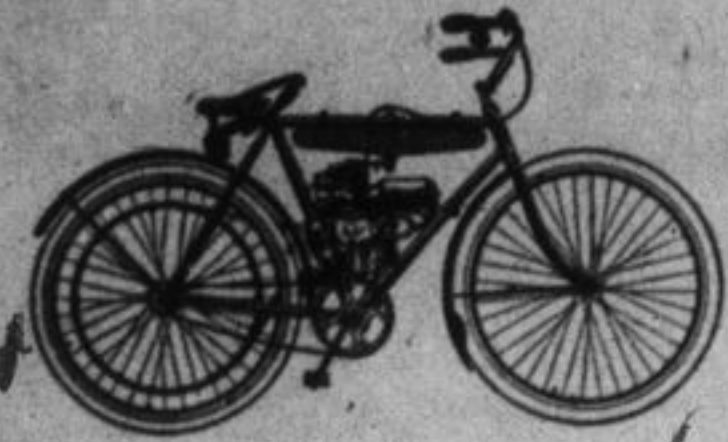


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BASEBALL BRIEFS.

Charley Ebbets has been advised to get Bunny Fabrique to plug that hole in his Brooklyn lineup—if he can get Bunny away from Providence.

Pitcher Ray Keating, who has been with the Highlanders since 1912, was released yesterday to the Richmond club of the International League.

Saurez, a shortstop from Cambridge, Md., has been signed by Newark, Maryland produced Baker and Herzog, and Tenny is hoping for a reputation of history.

The Highlanders broke their long losing streak by defeating the Tigers, 4 to 2. The game was a duel between Daus and Cullop, both weakening in the ninth, when all the scoring took place. A home run by Pipp and doubles by Miller, Oldring and Gedeon finished Daus.

The protest of the Boston Nationals against a decision of Umpire Eason in a game with Chicago on July 25th, which the Braves claim cost them the contest, has been dismissed by President Tener of the league. The league executive ruled that the umpire's decision, which gave Zimmerman of Chicago three bases and a run on a throw into the dugout back of first base was correct. This run, which came in the eleventh inning, gave Chicago the game by 3 to 2.

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Pitcher Evans, a young right-hander from the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, has reported to Manager Callahan of Pittsburgh.

Nashville has obtained from the St. Louis American League Club McCabe, a pitcher, and Tobin, an outfielder, to report Aug. 12. Lee, an outfielder, who has been playing with Nashville, but who belongs to St. Louis, will be returned when the new men report.

Barrow is still resting on his oars despite that order of the National Commission to pay over \$11,000 to the Ebbets-McKeever combine on that Newark franchise claim.

After winning fourteen straight games Fielder Jones and his Browns were stopped by the Boston Red Sox on Saturday. In 1908, while manager of the Chicago White Sox, Fielder Jones saw his team win nineteen straight games.

Johnny Evers having received the worst of it in his bout with his teammate "Red" Smith, has apologized for his action and shook hands with Smith.

The leadership in the American League will be decided in the next few days, with Boston clashing with Chicago.

Harvey Sutherland, Tacoma's sensational right hander, won his sixteenth consecutive victory yesterday when Tacoma defeated Vancouver 5 to 5.

While Tris Speaker has been doing some wonderful hitting for the Indians, don't overlook the fact that young Mr. Roth is also giving some valuable help to Lee Fohl in his pennant drive.

Buffalo Express:—All sorts of excitement prevailed during the last week over the recall of Shoemaker from Toronto and Arragon from Richmond. The Toronto club gets Markle and Brady as soon as waivers can be obtained, while Richmond draws Keating and Boone. Markle is likely to find himself and pitch good ball if he is worked regularly. Keating could never go more than six or seven innings without losing his "heat fire" and exploding. The Toronto fans, though, are finding a new solace in the hitting of McTigue. What he did in that fifteen-inning game against Buffalo is history. Three doubles and two singles in six times up is some hitting for a pitcher. Twice previously he came through with long hits in other series when used in the pinches. Looks as though "Lefty" is one of those fellows something like Jake Gettman—too fast for the minors and not fast enough for the majors.

Showing Great Form.—John Coombs, the veteran right-hander of the Brooklyn, says that if the Superbas win the National League pennant Ed Pfeffer and Sherrod Smith will bring home the money in the world's series. He considers them two of the greatest pitchers in the business and at their best in a tough series. John is too modest to mention himself as a probable worker in the big event, but the fans remember how skillfully he pitched for the Athletics against the Giants.

It's well enough to put your trust in Providence, but it's unwise to go around looking for holes for Providence to pull you out of.

Every fine man trades horses he expects to get the best of it—yet he knows the chances are 100 to 1 against him. It's usually the alimony he has to pay that causes a man to figure on a divorce suit.

SEEKING A RULE

For Announcing Batting Orders Ten Minutes Before Game.

A movement is on foot to induce the major leagues to pass a rule which will make it compulsory for managers to announce their batting orders at least ten minutes before a game begins. There is no good reason why this important information should be held back until the last moment. A manager generally knows long before gametime how he will align his players and who will be the pitcher. It is argued that these details can be handed to the occupants of the press box in ample time to have the correct line-up announced on the bulletin boards for the benefit of spectators who purchase incorrect score cards. The crusade for this needed reform has reached such a stage that the owners and managers of the Brooklyn, Reds, Pirates, Phillies and Cardinals in the National league are strongly in favor of it. President Tener at an early date probably will be asked to instruct his umpires to provide the necessary information at the desired time. A President Johnson, of the American league, also is said to favor the plan.

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MATTY'S GREAT RECORD.

He Was Discovered by the Giants in 1900.

Christy Mathewson who helped the Giants more than any other player to win many pennants, was born at Factoryville, Pa., August 12, 1880.

First gained a reputation as a pitcher with the Keystone (Pa.) Academy team and, then went to Bucknell College, where he made the team in his first year. Matty first played professionally with the Honesdale (Pa.) and Tauton (Mass) teams, and then went to Norfolk. He was "discovered" by the Giants in the fall of 1900, while with Norfolk. His record with the Giants is appended. Mathewson's greatest pitching feat was performed in 1905, during the world's series with the Athletics, when he defeated the Mackmen practically single-handed. All these games were shut-outs. Since being taken part in five world championships, four with the Athletics, the years being 1905, 1911, 1912, 1914 and one with the Red Sox in 1912. Matty was the hero of the series in Boston, but the Giants lost. The only year the Giants were successful in the post season games was in 1905.

JOHN MCGRAW MAY QUIT

But Will Make No Decision This Season.

There have been rumors of late that John J. McGraw would retire as manager of the New York Giants when his contract expires after next season. The Giants' leader said yesterday that he has no definite plan of quitting at that time, although he did admit that several times it had occurred to him that he had been in the baseball business long enough, and would like to retire.

"I've been in a baseball uniform for twenty-six years," said McGraw, "and that is a long time. The best part of my life has been given up to the game, and sometimes I get the notion that I would like to give it up. It can happen between now and the end of next season, however, so really I have come to no definite decision about it."

And He Can Still Win.

The American Baseball League is playing its seventeenth season as an organization and its fifteenth season as a recognized major league body. Of the hurlers who made up the pitching staff of the different teams which were then included in the circuit just three are in harness to-day, and only one is still doing duty in the American League at this writing.

Edward Plank is the sole survivor of that grand old squad of hurlers, the last of the Mohicans, the one lone twirler left of that brilliant galaxy of moundmen who were in the American League during its infantile years.

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GOVERNMENT SHOULD PROTECT THE PUBLIC.

And See That They Get Square Deal At Race Tracks.

The Government, says the Hamilton Spectator, derives a revenue from the various race tracks throughout Ontario, and, of course, the revenue comes from the dear old public indirectly. But the Government has taken no steps to protect the public and see that the people who dicker with the iron men are given a square deal. Of course, if a man is a rapid fire mathematician he might manage to total up the amount of money bet and figure out just what a horse should pay, but the money is not divided on what the mutual boards show, but on the number of tickets sold. The boards are right as a rule, but many followers of the sport are convinced that they are getting all that is coming, and it would be a great protection for both the clubs and the public if the government placed an auditor in charge at each meeting to check up the work of the men who figure out the odds. It is estimated that from \$200,000 to \$450,000 is handled each day in the mutuels and any business firm would not allow that much money to be handled without an efficient staff of auditors on the job.

To err is human, and the men behind the iron men are human. The Government gets enough revenue from the tracks to enable to pay a competent man the salary that such a position would deserve and it would do away with the feeling that many men have that they are the mercy of the club every time they place a bet. There have been all kinds of rumors as to the percentage that the clubs take, it being common gossip that one club, which is not located in Ontario, took ten per cent, and breaks at the spring meeting. The mile tracks in Ontario take five per cent, and breaks, and it is only fair to all concerned that the public be protected.

A TENNIS STUDENT REVEALS A SECRET.

Expert Discloses Interesting Theory in Regard to Winning Single Games.

An interesting theory regarding tennis singles play is advanced by a close student of the game when he states: "You must select that particular degree of rashness or moderation in your general playing, which will overcome the particular adversary before you." According to this authority the application of the theory is that "in order to win a player must select that degree of moderation or rashness in strokes or placement, which will enable him to place in court a percentage of plays large enough to win in spite of the percentage of those which come back."

At first sight the theory appears to be involved and rather beyond the standards of attack possessed by the average player of tennis but when illustrated by examples and explanations, the theory gains in weight and appears worthy of trial by those who play tennis outside the tournament class. It is pointed out that if careful play places 90 per cent of returns in court you will still lose if your opponent is placing more than that percentage in court. Under the circumstances, it becomes necessary to increase speed or placement or both to a point where but 80 or 70 per cent of your plays are going into court and the stage is reached where your opponent in handling the returns falls below such average, at which point you begin to win.

THE WESTERN CLUBS ARE DUE TO TRIUMPH.

Baseball Statistician Figures East Out of Running for Big League Flags.

A National League baseball fan with a mathematical twist, has figured out that since 1876 eastern clubs have won twenty-five pennants and western clubs fifteen. According to his figures the grand average of eastern pennant winning percentages is .667 while that of the western clubs is .705. The highest among eastern clubs was made by Providence in 1884 with .750, and the lowest by Philadelphia last season when the Phillies won the pennant with .592. Among the western clubs Chicago's average of .798 in 1887 is high and Detroit's .637 in 1887, low.

He also points out that, with one exception, eastern and western clubs have won pennants in groups of two, three or five years as follows: 1877-79, east; 1880-82, west; 1883-84, east; 1885-87, west; 1888-1900, east; 1901-03, west; 1904-05, east; 1906-10, west; 1911-15, east.

In view of the fact that with one exception there has never been a winning sectional stretch of more than five years he rather expects to see a western club come through and win the 1916 pennant with a driving snitch. He is willing to concede, however, that if this occurs, the winner will fall considerably below the average of winning western clubs of the past.

Will Join the Leafs.

The Toronto Baseball Club yesterday came to terms with infielder Viox of Pittsburgh, and he will report at Baltimore. President Dreyfus was made to get all the National League clubs to waive on Costello. When he does the heavy-hitting infielder will join the Leafs. Pitcher Brady will also join the Leafs at Baltimore.

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