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HOW TO PLAY FIRST BASE---BY HAL CHASE

I don't suppose I can tell anybody how to play first base. It is one thing to get in and play the game according to my own ideas, and a different thing to set myself up as an authority.

Let it be understood that these few words of advice are directed, not to the men who have made good as first basemen, but to young players.

A youngster who wants to play first base—or anywhere else on the team—must have the natural ability. He must be able to play the mechanical part of baseball with ease.

A first baseman should be a left-hander.

This is not a conceit because I am left handed, but it is a clearly apparent fact that a left handed man can handle first base more successfully than a right-hander. He has the entire infield "before" him, so to speak, and does not have to make the turns that a right handed player is often compelled to make. Of course, there have been some brilliant first basemen who were right handed, but they were brilliant in spite of this fact, and not because of it.

A first baseman must always make a specialty of handling thrown balls. He must be able to accept the throws of other players without regard to the man who may be coming down first base line from the plate at top speed. At the same time he must take the throw in such a way that he will be able to touch the bag and yet keep clear of the runner.

Let the youngster who wants to be a first baseman practice fielding his



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position constantly. Let him learn to take throws with ease and certainty.

Of course a first baseman must field such balls as are hit to him cleanly. To do this he must learn to figure the manner in which the different players hit, when they mean to swing on the ball and when they mean to bunt.

The youngster can learn the peculiarities of players opposing him by close observation. Nearly every batter has some manner of betraying himself. Few use the same style in bunting and hitting.

I have found it good policy to play "deep" when there is a pitcher working who can be depended upon to get to first ahead of a runner. Once I heard an old timer say to a recruit, who made a spectacular one-handed stab, "Use both your hands—I signed 'em both." I should advise a first baseman to use both his hands in taking throws until he has become absolutely sure. A wide throw that gets away may mean a lost ball.

You want to succeed at baseball, learn every detail of the game. It is a never ceasing source of new problems, new situations, new conditions. The process of figuring out a play should become second nature to the player.

Cultivate the acquaintance of experienced players, and listen to them carefully.

Observe the rules of the game. Never bait an umpire.

Believe like a gentleman.

Play hard to win, and never give up.

Keep regular hours.

Let "booz" strictly alone.

Don't smoke to excess. Better not at all.

Learn the inside of the game.

Practice all you can.

GLACE BAY FANS SEE A FAST SCRAP

(The Glace Bay Gazette.)

Tuesday's ten round bout at King's theatre, between Jack Ling, of Reservoir, and "Kid" O'Neill, of Sydney, for the featherweight championship of the province, was considered by many who saw it the most interesting fight pulled off in Nova Scotia for the past 15 years. It was fast and furious from beginning to end. Only in one round did the pace slacken. Never in Glace Bay have the fans been given more for their money.

At the conclusion of the bout, referee Mike Schofield, announced it a draw.

From the top of the ring both men set a terrific pace and the fans were treated to some real fighting. In the early rounds they fought so fast that many believed the bout would not last the limit, but the exact shape which both were in, enabled them to finish in pretty fair condition. Ling fought a different fight than on former occasions. He did not over-exert so much, his work last night being more open. He showed improvement over his last fight with O'Neill. Ling has a dangerous and hard right wallop, and when he attempted to upset his opponent he landed nearly every time. O'Neill apparently being unable to negotiate a defense for it. The "Kid" used his left to good advantage, and repeatedly landed it to Ling's jaw with telling effect. In the fourth round he broke a bone in his right hand, which caused him much pain, but he gamely fought to the end, although he could hardly lift the arm.

The fight was fairly even all through one man having the advantage in one round, and the other in the next.



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THE BRITISH CHESS KINGS WERE VICTORS

New York, N. Y., April 22.—The City of London Chess Club today won permanent possession of the Nevnes trophy, inaugurated in 1894, by winning the 13th international cable match, by a score of 6 games to 4. Under the rules of the deed of gift by which the late Sir George Nevnes donated the trophy, the team winning three successive matches obtained final possession, and this the Britishers accomplished by today's victory. Of the total of 13 matches contested, each side won six, and 1, that of 1891, ended in a tie. A total of 128 games were played, each side being credited with 64 victories.

After the last start of Friday, when Marshall lost his game to Bura in London, the Americans picked up well today, winning three games and drawing two. The British, however, secured at the remaining three matches the individual honors of the match on the American side went to Albert W. Fox, of Washington; Roy T. Black, of Brooklyn, and Leonard B. Meyer, of the Manhattan chess club.

A gold medal offered as a special prize to the American winning the most brilliant game, was awarded to Fox.

The summary of the match follows:

1-P.J. Marshall	0	A. Buro	1
2-O.A. Hodges	1	H.E. Atkins	1
3-A.W. Fox	1	T.F. Lawrence	0
4-J.E. Barry	0	V.T. Wabnitz	1
5-E.G. Voght	0	F.B. Yates	1
6-R.T. Black	1	G.W. Richmond	0
7-G.H. Walcott	0	W. Ward	1
8-B. Milnes	0	G.A. Thomas	1
9-G.J. Schweitzer	1	R.P. Mitchell	1
10-L.B. Myer	1	G.H. Calt	0

Totals.....4 Totals.....6

The British had the first move on the odd numbered boards.

ROTHSCHILD HORSE PICKED AS FAVORITE FOR DERBY

The Coronation Derby an exception to one to win and the summit of all most every horseman's ambition, seems likely to be won by Pietri, the property of Leopold de Rothschild. At least one thing is assured, the colt will, barring accident, of course, go to the post a top-heavy public choice and carry tens of thousands of pounds in commission.

The fact that Denny Maher will have the leg up on the splendid son of St. Prusquin will also tend to shorten the price, for in addition to having supreme confidence in his ability as a horseman, the English public also knows that the lad's honesty has never been questioned. Taking it all in all, there is hardly a question of a doubt that Pietri will go to the post the heaviest backed favorite since the inception of the race, away back in 1780.

At the present time, there remain over 200 eligibles for this, the blue ribbon event of the turf, and undoubtedly many owners who in other years would drop out, will by reason of the extra importance of the event, avail themselves of the prerogative and take a gambler's chance, hoping for the promised improvement over the two year old form.

Two Good Ones Ineligible.

Unfortunately two of the best three year olds in England are not eligible. These are Seaforth and St. Nat, whose records last season were, to say the least, vividly outstanding. Another lamentable fact is the ineligibility of the horses from the royal stud.

According to the rules of racing, all stake engagements are null and void with the demise of an owner. Hence the death of the late King Edward, temporarily placed a bar upon the splendid string which previously carried his colors.

King George who succeeded to the throne, and who also immediately announced his intention of keeping up the establishment of Sandringham, has during the period of mourning raced his horses under the colors of Lord Derby. The King, through Trainer Richard Marsh, has, however, made liberal engagements in all the future events of 1912 and subsequent years, for which his horses are eligible.

One thing against Pietri is that he is a most unruly post actor. But Maher humors him and has been far more successful than any other rider. Followers of the turf will remember Pietri's sensational victory in the Gimcrack stakes last August. As the barrier was sprung, the horse wheeled and was absolutely left. Maher, however, persevered with him and, after a most brilliant finish, won by open daylight. This incident, as well as the fact that the colt swerved under punishment, has, of course, been charged up against him, but the general consensus of opinion is that Pietri is honest.

The French owner, M. Edward Blanc, who has made repeated attempts to win the Derby, and who has spent upwards of a million dollars in the quest, will try once more with, of course, the able and wealthy George Stern in the saddle. Mr. Blanc's representative this year is Lord Burleigh.

RESULTS OF THE BIG LEAGUES

ATLANTA DAY'S GAMES.
American League.
At Boston: Boston 020100001—4 10 3 Philadelphia 110900000—10 0
Batteries: Collins and Carrigan; Krause and Thomas. Umpires: Evans and Egan. Time 2.

Chicago 000010011—2 9 1
Detroit 000101000—2 5 1
Batteries: White, Sullivan and Payne; Willett and Stange. Umpires: Perrin and Sheridan. Time 1:40.

National League.
At St. Louis: Chicago 21102000—7 8 5 St. Louis 00220000—4 6 4
Batteries: Richie and Archer; Harmon and Brennan.

Eastern League.
At Providence: Buffalo 01000000—1 4 0 Providence 01010000—2 5 1
Batteries: Stroul and Killifer; Doyle and Peterson.

SUNDAY GAMES.
American League.
At Chicago: Chicago 01000000—2 6 0 Cleveland 10102010—5 10 1
Batteries: Olmstead, Scott, Baker and Payne; Gregg and K. Smith. Umpires: Perrine and Sheridan. Time 1:55.

National League.
At Cincinnati: Pittsburgh 00000000—1 6 0 Cincinnati 00000000—0 4 2
Batteries: Adams and Gibson; Warner and Clarke. Umpires: Fineran and Bigler. Time 1:48.

At St. Louis: Chicago 00010204—7 7 1 St. Louis 00000000—0 2 4
Batteries: Weaver and Archer; Golden, Landernik and Brennan. Umpires: O'Day and Brennan. Time 2:15.

Eastern League.
At Newark: Montreal 01200001—4 12 1 Montreal 00000010—1 2
Batteries: Burke and Roth; Parkin, Flater Lee and Cady.

AD WOLGAST IS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY

New York, N. Y., April 22.—Ad Wolgast, lightweight champion of the world, is in town with his manager, Tom Jones. Wolgast announced that he is here to put the finishing touches on his training for his 10 round bout with One Round Hogan, which is scheduled to be held at the Madison A. C. next Wednesday evening. The champion appears to be in excellent condition and declares that he will not have to do much work to get "on edge" for the fray with Hogan.

"I saw a report to the effect that Hogan says he intends to quit the boxing game in case he is defeated by me next Wednesday evening. That's too bad, and I hope he will change his mind. It would be a severe loss to the profession to have a man of Hogan's ability drop out of the game. One of us when he is getting good. Of course, there is no doubt in my mind that I will beat him, but then Mr. Hogan must remember that I'm the champion and he shouldn't take a defeat by me too much to heart.

"Why, there are many very good lightweight fighters that Hogan can beat. Nowadays a man doesn't have to be a titleholder in order to make a very comfortable living by boxing, providing of course, that he is really a class fighter. Look at Brown, McFarland, Welsh, Moran and Murphy. None of them is starving to death, and yet not one of them is a titleholder."

Wolgast was told of Welch's remarks by a reporter that he wanted the title or nothing.

The California pug in a big day at Johnson's road house yesterday and his trainer, Johnny Loftus, is confident that One Round will score over the champion. Johnny says that Hogan is already in trim for a hard fight and that he will be in the very best physical condition when he faces Adolph in the ring at the Madison A. C.

WALTER TRAVIS WINS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Lakewood, N. J., April 22.—The old "Wet Horn" winner, Travis of Garden City, scored again when he defeated Fred Herreshoff, the metropolitan champion in the final round of the open golf tournament at the Lakewood Country Club today. The finish was sensational for the rivals had held out all square on the home green.

This meant an extra hole and despite the storm a large gallery swung in behind the men as they drove off. The first hole is 240 yards and a good four at any time. Her made the green on their second, but Travis promptly settled all disputes by running down a long put for a 2. The best Herreshoff could get was a 4. Throughout the match Herreshoff outdrove his opponent all the way from 25 to 68 yards, but threw away many chances on the greens.

HOME RUN BODIE HAS BIG JOB ON HAND



PING BODIE.

It is doubtful if Ping Bodie sets the American league on fire as he did home runs, five three-base hits and 24 the Pacific Coast league, where he was the boss slugger last year.

Bodie is now a member of the Comiskey crew of White Sox. On the

AMERICUS WINS OVER THE "YANK"

New York, April 22.—Americus, the Baltimore wrestler, defeated Yankee Rogers of Buffalo and Fitchburg, Mass., in two straight falls at catch-as-catch-can wrestling at St. Nicholas rink tonight. Both are light heavyweights.

Americus obtained the first fall in 4 minutes, 29 seconds, with a full crotch and further arm hold and threw his man a second time with a chancery and bar lock in 23 minutes 15 seconds.

Housekeepers' Excursions.

The Grand Trunk Railway has issued a circular authorizing all agents in Canada to sell Housekeepers' Excursion tickets to points in Western Canada. This is interesting information for those desiring to take advantage of these excursions on certain dates from April to September 1911. The Grand Trunk route is the most interesting, taking a passenger through the populated centres of Canada, through Chicago and thence via St. Paul, on through Chicago and the twin cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Ask Grand Trunk agents for further particulars.

ter since the day of Casey the great and Coninsky, grabbed him to break up the American league this season. Bodie has been hitting the ball, but not with the deadly accuracy which marked his work in the west.

HORSE NOTES

Governor Strong, 2 to 14, is dead. The trainers warn warmer weather. Mt. Airy, Pa., had a horse 22 years old.

Saginaw, Mich., is to have a new mile track.

That \$2,500 purse at Brockton caught the cracks.

Forest Prince, 2 to 14, has been sent to Walter Cox.

McHenry is to have the much-rided Wilcox, 2 to 14.

The horses are stepping better than 2 to 2 at Memphis.

Paeters by Peter the Great are beginning to appear.

Brockton has 298 horses named in its early closing classes.

An unusually large number of four-year-olds are in training.

Chian will be one of the attractions at Gosden's grand circuit meeting.

BOSTON PLAYERS FARMED OUT.

Boston, April 21.—Minor league assignments for the present season for seven major league aspirants on the Boston American squad were announced today. Providence of the Eastern league is given Pond and Perry, outfielders, and Dale a pitcher; Detroit of the same league is given the services of Pierce, a left hand pitcher, and Sacramento of the Pacific Coast league will use Hunt, a pitcher, and Mahoney, a pitcher and outfielder.

CARLETON COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Woodstock, April 22.—A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Carleton-Victoria County Teachers' Institute was held at Woodstock on Saturday, 22nd inst, and a programme was outlined for the coming institute at Florenceville, in October next.

HALIFAX TO HAVE GOOD BASEBALL

(Halifax Herald.)

Hurray! hurray! It's all arranged now! What? Professional or semi-professional baseball for Halifax. This is almost too good to be true, isn't it? Some fans will think so, anyway, for some of the pessimistic baseball enthusiasts thought that Halifax was never going to have this—the right—brand of baseball. Everything has been arranged—at least enough to assure us that the city is going to have a great baseball summer. A meeting of those interested in the promoting of a professional or semi-professional league, was held Thursday night. It was an enthusiastic gathering, and the baseball question was thoroughly discussed. It was unanimously decided that if the M. P. A. A. would sanction it, a two-team semi-professional team league will be formed in Halifax. If the M. P. A. A. refuse to concede to this request, the teams will import professional batteries, which will make both teams professional. It is possible that a third team will be formed, but only preliminary arrangements have been made in that direction. One of the teams that is being organized will be called the Socials and will be managed by Roy Inor.

The other team has not been named yet. It will likely be managed by Jas. Cosgrove, of St. Patrick's team last year. The managers will agree to have their teams limited to two imported players.

The first games will be played on the 24th of May, one to take place in the morning and the other in the afternoon. The next game will take place on May 27th. After that a game will be pulled off every second Saturday, until the schedule is completed. Negotiations are being carried on with Moncton, Fredericton and St. John, in an attempt to make arrangements with one of these teams to come here on Friday and Saturday when the local teams will have no games. This means that if possible, these games with outside teams would take place on June 2nd and 3rd, 16th, 17th, and a game early in July. Friday's games would be with one of the local nine.

HALIFAX TO HAVE GOOD BASEBALL

MICHAEL THOMAS RAN IN HARD LUCK.

Michael Thomas, the P. E. Island Indian, who finished twenty-sixth in the Boston Marathon passed through the city on Saturday on his way home. He was accompanied by Rev. John A. McDonald, who is chaplain at the Indian reservation.

Thomas brought with him a silver medal as a souvenir of the race.

Though running under disadvantage the Indian did well. His trainer, who was packing him on a bicycle, and carrying a supply of fruit and water, was disabled by being run over by an automobile, and Thomas was compelled to run the greater part of the race unaccompanied. He is determined, however, to try again next year, and hopes to make a better showing.

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