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BATTING HINTS FOR BOYS WHO PLAY BALL

Some boys are naturally good baseball batters. They have the quick, sure eye, the active, well controlled body.

A batter's first duty is to study the strength of the opposing pitcher. Does he control? Is he versatile, or does he rely chiefly on speed, or on a good curve ball? In any case, the more balls you can make him throw, the better.

If you notice that he usually puts the first one over the plate, it is not a bad plan to try for the first one. On the other hand, if his control is not good it is well to play a waiting game. When the count is three balls and no strikes, the pitcher must pitch three strikes in succession, or else manoeuvre to make you hit the ball for an easy out. With a team of good fielders behind him he may decide to throw you a slow ball. Beware of it! If you should hit it, the chances are that it would go for an easy out. Wait! But if you cannot wait, if you must take a swing at the slow ball, slip your grip to the end of the handle for a longer swing.

Generally speaking, you have much to gain and nothing to lose by waiting, says a writer for the Youth's Companion. If you swing, you miss a chance for a base on balls, and you run the risk of being put out. Watch your batting, and notice how much oftener a hit ball goes for an easy out than into safe territory. A boy often thinks that by taking three swings he has three chances for a safe hit, but he should remember that he has also three chances of being put out.

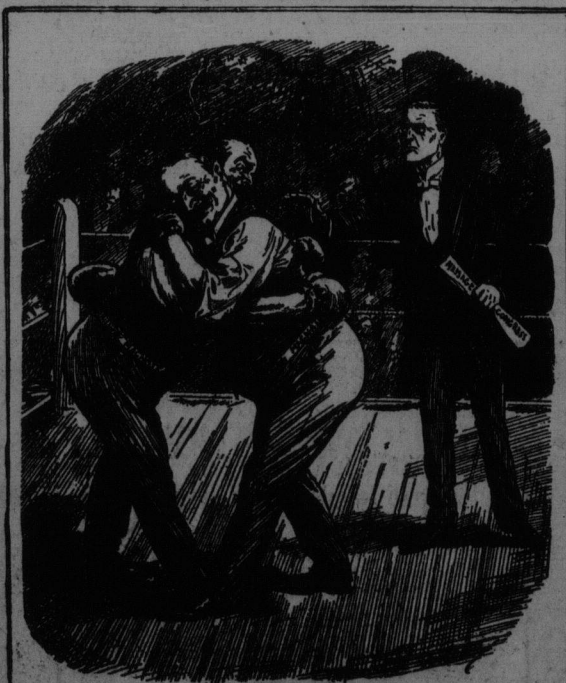
To a left-handed batter, the question of the pitcher's fielding ability is particularly important, because it is often possible to take advantage of him and get safely to first by a bunt. Remember that even if you are a good batter, the chances of your getting a hit are less than one in three. If your batting average is .300 you are a strong batter; but even so, out of every 10 times that you hit the ball the hit will be safe only three times.

When you step to the plate if you swing at a ball that is too wide or too close, too high or too low, you are more likely to foul it or hit it for an easy out than you are to meet it squarely for a base hit. Therefore, wait for a good ball, and when a good ball comes be alert to recognize and hit it. If you are to win you must be quick to swing or to withhold. Here is the argument for a slight bat, every way you can control it better than a heavy one. You can swing it more quickly, and you can withhold it more easily. Herein, also, lies the argument for the short swing. To hit a ball squarely is to hit it hard, but to hit a ball hard is not always to hit it squarely. It is much better for you to knock a liner just over the infield than to hit a long, high fly, that a fielder can easily catch. Good eyes are the batter's best friends. Use them. Watch the ball as it comes toward you.

You must be keen to determine when the pitcher will put over a good ball. The chances are most favorable for you in about the following order: When the count is three balls and no strikes, three balls and one strike, three balls and two strikes, two balls and no strikes, two balls and one strike, one ball and no strikes. Until you have two strikes, in cases of doubt, wait. After you have two strikes, in cases of doubt, swing, because if you do not swing, and the ball is good, you are out; but if you swing, you are more likely to knock a foul than you are to miss, and every foul that you knock after two strikes are called is a distinct advantage to you, because it makes the pitcher work harder.

Still She Could Fib.

Maud (with magazine)—Mercy! wouldn't care to live in Japan. Ethel—Why not? Maud—It says here that when a woman buys a dress in Japan the shopkeeper asks how old she is, there being special designs for the different ages.



THE TRUST CLINCH.

Illustration by J. H. M. for the Standard, St. John, N. B., March 18, 1914.

RATIONAL GOLF PLAYED BY BRITISHERS

There are three clubs in Britain which I think are conducted on a bigger and grander scale than any others; they have more members, says Henry Leach in the Evening News, and their money turnover is greater. One of these is the Royal and Ancient at St. Andrews, the second is the Royal St. George's at Sandwich and the third is the Mid-Surrey Club at Richmond. Each has a peculiar eminence.

The Royal and Ancient is the chief of all golf clubs, the Royal St. George's is virtually the headquarters of the game in the south of England, and the Mid-Surrey is the chiefest and busiest club in the London district. Each of these clubs has over 1,000 members.

Probably no course in the world is more played over than the Mid-Surrey course in the Old Deer park at Richmond, and at no clubhouse are so many meals served to golfers at all times of the year. So, with the increase in the popularity of the game, and notwithstanding that the membership of this club has for many years been quite full, somehow its income has been increasing all the time, and its expenditure with it.

I should enjoy watching some of the crabbies persons, who would have our golf so utterly "erit done," reading the facts and figures on this balance sheet.

What would they think when they saw that one solitary golf club had had an income for the year of £3,956, being nearly £100 more than previously, when it was thought that the absolute maximum had been reached?

How could they view the circumstance that more than £5,000 had been received in entrance fees and subscriptions, even the ladies paying £1,420. And what would they think when they saw that mere casual visitors to this place, folks who were wandering about all over the golfing world and playing a game here and there as the spirit moved them, had paid £511 for their privileges in this respect?

Then how thoroughly shocking it would appear to the irreconcilables that to this question, but it is a cinch of the lead-pipe variety that James J. Callahan, manager of the Chicago White Sox, would be right up among the leaders if a vote should be taken to decide this matter. Jimmy's great host of friends will shower congratulations upon him today, for this is the fortieth birthday of the gifted manager who has just completed a tour of the world. Everywhere the globe trotters went Callahan was hailed as a hero, and not even the great McGraw got more applause. Jimmy was born in Fitchburg, Mass., March 18, 1874, and it is unnecessary to add that he is of Hibernian descent. In fact, Jimmy is just as ardent a home ruler as if he had been born on the old sod. He began playing ball with a semi-pro team in Massachusetts away back in 1893, and pitched as well that he got a try-out with the Phillies. In 1895 he twirled for Springfield, then in the Eastern League, and at the close of the season was drafted by both Kansas City and Pittsburgh, but was awarded to the former. The next year Jimmy made his debut in Chicago with

the National League team. He was in the box for the Cubs four seasons, but in 1901 he went to the White Sox. The following year Jimmy's pitching arm went back on him, and he was sent into the outfield. He had his first experience as manager of the White Sox in 1903, when he assigned himself to cover the third sack. The next year he resigned as manager and returned to the outfield. Toward the close of the 1906 season Jimmy soured on the White Sox, jumped organized ball, and for the next five years was captain, manager and magnate of the Logan Squares, a Chicago independent club. In 1911 Jimmy did his famous comeback stunt. He rejoined Comiskey's team and showed that he still had the goods by playing an almost perfect game in the outfield and batting .281. The next year "Happy Cat" was appointed manager of the White Sox, and now Jimmy has realized the great ambition of his life by piloting his baseball team around the world.

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This is a most marvelous balance sheet, and as an example of what follows immediately upon campaigns of malignity against the game, it is distinctly instructive. The Mid-Surrey Golf Club accounts have been analyzed by statisticians in the hope of throwing us by the enormous number of rounds played and lunches eaten. So successful are these efforts that one turns with a little relief to the Westral Golf Club, at Kirkwall, where there are nine holes and eight members. In County Donegal, too, there is the Dunfanaghy Club, that has ten members to its eighteen holes. There is no Sunday play at Dunfanaghy. The green must have a rest occasionally! The Fougus course in Sutherlandshire has twenty members and a professional. If you are thinking of running up to Fougus for a quiet week-end's golf it is well that you should know that the nearest station, Lairg, is forty miles distant. John o' Groats' course is much more convenient, for there the nearest station is Wick, but paltry sixteen miles off.

NATIONAL BALLOON RACE.

New York, March 17.—The National balloon race for this year will be sailed from St. Louis on July 4. The Aero Club of America awarded this contest tonight to the Aero Club of St. Louis. The winner of this race and the pilot who finishes second will be two of the three aeronauts to represent the United States in the International race to start from Kansas City next October.

THE GREAT CHIEF MYERS



SPORTOGRAPHY BY "GRAVY"

Jimmy Callahan, Hero of World's Tour, 40 To-day.

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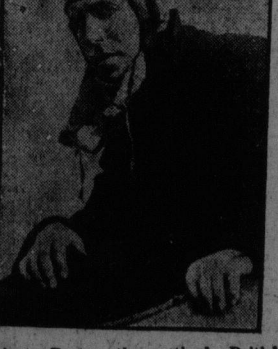
THIS DATE IN RING ANNALS

1901—Harry Harris defeated Pedlar Palmer in fifteen rounds at London. Harris was then bantam weight of the world and his bout with the clever little Englishman was for the title of that division. Palmer had previously fought a draw with George Dixon, but was defeated in short order by Terry McGovern, who thus became bantam champion. When Terrible Terry became a feather weight, Harris annexed the bantam title, and consented to give the Englishman another chance at the crown. Soon after this bout, Harry Forbes, who had been McGovern's first ring victim, succeeded to the bantam title, and held it until 1903, when he was defeated by Frankie Neil.

1885—Jack Dempsey knocked out Charley Bixamos in fifth round at New Orleans.

1901—Jimmy Handier defeated Kid Carter, foul, in fourth round at Hartford.

TO FLY OVER ATLANTIC.



Lieut. Porte, the retired British naval officer, who intends to try to fly across the Atlantic shortly.

DEFIANCE LAUNCHED MAY 11, AT BATH

Bath, Me., Mar. 17.—According to George M. Pynchon of New York, manager of the tri-city syndicate that is building the America cup candidate Defiance, that yacht will be launched May 11. This is the first date definitely announced for the launching of any of the trio of yachts which will enter the elimination trials.

A large delegation from the Boston Yacht Club, of which the designer, George Owen, is a member, will attend the ceremony and a special train will bring the syndicate members and friends.

Mr. Pynchon and E. W. Clark of Philadelphia, treasurer of the syndicate, who were here Friday, were pleased with the progress made. They said the framing was so far along that she would be ready for the planking in another week.

The yacht Iroliia, owned by Mr. Clark and in command of Captain Snow, will leave City Island for Bath April 28, bringing along the picked crew for the Defiance. The motor boat Zipalong, also owned by Mr. Clark, will accompany the Iroliia as an auxiliary. Coming at this early date the crew will have an excellent opportunity for studying the lines of the new craft before launching. It is probable that the mast will be stopped immediately after the launching, on the same tide if possible.

CANADA TO PLAY ENGLAND

Ottawa, March 17.—The visit of Con. Jones, the western lacrosse promoter, to Ottawa may result in an annual game between Canada and England for the lacrosse championship of the world.

Mr. Jones had an interview with Mr. Arthur Gladen, C. M. G., secretary to H. R. H. the Duke of Connaught, and His Royal Highness will present a cup for competition between England and Canada. President Tees of the A. A. U. of C. will be communicated with by the gentlemen handling the scheme and he will be invited to name one trustee for the trophy, the trustees probably consisting of three men in Canada and three in England. In Canada the trustees will consist of a western, eastern and central representative, and they will select the team to represent Canada, also the location of the game.

It is planned to play alternately in either country, with the English team visiting Canada this summer to play the first match for the new trophy in Canada, and an All-Canadian team playing for it at London next summer. It is probable that Australia will also be included, and the United States may be invited to compete for the cup also. If arrangements are completed shortly further details will be given out by the trustees appointed. It is probable that the first competition for the new trophy will take place at Toronto this summer and the Canadian team will be recruited from amateur players from coast to coast.

TENNIS EXPERTS RETURN

San Francisco, March 17.—William M. Johnston and Ella Potrell, lawn tennis doubles champions of California, are home after a tennis trip to the Philippines. They traveled more than 15,000 miles in four months and carried off all honors. Johnston won the singles championship of the Orient and with Potrell also won the doubles championship.

The event was in Manila, Jan. 7 to 13, and the entry list included players of seven nationalities. The hardest opposition they encountered was from two Japanese players. The San Franciscans played at Kobe, Yokohama, Manila and Honolulu.

BIG RING FIGHTS LAST NIGHT

Los Angeles, March 17.—Freddie Welsh, lightweight of Wales, won a decision over Joe Rivers, of Los Angeles, at Vernon today after twenty rounds of fighting. Welsh had a lead on points nearly all the way.

Welsh kept Rivers in the glare of the sun and worried him with his quick punch and lively footwork. In the fifth round the referee cautioned Rivers about using his elbow on Welsh's body in a clinch. In the thirteenth round Rivers forced Welsh through the ropes, but failed to land any damaging blows.

Welsh is now in line for a fight with Willie Ritchie, the champion, possibly on July 4.

LEVINSKY WON. New York, March 17.—Battling Levinsky, of New York, outpointed Fred Fritz, the United States heavy weight, in a ten round contest in Brooklyn tonight. The weights were: Fritz, 180 3/4; Levinsky, 172 1/2.

SUE TO PREVENT A BALL PLANT

Chicago, March 17.—A suit to prevent the erection of the Chicago Federal league baseball plant was brought in the Cook county circuit court Friday by Herman Croon, owner of property near the site of the proposed park. The plaintiff asserted in his bill that Charles Weeghman, William N. Walker and James A. Gilmore, incorporators of the club, had failed to file with the building commissioners the written consent of a majority of property owners on the streets surrounding the park.

An injunction restraining the defendants from building grand stands and from advertising their intention to hold public exhibitions of baseball was asked. Two hundred men have been at work on the park for more than a week, and the concrete foundations of the grand stand and bleachers are nearly completed.

PLANS STIFF SESSION.

Macon, Ga., Mar. 16.—Manager Stallings of the Boston National baseball club will put his men through the last practice of the week Saturday and he intends to give the players the hardest working out they have had on the spring trip.

Another game was played Friday between the Goudys and th Whalings and the Goudys won in seven innings by a score of 5 to 3. The game was scheduled to last six innings, but as the score was a tie at that time, an extra inning was played.

Laque and Cochran pitched for the winners and held the opponents to four hits. Tyler and Villazon were in the box for the losers and were found for six hits.

Announcement was made Friday that the club would hold an Ever's day in Boston May 5 and a Sweeney day June 15. Philadelphia will be the opposing team on Ever's day with the Chicago Nationals playing Sweeney day.

HOERNIG BREAKS RECORD.

Cleveland, O., Mar. 16.—John Hoernig, local skater, holds the world's half-mile record having negotiated the distance in 1m. 16 1/2-ss, two-fifths of a second faster than the mark held by Charles Rankin of Toronto. Hoernig participated in the indoor championship races here last night.

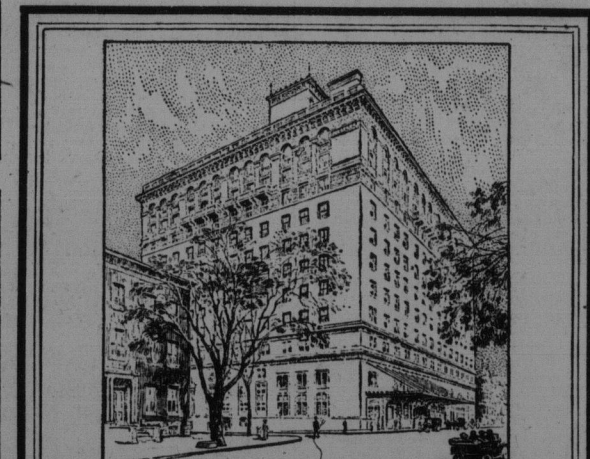
DUDEE A WINNER.

New York, March 17.—Johnny Dundee, of New York, defeated "Special Delivery" Hirsch, of Chicago, in a round bout here tonight, having the advantage in every round except the second. Dundee weighed 127 pounds, six pounds lighter than his opponent.

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