

THE NEWS OF SPORTING WORLD

PASSING OF NAP RUCKER THIS SEASON

Among the momentous baseball happenings of 1914—and certainly no year in the annals of the diamond drama has furnished so many thrills as has the present season—is very likely to be the passing of Nap Rucker.

The great Georgian isn't yet ready to own up that he must hang up his war togs in the closet, and is making one last desperate attempt to cure himself of the thing that so greatly handicapped him last season, and this year has practically put him hors de combat. "Deltoid bursitis" is the medical name of the affliction which has Rucker on the hospital list. It is an affliction of the nerves of the deltoid muscles brought on by constant strain.

For the last two weeks Rucker has been undergoing a heroic baling process in the hopes that the muscular contraction he is suffering with will be cured. Nap says: "The old soup bone seems to be loosening up," but the doctor will not allow him yet to throw the ball. Several times in the last two years Nap's arm apparently came around into shape, but each time he suffered a recurrence of the trouble.

Among Greatest of Southpaws.

Friends of the wonderful pitcher, and Rucker will be remembered as one of the greatest southpaws of the game, fear the Alpharetta marvel never again will be able to mow down the batsmen with that wonderful form he displayed up to last season. It is too bad that Rucker's break came at a time when Brooklyn apparently has a first division team, and needs only pitchers to make it a pennant contender. With Rucker in form the Superbas will be right up in front today.

Of an ideal build for a pitcher, an ideal disposition, both from a managerial as well as a player's standpoint, the big southpaw at his best was one of the greatest figures in the game. The greatest batsmen in the National League feared him, and none could boast that he ever was able to get Rucker's number.

He was born in Alpharetta, Ga., where he still lives, on September 30, 1884. He throws left-handed, bats right-handed, sleeps on his left side, runs with his left foot and is ambidextrous in eating and writing. He stands six feet above sea level at the ankle edge, weighs around 210 pounds until the rubber shirt hits in its work in the summer spring, but touches the beam around 180 after he has rounded off to form.

How He Started as a Pitcher

Rucker is a star pitcher as a result of an applied accident. He began his baseball career on a semi-pro team in Alpharetta, and he would probably have remained there or thereabouts had it not been for the accident which came to pass when he was with Augusta, Ga., in the South Atlantic league. In 1909, his first whole season among the regular baseball folk.

He always has been possessed of exceptional speed and control, the latter being entirely out of the ordinary for a southpaw, but he was not a world-beater, and his friends did not expect him to become one. He was making more money pitching for Augusta than he could make picking blackberries to sell by the bucketful at the country store, and frequently had chances in his travels around the state to hear Hoke Smith deliver grocer's speeches, which combination he thought was enough for one cracker born and bred.

Things were thus until one day he cut loose in a manner different from what he intended. He thought he had made a wild pitch, and was the most surprised man on the grounds when after rising about ten feet, the ball suddenly shot to the earth, and was barely caught by the catcher, the latter swinging some three feet or more above it.

Most pitchers would have thought little about the incident but Rucker realized that in some way unknown to himself he had struck a new delivery and so set to work to find out what he had done. In a few days he learned how the high drop was thrown but it was three months before he had control enough and confidence enough to spring it in a game.

Having assured himself that he was master of the trick, he began to use it right along, and to this day it is perfected by his major league experience, the most remarkable and deceptive delivery in baseball when it breaks right.

Uses the Drop in a Pinch.

Rucker's other attributes as a pitcher would give him a standing as a major leaguer, but it is that drop which he does not hesitate to use when the count is two and three and men are on bases, that has caused the fans to rank him among the greatest left-handers baseball has ever known.

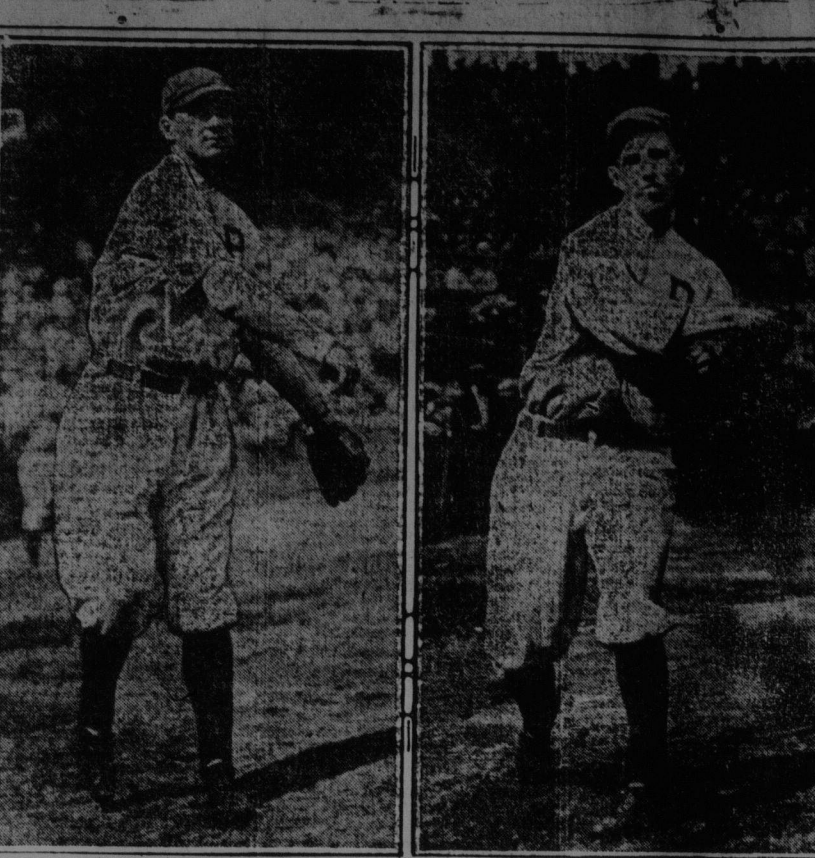
In addition to his other merits, G. N. Rucker is one of the hardest and most willing baseball workers and talkers extant. He lives and dreams baseball. He is always willing to hear some new thing or tell some new story. His willingness was well illustrated last year when he took part in forty-one games for a total of 260 innings.

Rucker's best year was 1911, when he won 22 and lost 18, for a percentage of .559, with a team that had a winning percentage of .427. The new-fangled education does not shape up well when a youth with the rudiments in a little red schoolhouse can pitch 123 points better than his team plays. Among his feats of derring-do was a shutout game against the Boston Nationals in 1908, his second year in the league, and his fanning of 16 St. Louis Cardinals in one game of the 1909 strike.

PROKES AND McDONALD

Jim Prokes and Dan McDonald did not meet in a wrestling match at the exhibition grounds last night as McDonald was not quite ready for the match. McDonald said that if arrangements can be made that he will meet Prokes in a match tonight.

CRACK BATTERY OF BOSTON BRAVES WHO DETHRONED GIANTS



"BILL" JAMES "HANK" GOWDY

In the general distribution of praise connected with the uprising of the Boston Braves one player who has done more than one man's share toward helping the team is "Hank" Gowdy, the same who joined the Giants several years ago but could not break into the catching department because it was already filled with capable backstops. He was traded to Boston and for a time was played on first base. This season he has found himself. It has been his handling of James, Tyler and Rasmussen that has helped these pitchers materially to contribute the telling work they have in leading the Braves out of the cellar to the top. With him is shown "Bill" James, one of the triumvirate. James has been a big factor in the rejuvenation of the Bostonians.

BE OF GOOD CHEER.

The above is the caption of a card sent by the Macmillan Company of Canada. The introductory matter is as follows: While we await news that will make future history, let us remember proudly, but without vainglory, England's record on Five Continents and on the Seven Seas, in the Months of August and September. Then follows a list of events, which we give in full.

1. English victorious at Battle of Minren, 1759.
2. Battle of the Nile, Nelson's great victory, 1798.
3. French armies driven over Pyrenees by Wellington, 1813.
4. Gwaiher taken, 1778.
5. St. John's Newfoundland, taken by Sir H. Gilbert, 1583.
6. Parker defeated Dutch Fleet off the Dogger Bank, 1781.
7. Teumseh defeated United States troops at Brownstown, 1812.
8. Geoffrey P. Archer, with 20 men routed 2,000 dervishes, Somali-land, 1913.
9. Byng defeated Spanish fleet off Cape Passard, 1718.
10. England gains sovereignty over Bengal, 1765.
11. Wellington entered Madrid, 1812.
12. Second Anglo-Japanese Treaty signed 1905.
13. Battle of Blenheim. Marlborough's victory, 1704.
14. Imperial Defence Act passed 1888.
15. Havana captured by Albemarle, 1762.
16. Lord Roberts defeated Gwalior rebels, 1858.
17. Naval victory off Harfleur; 500 ships taken or destroyed, 1416.
18. General Brock captured Detroit, 1812.
19. Battle off Cape Lagos, won by Boscawen, 1759.
20. Admiral Benbow fought alone against the French fleet at Cartagena, 1702.
21. Naval Brigade occupied Port of Salta, 1808.
22. Wellington's victory at Vimeiro, 1808.
23. Hongkong captured by Elliot, 1841.
24. Afridi defeated, 1897.
25. Fort Niagara captured by Sir William Johnson, 1759.
26. England's famous victory at Crecy, 1346.
27. Tricomales taken from Dutch, 1785.
28. Amoy taken, 1841.
29. Algiers bombarded, 1816.
30. Naval victory off Winchelsea, Edward III. crushed Spaniards, 1350.
31. Last fight of the Revenge, Sir Richard Grenville, 1591.

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RESULTS OF THE BIG LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Washington, 4; New York, 2
At Washington.
New York..... 000011000-2 3 3
Washington..... 00000100-4 8 2
Batteries—Mohl, Cole and Sweeney; Shaw and Almsmith.

Boston, 8; Philadelphia, 8
At Philadelphia.
Boston..... 32000021-8 9 1
Philadelphia..... 01302200-8 10 1
(Game called end 8th, darkness.)
Batteries—Wood, Bedient, Greag, Collins and Thomas; Pennock, Bush and Lapp.

Detroit, 5; Chicago, 3
At Chicago.
Detroit..... 13100100-5 7 2
Chicago..... 00000111-3 8 2
Batteries—Daus and Stange; Lathrop, Faber, Russell and Schalk.

American League Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Philadelphia	86	46	.657
Boston	77	52	.597
Washington	67	61	.523
Detroit	68	63	.519
Chicago	63	67	.485
New York	59	73	.447
St. Louis	58	71	.450
Cleveland	42	88	.323

NATIONAL LEAGUE

New York, 3; Brooklyn, 0
At New York.
New York..... 00000000-0 5 2
Brooklyn..... 00000000-0 5 2
Batteries—Schultz and McCarthy; Mathewson and McLean.

At Pittsburgh.
Chicago-Pittsburgh, cold weather.
At Cincinnati.
St. Louis-Cincinnati, wet grounds.

Boston, 6; Philadelphia, 5
At Boston.
Philadelphia..... 00130100-6 11 5
Boston..... 01200102-6 11 1
Batteries—Riley and Burns; Crutcher, Strand, Davis and Whaling, Gowdy.

National League Standing

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Philadelphia	73	54	.575
New York	70	56	.556
Chicago	69	61	.530

St. Louis	88	62	.588
Pittsburgh	88	62	.588
Philadelphia	88	62	.588
Brooklyn	88	62	.588
Cincinnati	88	62	.588

FEDERAL LEAGUE

Postponed

At Pittsburgh.
Kansas City-Pittsburgh, cold weather.
At St. Louis, 6; Brooklyn, 5
At Brooklyn.
St. Louis..... 10300000-6 11 1
Brooklyn..... 30000300-5 9 1
Batteries—Davenport and Simon; Brown, Bluejacket and Land.

At Buffalo.
Buffalo, 12; Chicago, 0
Chicago..... 00000000-0 5 2
Buffalo..... 01004601-12 13 1
Batteries—Frederick, Black and Block; Schultz, Brown and Blair, Lavange.

Postponed
At Baltimore.
Indianapolis-Baltimore, game called off, account parade.

Federal League Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Indianapolis	72	67	.518
Chicago	69	58	.543

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE

Postponed

At Rochester.
Montreal-Rochester, cold weather.
At Buffalo.
Toronto..... 00000000-5 9 1
Buffalo..... 01300300-6 9 1
Batteries—Johnson, Hearse and Kelly; Beebe and Lalouze.

At Providence.
Jersey City..... 00000001-1 5 0
Providence..... 00000300-3 7 2
Batteries—Thompson and Reynolds; Comstock and Onslow.

International League Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Rochester	83	55	.601
Providence	82	55	.599
Buffalo	80	55	.593
Baltimore	70	64	.523
Toronto	66	64	.508
Newark	59	72	.451
Montreal	54	81	.400
Jersey City	45	93	.328

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St. John Exhibition CHILDREN'S DAY

TODAY'S PROGRAMME

- MORNING.**
8.00 a. m. - Gates open.
AFTERNOON.
2.00 p. m. - Judging and Grand Cattle Parade.
3.15 p. m. - Free Acts before Grandstand.
4.00 p. m. - Daylight Fireworks.
4.30 p. m. - Band Concert in Main Hall.
EVENING.
8.00 p. m. - Concert in Main Building.
8.15 p. m. - Evening Performance before Grandstand.
9.00 p. m. - Fireworks.
10.30 p. m. - Doors Close.

DAYLIGHT FIREWORKS are a novelty to Saint John, so be sure to let the kiddies see them.

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AMUSEMENTS

BEFORE THE GRANDSTAND DAILY at 3.15 and 8.15 p. m. These features include Moto Polo, intensely exciting; the famous Steiner's Animal Show, the Bounding Wagon Comedy Act and a splendid Roller Skate Act.

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FINANCIAL

COTTON LOWER ON ENGLAND'S LIVERPOOL MARKET

Price of Middling Cotton reduced 20 points from quotation which has held since July 31.

Liverpool, Sept. 10.—Y Arday the price of middling cotton, twenty English points as reduced quotation of 6.24d, maintained since July 31. The present quotation is 6d, per pound, or the equivalent of twelve cents in our money. This compares with eleven cents, the nominal quotation maintained by the New York Cotton Exchange for middling cotton at this place since the exchanges were closed. All other grades than middling cotton at Liverpool are quoted the equivalent of the reduction of twenty English points for middling cotton here. Good middling is quoted at 6.4d, low middling 5.5d, and good ordinary at 4.6d, and ordinary, the lowest grade, at 3.9d. Today's cables reported the receipt of 15,000 bales of cotton at Liverpool, of which 1,000 were of American product. The total sales were given as 4,700 bales, of which 2,400 were of American product. Delayed cables from Manchester reported the market there for cloth and yarns inactive.

The census bureau's first ginning report on the new crop of the season was announced from Washington just before ten o'clock today. It made the total amount of the crop ginned for the season so far to September 1 as 4,544,465 bales. This compares with 739,099 for the same time last year, and 730,884 in 1912, and 771,397 in 1913. These figures are much smaller than had been expected. The only explanation that can be given is that a greater percentage of the cotton ginned has not been reported, or else that a larger amount than ever before is being carried by planters as picked in the seed, pending further developments regarding the prospects for either the opening of the exchanges, for "hedging" purposes, or in connection with the two trade demands. The amount of cotton reported ginned in Texas up to September 1 is given as only 264,200 bales, against 555,371 last year, 674,249 in 1912, and 557,544 in 1911.

Other Trade Features

The only other important development in the cotton trade here was an announcement by the liquidating committee having the settlement of the large outstanding Liverpool and New York straddles in the details for the connection with the Liverpool market. The committee has agreed to make a payment of \$7,600, for January, for the December futures, and to close out the proposed delivery of the British Board of cotton exports of cotton between the two dates slowly, according to current here in the meantime. The British Board exports of cotton between the two dates slowly, according to current here in the meantime. The British Board exports of cotton between the two dates slowly, according to current here in the meantime.

MINIATURE ALMANAC

September phases of the moon
Full moon..... 4th 10h 1m a.m.
Last quarter..... 12th 1h 48m p.m.
New moon..... 19th 5h 38m p.m.
First quarter..... 26th 8h 3m a.m.

Day of week
Sun rises
Sun sets
High water, a.m.
High water, p.m.
Low water, a.m.
Low water, p.m.

VESSLS IN PORT.

Steamer
Reapwell, 2192, W M Mackay.
Shenandoah, 2492, Wm. Thomson & Co.
John Bahle, 940, John E. Moore.

Arrived Fri
Steamer Govi
ton, A E Fleming
Zee, Colon, 2
Sydney, R P & Co.

RECENT CHARTERS.

Norwegian steamer, 349 tons, deals St. John, N. B. to the United Kingdom, private terms, prompt; Norwegian steamer, 379 tons, deals Nova Scotia to the United Kingdom, private terms, September; Norwegian steamer, 1,093 tons, same.

DANGERS TO NAVIGATION.

Steamer Esperanza reports Sept. 4, lat 38 45, N. lon 75 15 W, passed a vessel bottom up.
Stmr Cheyenne (Br), reports Sept. 4, lat 44 20 N, lon 57 42 W, passed a schooner's mast standing 15 feet above water attached to wreckage.
Sept. 4, lat 40 10, lon 48 37, passed a iceberg.
Stmr Lulea (Br), reports Aug. 20, lat 41 30 N, lon 50 24 W, picked up a French fisherman's dory from the Anna, of St. Servans, Aug. 23, lat 45 42, lon 16 42, passed a black and buoy marked No. 89.
Stmr Vedra (Br) reports Aug. 12, lat 47 13 N, lon 36 40 W, passed a heavy spar 20 feet long.
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