

Late Gossip Of The Sporting World At Home And Abroad

BASEBALL IN THE BIG LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Philadelphia, 7; New York, 6.

Philadelphia, June 21.—Bad pitching by the New York twirlers gave Philadelphia two victories today, 7 to 6, in ten innings, and 12 to 7, in the first game the home team scored four runs in the fifth inning, and made only one hit, and in the second inning of the closing event secured only two singles and yet tallied five runs. The score:

First game—

New York 002000000—6 9 8

Philadelphia 0001400101—7 7 5

Batteries: Keating and Nunnemaker; Bush, Bressler and Lopp.

Philadelphia, 12; New York, 7.

Second game—

New York 020300200—7 9 3

Philadelphia 252000030—12 7 0

Batteries: Caldwell, Pich and Sweeney; Schupp, Nunnemaker; Shawkey, Bush and Lopp.

Boston, 8; Washington, 3.

Washington, June 21.—Boston and Washington divided today's double-header here, the visitors winning the first game, 8 to 3, and the locals taking the second, 6 to 5, in ten innings. The score:

First game—

Boston 201000410—8 12 2

Washington 100000020—3 6 3

Batteries: Ruth and Thomas; Shaw, Gallo, Hopper and Henry, Alnsmith.

Washington, 6; Boston, 5.

Second game—

Boston 000002030—5 7 3

Washington 005000001—6 10 0

Batteries: Shore, Collins, Pennock, May and Cady, Thomas; Boehling and Alnsmith.

(Only two American league games scheduled.)

American League Standing

Won Lost P.C.

Chicago 37 29 .649

Boston 29 19 .604

Detroit 34 24 .586

New York 26 26 .500

Washington 26 25 .509

Cleveland 21 31 .404

Philadelphia 21 34 .382

St. Louis 20 34 .370

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Pittsburgh, 4; Philadelphia, 3.

Pittsburgh, June 21.—Pittsburgh defeated Philadelphia today, 4 to 3, in 13 innings. The locals' first run was a homer by Wagner. The score:

Philadelphia 0000001010010—3 10 2

Pittsburgh 0101000000011—4 6 1

Batteries: Mayer, Rixey, Chalmers and Kilfer; Cooper, Mamaux, Adams, McQuillan and Gibson.

(Only one National league game scheduled.)

National League Standing

Won Lost P.C.

Chicago 30 21 .588

St. Louis 32 26 .552

Philadelphia 28 24 .538

Pittsburgh 26 35 .510

Boston 24 28 .462

Brooklyn 24 29 .453

New York 21 26 .447

Cincinnati 21 27 .438

FEDERAL LEAGUE.

Baltimore, 7; Chicago, 2.

Baltimore, June 21.—Home runs brought about Chicago's defeat by Baltimore today, 7 to 2. Bender pitched well throughout. The score:

Chicago 001001000—2 8 1

Baltimore 000002410—7 8 2

Batteries: Prendergast and Fischer; Bender and Owens.

St. Louis, 8; Brooklyn, 2.

Brooklyn, June 21.—St. Louis gave Davenport a five run lead today in the first inning. Davenport pitched great ball and received perfect support, winning easily, 8 to 2. The score:

St. Louis 510001001—8 14 0

Brooklyn 100000010—2 9 2

Batteries: Davenport and Hartley; Weston, Wilson and Land.

Kansas City, 9; Buffalo, 5.

Buffalo, June 21.—The poor support given to Bedient by the locals in the early part of today's game was largely responsible for Kansas City's nine to five victory. Buffalo out-hit and scored more earned runs than the visitors. The score:

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It's a long, long time until October, but we have the hunch that during that month one of the men who will participate in the world's series will be Tyus Raymond Cobb, born in Royston, Banks County, Ga., on whom has been bestowed much applause and much abuse. Likewise on Tyus the Thumper have been heaped many names. Old Roman Comiskey probably not being far out of the way when, in 1911, he called him the "greatest ball player in the world."

Four years ago Mr. Cobb had a wonderful season, collecting 147 runs and 243 hits in 147 games, and swiping 53 bases. Moreover, he batted in 144 tallies—a mark that was a new one and still remains unbeaten. When you take off eight homers from this total of 144 and add the counters that Tyus scored, you will find that the Georgia Peach, four years back, was responsible for 283 of Detroit's runs. He was going some, and then some more, this year. If Tyus wasn't in the Detroit lineup, the Tigers (called Tygers by William B. Hanna of the New York Sun) wouldn't be at the top of the first division, but probably at the bottom of it.

Messrs. Rowland and Carrigan, commanders of the teams from the pork and beans districts, who also have designs on the American league soulfest, stop Cobb if their entries are to finish ahead of Jennings' Janglemen. The pitchers haven't been able to stop him this year and neither have the catchers. He has a tidy lead over other aspirants for the batting crown, a big lead over the men who imagine they are in the same class with him as sack snatchers; and while lots of fans are of the opinion that Eddie Collins is the premier pass getter in the young organization, take it from me, he isn't. I'll spring the succulent statistics to you later on.

Accidents may happen and do happen, but if Tyus Raymond escapes injury, he will be found heading the American league next fall in batting, in runs scored, in bases stolen, in base hits and in bases on balls. He is not awarded the laurels in batting in runs, feeling pretty positive that that distinction will go to one of his teammates—either Biffing Bobby Veach or Slugging Sam Crawford.

It is the opinion, too, that Cobb is having a better year this year than he had in 1911, when Old Roman Comiskey called him the wonder of the age and the greatest ever. Let's see how the dope bears out this contention.

In the first ten games Cobb made 16 hits and then, on April 24, he went hitless against Steen, Hagerman and Walker of the Indians. Starting again he got six wallops in four combats, and April 29 and 30 and May 1 he got into that slump alighted to Hamilton and Wellman of the Browns and Faber and Russell of the Sox (three south-paws in this group) were the men who hated Tyus. He got a pair of safeties on May 2 in the games with Chicago, Cocotte, Faber and Wolfang pitching; failed to hit safely the following day against Hamilton, James and Hoch of the Browns, and then got 11 smashes in his next six battles, howling Hubert Leonard of the Red Sox keeping his base hit column empty on May's hoodoo date.

In the next twelve battles Cobb connected with the sphere 22 times; he failed to hit against Wellman of St. Louis in the first game of May 30; got three hits in his next three games; failed to do anything against Faber of Chicago on June 1 and from then to June 8 cracked out nine wallops in five combats.

It may be some consolation for Joe Jackson, the Cleveland slugger, to know that he has a better record in

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consecutive hitting this year than the Georgia Peach.

In batting in runs there are at least four men who have better records at present than the Tiger's potent box office attraction, but Ty's performance along this line are good. He has knocked home 29 tallies on safe hits and two on sacrifice flies—a total of 31.

In steals Cobb is several city blocks ahead of Maisei, Milan and Collins, who have known what it is to lead the American league Raffles brigade.

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BIG LEAGUE BALL GOSSIP

The American league is due to get sweet revenge this fall for that walloping handed it last year when the Braves smothered the Athletics. It is a much mooted question just at present what team in the American league will have the honor of handing out the beating to the representative of the National league in the world's series. But it is pretty generally conceded that nothing short of an earthquake will keep the American league pennant winners from copping the world's honors.

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