

LEFTY GROVES LEADS AMERICAN LEAGUE HURLERS FOR 1926

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[N harmony with lower batting averages in the American League in 1926, the lowest percentage of earned runs off him in 1926 than the low mark of 1925 was pretty well down the list. In which connection it might be noted that some highly effective pitchers of 1925 took rather a lack rest in 1926.

GROVES MOST EFFECTIVE
Groves led the league in 1926 as its most effective pitcher with a percentage of only 2.51 runs earned off him per nine-inning game, and to get that record it might be noted that he was a regular and consistent performer, for he pitched 288 innings and of the 45 games in which he took part 20 of them were complete. After the season was well under way it seldom occurred that he did not finish in good style a game he had started.

UHLER AND LYONS NEXT.
Next to the performance of Groves as the league's most effective pitcher should be considered that of George Uhlir of Cleveland, who did the most work, and Ted Lyons of the White Sox, who was along with him. Uhlir not only led the league in most complete games pitched, but also in most innings. While Lyons in most ranked along as a pitcher of durability and reliability, but also as the outstanding hero of the pitching feature of the season—a no-hit game. It was the only one of the year in the league.

While the pair of veterans was doing such fine work, a trio that stood out in the 1926 season was shoved into the background. They were Stanley Coveleski, Walter Johnson and Herb Pennock, all of them this year down in the list when it came to effectiveness. Fred Marberry continued as the league's champion relief man, and he took part in no less than 64 games, 47 of them being recorded as the "finisher."

George Uhlir, being in most innings gave most bases on balls, but was not the wildest man in the league, when it came to passes per inning. Al Thomas, a newcomer with the Chicago White Sox, gave 110 bases on balls in 249 innings and struck out 127 batters. Alex Gaston gave 101 passes in 214 innings. Herb Pennock, though losing effectiveness, still was a fine master for control, with but 48 bases on balls in 266 innings, and Walter Johnson, still "slipping," was yet able to fan 123 batters in the 269 innings he pitched.

Team records of the sort to be included with pitching show the champion Yankees struck out most, 680 whiffs being charged to them in 156 games. Cleveland's Indians were hardest to fan, with but 831 strikeouts

Tiger Flowers Loses \$15,000 If He Wins Bout Tonight From Walker

Reds To Purchase Minor Franchise

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 3.—Officials and directors of the Cincinnati National League Baseball Club have decided to make a definite offer within a week to purchase the Columbus franchise in the American Association. The decision was reached at a conference of Cincinnati officials with Joe F. Carr, president of the Club, and Thomas E. Wilson, Chicago packer, who owns the association team.

CENTENARY LOSES TO TRINITY CLUB

Badminton Tourney Well Contested, Although Score Was Big

In a friendly and closely contested badminton tournament last evening on Trinity College, Trinity players won from Centenary players by a score of 11 to 1 but many of the sets went to three games before the winners were decided. After the tournament refreshments were served by the Trinity members under the co-operation of Miss M. Fitzmaurice. The scores were as follows:

Men's Doubles
A. C. W. Parlee and J. S. Hoyt (T), won from A. Nadeau and H. Morehouse (C), 2-15, 9-15; James Little and P. Walsh (T), won from M. Sinclair and E. Laskey (C), 15-8, 15-6; A. Turnbull and H. Vincent (T), won from K. Schmidt and V. Dittmars (C), 17-18, 15-10, 18-17.

Ladies' Doubles
Miss R. Robson and Miss A. Hoyt (T), won from Miss A. Broadbent and Mrs. Mahoney (C), 17-14, 15-5; Miss H. Barisch and Miss M. Peters (T), won from Mrs. P. Jenkins and Miss Dorothy King (C), 15-2, 15-3; Miss H. Pattison and Miss M. Johnston (T), won from Miss Fudline and Miss V. Fowler (C), 15-15, 15-7, 18-15.

Mixed Doubles
A. C. W. Parlee and Miss H. Barisch (T) won from A. Nadeau and Miss O. Frost (C), 15-8, 15-12; J. Little and Miss D. Robinson (T), won from K. Schmidt and Mrs. Mahoney (C), 15-2, 15-10; J. S. Hoyt and Mrs. P. Jenkins (T), won from M. Sinclair and Mrs. H. Vincent (C), 15-9, 15-13; H. Vincent and Miss H. Barisch (T), won from R. Laskey and Miss D. King (C), 15-15, 15-5; A. Turnbull and Miss M. Peters (T), won from V. Dittmars and Miss Fowler (C), 15-7, 15-1.

Four Good Contests In Volley Ball League

Four good contests were played in the Business Men's Volley Ball League on Wednesday evening. The first contest was between teams captained by Messrs McGowan and Hazen, and each took one game in their two game match.

The second was very closely contested, Captain Holt's team winning the first game and Captain Martin's team coming from behind to annex the second in overtime play.

In 154 games, The Yankees, with Babe Ruth leading, naturally drew most bases on balls, netting 642 passes, while Detroit was second with 509. The St. Louis Browns drew fewest passes.

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ST. PATS LOSE TO CANADIENS

Toronto Team Held Scoreless While Opponents Got Two

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 3.—While the defense of Leduc and Gardiner, with Hainsworth in goal, held St. Pats scoreless, Canadiens' flashy forward line scored a goal in each of the first and second periods to take, by a score of 2-0, the only National Hockey League game played last night.

The game started at a whirlwind pace, and Canadiens took an early lead when Gardiner cleared a St. Pat's rush and broke clear up the centre. He beat the defence, passed to Leduc in front of the net, and Roach was helpless to stop the shot.

Play saw-sawed, with neither side able to score until nearly the end of second period, when Joliat stick-handled his way around Corbett and beat the Irish goalie for the second and final score of the game. Although St. Pats' forward line put up a spirited attack in the third period, they were unable to beat Hainsworth.

Pete Lepine played centre as Howie Morens was resting up his knee. Morens was on short periods as relief centre man.

Inter-Society League.
Holy Trinity took four points from Stella Maris in an Inter-Society League boxing match held on the Y. M. C. C. alleys last night. Following is the summary:

Stella Maris. Total. Avg.
McPhee 91 101 91 275 91
Korke 98 78 79 225 75
Whalen 78 90 81 249 83
Foley 80 80 81 241 80-2-3
Dumny 90 90 90 270 90

412 449 407 1268
Holy Trinity. Total. Avg.
Doherty 80 98 94 267 89
McLaughlin 80 98 94 267 89
Lewson 80 98 94 267 89
Pooley 88 91 84 263 81
Dumny 90 90 90 270 90

438 452 461 1346
Friday, Dec. 3, St. Joseph's vs. Assumption; Cathedral Choir vs. Y. M. C. C.

C. and C. League.
The Post Office and the Schofield Paper Co. split two points each in a regular Civic and Civil Service League match last night on the Imperial alleys. Following is the summary:

Post Office. Total. Avg.
Dean 75 101 94 270 90
Evans 89 79 86 254 84-2-3
Bennett 95 91 88 274 91-1-3
Clark 107 117 103 327 109

407 472 456 1398
Schofield Paper Co. Total. Avg.
Hoyt 76 109 84 269 89-2-3
Hayden 87 78 87 252 84
McDonough 83 97 129 309 103
Pall 80 89 92 255 85
Hunter 93 112 99 304 101-1-3

419 472 482 1380
Take Three.
The Violets took three points from the Shamrocks, 2-1, in an Imperial League match at the Imperial alleys last night. Following is the summary:

Violets. Total. Avg.
Creary 109 88 100 297 99
Taylor 86 97 72 255 85-2-3
Allan 99 101 100 299 99-2-3
Campbell 74 111 99 284 94-2-3
Quinn 108 117 94 319 106-1-3

506 494 465 1465
Shamrocks. Total. Avg.
Thurston 104 109 98 311 103-2-3
Bowes 108 107 88 298 101-3
Porter 87 83 101 269 90-2-3
Tower 103 105 82 269 90-2-3
Harrington 90 96 88 274 91-2-3

487 511 457 1455
Once Again.
"Ain't those women awful. Sterrible." Again we have to chronicle the defeat of a male team by those same five women, the "Nashwaak's Outcasts." Following is the "vital statistics":

Kant-Namus. Total. Avg.
Mrs. Sullis 101 84 96 281 96-2-3
Miss Corber 86 106 77 269 89-2-3
Miss Culley 76 81 92 250 83-2-3
Miss Scott 92 75 69 236 78-2-3
Miss Cawley 91 69 66 226 75-1-3

446 415 380 1251
Nashwaak's Outcasts. Total. Avg.
Noble 75 77 78 230 76-2-3
Beach 99 89 79 263 92-1-3
Noble 88 79 79 246 81
Wilson 74 77 72 223 81
Keir 108 83 86 277 90-2-3

439 402 404 1245
C. N. R. League.
In the C. N. R. League, on the Victoria Alleys last night, the Juniors and Car Department split even, with "two points" each. The individual scores follow:

Juniors. Total. Avg.
Davis 82 102 100 284 96
McLellan 72 73 79 224 74-1-3
Campbell 74 69 80 223 74-1-3
Hughes 78 83 92 253 84-1-3
Caples 101 85 86 272 90-2-3

407 411 441 1259
Car Department. Total. Avg.
Coy 78 79 79 236 78-2-3
J. Laskey 87 79 71 237 79
Foster 85 76 72 233 77-2-3
W. Laskey 82 108 68 258 83-1-3
O'Neill 87 76 79 242 80-2-3

419 416 389 1204

A. W. Black Wins Gymnastic Test

THE recent gymnastic competition of the senior class of the Y. M. C. A. was won by A. W. Black, who scored 71 points. A. W. Black was second with 69 points, and J. McBlain and C. Barbour tied for third place with 68 points each.

Annual Meet Here On Dec. 6

The annual meeting of the Southern Section, M. A. Hockey League has been called by President Bolton to take place in the Victoria Hotel, this city, on Monday, Dec. 6, at 2:30 p. m. Delegates will be present from Sussex, Moncton, Fredericton and Saint John. Officers will be elected for the coming season and the schedule of games drawn up.

MICHAEL WALKER won a light the other night. This probably indicates he has finally become acclimated to Mr. Kearns' perfumery.

IT ALL depends on the circumstances. For instance, it takes important dough to talk turkey to the butcher about this time of the year.

ABOWLING

Inter-Society League.
On Central Alleys last night, in the Nashwaak Pulp League, the Paper Room won three points from the General Mill. The scores follow:

Paper Room. Total. Avg.
David 76 73 78 227 75-1-3
McCauley 72 74 62 218 72-1-3
R. Curwin 101 78 79 258 86
Kilpatrick 92 92 90 272 90-2-3
Archer 91 90 100 281 95-2-3

458 413 412 1283
General Mill. Total. Avg.
Doherty 76 73 78 227 75-1-3
Richter 76 88 92 256 75-1-3
Kimball 67 70 70 207 69
Woodman 90 92 90 272 90-2-3
Parks 97 97 93 287 95-2-3

406 390 428 1224
Take Four.
The National Drug Company bowling team took four points from the L. O. O. F. team in a friendly game last night. Following is the summary:

National Drug Co. Total. Avg.
Hoyt 81 77 83 241 77-1-3
Priest 85 70 80 235 81-2-3
Bettie 86 92 88 266 88-2-3
Webster 80 76 84 240 81-1-3
Woods 97 95 102 294 98

417 402 441 1250
L. O. O. F. Total. Avg.
Sweeney 86 89 82 257 87
Connell 69 82 86 237 77
Knair 74 68 80 222 74
Winter 72 77 72 221 73-2-3
Gileair 83 80 100 263 87-2-3

384 400 420 1198
N. B. Telephone League.
Last night on the Central alleys in the N. B. Telephone League the Interrupters captured all four points from the Pilots. The scores follow:

Interrupters. Total. Avg.
Best 65 67 68 200 66-2-3
Arseneault 47 69 69 185 69-2-3
Clark 62 67 66 195 65
Hennessy 69 62 67 202 66-2-3
Dalton 68 66 66 199 66-1-3

312 328 346 976
Pilots. Total. Avg.
Leggett 54 58 71 183 61
McLellan 62 67 66 195 65
Turner 50 55 67 172 54
McNulty 68 61 61 190 60
Ward 62 54 66 182 60-2-3

286 279 381 898
In the Y. M. C. A. House League last evening the Dormitories took all four points as follows:

Dormitories. Total. Avg.
Lockhart 85 68 77 230 76-2-3
Elliot 91 85 86 262 87-2-3
Malcolm 65 79 83 227 75-2-3
Hickes 79 85 76 240 80-2-3
MacFarlane 82 106 76 264 87-2-3

402 438 400 1234
Other Y's Men. Total. Avg.
Raworth 77 67 77 221 74-2-3
Humphries 74 74 70 218 72-2-3
Angeline 85 85 83 251 84-1-3
Nesbit 71 86 226 75-1-3
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366 382 286 1334
A highly optimistic view of the future of basketball in Saint John is held by L. Clark, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., following the opening of the City Basketball League here Wednesday night, expressed the opinion that in a few years time Saint John will boast an exceptionally strong senior basketball league.

The intermediate games Saturday night will witness the 1926-27 debut in league circles of High School. The school boys have prospects of a fine team this year and have been working out under Coach Ronald Shaw. In Don Rivers, sprint star, Patterson, and Harding they have three sharpshooters and their prospects in the inter-school league are bright. They meet the South End team in the first game of the card, while the final game of the night is between Rangers and Trinity. This card should prove of interest.

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BASKETBALL IS VERY POPULAR

Sport Making Great Strides—15,000,000 Now Participating

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—According to the figures which were revealed at the November meeting of the Joint Basketball Committee there has been a tremendous increase in the membership of the body since its founding thirteen years ago. The committee meets regularly twice a year, in April, to revise the basketball rules and in November to interpret them.

In 1925, 610 officials were registered through the national office and 1,239 were registered through local boards, making a total of 1,849 registered officials.

Pennsylvania was the first State to organize all registered officials within the State in one organization, but Texas and Connecticut have since followed suit and several other States are contemplating similar organizations.

Great strides have been made in the game of basketball since its founding thirty-five years ago. At a recent meeting of the Joint Committee a telegram was read from James Naismith, the founder of the sport, who described the transformation through which basketball has passed. Back in 1891 nine men used to play on a side, and the game was in a rather crude stage, resembling a mob scramble.

It is estimated by Dr. Naismith that there are 15,000,000 people, including every race and country in the world now engaged in the game.

North End League.
The Cardinals took three points from the Athletics in a North End Community League match last night on Black's alleys. Following is the summary:

Cardinals. Total. Avg.
Williams 82 96 113 291 97-2-3
Corrigan 83 89 76 258 86
C. Gorman 78 76 90 244 81-1-3
Armstrong 80 104 290 96-2-3

419 440 465 1324
Athletics. Total. Avg.
White 86 80 102 268 89-1-3
Gigey 81 89 92 262 87-1-3
Logan 89 75 92 256 85-1-3
O'Brien 89 93 95 277 92-1-3

426 427 463 1316
Take Four.
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K. of C. Total. Avg.
McCauley 104 95 104 303 101
H. S. Hoyt 87 98 90 275 91-2-3
Oram 80 82 78 240 80
McGivern 81 85 81 247 82-1-3
Fitzpatrick 82 78 98 258 86

439 458 461 1323
A. O. H. Total. Avg.
McManus 81 80 98 259 86-1-3
Cusack 79 85 83 245 82-3
McDonough 80 87 76 243 81
Morgan 75 75 83 233 77-2-3
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To Try Comeback



Mickey Walker, former welterweight title holder, who will try to wrest the middleweight crown from Tiger Flowers at Chicago tonight

Sport Potpourri

IT has been reported that Joe Wright, former rowing coach of the University of Pennsylvania and who has been appointed athletic director and rowing coach of the Argonaut Rowing Club, Toronto, will have charge of the Canadian crews to be sent abroad next year. His son, Joe, Jr., who sculled with the Penn A. C. last year, will also row in Canada and it is the intention of the Argos to have him represent the Dominion in the 1928 Olympics.

THE New York Boxing Commission has gone on record with a resolution that it did not intend to investigate the legal action against Gene Tunney, the heavyweight champion, who was arrested on Monday after his raucous attack at the State Theatre for alleged violation of the state boxing laws. After passing this resolution, the commission sent a letter to the District Attorney's office with the information that Tunney "may or may not" be violating the boxing code in his theatrical efforts.

FOLLOWING the announcement by Tris Speaker that he had resigned as manager of the Cleveland Indians and was through with baseball for good, Cleveland baseball fans were recently released as pilot of the White Sox, has also been mentioned.

GREAT BRITAIN plans a bigger and better Wimbledon tennis season for 1927, despite the loss to amateurism of Suzanne Lenglen, Vincent

JACK DENIES POISON COST CHAMPIONSHIP
LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 2.—Jack Dempsey denied today that poison had anything to do with his losing the heavyweight boxing crown to Gene Tunney several months ago. "I probably had a little touch of poison poisoning a week or so before the fight, but that hadn't anything to do with the result. I was perfectly all right when I went into the ring and knew what was going on all the time."

Game Has Fine Future in Saint John, Says Y. M. C. A. Man

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CHAMPION WILL BE OUT EITHER TITLE OR MONEY

Georgia Deacon 7 to 5 Favorite Over Former Welter Champion

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 3.—The mid-dleweight boxing crown is at stake tonight in a ten-round match to a referee's decision between Tiger Flowers, the Georgia deacon, who is champion of the 160-pounders, and Mickey Walker, former welterweight champion. Flowers is a 7 to 5 favorite to return his title.

Flowers will win a larger purse if he loses than if he is victor. If Flowers' speed and boxing skill give him the victory on points, he will receive half the estimated gate receipts of \$80,000, less the boxing commission's ten per cent. If he loses by a knockout or a decision open to question, he will receive instead a \$65,000 purse put up to cover such a contingency by Jack Kearns, Walker's manager. In addition, Flowers will get first call for recapture the laurels which have been his since the deacon dethroned Harry Greb last February.

Flowers' manager, Walk Miller, effected this protective arrangement with Kearns because, he said, there had been talk that Rocky Kansas was stripped of his lightweight title here last spring by a poor decision of a referee. So Flowers stands to get about \$40,000 if he wins, and \$65,000 if he loses. Walker's share is ten per cent of the gate.

A MAN'S importance in the world these days seems to be measured by the number of tickets he can get for the Army-Navy game.

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