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In the World of Sport

THE LEADING CLOUTERS

IN THE NATIONAL AND AMERICAN BASEBALL LEAGUES.

Cobb is hitting .384 in the American and Wheat .341 in the National—Other Sluggers.

Back in the old days they said that "youth will be served," but that means nothing to "Zack" Wheat and Jake Daubert, veterans of the Brooklyn Nationals, who to-day are fighting it out for first place honors in the National batting race.

Wheat, with an average of .341, is showing the way, with Daubert trailing him twenty points. Heinie Groh, of Cincinnati, who gave promise of becoming the 1918 batting champion, has fallen into a tie for third place according to the averages, including games of Wednesday. The honors in scoring is held by George Burns, of New York, with seventy runs to his credit. Max Carey, of Pittsburgh, has a big lead in base-stealing, his total of fifty-three remaining out of danger. Moltwitz, of Pittsburgh, drove Rousch of Cincinnati out of the lead for sacrifice hitting with a total of twenty-six. Cravath, of Philadelphia, with seven circuit drives to his credit, is blazing the trail for the home-run hitters. Cincinnati with an average of .272 is leading in club batting, and New York in team fielding with .972.

Leading batters:
Z. Wheat, Brooklyn 341
Daubert, Brooklyn 321
Smith, Boston 320
Groh, Cincinnati 320
Merkle, Chicago 316
Hollocher, Chicago 314
Rousch, Cincinnati 314
Chase, Cincinnati 301
Lee Magee 300

Cobb Leads American.
In the American League, Ty Cobb, besides leading the league in batting and scoring, threatens to annex the base-stealing honors. Cobb has 33 steals to his credit, while Sisler of St. Louis and Bobby Roth of Cleveland, are tied with 25 each. Roth, however, is out of the race, as he has been suspended for the balance of the season. Cobb is virtually certain of finishing the shortened race with the batting championship in his possession. His average of .384 to-day gives him a lead of 89 points over his nearest rival, Burns, of Philadelphia. "Babe" Ruth, of Boston, and Walker, of Philadelphia, remain tied in home runs with eleven each, while Chapman, of Cleveland, dethroned Shean, of Boston, for the lead in sacrifice hitting. Chapman, with thirty having a one-point advantage.

Ruth is the only member of the Red Sox, the pennant contenders, with a .300 average. The Boston club is seventh in team batting, Cleveland leading with an average of .260. The Red Sox, however, are showing the way in club fielding with .971. Leading batters:
Cobb, Detroit 384
Burns, Philadelphia 345

Speaker, Cleveland 324
Slater, St. Louis 308
Baker, New York 308
Pipp, New York 308
Milan, Washington 302
Demmitt, St. Louis 302
Ruth, Boston 302
Wood, Cleveland 300

DEMPESEY'S REPLY.

Time For Fight is the Present is His Message.

"I'll meet Willard anywhere on his own terms and turn my share of the purse over to the Red Cross or any other war relief fund," said Jack Dempsey, the Californian, who recently knocked out Fred Fulton in record time down at Harrison, N.J. Dempsey has been in St. Joseph, Mich., for the last few days to take the mineral baths, and leaves tonight for Buffalo, where he will put on an exhibition bout for the benefit of the K. of C. war fund.

For the last six or eight months Dempsey says he has been trying to get a rise "out of the heavyweight champion."

"Wait till the war is over," is the only satisfaction he can get. "The time to fight that fight is now," said Dempsey, "while it will do somebody some good."

"My money is all going to war relief."

On Sept. 6th the young giant will meet Willie Meehan at San Francisco to raise \$10,000 for the soldiers in France.

Was Backing the Giants.
The other day the glorious news of a victory was coming from France and in front of a bulletin board in New York a cheering crowd was shouting and every half hour or so it would break into singing as the bulletins told the story of the work of the American soldiers in their drive against the Hun.

Down the street came a typical Broadwayite, his spats a bit discolored, his cane a trifle out of plumb, his shirt and cuffs and collar a bit soiled, but he still radiated that consciousness of superiority which all real Broadwayites feel. He arrived at the edge of the crowd and asked:

"What's goin' on?"
"The Yanks win, the Yanks win," exclaimed a patriot.

"Ah, he said, disgustedly, 'Let 'em win. I'm rootin' for de Joints.'"

Mass Plays.
The old mass play in football is merely an ancient memory, but it can be utilized in some good way now.

Imagine the energy of the world's vestry hall crowd if it could be harnessed to some kind of war work. Imagine 40,000 men on the farms of Canada for a length of time equal to that generally spent in witnessing ball games. Here is a job for a statistician—figure out how much could be accomplished in horse-power units by the baseball crowds of normal times.

Lovers of baseball and other sports should organize parties of old sporting cronies and spend their holidays this season with the harvesters. It would not be so hard on any individual, and the combined energy of a mass play would accomplish something.

Think it over.

BILL KILLEFER'S PLAY KEEPS CUBS UP THERE

Alexander's Former Team Mate is Invaluable Cog in Chicago Machine.

The success of the Chicago Cubs in climbing to the top of the National League heap and staying there is the story of the success of two catchers, Bill Killefer, the greatest of National League catchers, and Fred Mitchell, manager of the club.

It has long been a baseball tradition that catchers make the best managers, a tradition which has put catchers in one-third of the managerial positions of the big leagues as against two-thirds from the other eight positions.

The Cubs started the season with all the earmarks of a great ball club, but it was not long until war conditions made cuts in the ranks which presaged a rapid fall into the second division. The loss of Alexander, who would have been good for about thirty victories, was the worst blow.

Yet, instead of falling by the wayside, the Cubs climbed over the heads of the Giants and took a lead which will be difficult for any club to overcome.

And the secret of this has been Killefer and Mitchell.

Mitchell is one of the really smart baseball managers of 1918. He is a profound strategist and he knows baseball.

Killefer's work with the Cub pitching staff has to a great measure offset the loss of Alexander.

His mastery work behind the bat has had a great deal to do with the superb pitching of Vaughan, Douglass and Tyler.

If the Cubs win the pennant this year, and they doubtless will, Killefer's work behind the bat will have had a lot to do with it.

Pug Dog Extinct.
He's almost gone out of existence, has the Pug. You older readers remember him well and probably wonder what has become of him. At present he is almost as rare as the dodo bird, but not so many years ago he was extremely popular.

I am often asked about the Pug, what has become of him and why he did not cling to popularity. I will say that there are more Pugs on the other side of the Atlantic than here, and that they still like the breed in some parts, but the Pug has just about passed entirely from the bench and show ring.

Why? Because he lacked the qualities needed to maintain a breed. The dog was not as intelligent as a dog should be. He was short-nosed and you will find short-nosed breeds more or less given to stupidity.

Offers \$200 To Be Caddy.
"Chick" Evans, American champion, will play in a patriotic match to be held over the course of the Hamilton Golf Club on Aug. 23rd. A Hamilton golfer has offered \$200 to be allowed to act as Mr. Evans' caddy for the match.

The receipts will go to the Red Cross and there is no doubt that the man's offer will be accepted unless someone outbids him.

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SPEAKING OF THE CENSOR, ETC.

by **BUD FISHER.**

MUTT, AS CENSOR YOUR DUTY WILL BE TO READ EVERY LETTER. IN CASE ANY MILITARY INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN A LETTER YOU MUST DESTROY IT. OTHERWISE GO EASY WITH THE BOYS.

YES SIR! I UNDERSTAND SIR!

THE CAPTAIN'S RIGHT. DESTROY ALL LETTERS THAT MIGHT GIVE THE ENEMY SOME NEWS. BUT IF A BOY OPENS UP HIS HEART TO LOVED ONES AT HOME, BELIEVE ME, A MUTT WILL SEND THAT LETTER RIGHT THROUGH!

HERE'S ONE NOW. IT SAYS:—DEAR MOTHER:— I THINK OF YOU SO OFTEN. I'M ALL RIGHT EXCEPT THAT I LONG FOR SOME REAL AMERICAN TOBACCO. WONT YOU PLEASE SEND ME SOME AS I CAN'T GET IT OVER-HERE?

SNIFF SNIFF SIGNED.

HUH?

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