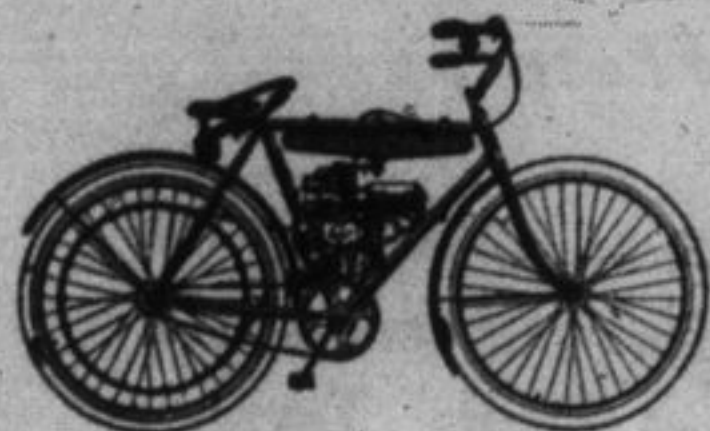


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### A FINE RACE FOR HONORS IN THE AMERICAN AND NATIONAL LEAGUES.

Six Clubs Have Chance for Bunting in the American, While Three Are Selected in the National. With only about a month to go in the National and American Baseball Leagues, there is one grand scramble among at least six teams in the American League for first place, while in the National the fight seems to have narrowed down to Brooklyn, Boston and Philadelphia, with still an outside chance for the New York Giants.

In the American League Boston Red Sox are still leading the procession, but the margin over Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, St. Louis and New York is so small that a couple of games would easily change the whole complexion of the situation. Boston Red Sox, despite their loss of the great and only Speaker, manage to keep out in front. They have a grand pitching staff in Leonard, Shore, Ruth, Foster and several other lesser lights, while Hooper and Lewis are batting in the form they displayed during the last two years. Ruth has been very effective in the last two weeks in the box, and the world's champions will take a lot of beating.

Chicago White Sox, with their grand aggregation of ball players, including a wonderful array of pitching talent, are now showing their real worth, and while they have been a disappointment for a couple of years are liable to come through.

Cleveland has slumped a little, and the other teams are improving, but they manage to hang around, and aided by good pitching and the wonderful batting of Speaker, are still in third position. Detroit are still able to slug out enough games to keep them in the race, and "Ty" Cobb is gaining on Speaker's batting average every day. The Tiger pitchers are doing better now, and if they can keep up the good work a good bet is to "Watch the Tigers."

New York, despite the crippled condition of the team, have won five out of their last six games, and there is little doubt that Shocker, the ex-Leaf twirler, will be a big asset to them in the last month. If the Yankees get several of their cripples in line look out for them.

St. Louis, by their magnificent spurt, in which they won 23 out of 25 games, has been the talk of the league this month. Clever pitching by the veteran Eddie Plank has had a lot to do with their success, and "Fleider" Jones is some manager.

Washington do not look to have the goods and Clark Griffith is busy getting rid of some of his veterans. Walter Johnson still pitches good ball, but does not win as often as he did, and the Senators will be lucky if they finish in the first division.

The once great Philadelphia Athletics are now only a stepping stone for the other teams in the American. Every one of the other seven clubs welcome a series with "Connie Mack's aggregation, as they generally result in a big upward climb for their opponents.

Brooklyn are going along nicely in the National, although they did drop two in Pittsburgh on Saturday. They are a steady if not brilliant lot of players, and with a good pitching staff and the leading batter in the league, "Jake" Dambert, are sure to be there or thereabouts at the finish.

Boston Braves are still a good bet, and they are keeping pace with the leaders, even when Evers was out of the game. They are strong all the way through, and have in Manager Stallings a man who is sure to get the results if they are to be had.

Any club that has a pitcher like Grover Alexander is bound to be there or thereabouts at the finish, and the champion twirler is keeping last year's title strictly in the race. They also have a couple of other better than average twirlers in Demaree and Rixey.

New York Giants have been and are still a disappointment. With the addition of Herzog they improved for a few days, but they slid back in the same old rut. "Benny" Kauff, the Federal League king, is not coming up to expectations, and has slumped badly.

Chicago Cubs are on the backward trend, while St. Louis and Cincinnati do not look to have a chance. Pittsburgh are not doing so badly, owing to the good work of Mamaux and Cooper and the hitting of the veteran Wagner.

NOT LIKELY TO OPERATE.

The N.H.A. May Call Off Schedule Next Winter.

The Ottawa Journal says: It appears right now as if there will be little or no pro hockey next winter, at least as far as the N.H.A. is concerned. Not only is sentiment against it, but the different club owners of the National Hockey Association seem to feel that it would be for the best to call things off until after the war. Such a move they think would help the game instead of injuring it.

With a very large percentage of the professional players enlisted and with nearly all of the amateur players in khaki as well as the young fellows who are the big patrons of the sport, it appears on surface that the best move would be to call it off. However, those directly interested should be aware of the conditions better than any one, and there is little doubt but that they will do what is best.

Jap Player "Sick of Tennis."

Ichya Kumagae, the Japanese tennis star, and William M. Johnston, the American champion, whom Kumagae defeated last week at Newport, probably will not take part in the Meadow Club's tourney at Southampton, L.I. Johnston wants to rest before the beginning of the national tourney next week, and Kumagae has declared himself sick of tennis.

### SOCIETY APPROVES PROMOTING BOXING Gives Its Stamp of Approval to This Sport in Australia.

Not only is boxing one of the chief forms of sport in Australia, but in addition it has society's stamp of approval. The bouts attract governors, judges and prime ministers. In the City of Brisbane the smallest covered by Baker's string of stadiums (its population is about 150,000 to Sydney's 743,000), the stadium is the regular scene of charity shows organized by society dames.

The last non-fighting function held there was a kindergarten shivoo in aid of a babies' creche. The Lieutenant-Governor and his wife, the mayor and his spouse and all the burly damsels of Brisbane swarmed round the whole complexion of the situation. Boston Red Sox, despite their loss of the great and only Speaker, manage to keep out in front. They have a grand pitching staff in Leonard, Shore, Ruth, Foster and several other lesser lights, while Hooper and Lewis are batting in the form they displayed during the last two years. Ruth has been very effective in the last two weeks in the box, and the world's champions will take a lot of beating.

The policy of identifying the stadiums with all charitable and patriotic movements is steadily followed by Snowy Baker. He has associated himself now with the theatrical rulers, Hugh J. Ward and Hugh D. McIntosh, in his big schemes intended to raise \$500,000 for the comforts of Australian regiments of all arms.

Every regiment has such a fund, managed mainly by sweethearts and wives; it sends socks, cigarettes, newspapers, and all miscellanies to the boys of the battalions and brigades. The theatre and stadium magnates will offer matinees and organize carnival weeks till the half million dollars are duly provided for the fighting men.

The adaptations of Sydney stadium have been made for these carnivals. The huge building can accommodate horseback events and will be fitted for high jumping and hunting displays, with pony jinker races, and so on, and a great tank will be built for swimming events. Snowy Baker is also preparing plans for the use of part of the stadium as a physical-culture studio on a big scale.

### LADY BALL PLAYER CREATES SENSATION

Played Second Base for Montreal Amateur Team When Player Hurt.

D. H. Lady. An event which created quite a sensation in the Spalding Baseball League, and which is unique of its sort, occurred on Saturday afternoon on Fletcher's Field, Montreal.

The Emeralds and Opals, of the Kaickerbocker Spalding League, were playing a game upon which the championship depended, when in the eighth inning Mooney, of the Emeralds, fell and badly dislocated his ankle. He was playing second base.

As luck would have it, Miss Agnes Vautier, captain of the Western Ladies' Hockey Club, champions of the Eastern League, and some other young ladies were playing basketball in another part of the field, and someone told the Emerald manager that Miss Vautier, who is probably the best all round amateur lady sportsman in Montreal, was a crack baseball player. So after much persuasion she allowed herself to be pressed into service. The Emeralds were even at the time ahead of the Opals in the scoring.

Miss Vautier acquitted herself magnificently, and one particular catch which she made of a ball thrown to her from the home plate caused the crowd that had gathered to see the young lady play with the boys to applaud her long and loudly.

The Emeralds kept their lead and increased it, and won by a score of 16 to 9, which gives them the championship.

### DREW IS PARALYZED.

Negro Champion Sprinter Will Never Run Again.

Howard Drew, negro sprinter and holder of the world's record for the hundred yard dash, has probably run his last race. Drew is laid up at Los Angeles, Cal., with paralysis, brought on when he strained himself in the century dash of a meet at San Diego, Saturday. His left side is affected due to a dislocated vertebra.

Drew was a member of the American Olympic team which won games at Stockholm in 1912. He was formerly a student at Springfield, Mass., High School, but of late has been attending the University of Southern California. Drew holds the records of 9 3-5 seconds for the 100-yards and has equalled the record of 21 1-5 for the 220-yards.

### PATRIOTIC RUGBY LEAGUE

Is Being Suggested by Sporting Men in Ottawa.

In lieu of the Interprovincial Football Union, which is not likely to operate this fall, Ottawa football men are suggesting the formation of a Patriotic League to be carried on among four teams organized in that city. The suggestion is made that all the eligible Ottawa players of last year, including those in khaki and civilians, be distributed among four teams, and the ranks filled with younger players drawn from New Edinburghs, St. Patricks, and Collegiate.

Joe Birmingham Resigns. Joe Birmingham has resigned as manager of the Toronto Club. This action came as a complete surprise to President McCaffery and the owners of the club. Birmingham had a contract as player-manager, which he met with last spring. No successor has been appointed or even considered, but one of the players, probably Blackburne, will be placed in temporary charge.

### BASEBALL BRIEFS.

Jacques Fournier gathered four singles in four times up off Nick Cutlop of the Yanks.

The Giants continue to move in the general direction of the cellar. And they're moving swiftly, too.

Bobby Veach, of the Tigers, had a field day against the Athletics. He made three hits in four times up, scored three runs, stole two bases, and registered a put out on his only chance during the game.

Pittcher A. Mamaux, the star of the Pittsburgh pitching staff, is under suspension for breaking the training rules. His suspension is for ten days.

The Brooklyn Dodgers are endeavoring to complete a deal with Pittsburgh for the service of Pittcher A. Mamaux.

"Gabby" Cravath, the Philly outfielder, is no longer a star, and Manager Moran is endeavoring to complete a deal for his transfer to Los Angeles for Wolter, the former New York Yankee player.

Outfielder Ralph Heatley, of the Tulsa Club, has been sold to the Athletics.

Kid Gleason is slated to succeed Rowland as the manager of the Chicago White Sox.

Johnny Evers says he is "off" the newspapers. When the newspapers get "off" Evers, John may find himself looking for a job.

Though he is managing in Cincinnati, Matty continues to write "inside" stories of the National League. Judging from the standing, the Reds are on the outside looking in.

Heinie Groh, as the Reds' third-sacker, was generally conceded to be about the best man at that position in the National League. Now that he has been shifted to second base he is putting up a brand of ball that stamps him as being close to the best second baseman in the circuit. Groh is a power on both the attack and the defence, and his work is very consistent.

The Detroit Tigers have been booked for an exhibition game with the Leafs at Toronto on Friday, September 1st. If the Toronto club are wise they will insist on the appearance of the Tiger regulars, including Veach, Bush, Crawford, Cobb, Vitt and the rest. Local fans would like to have another peek at "Red" McKee, too. The Boston Red Sox were there recently with a fair team, but Scott, Hooper and others of the regulars were absentees. Janvrin and Barry perpetrated some "monkey-shines" around second base that might very well have been omitted.

The Pittsburgh club have sold infielder Joe Schultz, the former Toronto player, to the Los Angeles Club, of the Pacific Coast League. Schultz will report to the club at once.

Pittcher Davis, the strong man, reported to the Grays from the Boston Braves yesterday. Davis, who is a collegian, twirled a one-hit game for the Braves two years ago. He will work this afternoon against the Leafs.

Pittcher Doak, of the St. Louis, had a finger broken Tuesday in the fifth inning of the New York game, by trying to stop a line drive. Meadows succeeded him, and in the sixth inning pitched ten balls without a strike being called on him.

The Cubs have offered to trade Zimmerman to the Braves for Shortstop Maranville.

Manager Lee Rohl of the Cleveland team, while figuring that Cleveland is not yet out of the race, declares that the Boston Red Sox are a much stronger team than the Chicago White Sox. Boston, according to Rohl, has the strongest defensive team in the league.

### TOOQ 20 MEN TO SALONIKA.

Capt. Smirle Lawson There in Time for "Big Drive."

Under date of August 9th Captain (Dr.) Smirle Lawson in a letter to a friend in Toronto stated that on that date he was leaving Southampton, Eng., with twenty men as reinforcements to the Canadian medical service at Salonika. While in England the star half-back witnessed the running of the English Derby and other races, but did not see anything to beat the old favorite, Pan Zareta. In conclusion he says: "Give my best regards to all the boys."

### H. C. Griffith at Camp Borden.

Khaki Life. Harry Griffith, the famous Varsity rugby coach, at the school of infantry qualifying for lieutenantcy. Harry has not yet become an expert a tactician in sloping arms and the like as he was on the gridiron. Still he wasn't a week in camp before he had evolved an entirely unique and altogether drastic method of wrestling the rifle to his shoulder. By the time he had climbed upon it and disentangled rifle barrel from legs and arms, he, as sergeant of the guard, had done the impossible. The only trouble was that while he could stick over this interference stuff on the football field the military referee is somewhat strict.

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