

Military Cross for Former Leaf Player

WORLD SERIES FAME IS FLEETING THING

Only Two of First Clash Between National and American Survive.

It means something, they say, to be a world's champion. It means something in the honor and adulation of the game. "But fame is fleeting as the wind and glory fades away," said one of the transiently triumphant baseball stars in the best exponent, Old William Knox never lived to see a baseball diamond; but William grabbed a mortal Be Proud! The average baseball life in the big show is computed at six years. Some few exceptions linger far beyond. The fraillier fall far before. And the life of a world's champion player is brieflier still.

Of the sixteen Red Sox who with Old Jimmy Collins played in 1903 the first series between National and American League clubs, not one survives on a baseball roster today. Two of McGraw's Giants are left on the major ways—Christy Mathewson, captain of the Red Sox, and Leon Ames, as a twirler taking a regular turn on the Cardinal staff. Of the 1904 White Sox heroes, the only one left is Phil Vesper, who is now a pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals. The only White Sox hero who is still a pitcher is Phil Vesper, who is now a pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals. The only White Sox hero who is still a pitcher is Phil Vesper, who is now a pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals.

BASEBALL IS HONEST.

If any further defence of the innate integrity or transparent honesty of baseball were needed, the simplest answer we know would come from examining the world's series figures and statistics, dating from 1903, when the seven-game agreement was first put into effect. Grantland Rice in The New York Tribune.

Since that date, eleven world series have been played. If there had been any humpedness or dealing from the bottom, these eleven series could have used up exactly seventy-seven games. But the figures show that only sixty-one games have been needed, displaying a loss of sixteen games, that might have returned a revenue of at least \$300,000.

World's series contests have nearly all been billed over the Quick Route. In only two instances have the seven games been needed—first by the Tigers and Giants in 1912. On six of the eleven occasions only five games have been used; and in 1914, the Braves needed but four. So, in seven of the eleven years, only five games or less have been required to determine the winning array.

These figures are sufficient to show that each ball club is out to win as soon as possible, wasting no false motions and taking no chance of the game's vast uncertainty.

BAN GETS CREDIT.

Ban Johnson did not originate the idea of holding down the world series prices. That is an old-time thought of the fans, who have been coughing-up for several years.

POSSIBLE AT THAT.

George Stovall says the report he will manage the Kansas City Blues next year is as good a joke as was pulled all summer. He did not expect to be even mentioned in connection with the job.

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PITCHING CHANGED

Bean Ball Has Taken Place of the Old Straight-Away Pitch.

Mordcael Brown, one of the greatest pitchers of all times, believes that the twirling has changed in the past few years. "You don't see much more straight-away pitching these days," he said. "The fellows take a shot at your head and try to drive you back. I guess the pitchers are instructed to drive the batters back now with the old beaver. I know I never shot one at a fellow's head. There's always a danger of killing him if you hit him squarely. The few times I've hit a batter have been when he tried to outguess me and stepped into a fast one expecting a curve. It doesn't pay to try to outguess a pitcher, especially when he's got something. I smashed Jimmy Johnston's nose the last time Brooklyn was in Chicago and he admitted afterward he walked in expecting a curve. Another time we were playing an exhibition game in Mobile and a little chap kept kidding me. I warned him to keep back, but he insisted on crowding the plate. I had lots of smoke and shot one straight across the plate. He thought it was going to be a curve, saw his mistake too late and actually scooped down, his head being over the centre of the plate. The ball hit him on the top of the head and bounced back over the grand stand. A little pinch of hair was taken off his head where the ball struck him, leaving it entirely bald. Those were two of the few cases I've hit a fellow. Personally, I strongly advise batters not to do any outguessing. It doesn't pay."

RUGBY GOSSIP

Junior Meds have entered the Mulock Cup series, and it is now composed of nine clubs, grouped in three sections. The O.T.C. are going to enter a crack team in the Mulock Cup series. This much can be gathered from the material they have had in the past. This is one reason why they will be a hard team to beat in the fact that they have in their ranks a number of fast individual players. The line-up of the back division for the opening game will likely be Reid, Bain and Smith. These men need no introduction to football fans, having played in last year's Mulock Cup series. The position of quarter-back will be filled by Sheehy, who last year was S.P.S.

The line presented by the O.T.C. will be a formidable one, amongst whom will be found Hume, McLean and Heather. They have a good outside wing man in Weaver, an old Red Sox man, who is expected to be exceptionally fast and a deadly kicker. As far as can be learned at present, the O.T.C. have no intention of making a bid for the Mulock Cup. On the whole, they look very strong.

A Hamilton despatch says: When the Tigers lined up against Ottawa on Saturday there will be a few changes over the team that played in Toronto one week ago. Rowlands, who was unable to get away from school to play against the Red Sox, is expected to be in the line-up again. He is a regular berth. The back division, for it is Coach Marriott's intention to play Art Evans on the half, Toronto assures him of a regular berth. Rowlands should go even stronger on for he is a great line plunger, and in the game he played against Toronto proved to be a scrapper of some merit. In all probability one other change will be made on the line, but just who the new man will be is still unknown.

Overcoming an early lead secured by McGill and working their way to the front in the first half of an English Rugby game, played at Montreal on Saturday, the team representing the Royal Navy defeated the students by a score of 10 to 3. The sailors outplayed their opponents in the first period, which served them well at the finish, as the McGill players were gradually wearing them down towards the conclusion of the game. The match was played in aid of the Red Cross fund and over \$80 was realized, the attendance amounting to about one thousand.

RATHER SLIM CHANCE.

There are many fans around the American League circuit who are pulling for the Washington Senators to win a pennant next year, so that Wagon Johnson can have a chance to show what he can do in a world series before he gets too old.

OUR OWN BILLY O'HARA IS AWARDED THE MILITARY CROSS

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MILLION HORSES AND MULES TO WAR

New York, Oct. 23.—Exports of horses and mules from the United States to the European war zone will before the end of the year have passed the 1,000,000 mark, predicted by The Herald a few weeks after the outbreak of hostilities, according to present indications. In round numbers, the exports increased to approximately 440,000 horses and 120,000 mules, making a total of 560,000 to the end of 1915. In the first seven months of 1916 the total was 147,000 horses and 37,000 mules, according to official reports of the department of commerce at Washington. Assuming that the same rate of shipment continues thru the year, the totals will then be about 252,000 horses and 67,000 mules, making the grand total for the period of the war of 1,002,000 head, of which 777,000 are horses and 225,000 are mules.

PADDY COMES BACK.

Paddy Livingston, former member of the Philadelphia Athletics, and last year with the St. Louis Cardinals, is to be signed by the St. Louis Cardinals. The absence of a good catcher was one of the biggest handicaps Higgins had to contend with last summer.

LION AND THE LAMB.

To those who remember the incident at the Polo Grounds, when Jim Gaffney refused to allow Benny Kauff, then a Federal Leaguer, to play in the Giant outfield, it is to laugh at the out-of-town rumor that McGraw and Gaffney are contemplating becoming partners in the purchase of the Dodgers.

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