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## BRITISH PLAY FOR LOVE OF THE GAME

### Do Not Take Athletics as Matter of Life and Death—Views on the Sport.

London, June 29.—The recent victorious invasion of United States golfers and fine showing of transatlantic players is gently rocking the cradle of sport, with the press supporting the British idea that "the game's the thing," that winning, while to be desired, is not of supreme importance.

The discussion received a flip when Walter Hagen, the golfer, gave an interview to *The Evening News*, in which he said that the reason the British golfers were beaten was because they were too "gosh darned lazy," and advised a "little pep and fight."

Miss Mary K. Browne, captain of the United States Wightman Cup team, has also commented on the matter, saying that the Briton thinks more of enjoying himself than of winning.

"Better to Continue Being Wrong." The *Evening Standard* gently suggests that the British may have the better of the argument. "Even if Miss Browne has made the right diagnosis," says the paper, "would it not be better to continue being wrong in our way than right in America's way?"

Suggesting that it is ironic to speak of such grimly efficient persons as Suzanne Lenglen and Vincent Richards as "players," *The Standard* says: "Let a man play with his heart and soul, but not give up the whole of his life to what should be no more than part of it. England will never be done so long as we play games in the spirit which is native to us—playing them because we enjoy them."

The *Star*, commenting on Bobby Jones' triumph, says the Americans have shone on the putting green where the Englishman is weakest.

Demand Some Fun Out of It. "The difference," it adds, "is, perhaps, one of mentality. The Englishman is out in the main for sport and exercise, a desire which is more gratified by spectacular play in long shots than in patient attention to the less strenuous business of holding the ball."

The *Sunday Observer's* expert, commenting on the Americans' unquestioned superiority on the putting green, remarks: "One reason is that they cultivate a much fiercer outlook on golf than we do here; to them it is a life-and-death business."

The debated question of applying science and sacrifice to game is also discussed in connection with tennis. The *Weekly Dispatch* has collected some prominent views on this subject. Miss Lenglen laughed at the idea that she was a "martyr" to the game. Suzanne declared she had loved the game from a child, and that she followed the ordinary normal life, with no special diet, and enjoyed theatres, dancing and movies.

Various Training Views. Miss Helen Wills, likewise, said there was no reason why a tennis player should live differently than other people. She had never found severe training necessary, and the only real hardship came from excessive demands on one's time.

Jean Borotra also complained of the great sacrifice of time, but asserted that he made no other sacrifices. Both Borotra and Henri Cochet admitted that they do not smoke, but otherwise deprived themselves of no pleasure in life.

On the other hand, Jacques Brugnon declared he kept fit by smoking heavily, and doing everything he ought not to do.

## New Minor League Is a Doubtful Enterprise

The *Toronto Globe* says: Falling in their efforts to have the Ontario Hockey Association recognize their team as eligible to big league competition, seven Ontario clubs, Windsor, Stratford, London, Brantford, Niagara Falls, Hamilton and Toronto, decided at a meeting in Hamilton Sunday to proceed with the organization of a pro league. Complete organization will be effected at a meeting to be held about July 11th. Some of the players already identified with these teams will become professionals, while others will decline to forfeit their amateur status, preferring to remain eligible to football, rowing, lacrosse, baseball, basketball, swimming, track and field, and other activities under A.A.U. of C. governance. The gaps thus left in the teams will be filled by other players who do not place so high a value on their amateur standing. The experiment will be watched with interest. Much depends upon just how much protection will be afforded by the Calder League and other pro circuits. If player and territorial rights are respected there is no reason why the league should not meet with a reasonable measure of success, but if the "big ones gobble up the little ones" without let or hindrance there will be trouble. Anyway, the teams have decided that it is useless to try any longer to force their views on the O.H.A.

It is an easy matter to take a cheerful view of the troubles of other people. A shiftless husband has developed many a female financier.

## BASEBALL SCORES

**National League.**  
New York 3, Boston 2.  
Chicago 11, St. Louis 3.  
Philadelphia 9, Brooklyn 4.  
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 1.

**American League.**  
Philadelphia 7, New York 1.  
Cleveland 8, Detroit 4.  
Chicago 7, St. Louis 0.  
Boston 6, Washington 2.

**International League.**  
Buffalo 8, Toronto 4.  
Syracuse 5, Rochester 2.  
Reading 6, Baltimore 3.  
Baltimore 15, Reading 3.

### STANDING OF CLUBS.

National League.			
Club	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Cincinnati	41	26	.612
St. Louis	38	30	.559
Pittsburgh	34	28	.548
Brooklyn	33	31	.516
Chicago	32	33	.500
New York	32	33	.500
Philadelphia	26	39	.406
Boston	23	41	.359

American League.			
Club	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New York	47	21	.691
Chicago	40	31	.562
Detroit	36	33	.523
Philadelphia	36	33	.523
Cleveland	36	34	.514
Washington	33	33	.500
St. Louis	27	42	.391
Boston	19	47	.288

International League.			
Club	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Baltimore	49	24	.671
Buffalo	48	29	.623
Toronto	45	29	.608
Newark	42	32	.568
Rochester	35	38	.479
Jersey City	35	39	.473
Syracuse	22	49	.310
Reading	19	55	.257

## BASEBALL PROBLEMS

By Billy Evans.

What change, if any, has been made by the rules committee relative to what a substitute pitcher must do before he can be removed from the game?

By the addition of six words to section 3 of rule 33 all chance for argument in this situation has been eliminated.

The old rule said when a relief pitcher was sent in he had to pitch until the batsman was either retired or reached first.

In a certain major league game several years ago, with the bases filled and two out, the manager of the team in the field sent in a relief pitcher. After throwing one ball to the batsman he caught the runner on first napping, retiring the side.

In the next half inning the manager desired to send in a pinch-hitter for the pitcher who had retired the side by catching the runner on first napping. The opposing team contended that according to the rules he couldn't be removed since he had not pitched until the batsman was retired or reached first.

It was a technical question, not based on common sense, but to avoid it coming up again the rule now reads, in addition to the old wording, these six words, "Or the side has been retired."

## HELPFUL GOLF HINTS

By Jim Barnes.

The golf stroke nowadays is certainly a good healthy "wallop." But there is this to be remembered. You have to learn to walk before you learn to run. And the player who has not yet gained mastery over the swing must guard against a good many things, one of the most troublesome of which is faulty body action.

One of the commonest faults that the high-handicap players have to contend with is hitting too soon, and by that I mean making too early an effort at what they call putting punch into the stroke.

One or more of several things is likely to happen, such as spending the forces of the blow before the club-head reaches the ball, lurching the body out of position, swinging

## Lillian Intends to Win



Lillian — Looking across channel

By Lillian Cannon

Gris Nez, France, June 28—I will be under no illusions when the day for my attempt to swim the English Channel comes.

On the contrary, I will realize fully that the Channel is a worthy foe.

I already realize it, in fact. In practice swims I have felt the chill of its waters and sensed the trickery of its currents and tides.

But I am not afraid of failure. It is 20 miles across the Channel. I swam 24 miles when I crossed Chesapeake Bay.

The bay, it's true, is relatively calm and free from deceiving drifts. The Channel is treacherous—subject to sudden storms and rough, bewildering changes in its flow.

Careful study and preparation must precede any attempt to conquer it. I am going through that period of study and preparation now. And I am painting on my sweater "England or bust."

My first major task is to get acclimated. Temperature of the Chesapeake Bay waters often is as high as 70, with warm winds.

At present the Channel's temperature is 45, and the winds are bitter cold. But I believe they will blow me luck.

the hands round ahead of the club-head, and numerous others. The object to be aimed at is to take the club back smoothly and then start it down steadily, gradually increasing the speed of the club-head until it reaches the maximum just as it comes into contact with the ball.

Once you have acquired the art of doing that, you have learned to walk. You can then go on with the job of gradually putting more force into the stroke.

**The Uncertain Sport.** No sport in all the world possesses the uncertainty of baseball.

For speed refer to the spring showing of the Athletics of 1925 against the present season.

Last year the right-handed pitchers on Connie Mack's staff carried the burden of the sensational spring drive made by the A's.

Sam Gray won something like nine straight to start the season. The fine showing of "Slim" Harris made Connie Mack believe his tall pitcher had finally arrived. Eddie Rommel, ace of the staff, also pitched in his best form.

"Lefty" Grove, highly touted southpaw, the pitcher Mack figured would supply a pennant-punch to his club, just couldn't get going.

**Reversal of Form.** This spring there is an entire reversal of form. Instead of the righthanders starring, it is the southpaws who are carrying the banner.

Grove is the sensation of the year. Fred Heimach is doing a great comeback and Walberg and Pate have been most valuable. The veteran Jack Quinn is the only righthander

to run true to form. Illness and injuries have seriously handicapped the righthanders, Gray, Rommel and Harris. When they arrive the Athletics are going to be a greater menace than ever.



CANADIAN GIRL WILL TRY CHANNEL SWIM

Miss Eva Morrison of Pictou, N.S., world's long distance swimming champion will attempt to swim the English Channel this summer.

## HITS AND JABS

By Joe Williams.

If Charley Paddock was always as fast as he is now he must have been a great help to his mother as a kid going to the butcher shop.

At that the best thing to do with the kind of champagne that is available these days is to fill bath tubs with it.

In a vague way Mr. O'Goofy is familiar with Lincoln's Gettysburg address, but he's wondering if he had a phone number, too.

Harry Willis will be remembered to the prize ring as a brown-toned genius who put synthetic martyrdom on a profitable financial basis.

If you are one of those granite tops who are always ready to fight at the drop of the hat you better start going bare-headed.

The bright lights are blamed for Mickey Walker's defeat. Well, the lights certainly went out when Mr. Latsos socked him.

Chick Evans was stopped in the first round in Scotland. Sounds more like the result of an English prize fight.

Golfers this year will not be permitted to carry professional caddies. This means they must do their own cussing.

To the optimist a double-header is just an extra portion of joy, to the pessimist it's twice as much misery as he can stand.

It might help the other fighters if Mr. Dempsey were to put one of those silver signs on his right hand. "If you can read this you are too darn close."

They're holding an international cattle exhibition in South America this month. And that reminds us, whatever has become of Remus?

## CLEVER BATTING.

Collins and Harris Hit Them "Where They Aren't."

One of the prettiest plays in baseball is hitting after the runner.

The less lively ball in use this season has brought back this most interesting play. Its successful execution calls for a keen eye and perfect timing by the batsman.

Hitting after the runner is a sort of a delayed edition of the ordinary hit-and-run play.

When the batsman is hitting after the runner, he looks to see who is covering second on the play, then attempts to hit the ball through the vacated territory.

Ability to do this stunt calls for a loose stance at the plate, permitting the batsman to shift his style to suit the pitch in order to hit the ball through the open territory.

No two players in the American League pull this play better than Eddie Collins and Bucky Harris, both managers, as well as the premier second-sackers of the organization.

## ARE STRONG CLOUTERS.

New York Yankees The Feared Men With the Bat.

"I never saw a ball club with more power than the New York Yankees."

Wilbert Robinson, manager of the Brooklyn Robins, made that remark

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after the Yanks had beaten his club in the first two games of a scheduled 12-game series.

"There isn't a soft spot in the Yankee batting order. Even the pitchers can hit," he continued. "It's a case of bearing down by the opposing pitcher from the top to the bottom of the lineup."

If the genial Robbie had made that remark at the close of the Brooklyn New York series it would have been regarded in the light of an alibi, for his club lost all 12 games.

But he didn't. He made the statement at the very start and the Yankees proceeded to make him a wise prophet by turning almost every

game into a slugfest. The Yanks have continued their barrage of base hits against the American League clubs.

With just fair pitching the Yanks offer the toughest sort of opposition.

Russell Scott, former Canadian financier is found sane at Chicago, and may now be given the death penalty.

Fred Ridley, 18, was drowned near Tilney, Sask., Sunday afternoon while bathing.

An election within three months is now generally predicted at Ottawa.

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## Business Is Good

By Martin

It is an easy matter to take a cheerful view of the troubles of other people. A shiftless husband has developed many a female financier.