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YOUNG COLLEGE BOY THE SEASON'S SENSATION

Here is Pitcher Who Made "Babe" Ruth Look Like Ten German Marks.

When Christy Mathewson's old right arm became so weather-beaten it no longer could control "the fadeaway" there passed from the major leagues one of the most difficult freaks of pitching delivery any athlete ever possessed.

Managers, coaches and pitchers almost unanimously agreed that never again would any athlete master the peculiar curve that made Matty the terror of the great sluggers of his time.

But now in 1922 along comes at 21-year-old kid, not yet through with his lessons in trigonometry, without even the semblance of minor league seasoning heretofore regarded as so essential to a big league diploma.

This juvenile phenomenon, who shies the castor from the outfield, is Hubert Pruet, native of Kentucky, reared in Dexter, Mo., but more recently the particular devil of the University of Missouri baseball nine.

Or, if you wish to be still more up to date, Pruet is one of the very potent reasons why the St. Louis Browns climbed to the peak of the American League pennant scramble during the middle of June, in which process there was junked a flock of high-priced hurling talent carried on the payroll of the New York Yankees.

If this same Pruet were a member of the Yanks, it might never be said of him that he has become famous overnight, for in such a situation he would never have the opportunity of pitching to the mighty Sultan of Swat, Babe Ruth. However, it is because of his remarkable success against the Babe that Pruet just now is one of the sensations in the American League.

In the eight games the Browns and Yanks have played thus far Pruet has gazed upon the devastating bludgeon of the Bambino on six occasions. Conservatively, four times has Ruth's keen eye endeavored to fathom the twist of Pruet's pitch, for just that many times has Babe swung for the third strike and missed.

Twice Babe walked, but one of these was an intentional pass, so ordained from the bench and consequently beyond Pruet's jurisdiction. Nor is that all the story. Against the youthful "fadeaway" expert of the Browns, Ruth this year has the monumental achievement of one puny foul in nine swings.

In other words, Babe tipped the ball just once in striking out four times. He has missed this "fadeaway" eight out of nine swings. There are perhaps no end of well-meaning pitchers in the American League writing home to the folks something about compelling Babe Ruth to go hitless against them on any number of occasions. But there isn't a hurfer in the Ban Johnson

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League today who can shout the glad tidings that he sent Ruth back to the bench a strikeout victim four times in six trips to the plate, which is precisely the reason St. Louis fandom in linking voices with the boys on the college campus at the University of Missouri in giving three cheers and a tiger for young Mr. Pruet.

TY COBB TAKES OLD PLACE AT HEAD OF BATTING LIST

Leads George Sisler by One Point as Result of Tuesday's Performance.

Cobb was back in his old place at the head of the American leaguers leading George Sisler by one point. The Tiger manager took the lead Wednesday, when, in five times up, he made four safeties while his rival was getting one out of three.

The figures showed that in 51 games Cobb has been at bat 219 times, making 131 hits for an average of .411, while Sisler in 92 games, batted 378 times and hit safely 155 making his average .410.

Cobb's admirers here feel confident he will remain in the lead. Records show him at his best during July and August and they count upon him piling up a safe lead during the four or five remaining weeks of hot weather.

SPORT, EVENTS PLANNED FOR CIVIC HOLIDAY HERE

"Punch" Derry and "Ted" Gallagher Will Carry on Pitching Battle.

Civic holiday will be observed on Monday, July 31st, and a big celebration will be put on at the fair ground by the Kingston Gentlemen's Driving and Matinee Club. The occasion will be marked by the presence of the Kingston star baseball players who for several years kept Kingston in a high position, probably representing the best baseball team east of Toronto.

The opposing pitchers are "Punch" Derry and "Ted" Gallagher. There will be another game, Wolfe Island vs. Retainers. The racing schedule will open at 1.00 p.m. and the official starter is Claude B. Fletcher, Evans Mills, N. Y., who became very popular by his handling the last event here.

The local horsemen have been working out their trotters and pacers and from the list of entries, which includes many horses from outside points, there will be some records broken.

TO-NIGHT.

This evening at the cricket field Ganoque All-stars will meet the Lakeviews in another fast exhibition match. The Ganoque teams found that they could not put it over Lakeviews by themselves and they have therefore pooled their players and formed an all-star team which will try to do the trick.

The management of the Lakeviews is coming in for many complimentary remarks from the fans for having supplied such a good form of baseball for the past month and it is to be hoped that this team will keep on maintaining the same high standard.

NEW FREAK PUTTER.

Holes the Ball Regardless of Player's Skill.

The finale in freak putters has apparently not yet come for after nearly every shape of iron, wood and aluminum had been exhausted in an effort to give golfers an implement that would hole a ball regardless of the player's skill, a Chicago professional has come to the front with a putter made of gas-pipe. Following the school that favors the smoother put, as ably demonstrated by James Barnes, of New York, this golfer took a five-inch piece of two-inch pipe and saved it in two lengthwise. To the concave side he soldered a shaft at right angle. Then he roughened the convex side of the pipe, so that it would grip the ball, instead of leaning forward, so that the putter comes down on top of the ball, as Barnes does in using a straight-faced putter, the use of the gas-pipe club may stand erect and get the same effect.

IT'S ALL TONKYTALK.

MOAN THIS ON YOUR MEGAPHONE.



Baseball's Biggest Bones.

Usually failure to follow some simple rule of baseball produces the worst kind of bonehead plays on the ball field.

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred the failure to properly complete the play is not due to lack of knowledge, but rather to sheer carelessness on the part of some player.

Failure to touch a base is the easiest way to create a bonehead play. As long as baseball is played players will continue to fail to touch the bases.

If such failure does not prove costly, the omission is soon forgotten. Otherwise the careless player goes down in history in the list of "boneheads."

In all probability the most costly failure to touch a base is charged to Fred Merkle.

Chicago was playing New York. It was the ninth inning, the score was

two were out, and runners were on first and third. Merkle, then playing first base for the Giants, was the runner on first.

The batsman hit cleanly to the outfield, and the runner jogged across the plate with what was apparently the deciding run. Merkle, on first, ran within a few feet of second, and, seeing the runner had crossed the plate, dashed for the club house.

Johnny Evers, playing second for Chicago, called for the ball, which was thrown to him by Hoffman. In the meantime the crowd was surging on the field. Evers touched second and Merkle was called out. His failure to touch the bag simply made a force play at second.

This retired the side, and the rules state no runs can score on a play in which the third out is a force play. That erased the run that apparently had won the game.

The game was never finished, as it ended in a tie score. New York and Chicago tied in the pennant race that year. It was necessary to play an

extra game to decide the championship. Chicago won the game and the right to play in the series.

Merkle's "bone" was the costliest ever made. Had he touched second

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