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## CAREER OF RUBE WADDELL WAS AN UP-AND-DOWN ONE

The late George Edward (Rube) Waddell's career in baseball and his career as a pitcher afford wonderful scope for facts or fancy. It would be almost impossible to exaggerate on Waddell's work as a ball player or his life as a man.

The wildest tales of fancy could not portray the wonderful career of this eccentric individual and devotee very far from the truth. Just how or to what to attribute his very wonderful success as a pitcher would be hard to explain, and explain in a logical manner.

Cold figures show that G. Edward Waddell attained success in baseball, had honor, glory and everything else that a hero-worshipping public can bestow on a man. Waddell had it all, and then some records show that he pitched phenomenal ball, that he was a great winner, not of games alone, but as a driving card. As a pitcher Waddell had everything necessary to greatness except stability—that is, he was not always where he should be, many times deserting his post of duty for the lure of the gambling broker and shady rackets where the game trout held forth.

But George Edward had all working qualities, a terrific pace, fine control, could field his position, was a fair batter and could play the game of baseball all around in a very impressive manner.

So, irrespective of what Waddell was a man, every one will concede that as a pitching machine he had few equals. Every conceivable record ever made in the pitching line G. Edward shared in. Waddell possessed a physique that enabled him to go year by year and perform his wonderful stunts for 17 seasons he was in the lineup.

Pitchers of Waddell's stamp are born, not made. He was a natural born player of ball as well as a natural born fisherman. Waddell made many records for himself both on and off the diamond. Volumes could be written about the gay and festive "Rube" in his life as a civilian; giving no thought of the morrow, on the moment he was always ready for anything suggested or his fancy led him.

Pitched for Kid Team.

This incident gives a true idea of his erratic and more than impulsive makeup. In 1898, while working for Van Der Beck, then owner of the Detroit team in the Western league, he began to cut capers that attracted widespread attention and Van had no end of trouble with him. One fine Sunday "Rube" hid himself to the sound lots to watch the coming "great" performance. He had appeared on the field than a request was made to have him act as umpire. To this George readily assented, and he became so interested that he was pitching his head off for one of the teams before the game was half over. For this little game of hide-and-seek the rules of a team playing under the national agreement Van Der Beck plastered a fine of \$50 on G. Edward. His way as well have made it \$5,000, for there was just as much chance of getting one as the other, for the "Rube" never had more than the game coming in on one eye.

However, Waddell pitched himself into Van's good graces in the next game against Minneapolis, when he held them to four singles and fanned eleven men. Van lifted the \$50 fine and presented Waddell with a box of nice red neckties. He had his own predilection to Van for his kindness he offered to go against St. Paul the next day. This time the "Rube" was touched for thirteen healthy smashes, and subsequently the game was lost, twelve to five.

Van immediately touched G. Edward with another fine, registering him with the fifty, also demanding the box of ties. "Rube" had soaked the neckwear, so that they were safe from Van ever getting them. This treatment was more than "Rube" could stand. So he jumped out of the league and the country and went to Canada.

Made Good in Canada.

He got a job with the Chatham team and while with them made a record that, perhaps, the like of was never made by any pitcher. He pitched two games on successive days against the strong semi-professional team that represented Dunnville, Ontario, that year, a team that had the McGinnis well boys on—one of them played with the Brooklyn Nationals later—and other good men. "Rube" held this bunch hitless, runless and almost shutouts in the first game, not a man reaching first base. He struck out seventeen men, and of the twenty-seven men that faced him, had a hand in putting out twenty-six of them, and his bat drove in the only run and the run that won the game by a score of one to nothing.

No baseball hero ever depicted in a dime novel, no matter how the author "elaborated," ever equaled "Rube's" real record made in that game. The next day he went in again and shut them out, holding them to three hits and striking out twenty men.

In his career as a professional, which extended through sixteen seasons, Waddell pitched in nearly 500 games. His control of the ball was remarkable, the total percentage of pitching errors charged up against him being away below the average. In 400 games he passed 932, made eighty wild and woolly heaves and buried the ball in some part of the anatomy of 120 batters, and some of them will never forget or forgive him for the act.

George Edward Waddell holds the world's strike-out record for one season under the present pitching distance. In 1904 he fanned 336 batters in forty-one games, an average of 8.19 per game. In 1905 he struck

out 254 men in thirty-three games, an average of an even eight per game. These records have only been beaten once in the history of major league baseball: Hugh Daily, the famous one-armed twirler, topped the "Rube's" record in 1884, striking out an average of 8.53 men in fifty-four games. This record was made under the short distance.

Rube Great on Strike-Outs.

Waddell's average strike-out record for all time is 6.60, which is the second best ever made. Tom Hanks, the famous southpaw during the eighties, struck out an average of 7.13 per game.

In 1905 Waddell had one of his best years, that season pitching his famous 20-inning contest against the Boston Red Sox, holding them to a couple of scores and winning his game. During August of that year he pitched six successive games without being scored on in 47 innings in all. The last game of the season he pitched against Boston, on September 5. It was a 13-inning affair. G. Edward fanned 17 men, but lost his game, 3-2.

Here something suddenly went wrong with the great left-hander, and divers and sundry reasons were given out at the time for his quitting the game. The Athletics were almost sure of winning first honors in their league and were to contend for the world's honors with the New York Giants.

The baseball fans all over the country were agog with excitement over the prospect of pitching duel between the great Mathewson and the mighty Waddell. But George Edward failed to pitch a ball in the series. Up to Sept. 5 of that year he had been performing brilliantly, and a sore arm was almost an unknown thing with Waddell those days.

Wins Two Games.

However, no matter what the cause was, it came as a great disappointment. During 1906, while with Milwaukee, then in the American league, Waddell pitched a double-header against Chicago, which he won by scores of 2-3 in a 17-inning contest; the second game he shut them out in a five-inning affair by a score of 1-0, making 22 innings in all.

This shows the marvelous stamina of the man. He was in his glory when the unusual happened. When a contest reached a climax that called for extra effort on his part he just revelled in it. It was due to the fighting spirit in him that he was always equal to the emergency and he seemingly could accomplish the almost impossible. It has often been told about George Edward's little stunt of calling in his fielders when he had his game safe, just using his first sacker and catcher, then proceeding to fan the crowd. He invariably got away with it. Once he almost fanned while with the Chatham team. They had for their opponents a bunch of busters from Ridgeway, Ont., that claimed some heavy swaters on their line-up but the "Rube" toyed with them. When the game was seemingly safe, and put away on ice, he called in every player, just the catcher and himself remaining on the job. This was in the seventh, with the score 2-1.

Some have yelled out: "Fill the bases 'Rube' then fan your men," and to the surprise and horror of the home crowd he proceeded to fill the bases, two men passed and the third had two strikes and three balls. He was a big husky fellow, swinging away with a terrible force and missing everything. "Rube" had handed up to him. But G. Edward wanted to pass him so he sent in a high one over the follow's head.

The big chap reached up as if he were trying to knock apples off a tree, a terrible sound followed, the ball was seen soaring for the far away fence, the two men on bases scored, but the chap that gave the ball such a wallop stood at the plate in a dazed sort of way and refused to budge an inch. To this day he won't believe that

## ORGANIZE THE LEAGUE

Special to The Standard.

New Glasgow, April 10.—The first meeting of the representatives of teams to form the Maritime Baseball League was held here this afternoon. Joe Page, of Montreal, presided, and there were present Wm. McMillen, of Moncton; P. J. Mahar, Halifax; N. W. Mason, New Glasgow; H. A. McQuarrie, Westville; D. A. Cameron, Pictou; J. Cunningham, Stellarton; E. X. Jennings and Harry Erwin, of St. John. The entire afternoon was taken up in discussion of the matter relating to the formation of the league, principally in the guarantees and percentages. The meeting adjourned at six o'clock and met later in the evening for further discussion on these matters.

## PRE-SEASON BALL GAMES

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 10.—The Newark, champions of the International League, defeated the Brooklyn Nationals here today, 2 to 1. The major leaguers found both Enzman and Schack puzzling, getting only four scattered hits. Walker was batted hard, and was poorly supported. Get's work at second featured.

At Nashville, Tenn.: Toronto International, 2; Nashville Southern Association, 0.

At Winston, Salem, N. C.: Montreal International, 6; Atlantic Southern Association, 3.

At Waterbury, Conn.: Jersey City International, 10; Waterbury Eastern Association, 6.

He ever hit that ball. He was put out for not running, however, the score was tied, so "Rube" whiffed the next two batters and his team had a hard job to get the winning run over in the ninth. It was a game as on Waddell, and he never forgot it.

The year of 1910 saw the passing of the great Waddell from major league ranks to the minors, when the Minneapolis club bought him. He played with the Millers of the American association in 1911 and 1912, winning 20 games in the two years against 22 defeats. By that time tuberculosis had fastened itself upon him. His cunning was all but gone. Last season found him in the Northern league. He won but three games and lost nine.

Last fall, M. E. Cantillon of the Minneapolis club sent Waddell to Texas in an effort to prolong his life. Waddell at that time told friends that he was soon to die. He was the greatest pitcher in his game. Although widely known for his eccentricities, he was more slurred against than stinner. He was the best hearted member of our team and every man with whom he came in contact will verify my statement.

"When a comrade was sick, the Rube was the first man to see him, the last to leave and if he had money it went for some gift or offering to the sick man."

"He was the making of my team and every follower of the White Elephant banner in the Quaker City knows this in his heart. He came to Philadelphia a stranger, but entered into the spirit of the city and tried with all his heart to bring pennants there. He may have failed us at times, but to him I and the other owners of the Athletics owe much."

He Made My Team.

Mr. Canis Mack of the Athletics speaks his affection for Rube Waddell. "I cannot say how sorry I am to hear this news," he said, when told of the pitcher's death. "He was the greatest pitcher in his game. Although widely known for his eccentricities, he was more slurred against than stinner. He was the best hearted member of our team and every man with whom he came in contact will verify my statement."

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Charley Watson

Charley Watson is going to play on a Chicago team, after all. The Chicago team, after all, has turned him back to Milwaukee with out much of a trial. He took part in a few exhibition games last fall and made a mediocre showing.

Charley has signed with the Chicago Cubs, and is going to work his head off to show the Chicago fans what bad judgment the Cub management used.

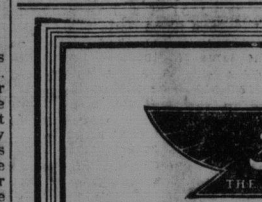
Watson is really a clever pitcher but he has the reputation of being a bad actor with none to steady habits.

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A freshman has become Harvard's strong man. O. G. Kirkpatrick of San Antonio, Tex., has set a new college strength test record of 1349 points. The best previous mark in the ten years the present system has been used was 1236, made by H. R. "Trucks" Hardwick, the football player. Kirkpatrick is a member of the second freshman eight and is president of his class.

THE STARS WON.

In an exciting game on the King Street East diamond yesterday morning the King Street East Stars defeated the Giants by a score of 9 to 5. Batteries O'Dell and Cox for the winners and Christie and Cairns for the losers. Eddie McNeill umpired in a highly satisfactory manner.



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## SWEEPS AND RAMBLERS IN THE PLAY OFF

The Sweeps are the winners of the second half of the City League games played on Black's alleys, and will later play three games with the Ramblers, who won the first half, to decide the championship. The last game in the series was played last evening when the Nationals defeated the Imperials by three points to one. The standing of the teams follows:

|           | Won. | Lost. | P.C. |
|-----------|------|-------|------|
| Sweeps    | 34   | 14    | 708  |
| Wanderers | 31   | 17    | 645  |
| Tigers    | 28   | 20    | 583  |
| Pirates   | 21   | 27    | 427  |
| Campbell  | 21   | 27    | 427  |
| Ramblers  | 19   | 29    | 395  |
| Imperials | 14   | 34    | 291  |

The score in the game between the Nationals and Imperials last evening was as follows:

|          | Nationals | Total | Ave. |
|----------|-----------|-------|------|
| Brown    | 73        | 84    | 102  |
| Garvin   | 69        | 84    | 85   |
| Campbell | 77        | 86    | 83   |
| McLeod   | 77        | 102   | 281  |
| Cosgrove | 95        | 96    | 287  |
|          | 391       | 452   | 1311 |

Imperials

|          | Total | Ave. |
|----------|-------|------|
| Slocum   | 88    | 84   |
| Dickson  | 78    | 73   |
| Willett  | 84    | 76   |
| Coughlan | 90    | 85   |
| Kiley    | 83    | 95   |
|          | 421   | 413  |

E. R. Moore was the winner of the

high average in the City League games, making ninety-two. His prize is a case of four pipes.

Wm. Davy made the highest three strings and the highest single. His highest three strings were 106, 96, 127—329, making an average of 109 2/3.

His best single string was 127. He won two cases of two pipes each.

"COLLEGIATE GOLF."

Conditions which will govern the annual intercollegiate golf association championships were made public in New York today by John Marshall, Jr., secretary of the association. The matches will begin on Monday, Sept. 7, at the Garden City course.

The eighteen-hole qualifying round for the individual championship is carded the following Thursday morning, the lowest sixteen scores to qualify for the championship. The first round of which will be played the same afternoon. On Friday the second and semi-final rounds will be run off, while on the last day, Saturday, the final match for the college title will be run off at thirty-six holes.

## CONDITIONS VERY RIGID

London, April 10.—A newspaper man had an interview with the leading member of the Amateur Rowing Association Wednesday respecting the difficulty of the entry of the Union Boat Club of Boston for this year's Henley regatta. The regatta, our informant explained, is held under the rules of the Amateur Rowing Association established in 1883 by nine clubs, including Oxford and Cambridge universities, for the maintenance of the status of rowing in the United Kingdom.

It has now about 100 of the principal clubs affiliated with it, therefore the association's definition of an amateur, which is extremely rigid, applies to those entering for the regatta. In addition to this, the rules of the Henley regatta committee hold that no crew or sculler from outside the United Kingdom shall be accepted unless such crew or sculler belong to a club affiliated with the union or federation having an agreement with the committee or management of the regatta.

The committee had such an agreement with an American body, but it was annulled owing to a disagreement as to the crew from the United States.

During the last few years there has been no body in the United States qualified to endorse a club wishing to enter for the regatta. The entry of a club or sculler must be made subject to these conditions on or before June 1 next, and must be accompanied by a written guarantee of the secretary or some other responsible official regarding the status of each person entering in order to show that this status fully conforms to the amateur qualification.

The association recognizes no person as an amateur who has ever rowed or sailed in any race for stakes or money. Who has ever knowingly rowed or sailed against a professional for any prize. Who has ever taught athletics of any kind for profit or been employed in or about boats or in manual labor for money or wages. Who is disqualified as an amateur in any other branch of sport. Who has been by trade or employment for wages a mechanic, artisan, laborer or engaged in any duty of such nature.

The Union Boat Club can only enter on the above conditions. A union or federation may have been recently formed, or be in process of formation, to come to such an agreement with the Henley committee for the purpose of promoting entries, but our informant explained he knew of no such step having been taken.



Bob Shawkey

The pitcher on the Athletics that did not get a chance at the Giants, last fall, contrary to the predictions of many of the experts, was Bob Shawkey. Bush was picked out instead and proved equal to the occasion.

Shawkey ranks well up in the pitching averages, second only to Bender. He took part in only 14 games with Philadelphia but with his 24 with Baltimore he managed to put in a full year.

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