

# SPORT NEWS GLEANED FROM WORLD'S CENTRES

## GRANTHAM AND HEILMANN LEAD

Hornsby and Cobb Follow for Batting Honors—55,000 See Game.

New York, April 28.—Grantham of Chicago leads the National League hitters today with an average of .409, followed by Hornsby of the Cardinals, .404; Doolittle of the Reds, .389; Wheat of Brooklyn, .382; and Blades of the Cardinals, .381. Heilmann tops the American League with .310, leading Cobb of Detroit, .455; Clark, .438; and Myatt, .423, both of Cleveland, and Boone of Boston, .400.

Hornsby leads the major leagues with four home runs. Ruth of the Yankees, Fournier of the Robins, McManus of the Browns, and Grantham each has three.

The season's biggest baseball crowd—55,000—yesterday saw the Yankees win their seventh consecutive victory and stop the rush of Connie Mack's Athletics 11 to 2. The world's champions landed a second place, a half-game behind Detroit.

When Detroit defeated Chicago, 9 to 3, Ty Cobb stole home for the second time this season. Four home runs featured a slant bang Cleveland 10 to 9 triumph over the Browns. Ken Williams made his first. Robertson and McManus of the Browns and Speaker of the Indians drove out the others.

**American League—Saturday**  
New York, 4; Boston, 3—11 innings.  
Philadelphia, 2; Washington, 9.  
Detroit, 18; Chicago, 7.  
St. Louis, 11; Cleveland, 2.

**American League—Sunday**  
Detroit, 4; Chicago, 2.  
New York, 11; Philadelphia, 2.  
Washington, 9; Boston, 6.  
Cleveland, 10; St. Louis, 9.

**National League—Saturday**  
New York, 3; Brooklyn, 2.  
Boston, 5; Philadelphia, 0.  
Cincinnati, 2; Cincinnati, 0.

**National League—Sunday**  
New York, 9; Brooklyn, 5.  
St. Louis, 6; Cincinnati, 2.  
Chicago, 4; Pittsburgh, 2.

**International League—Saturday**  
Reading, 7; Toronto, 4.  
Buffalo, 6; Syracuse, 4.  
Baltimore, 8; Rochester, 0.

**International League—Sunday**  
Newark, 6; Buffalo, 0.  
Rochester, 7; Reading, 8.  
Baltimore, 5; Toronto, 2.  
Toronto, 4; Baltimore, 0.  
Jersey City, 10; Syracuse, 11.  
Syracuse, 1; Jersey City, 1.

**OFFICERS CHOSEN BY TENNIS CLUB**

The annual meeting of the Rothery Tennis Club, was held at the Utopia Park Association when the following officers were elected: President, C. F. Inches; vice-president, H. L. Short; treasurer, C. M. Bostwick; secretary, George W. Hudson. The executive committee is composed of the officers, with A. K. Schofield, Richard Starr. The tournament committee are H. L. Short and Douglas McKean. The ladies tea and tournament committees will be appointed later.

**WOULD ATTRACT TOURISTS.**

It was reported last evening that an association to be known as the Lake Utopia Park Association was being formed, taking in about three miles at the foot of this famous Lake at St. George. It is said that the association club, whose members are owners of that section, intend to allow free parking and camp privileges for tourists who wish to enjoy good fishing or gunning. The idea chiefly is to assist in promoting tourist travel to New Brunswick, and notices will be posted pointing out the boundary of the lake and grounds on which free privileges are allowed.

**JOHNSON PRAISES RUEL.**

"Muddy" Ruel handles me as well as any catcher I ever had mechanically; better yet, his judgment of the batters couldn't be improved upon," is the way Walter Johnson speaks of his battery partner.

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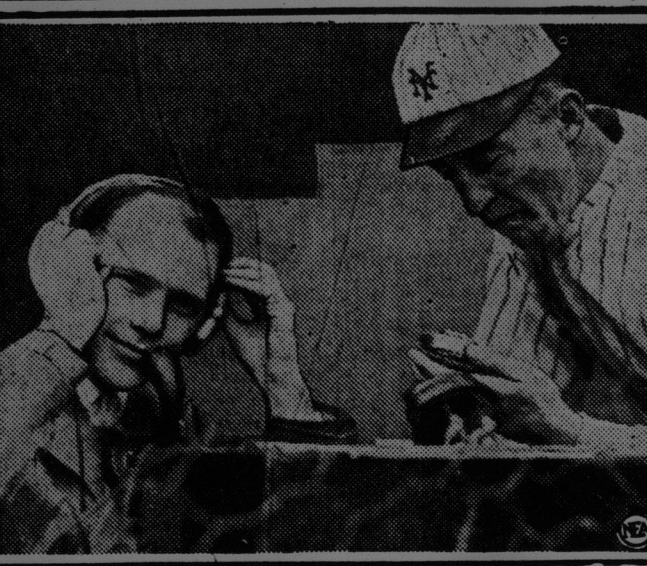
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## ARE HEADLINERS OF 1924 SEASON

Ruth, Sisler and Hornsby are the Big Three of Baseball.

(By Henry L. Farrell.)

New York, April 28.—(United Press).—Babe Ruth, George Sisler and Rogers Hornsby should be the big headlines through another show of the major leagues. The Babe perhaps will hold chief interest during the season because of the heavy burden that he has taken upon himself.

Ruth said that he wants to make a new home-run record, to lead the league in batting and base-stealing, and win the prize again for being the most valuable player in the league. He would clinch the prize if he did the other things.

The Babe may not and probably will not make a new home-run record, but it is very likely that he can win the batting championship if he goes out after it with a serious mind. His ambition to lead the league in base-stealing is not worth the laugh that it would draw on casual thought. The Babe is very fast for a player his size, and is a good base-runner.

If the pitchers get the expected results out of handling more solid balls and less new ones than they have been handed in the past three years, the Babe may find the going very tough. He knows it and he accepts it with great philosophy. "If it's tough on me, it'll be the same thing on the other boys," he says.

Sisler has a job in comparison to which anything the Babe has to do is small. The former Brown star is faced with the job of coming back as a league in batting and base-stealing. His first time out. He has been out of the game for a year with a serious affliction of the eyes and he made a game effort to come back only because he knew his team needed him and that the club might get some place if he could go back and play first base.

It is very doubtful that he will be able to play through the entire season, and it is almost certain that his game will not reach the perfection it had before he was stricken so unfortunately.

Sisler was one of the game's outstanding players and one of its most versatile stars. He won the first prize that was offered to the player voted most valuable to his team in the American League and he would have won many other prizes for all-around worth and efficiency if they had been put up for competition.

Rogers Hornsby may be able to pound the St. Louis Cardinals back into the first division. He had trouble with Branch Rickey, manager of the club, last year, and he threatened that he would not play again with the club.

It is understood, however, that everything is now lovely again. The following story about the Hornsby case written by Collier Cain, head of the National League service bureau, is interesting:

"Every fan from Maine to Hollywood is deeply interested in Hornsby's condition and state of mind for the present baseball season. The champion batsman had what might be termed an off-year last season for him. It is true that he led his league with the stick as usual, but he was out of the game for some time with a strained tendon in his leg, and then he had serious trouble with his manager, Branch Rickey. There was talk that would send the great player away from St. Louis, his baseball home ever since he entered the major league competition.

"It can be stated authoritatively that Hornsby has settled his troubles with his club and that he is in grand shape for the 1924 pennant race. Hornsby's state of mind and his sound leg are vital factors in the Cardinal contention for league honors this year. He had a long talk with Rogers while in the Bradenton training camp last March about his troubles and about his bad leg. We have been good friends for four years. As a newspaper man I have been pretty close to this level-headed, sensible Scotch-Irish prodigy of baseball, and he knows that in my writings I have never betrayed his confidence or embarrassed him, even when he talked frankly about things that might have made sensational stories. Therefore, when I declare that Rogers has made up his row with his club and his club owner and is in a confident and happy state of mind and is also performing upon a knee that is as good as ever, I know that I am stating the truth of the case.

"He talked frankly and most sensibly about his many troubles of last season. Only his force of character enabled him to bat and play as he did.

## MINIATURE SHOOT AT LOCAL ARMORY

St. John City Rifle Club and Sussex Meet Tonight.

In the final match of the monthly aggregate of the St. John City Rifle Club miniature shoot on the Armory range Saturday night J. T. Downey and J. P. Archibald tied with a total score of 189 points each for the senior spoon. This tie will be shot off later. R. S. Langstroth, son of Dr. L. A. Langstroth, the veteran rifeman, won the trophy spoon with a score of 188.

This evening a match will be held when the Sussex team will compete with the St. John City Rifle Club team on the Armory range.

On Saturday evening, next, the annual meeting of the City Rifle Club will be held in Captain Morrison's office. Following are the scores of Saturday evening, including the team shoot among two members:

J. T. Downey	109
O. J. Dick	88
Alex. Ellison	86
W. H. Childerhouse	86
J. P. Archibald	86
H. N. Hamilton	84
A. E. Clark	82
R. S. Langstroth	82
Robert Childerhouse	81
J. T. McInnes	80
E. E. Knappman	79
John M. Thompson	78
G. T. Cochrane	77
E. H. Toole	76
J. O'Neil	75

**Team No. 1**  
W. H. Childerhouse ..... 96  
Robert Childerhouse ..... 89  
J. P. Archibald ..... 89  
M. E. Clark ..... 89  
G. T. Cochrane ..... 89  
Total ..... 452

**Team No. 2**  
S. W. Logan ..... 96  
J. O'Neil ..... 89  
E. E. Knappman ..... 89  
R. S. Langstroth ..... 89  
Total ..... 452

In the monthly team shoot for tyros Team No. 1 won by 61 points.

## A Good Old Story

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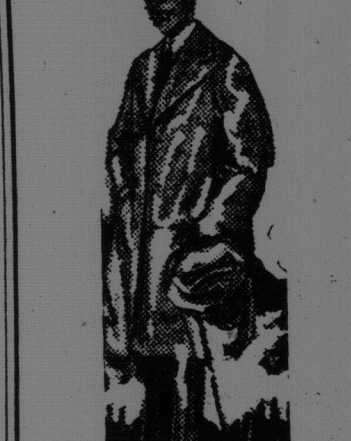
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## WOULD RATHER PLAY IN MINORS

Major Leagues Have No Appeal for Southpaw Harry Courtney.

Chicago, April 28.—Pitcher Harry Courtney of the White Sox has been sent back to the minors. He has been sold to the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast League without any strings attached.

The case of Pitcher Courtney is a most peculiar one. Possessed of enough stuff to easily win a major league berth, he has been a "flier" his entire career.

Courtney first came to the majors as a member of the Washington club, looked good for a while, slumped, and was traded to Chicago.

Chicago soon tired of him and sent him to San Francisco, where he led the Coast League in pitching.

This showing caused Chicago to bring him back. However, he showed so little in spring training that he was sent back to the minors before the opening of the season.

"I'd rather play in the minors anyway," this peculiar pitcher said.

**PASSES UP RELIEF WORK.**

Manager Stanley Harris of the Washington club says that Walter Johnson will seldom be used as relief pitcher. Harris figures that given three to four days' rest Johnson should have one of the best years of his career.

"There is no country in the world," he said, "in which the Olympic idea has been developed to such an extent as in the United States. Thanks to the co-operation of the United States, Baron Pierre de Coubertin in 1894 was able to achieve the revival of the Olympic games, culminating in the competition in Athens in 1896. It was because of the participation of the United States at Athens that other countries followed suit.

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## PRaises AMERICA FOR OLYMPIC AID

Marquis de Polignac Says Success Due to Their Interest.

Paris, April 28.—Warm praise for the American spirit of co-operation in making the Olympic games a success was expressed by Marquis Melchior de Polignac, French member of the International Olympic Committee and Commissioner of Foreign Relations for the French Olympic Committee, in an address before the American Club of Paris recently.

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