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SPORTING COMMENT

By FREE LANCE

Golf Instruction.

They've sought and they've brought me. They've taught me "perfect form". The proper stance, the proper grip, the proper arc of arm; they've sought and they've taught me from springtime unto fall. They've only bet they overlooked was "how to hit the ball."

They've taught me twenty dozen things to forty dozen ways—the niblick flip—how H. Varden plays; they've slipped me every angle in the golfistic frame—the only link they overlooked was "how to play the game."

"Jiggs" Donohue, recently reported dead in an Ohio insane asylum—although the report has since been denied—has been the subject of many reminiscent stories, but the sport writers have overlooked one of Donohue's claims to fame, which was that he was the last ballplayer to wear whiskers. Long after the other players had discarded the hirsute appendages, "Jiggs" clung to his facial ornament. The great first baseman was lead to disperse with the beard by an incident that occurred in Nashville, Tenn. The outer garden was overgrown with bushes and brambles and "Jiggs" was stationed in right field during an exhibition game. He chased a long fly into the thicket, caught his foot on something, and tumbled head first into a mass of thorny bushes. Most of his whiskers had to be cut off before he could be extricated and after that "Jiggs" visited the barber regularly. While the beard was tabooed after that, many players continued to sport moustaches. Jih O'Rourke of the Giants, and Fred Titus of the Phillies were among the last diamond stars to sport brushes on their upper lips.

O'Rourke's moustache was long and flowing and was the pride of his life. One day when it blew into his eyes and caused him to miff a ball at a critical period of a game, he went to a tonsorialist and had his moustache good-bye.

Only we hope that Tyrus Ray, who will not become closely associated with the great automobile company. We'd rather see Ty chasing chasing customers. We'd rather see him slide into second than the width of the widest asphalt. We'd rather see him hit one base than hit it up to sixty an hour.

In the present time the Georgia team is in the reverse with the muf-fins wide and flame shooting from the exhausts. His motor cells are over time and he threatens to have the American pastime to a splendid fate and Ban Johnson, probably be willing to indulge in national pastime, but unfortunately

ately he can't jump to that league. Cobb wants to know what the Detroit club proposes to do about the matter. In other words, he wishes to get his ball bearings right away. President Navin says that if Ty wishes to cast his lamps on a contract he'll have to drive right up to the office door. The automobile concern says that if Navin does not consider the best outfielder in the world worth \$15,000 as an advertisement there are others who do and that Ty can sign on at that salary any time he so desires. There the argument is stalled.

It is to be hoped that the Detroit management and Cobb will get together. If the Georgian is not worth the money he demands, the club could easily trade him for several players who in the aggregate would be worth that much. If, as has been pointed out before, Cobb transgressed the rules of the club, the time to discipline him was at the time of his offence. He was little more to blame than those who let him get away with it. At any rate, the Tiger machine will not cobbleture properly without its Ty.

It should be no great shock to the talent this season if Walter Johnson compiles the greatest record a pitcher ever made.

The stalwart Senator looks primed for his greatest year and with a new contract at stake for 114 he is more than likely to go the distance at full speed.

Johnson is already off to a whirlwind flash. He has worked 36 innings to date against big league clubs, counting exhibition and regular contests, without an earned run. Only one tally has been secured from his pitching and this resulted from an infield slip and was not charged against him.

Last season the human Shrapnel allowed but 11-2 earned runs to the game all the year. He also won 32 contests. This season it isn't unlikely that he will hold opposing teams down to one run or less, earned, and it would be no upset to see him win 40 games or more. He as a good fast ball club back of him and with a trifle show of batting strength while he is pitching it will be a long time between defeats.

Cricket

The Brantford Cricket Association executive will meet in the Roberts and Van-Lane Shoe Store, 203 Coburne Street, on Friday evening at 8 p.m. When the city league schedule will be drawn up and other business transacted.

Brantford will play London in London on Civic Holiday, August 11th. Hamilton St. George's will be here on May 24th.

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BRANTFORD PLAYERS LOOK GOOD IN INITIAL PRACTICE

Light Work Only at the Park, But the Players Looked Good---Chapdelaine a Lively Chap and a Good Catcher---Recruits are a Promising Lot.

Manager Amby Kane and his squad of Red Sox were out in full force at Agricultural Park yesterday, both morning and afternoon when a slight work out was indulged in, and only very light work was gone into.

In the morning, the boys only threw the ball around and simply limbered up their arms as it was too soon to participate in any hard work. The boys jumped around like a lot of young kittens at play and there are certainly some lively actors among the squad. After tossing the ball around for an hour and a half the players took a run around the field and retired for lunch.

The recent rain was so heavy that the lower grounds were so soaked that it was utterly impossible to use them, and consequently the light work out had to be held on the upper grounds which are entirely unfit for baseball, but under the circumstances it was the only place available and they had to make the best of it.

It was a wise move on the part of Manager Kane to hold the practices there, as the diamond is being fixed up, and had they played on it when it was so water soaked would have ruined it.

The afternoon workout The players were all back to the park in uniform, in the afternoon and two hours was spent in practice. The same being held on the upper grounds.

Batting Exercise The afternoon work was principally devoted to batting practice, and the players took turns in batting to get their eye on the ball, and some good healthy clouts were indulged in. Each player was given his turn at bat, but as the pitchers were only feeding them "lobs," it was impossible to get a line on the batting ability. Bunting the ball was also practiced, and some neat bunts were laid down, but of course they were only "phony," as it was figuratively only child's play.

Batteries Work Out Off to one side Kane sent his batteries, and the string of pitchers lobbed them over to the catchers. It being the first day out, Kane would not let them put any strain behind their shoots, for fear that they might get sore arms. Coose, Donovan and Collins took even better than ever, and the trio should have a very successful season in the Canadian league this summer. Donovan has taken on flesh and look larger and stronger than when he left the city after the season last year, and is only waiting

for the opportunity to break into the game. During his work out he let loose a few times when Amby was not looking, and fans who were watching him looked at one another and simply smiled.

Chubby Coose was hopping around as lively as ever and was chasing flies out in the field with all his old-time vim. Chubby is the same old horse for work, and it seemed the more they gave him to do the better he liked it and the more he smiled. After he had ran loose in the field for half an hour, Kane yelled, "go in and work out." And he did. Chubby took

Del Orcutt was as lively as a cricket, and if the unforseen does not happen, this should be Del's banner season. While at batting practice he certainly cracked them square on the nose.

The New Ones Of the candidates for a place on the team, Elphege Chapdelaine, the big catcher, was the universal favorite of the fans, who were there one hundred and fifty strong, and they were all simply delighted with the big Frenchman. Chapdelaine's work yesterday certainly made the best impression of the new arrivals, and his name (though many could not pronounce it correctly) was the one they were all talking about. The fans paid more attention to him than any other player on the grounds, either old or new. He is very active, and as spry as a kitten, and during batting practice hit like a trojan, and when the practice was over he was without the shadow of a doubt the most talked of and prime favorite of the fans. Of course the fans don't pick the players, but they can express their opinions.

English, the other candidate for a position on the catching staff, was another who looked good to the fans, and his work was very favorably commented upon, and many flattering remarks were bestowed upon him. He is a classy catcher, and seems to have a good whiff, and held the attention of the fans while at work. Judging by the way he stepped into the ball while at batting practice, he caught on with the crowd, for he certainly laced them out to the field.

As Kane will likely only carry two catchers, and four candidates in the field, Chapdelaine, English, Lamont, and McCarty, there promises to be a hot election.

The three shortstops, Shea, O'Hern and McCauley, were all on the job, but as there was no grass cutters sent whizzing along the ground, it was utterly impossible to get a line on their fielding ability as far as grounders is concerned, though they gathered in the majority of the flies that came their way, and while at the bat made a favorable impression. The whole three seem to be able to wield the willow.

The fine warm afternoon brought out between 150 to 200 fans, who looked the players over and sized up their actions, and the majority of them, it is safe to say, went home after the practice, well satisfied with the afternoon's workout, and the way the boys handled themselves.



HERE HE IS. Chapdelaine, the promising Red Sox catcher, who says his first name is Irish, his second name Scotch, and his last name French. He talks all three languages on the ball field and acts and looks the part of a real ballplayer.

INDIANS SLIPPING, LEAFS ARE COMING BOTH PHILADELPHIA CLUBS TUMBLE

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Newark	4	2	.667
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Montreal	4	2	.667
Providence	3	3	.500
Rochester	2	4	.333
Toronto	2	4	.333
Jersey City	2	4	.333

NATIONAL LEAGUE	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
New York	6	2	.750
Pittsburg	3	3	.500
Chicago	3	3	.500
Philadelphia	3	3	.500
Brooklyn	4	4	.500
St. Louis	4	4	.500
Boston	1	7	.125
Cincinnati	1	7	.125

AMERICAN LEAGUE	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Washington	6	1	.857
Philadelphia	5	2	.714
Chicago	5	2	.714
Cleveland	5	2	.714
St. Louis	5	2	.714
Boston	5	2	.714
New York	2	7	.222

IN TWENTY-SIX INNINGS NO SCORE OFF JOHNSON Keating, Former Hamilton Canadian League Shut Athletics Out 4 to 0.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Walter Johnson pitched wonderful ball against Boston yesterday, blanking them 6 to 0. He allowed but two hits, one of which, a Texas leaguer, came in the ninth innings, and gave two bases on balls, one in the seventh innings and one in the final innings. This accounted for all the visitors who reached bases. Johnson has now pitched twenty consecutive innings without being scored on. Washington scored its runs by hitting Collins hard, among the hits being a double and four triples. The score, R.H.E. Boston . . . 00000000—0 2 1 Washington . . . 0300012—6 12 0 Collins and Carrigan; Johnson and Almsmith.

Liners

Tom Wilson, right-hand pitcher of Perth, Ont., has joined the London team for a tryout.

The Newark grandstand has been declared unsafe and the building department has ordered the club to strengthen it at once or rebuild.

Baltimore suspended pitcher Rub Vickers yesterday. The player announced last night that he quit of his own accord and is through with the game, a la Rudolph.

The skids are long and steep these early season days. The Baltimore Orioles found last night that they had shidden from second place down to fifth as the result of losing a game to Montreal yesterday.

Couldn't hit Ray Keating.

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.—Ray Keating held the home team to three hits this afternoon and New York won the game by 4 to 0. Keating is the first pitcher to twirl a full nine innings game against Philadelphia this season. The locals did not get a man past second base and only three runners reached that station. Two of the hits of the home team were held in the infield in the first innings and the other was a single to centre by Murphy in the eighth. The score: R.H.E. New York . . . 01000201—4 11 0 Philadelphia . . . 00000000—0 3 1 Keating and Williams; Bush, Cuttrel and Thomas.

Rochester ran wild on Onslow at Providence yesterday, stealing no less than eight bases.

Spring Remedies

By WALT MASON

Oh, this is the season when man's feeling sluggish, his system is loaded with various ills; he spends all his roubles for remedies druggish, and swallows five bushels of vitrified pills. His blood is depraved and his liver is balky, there's fur on his tongue and a boil on his knee, and often he longs, when he's feeling so rocky, for burdock and honest and sassafras tea. Ah, where is the noble old beldame who brewed it, the tea of our fathers, that healed them so quick? The beldame who boiled it and stirred it and stewed it, and flooded the works of the folks who were sick? She's gone, the yarb woman! A foolish world mocked her, she's sailing alone on a cascara sea, and now we must go to the druggist and doctor, we can't have a swig of her sassafras tea. My blood's out of whack and my stomach is fussy, I go to the druggist, the ailing man's hope; he mixes some poison that's messy and mussy, and charges three bones for a dime's worth of dope. My diaphragm's sore and my collar bone itches, from pain and discomfort I seldom am free, and often I yearn for the old-fashioned witches who brewed up their cauldrons of sassafras tea.



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Brantford Soccer Notes

Football Council.

The executive council of the Football Association met in the armories last night, when the forms of the following players were approved: St. Andrew's, Will Short, Harold E. Bradley, Dufferin Rifles, G. Claridge, C. Humphreys; 25th Dragoons, Wm. Atkinson; Y.M.C.A., A. Dickson, W. Oipand; Cockshutt's United, Andrew Fane; All Scots, Herbert B. McGill; S.O.E., Walter Smith. All these men are eligible to play on Saturday, the 26th inst.

Correspondence was read from the different referees regarding the first league games, which were most satisfactory to the council. Several accounts were also received and passed for the next league meeting, which will be held in the Borden Club rooms on Wednesday, April 30, 1913.

It is also requested by the council that all players use their utmost influence to stop any kind of betting on the games.

Exhibition Games Friday and Saturday

Manager Kane has arranged Abby Johnson to bring his bunch of all-stars from St. Catharines here for two exhibition games, one to-morrow and the other on Saturday.

Johnson has gathered together a number of well known ball players, many of whom have played in the Canadian league and their reputations as ball players are well known to the Brantford fans. The St. Kitts team is playing independent ball this season and their manager will have a busy time of it arranging dates for exhibition games.

Friday's Game. Abby Johnson has consented to Dick Tasker's request to be allowed to pitch the game against Brantford and Dick says he can just now show the Brantford team and the public generally that he can pitch good enough ball to pull out a win from the Sox. Tasker will be on the firing line and those who attend the game will see whether Dick is able to keep his promise.

Cobb Might Have Helped.

CHICAGO, April 24.—Chicago defeated Detroit in the final game of the series 2 to 1, in a pitcher's battle between White and Hall. Borton in four times up received a base on balls and made two doubles and a single, while Jones in four times to the plate drew as many passes. The score: R.H.E. Detroit . . . 00000001—1 5 2 Chicago . . . 03000001—2 5 1 Hall and Stange; White and Eastery.

Mr. John Hoile has been engaged as business manager for the Guelph Canadian League Club. The following players have already reported: Anderson, Tietz, Lloyd, McEwan, Schaeffer, Schuyler, Dorbeck (pitchers), Daniels (catcher), Wright (outfielder) and Wiltse (short stop).

Ottawa has released infielder Tom O'Hara, who was with the New York Americans in Bermuda this spring.

Saturday's Game.

Johnson will put Rankin, a left-hander in the box for Saturday and the St. Kitts manager places a lot of reliance in this fellow and looks for him to put one over.

St. Catharines Team.

The line up of the St. Kitts team will be: Catchers—Minnes and Wright. Pitchers—Tasker and Rankin. Infielders—Lockhart, Johnson, Hackbush and Bundage. Outfielders—Carey, Graney and a new player whom Johnson expects to sign up to-day.

The Red Sox. Kane will likely give all the players who are trying for a position on the team a chance to play during the two games so as he can get a line on them. The new pitchers and catchers will most likely be worked just to see how fast the twirlers can put them over, and size up their general ability. The games will be called at 3.30.

Jackson, Graney and Lajoie.

CLEVELAND, April 24.—Hard hitting by the Cleveland team brought them the victory over St. Louis yesterday 6 to 2. Weiland, an alkenburg, the two tallest pitchers in the American League, opposed each other. The batting of Jackson, and Graney and the fielding of Lajoie brought cheers from the crowd. The scores: R.H.E. Cleveland . . . 02010201—6 13 3 St. Louis . . . 01000001—2 9 2 Falkenburg and Carisch; Weiland and Alexander.

Yesterday was the second consecutive shut-out of the Skeeters by the Leafs. Toronto played errorless ball in both contests.

At present there are six teams and the New York Highlanders in the American League. Detroit will also have a team when Tiras Us Cobb signs.