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TY COBB CREDITED WITH DISPUTED HIT
Official Figures Give Detroit Veteran Mark of .401.

The most striking feature of the season's batting in the American League in the 1922 campaign as shown by the official averages released today, is the number of comparatively new players figuring in the "charmed circle." No less than sixteen men in the first or second year in Ban Johnson's circuit punished the pitching for marks in excess of .300.

The leading batter of the year was George H. Sisler, of St. Louis, with .419, while the incomparable veteran, Manager Cobb of Detroit, was second with .401. Cobb reached a mark of .400 for the third time, a feat no other player has ever achieved.

Among the new-comers who excelled were: Honey, Detroit, .352; Summa, Cleveland, formerly of Rochester, .348 for 12 games; Woodall, Detroit, .344; Vangilder, St. Louis, .344; Stephenson, Cleveland, .339; Galloway Philadelphia, .324; Goslin, Washington, .324; Bassler, Detroit, .323; Fothergill, Tigers, .342; Sheely, Chicago, .317; Blue, Detroit, .300.

That great old reliable, Tris Speaker, of Cleveland, is as usual menacing the leaders with the fine average of .373. Harry Heilmann of Detroit, last year's leader, is also up there with .356. Ken Williams of St. Louis, who led the league in home runs, with 39, batted .332, with Tobin, a club-mate, and Pipp of the Yankees, right on his heels. Veach, Tigers, Eddie Collins, White Sox, and Pratt, Boston are included in the list.

Frank O'Rourke, who is likely to return to the Leafs, batted .364 in 67 games, his 57 hits totalling 90 bases. Frank McGowan, who was a hitting demon with Newark, found

the twirling in this league a little harder to negotiate than he did the International League variety, his average for 99 games being a scant .230. Frank Goebel, purchased by Washington from Reading, did a little better, but he appeared in only 37 games for his average of .271.

Increase in Homers.

This year, 12,041 safe drives of assorted sizes were hammered out of 42,328 times at bat, which is an average of .2844. This is a decline of 484 in the number of hits as compared with 1921 and a decrease in the batting average of about 2 3-10 points, the grand average last year being just under .287. Two-base hits dropped 193 to 2032; three baggers from 694 last season to 585, but home runs increased from 477 to 524.

St. Louis, making a valiant bid for the championship, ousted Detroit from its favorite position as batting leader. The Browns' record is .313 as compared with .316 for the Tigers in 1921, while Boston, low club this season with .263, is 11 points below the Athletics' mark of .274 for last year.

There was a slight increase in the use of the sacrifice to advance runners, 1582 as compared with 1551 last year, but there were 12 fewer bases stolen, the figures being 681 against 693. Whether the art of pilfering the runner's way from sacks to sack is really lost can not be told for only the fleetest of players are allowed to match their speed and skill against opposing pitchers and catchers and then only occasionally and under exceptional circumstances. The policy of playing for a number of runs in a single attack also, accounts for the further decline in the use of the sacrifice, the hit and run play having superseded both the stolen base and the sacrifice.

Free Passes.

The base on balls has not been so profoundly affected by the passion for making long hits and getting runs in bunches as is the case with stolen bases and sacrifices. Batters, are still permitted to "wait 'em out" with the result that five of the teams accumulated very respectable totals during the season. Cleveland, with its smart veterans, worked opposing hurlers for 554 free tickets to first base, Detroit had 530, the champion New York team 497, Chicago 482 and St. Louis, 473 passes.

Exploits of home run hitters occupied the attention of fans throughout the country and these were much interest in the home run "race" between certain of the leaders. Every team had its some run hero, Kenneth R. Williams of the Browns being the leader with 38, twenty less than the mark set by Ruth in 1921. C. W. Walker of Philadelphia was second with 37, while "Babe" Ruth, in 110 games cracked out 35 circuit smashes for a grand average of .315. Several other "fly ball hitters" made home run records that would have won them much attention in former years.

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WHY WAS IT DONE.

Scabes Ask Johnson To Explain Ty's Record.

Ban Johnson will have to answer for making Ty Cobb a .400 hitter last season for the third time in his career if the New York chapter of the Baseball Writers' Association of America has its way. A resolution was passed, calling upon the American league president to explain his unprecedented action.

According to the official averages at the end of the season, Cobb finished with an average of .3992, having made 210 base hits in 526 official times at bat. Unofficially the Detroit manager's batting average was given as .401, figured on 211 hits in 526 times at bat.

SUPER-TROTTER OF 1922.

Peter Manning Smashes His Own World's Records.

Outstanding among the new world's records established by harness horses during the season of 1922, is that of Peter Manning, the super-trotter, which broke the record for trotters of any age or sex, a record which he had placed at 1:57 1/2 in 1921, only to smash it a full second during the trots at Lexington in October, where Tom Murphy piloted him the full eight furlongs in 1:56 1/4. It came as a climax to a season of facing featured by ex-

trême speed both among the juveniles and aged horses; not as many new records as in some seasons, but enough to make to season stand out as one of the most brilliant since the inauguration of the sport of harness racing.

Peter Manning beat the two-minute mark at Poughkeepsie, Reading and Hartford without endangering the 1:57 1/2 which he had hung up at Lexington in 1921. At North Randall he trotted in 1:58 1/4 and at Columbus he smashed the record with a mile in 1:57 flat. Then came his mile in 1:56 1/4 at Lexington, a performance which not only beat his own record but also equalled the best mile ever turned in by a pacer "in the open."

English Cricket Team Coming.

An announcement was made by Norman Seagram, at the meeting of the Toronto Cricket club, that arrangements were being completed for the visit to Canada in the autumn of 1923 of a first-class English amateur team, under the captaincy of Major E. G. Wynyard, the well-known Hampshire M.C.C. Free Forester and Incegnit player. A big feature of the visit is to be a match between tourists and eighteen "colts" from Trinity College school, Ridley, Upper Canada college, etc. This announcement, which was received with much applause, should stimulate interest in

the game among the boys of the schools where cricket is played. In the past there has been too great a tendency toward leaving cricket for the season at the commencement of the long summer vacation.

Pancho Villa's World Tour.

Pancho Villa, U.S. flyweight champion, who is signed to meet Frankie Genaro on Dec. 11th in New Jersey, also has been matched to box Terry Martin at Madison Square Garden, Dec. 29th.

The Genaro bout was scheduled to have been the little Filipino's last match in the United States before beginning his world tour, but as the holding of this contest is in doubt, the meeting with Martin was arranged.

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UNDERWEAR FOR MEN

Britton to Come Back.
Jack Britton, former world's wolver champion, has decided to re-enter the ring. The veteran has been signed by his manager, Dan Morgan, to engage Bobby Barret of Philadelphia in an eight-round bout at the Arena in Philadelphia. The match will be held on Christmas Day afternoon and will be one of four eight-round matches.

This contest will mark the first bout for Britton since he lost his title last month to Mickey Walker on a decision at the end of fifteen rounds in Madison Square Garden.

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