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## THE VALUE OF BASE RUNNING; BY MANAGER HUGH DUFFY



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Base stealing is one of the accomplishments of a ball player that require more than an ordinary amount of skill.

Speed, of course, is essential to the good base runner, but it is not always the fastest man that does the most pilfering of bases.

I have known some rather slow runners who were grand base stealers. And I have known other players, who could run 100 yards in 10 seconds flat, who were always getting caught when trying to steal a base.

The base runner who signals that he is going to steal, is an easy man to catch, for the catcher who is wise quickly realizes he is about to go.

On the other hand, the base runner who watches the pitcher carefully and take advantage of the windup (for some pitchers when they breathe in the major leagues bring their minor league tricks with them) or of some other motion that loses time, will gain a step or two on the fastest runner.

As a general thing a good base runner notes carefully the foot of the pitcher, for some peculiarity that indicates he is about to deliver the ball.

To get a long lead off first is essential when a runner intends to steal second. A six foot lead often means a stolen base in the race between the runner and the ball thrown by the backstop.

The clever runner keeps the pitcher worried and frequently makes him nervous.

The runner who can draw a throw from the pitcher to first frequently advances by reason of a wild throw or a muff by the first baseman. It requires considerable skill to return to first from a long lead when the pitcher whips the ball across the diamond.

Base runners should keep their eye on the pitcher every minute, and watch for his motion to discover if he intends to pitch or throw to first.

They should have the distance they stand from the bag measured to the

fraction of an inch, to be able to get hand or foot on the base before the first baseman can touch them.

A good base runner always has a slide or dodging motion which helps him get around the second around the second baseman at the end of his sprint.

Fielder Jones used to slide around the infielder in a way that made him extremely difficult to touch. With his body on the ground he would shove one foot onto the bag and get away with a stolen base often when the fielder had the ball in time to retire him, but for his cleverness.

Base stealing cannot be overestimated as a value in winning games. Many a tight game has been decided by a stolen base. If the runner that gets on first can make his way to the next station unaided, he is in a position to score on a long single, while it would be next to impossible to score from first on a two base hit unless it was an exceptionally long hit and he a particularly fast runner.

Many players fail to make good on the paths because they do not keep track of the ball. They run blindly. It is necessary to know just where the ball is all of the time, but it is not necessary to turn and watch the ball to know where it is, and thus interfere with a runner's speed. I consider a good base runner as valuable as a good hitter. When I find the combination in one man I consider myself doubly fortunate.

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## JACK TWIN SULLIVAN AFTER THE MIDDLEWEIGHT TITLE

### One of Famous Brother Pugilists May be Stanley Ketchel's Successor—Jack will Make 158 Pounds for any Middleweight in the World.

Dave Sullivan, mentor of the Sullivan twins, Jack and Mike, says incidental to making a general challenge on behalf of Jack to the world's middleweights, that he is busy in correspondence with the best men in the country, and hopes to break up both his brothers with a good man east or west before very long.

"Jack" said Dave, "has really got a good many of those middleweights dodging him. They know that not only can he step a lively bout for a long distance, but that he can also go the route, which many of them cannot. Nothing would please us better than to get on with Frank Klaus, Hugo Kelly, Jimmie Gardner, Montana, Jack and Dan Sullivan, Billy Paake, Jimmy Clabby, Cyclone Thompson or any of them. Jack will make 158 pounds for any middleweight in the world."

The Sullivans were not a little interested in the accounts of the Klaus and Gardner fight in Pittsburgh. Mike has beaten Gardner. Jack has beaten Kelly or Thompson, but from the latest accounts, they are matched for a race some time this month.

Johnnie Coulon, now that he has pumped the banianweight well dry, is credited by a Chicago writer with a statement to the effect that he will enter the ranks as a featherweight, aiming a direct challenge at Able Attell.

The wonderful little 122-pound champion is now carrying around a broken arm and cannot be expected to pay much attention to Coulon's talk.

There is a featherweight loafing in Los Angeles—Joe Rivers is the boy—who would be glad to introduce Johnny into the 122-pound division. Re-calling the cautious manner in which "Pop" Coulon has handled his season in the past, though it is almost too much to hope that he would take a chance against the Mexican marvel.

Considering the boxing situation as a whole, it is not surprising that Hugo Kelly, Johnny Thompson and bat- tlers by this stripe are engaging the attention of the promoters. No matter in sight for Nevada extension—not for many months to come.

Welsh Boosts Moore. With his customary show of activity Freddy Welsh hiked to a New York telegraph office and scribbled the following:

"Beat Pal Moore in every round. An exceptionally fast fight. Moore is a rugged boy and with more experience will show championship form. Address me Hotel St. Paul, this city."

Welsh's win over Moore was expected, and proves nothing except that the former English lightweight champion is still a tiger at the ten-round game. Promoter McAree, believing that Welsh is one of the best drawing cards before the public, has endeavored to get Freddie to the Pacific coast again. Welsh is willing to make the trip, the trouble is to secure a worthy opponent for him.

You will note that Welsh, after beating Moore, is the first to boost the New York boy. Boosting is one of the best things that the Poutyprindger does. He lashed out at the clouds after whipping the featherweight champion at Vernon. Matt Wells, who defeated Welsh for the Los Angeles belt, has received the roughest of notices from Freddie. If Welsh ever swung the hammer the act did not come to my notice. Perhaps his boosting tactics succeeded as a measure for the little foreigner's great popularity.

## TOM LONGBOAT IS AFTER THE LONG DISTANCE MEN

### Question Now is "Can the Indian Come Back?" He is Willing to Run the Best of them, but Can He Make Good?

(Winnipeg Tribune.) Tom Longboat, the Indian runner, wants to have another chance at the running game. He has just issued a challenge to run any man in the world over the full Marathon distance and his manager sent word to the promoters of the Holmer-Ljungstrom fifteen mile race at New York tonight for a match with the winner.

His only stipulation was, that the distance be not less than fifteen miles. When he was told that the winner of the Shrubbs-Quaal race was to be matched against the winner of the Holmer-Ljungstrom event, he asked making a three cornered match, and agreed to run for nothing if Longboat did not carry off first money.

Things are perking up a bit hereabouts in the professional running line, and though there be no remunerative Marathon derby staged at the Polo grounds to entice the simoleons from the pockets of the running fans, two minor races have been arranged for the dollar chasers, says Sprinter, the New York athletic critic. On April 18 in the Saint Nicholas rink, Hans Holmer, the Powder Hill Marathon winner will hook up with Gustav Ljungstrom, the Swedish flyer, in a fifteen mile match.

None of these races offer anything to rave about. Shrubbs, who, despite his alleged record-breaking performance on the tank-town circuits, is said to be living on his former reputation; Holmer hasn't done a thing since winning the Powder Hill race, and Ljungstrom twice recently has been

## SHOE MEN WIN FROM HAYWARD'S

On Black's alleys last night H. Sullivan won the weekly roll off with a score of 127. The prize was a watch fob.

In the Commercial league contest Waterbury & Rising team took three points from S. Hayward. Co's team with a total pinfall of 124 to 121. The following was the individual score:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. S. Hayward & Co. Barth 85 84 90 260-82 23; Cromwell 70 84 88 242-80 23; Patterson 71 74 70 215-71 23; Armstrong 82 83 76 236-82 13; Sullivan 83 88 87 258-89

## VICTORIA TOURNEY OPENED

The Specials won the first game from the Regulars in the bowling tournament played on the Victoria alleys last evening, by three points to one. The score was:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Specials: Brown 69 67 89 225-75; Dunn 113 76 84 273-91; Moran 73 67 81 221-73 23; Kelly 80 112 97 289-94 13. Regulars: Slocum 85 79 84 258-86; McBeth 84 79 80 243-81; Evans 62 76 76 214-71 13; Armstrong 79 80 80 239-84 13; Jones 84 72 93 249-82

## BOUITS THIS WEEK

Back Crouse vs. Nelson, Paddy Sullivan vs. Mickie McIntyre, Jimmy Lyons vs. Joe Nelson and W. O'Brien vs. Mike Conroy, Armory A. A. Tony Capout vs. Young Mahoney, Racine, Wis. Patsy Brannigan vs. Earl Denning, Springfield, O. George Cotton vs. J. Clark, Joplin, Mo. Ban Dorsey vs. Tommy Langdon, Albany. Jim Smith vs. Morris Harris, New York. George Kitson vs. M. Levy, Charleston. Tommy Carey vs. Joe Hirst, Philadelphia.

Wednesday. Ad Wolgast vs. One-Round Hogan, New York. Tommy Quill vs. Hugh Ross, Syracuse. Johnny Coulin vs. Eddie O'Keefe, Kansas City. Blink McCloskey vs. Young Loughrey, Paris.

Thursday. Johnny Gallant vs. Young Jasper, Adams. Patsy Kline vs. Joe Coster, New York.

## RESULTS OF THE BIG LEAGUES

American League. At New York: Washington 00100002-3 6 3; New York 01000103-5 11 1. Batteries: Jonstone and Almsmith; Quinn, Caldwell and Sweeney. Blair, Umpires; Sullivan and Connolly. Time 2:10.

At Detroit: St. Louis 10100004-6 10 5; Detroit 10100007-7 4 2. Batteries: Hamilton and Clarke; Lively and Stanage. Umpires: O'Loughlin and Dineen. Time 1:53.

Chicago 00200000-2 5 4; Cleveland 00221010-5 7 2. Batteries: Laue, Scott and Payne; Krapp and Smith. Umpires: Perrie and Sheridan. Time 2:09.

Boston 00000100-1 5 1; Philadelphia 10100007-7 4 2. Batteries: Karger and Carrigan; Plank and Thomas. Umpires: Egan and Evans. Time 1:50.

National League. Boston 00000102-3 4 0; Brooklyn 00000000-0 6 1. Batteries: Preffer and Graham; Batteries: Entell and Umpires: Klem and Doyle. Time 1:54.

At Philadelphia: New York 00010000-1 9 1; Philadelphia 20100015-4 6 0. Batteries: Wiltsie and Myers; Rowan and Dooin. Umpires: Johnstone and Eason. Time 1:55.

At Cincinnati: Chicago 00000101-4 10 2; Cincinnati 30000004-7 8 2. Batteries: Pfeister and Archer; Burns, Suggs and Clarke. Umpires: Brennan and O'Day. Time 2:5.

At St. Louis: Pittsburgh 0200030000-5 11 3; St. Louis 300001001-6 13 2. Batteries: Leitch and Gibson; Saltee, Laudermilk, Geyer and Bliss. Umpires: Bigler and Finneran. Time 2:20.

Eastern League. At Providence: Montreal 20000110-4 8 2; Providence 00000201-3 6 4. Batteries: Carroll and Roth; Moroney and Peterson.

At Jersey City: Toronto 00000020-2 6 2; Jersey City 00000100-1 6 2. Batteries: Bachman and Phelps; Prill and Tommenan.

At Baltimore, Md., April 24.—Score: Baltimore, 0. 12010208-6 7 1; Buffalo 00010010-2 5 0. Batteries: Atkins, Dyert and Egan; Malarkey and Killifer.

At Newark, N. J., April 24.—Score: Newark 00010000-2 5 2; Rochester 12010102-7 10 6. Batteries: Cleary, Parkin, Johnston and Cady; Holmes and Jacklitsch.

Boston, April 24.—Spring weather favored the twentieth opening of the New England baseball league season for Lowell found eleven hard innings to defeat Jesse Burket's Worcester team 3 to 2, while the New Bedford champions nosed out Lynn 6 to 6. Haverhill and Fall River were the losers at home, Brockton beating Haverhill 5 to 2 and Lawrence defeating Fall River 4 to 1.

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## CANADIAN RIFLE LEAGUE MATCH DATES NAMED.

Ottawa, April 24.—The Canadian Rifle League today announced May 27, June 3, July 8 and July 15 as the dates for the league shoots this summer. The dates for cadet competitions in the league are: May 27, June 3, June 10 and June 17. Teams fire on their own ranges throughout the Dominion. The president, Lt. Col. Sherwood, of Ottawa, has awarded a trophy for the civilian section and Lt. Col. Woods, of Ottawa, one for the cadets.

## SOME DASTARDLY TRICKS PRACTISED BY FIGHTERS

### Ordinary Five Ounce Gloves Look Innocent, but they are Sometimes "Doctored," and in Hands of Some Seconds Harmless Appearing Mitts Become Murderous Weapons.

The five ounce glove of commerce—the common or garden variety of boxing glove—which has been used in fistic battles ever since the bare knuckles and the skin-tight coverings were counted over-strenuous—is a harmless looking little thing. Any innocent would decide that it might deliver a jar or knockout blow, but that no other harm could be possibly inflicted. In the hands of skilled and tricky seconds, the five-ounce glove is manipulated until it is the most venomous of weapons, capable of inflicting punishment far beyond its intents or scheduled limitations.

All seconds pull away the padding over the knuckles, thus allowing the man to hit with practically a skin-glove over his hands—unless he happens to have a sore or damaged finger. Then they are solicitously heaped up the padding over the injured knuckle, and thus strive to protect their boy from further suffering. Manipulation of the padding, too, is understood and expected by every fighter—it's the things they put inside the gloves that must be watched for and detected.

Powdered plaster of paris, dropped in the gloves, will harden and form a cast over the knuckles of the fighter who puts a wet hand into the glove, but only a "boob" of a second will let the glove out of his sight while he is opposing second monkeys with it. Hard tape bandages wound in many thicknesses from wrist to finger tips, are another specialty. Many fighters have always had their own tricks, and have got by with them on manifold occasions.

Charlie Neary, the Milwaukee lightweight, would cut the fingers off driving gloves, don them, and wrap the bandages around the gloves till they were completely hidden.

Walter Parker, a formidable lightweight, had a chunk of boiler iron, curved to cover his knuckles, and he wrapped bandages over it till the whole hand until there was no trace of the iron. Parker accumulated 13 successive knockouts on gentlemen whom he carried with his good right hand—armor-plated—and most of the 13 were tired from the ring rather than risk with a whack again.

Kid McCoy soaked his bandages in a solution of plaster-of-paris, and they looked innocent while his seconds adjusted them. Two minutes later—safe inside the glove—they solidified and became as hard as granite.

Little Jimmy Barry didn't care so much about the bandages, but always hid a piece of oakum in his hand, and then clinched firmly upon it. This gave his hand a better grip than the inside of the glove usually afforded, and enabled him to hit more forcibly.

Tommy White had a stunt that was all his own. His seconds would knead the tips of his gloves into a peak, and then clinched firm upon it. This would brush the enemy's eyes. While the brushing wouldn't as much as leave a mark, it would bedim the sight and make the

gentleman tearful for an instant—and while he was clearing his vision things would happen to him.

Some fighters, good ones, too, would never wear a bandage nor pull back the padding of the gloves. Good fighters. Not necessarily. They had tender hands and had to have them broken. Then, the tyro will explain, why not wear bandages to protect the hands? Because when a hand is broken, bones will get jammed together, and take nature's course towards relieving itself of the agony and the crossing bones.

The trick of putting oil of mustard on the gloves, thus blinding a foe, has been tried, but soon died out, as the referee could easily smell the pungent stuff and nip the offender. A trick that was rather original, though, has been pulled by soaking a glove in water. Then slap the hostile with the water-soaked glove, the spray will blind him for an instant, and the other fist can come across with a destructive blow.

There are truly some marvelous tricks in the boxing game, and a man who isn't master of at least a few of the devices will not get far in the roped arena.

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