



It is seldom that a game in either of the big leagues is played through with only two balls, but that's just what happened in a game between St. Louis and the Athletics at St. Louis last summer. The first ball put in play by Umpire Connolly lasted seven innings, and the game might have been finished with the ball had it not been for a funny accident. In the seventh inning a foul tip hit the wire netting that protects the patrons of the grand stand and stuck there.

All efforts to dislodge it were vain, and Connolly was forced to put another ball in play, which lasted the remaining two innings of the game. This was a rather remarkable thing when it is considered that the St. Louis grand stand is only a short distance back of the home plate when compared to many of the other grounds. Tommy Connolly says he believes that two balls for a big league game is pretty near a record. How happy the magnates would be if all games could be run through so cheaply.

Those who own boats, or who are in any way interested in aquatic sports should make it a point to attend the London Rowing Club meeting at the Teumess House tonight. It is proposed to hold a regatta open only to local oarsmen in June, and the meeting tonight is called almost solely for the purpose of determining whether such a plan is feasible or not.

The fact that "Billy" Amos, London's greatest distance runner, was defeated by a trio of Y. M. C. A. speed merchants last night at the Jubilee Rink in a three-mile relay race reflects no discredit on him whatsoever. The Rink was too much even for Amos, and he was handed just what the majority of people expected. Judging by the manner in which the winners last night any one of the trio would give "Billy" a hard chase at three miles single-handed—that is, at least, on an indoor track, which kind of going is right in their mits, and which is not to "Billy's" liking. The Y. M. C. A. boys ran a good, clever race, and their opening sprints fairly carried Amos off his feet. Mel Brock, the crack basketball player, started the ball rolling, and he set a merry pace from the go. Almost as soon as the pistol was fired the runners had it nip and tuck for the pole, and elbows were used quite freely. In the third lap Brock caught the desired position, but in the fifth Amos sprinted and stole the place. The hard pace was telling on both runners and there was a noticeable slackening near the finish of the first mile, at the end of which Brock led by 30 or 35 feet. The next man out after "Billy's" forelock was Fred Short, who gives promise of developing into a very good distance man. Short was off like a flash and gained over a quarter of a lap; a lead which Billy tried in vain to overcome. Arthur Ruddy, considered one of the best of local runners, then took up the relay, and although Amos did his best, he constantly lost ground, Ruddy finishing a lap and a quarter to the good. As one spectator put it: "The contest was a heartbreaking one, and Amos hit off more than he could chew."

Tomorrow night local lovers of athletic pastimes will have an opportunity of witnessing a three-mile open running contest between the cream of the London runners at the Jubilee Rink. The event, a handicap, is open to all local speedsters, and already the entry list includes the names of "Crow" Carruthers, who put up such a good race against Amos several weeks ago; Arthur Ruddy, who finished third last autumn in the Y. M. C. A. ten-mile road race for the Canadian Club cup; Mel Brock, Arthur Kingsmill and possibly one or more of the winners in the McClary road race, and "Billy" Amos. Amos intends to give the field a fair handicap, and if he doesn't give the bunch too much of a start the contest should be one of the best ever witnessed in this vicinity. The race will be held in connection with the East End Harrier Club carnival, and will be run off promptly at 9 o'clock. Three handsome medals are offered as prizes. Mr. G. Zwicker has been selected as referee.

The proposed tenpin contest between the Canadian champions, of this city, and the Ideals, headed by Ben Waterworth, will not be pulled off until next week. It was proposed to begin the match tonight, but as some of the players are out of the city the plan had to be given up. No definite arrangements have been made for the individual matches for the beautiful gold silver tenpin trophy offered for competition by Alf. Sheere, who won it last winter after a hard contest. It was alleged by some of the contestants that the trophy, which was contributed by the Brunswick-Balke Collender Company, was not won according to a strict interpretation of the rules under which it was competed for, and for that reason Mr. Sheere offer to place the pin-in competition again.

OLD BALL STARS' WORK ON BASES

More Purling Done by the Players of Years Ago Than Today.

Philadelphia, April 23.—Last year Flick and Anderson had the American League baseball running record, with 99 stolen bases each. The National League record was made by Frank Chance, who stole 57 bases. These figures look funny when lined up against some old-time records. In 1898 Harry Stovey, the finest base runner in baseball ever produced, stole 156 bases in 150 games. In three years Stovey stole 323 bases in 401 games. Artie Latham stole 207 bases in 253 games, and Curt Welch landed 121 bases in a single season. Of course, this does not mean that Stovey and the men who played twenty years ago were any faster than the players of today in base running. The game has changed since then, and base running is more difficult. It is, nevertheless, true that base running as an art is not cultivated today as it used to be. The best consecutive base running ever done in America was done by Bill Lange, who stole 42 bases in 98 games. In seven years, an average of 59. Van Halten stole 531 bases in sixteen years, and Hoy 561 in fifteen years. Frank Chance has the best record of men playing today. Dahlen, Van Halten and Hoy have over 500 bases each to their credit. The following records of consecutive bases stealing, not at all complete, may be of interest:

Player	Games	Bases	Ave.
Lange	98	42	.55
Wilcox	79	35	.44
Chance	75	287	.37
Dahlen	821	286	.348
Sheekard	937	318	.339
Devlin	421	146	.348
Hoy	1,661	561	.333
Mertes	1,165	392	.332
Wagner	1,313	379	.289
Pickering	909	175	.196
Van Halten	1,965	531	.264
Ray	626	178	.276
Keeler	1,795	404	.224
Dahlen	1,947	538	.275
Delehanty	1,636	410	.251
Ellwell	743	181	.244
Plick	1,231	290	.237
Slagle	929	175	.186
Conroy	646	146	.227
Thayer	695	157	.226
McGann	1,120	242	.215

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EASTERN LEAGUE OPENS TODAY ALL CLUBS ARE IN GOOD SHAPE

The Eastern League will inaugurate its championship season today, and the signal to begin the struggle will find each of the eight clubs on the circuit primed and eager for the race for the flag. This is the sixteenth season of the Eastern League, and it presents conditions as to be considered the championship series just opening will be the most bitterly fought of any in connection with Eastern League history.

Months in planning and weeks in training have been consumed by managers and players in preparation for the fight which will be on today, and more money has been spent in fitting the players and strengthening the clubs than the outlay for any previous campaign.

The western clubs of the circuit will line up today, but the eastern teams will delay action until Thursday. President Powers has arranged his schedule so that today Montreal, Montreal and Toronto at Rochester, Jersey City at Providence and Baltimore at Newark, holding off one day later in starting, because of the Sunday games that are scheduled the last of the week at Providence and at Newark.

Fully as much importance is attached to the beginning of a championship season in the Eastern League as almost as is connected with the start of a major league series. Few baseball followers have ever realized the remarkable interest attracted by the games that are fought along the circuit of President Powers' organization. When the population of the great baseball centers which constitute the make-up of the Eastern League is considered and the hundreds of thousands of inhabitants in each city and surrounding territory is figured it will be found that the Eastern League territory is of major league proportions. The population of the cities at the present time exceeds that of the big league cities when they were first added to the major league circuit.

The figures compiled in the last census gives to the Eastern League, counting the inhabitants in the eight cities and those within ten miles of the baseball fields, a population of over 4,000,000 people, which is greater than any baseball organization in this country other than the National and American leagues.

LONGBOAT GIVEN WARM RECEPTION

Winner of Marathon Gets the Glad Hand and Kind Words on Return Home.

Toronto, April 23.—Thomas Longboat arrived here tonight at 7:45. A large procession arranged by the civic reception committee escorted him from the station to the city hall via Simcoe, King, Jarvis and Queen streets. Nearly every athletic club in the city was represented along with contingents and bands from every regiment located here.

Longboat rode in an auto following the cortege which had turned out to do him honor, and followed by the city council in carriages. After the reception at the West End Y. M. C. A., which followed the city hall eulogies, a quiet reception was held in Longboat's home, which was decorated for the occasion.

The champion is in great shape and received the plaudits of the crowd with extreme modesty.

Ald. Graham met him at Buffalo. Can't Be Beaten.

A Hamilton dispatch says: Dennis Bennett arrived home from Boston last night looking none the worse for his 25-mile jaunt in the Marathon. Bennett, "there is not a man living who can beat the Indian. They tried their utmost to wear him down on Friday, but he was too good for the New York clique, and frustrated all their attempts at 'killing' him. He was seen on his way to take turns in setting him a hot pace, and trying to tire him. That is the reason I fell so far behind at the start. I knew that the pace would be very fast, and did not think the leaders would be able to keep it up. I let out at the fifteen mile point, and although it may sound like a pipe story, I covered the last ten miles as fast as Longboat."

"Do you think you could have done better if you had tried to stick with the leaders?"

"Well, I was number 76, and was placed in the eighth line. It was hard work to break through the bunch, and by the time they began to scatter out, the leaders were some distance ahead. I am satisfied that if I had started to let out a little sooner I would have finished in the cup division, but could not have beaten Longboat or Fowler. I passed LeBarre and Mellor on Chestnut Hill, and they were about all in. I passed 25 men between the 15-mile point and the finish line. I am going to try again, and will not be satisfied until I have won a Boston Marathon."

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LACROSSE PLAYERS AND THEIR AGES

Are Good as Fielders Up to Thirty Mark—Caps Had "Old Ones."

Toronto News: There was a good deal of talk last season about the ages of lacrosse players interfering with their chances for winning the championship.

Some of the teams in the east were considered entirely too old, and there was a constant call for fresh blood. Physicians who have made athletics, and particularly lacrosse, a specialty, maintain that up to the age of 30, a man can do good work as a fielder. After that he can still make a pretty canny defense man, because the experience he has gained makes up for him in headwork what he loses in activity.

Below is published, as nearly as could be ascertained, without the trouble of having affidavits sworn to, the approximate ages of the members of the seven teams that played in the National Lacrosse Union series last year, and these estimates present some most interesting problems, and show for one thing that it is not the youngest lacrosse man who makes the best material for a championship team. Attention in this respect may be particularly called to the fact that the champions, the Capitals, had on their team Ralph, who was 30, Roller Starr, whose age is given as 35, and Murphy, who is said to be 34 years old.

Following are the estimates:

Shamrocks.

Kenny.....26 J. Brennan.....29
Havard.....27 P. Brennan.....27
Cavanagh.....29 J. Hogan.....24
O'Reilly.....26 Hobbin.....28
McLwaine.....25 F. Hogan.....21
J. Currie.....30 W. Hennessy.....28
Robertson.....30

Montreal.

Mulr.....28 Neville.....22
Haynes.....30 Stincham.....27
McKerrow.....27 Angus.....28
Nolan.....27 R. Finlayson.....27
Hamilton.....21 Dade.....28
McLaughlin.....23 Scott.....23

Nationals.

L'Heureux.....23 Valois.....35
Cattaritch.....26 Blanchard.....25
Pitre.....19 Decarie.....25
Lemoreux.....24 Sauve.....25
Clement.....23 Gauthier.....18
Ladroute.....23 Lachapelle.....22
Secour.....22

Capitals.

Hutton.....27 Fagan.....28
Ralph.....30 Pringle.....28
Shea.....22 Robertson.....29
Ashfield.....26 Starr.....33
Butterworth.....26 Eastwood.....25
Gaul.....22 Murphy.....34
Hogan.....23

Tecumsehs.

Clark.....27 Pitcher.....33
Davidson.....21 Stewart.....25
Graydon.....27 Rowntree.....25
Pickering.....27 Felker.....23
Querrie.....29 Whitehead.....29
Morton.....24 Adamson.....22

FOUR STRAIGHT; GIANTS MAKE IT

Capture Entire Series With Boston—Tigers Win Another.

IN THE AMERICAN. R. H. E.
At Detroit.....2 15 000 010-7 11 2
Cleveland.....10 10 000 002-4 8 5
Batteries—Mullin and Schmidt; Morgan and Buelow. Umpire, O'Loughlin.

At New York—Boston-New York game postponed; wet grounds—Cleveland game postponed on account of rain.

IN THE NATIONAL.

At Brooklyn—Philadelphia-Brooklyn game postponed; wet grounds.

At St. Louis.....0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 2-5 10 1
St. Louis.....0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 2-5 10 1
Pittsburgh.....0 0 1 0 1 1 0 0 2-5 10 1
Batteries—Beebe and Marshall; Lynch and Phelps. Umpire, O'Day.

At Chicago.....1 5 0 0 0 0 0 0-4 5 2
Chicago.....1 5 0 0 0 0 0 0-4 5 2
Utica.....0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0-3 6 8
Batteries—Newton, Stanley, Herbs and Kittredge; Shitzer, Flater, Smith and Steelman and Stroh.

At Fall River (11 innings)—Providence (Eastern); 4 Fall River (New England); 3 Providence.

At Waterbury—Waterbury (Connecticut); 11 New York Giants, 5.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STANDING.

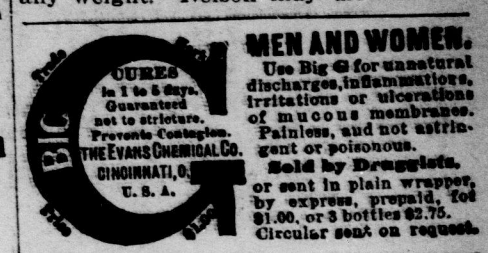
Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
New York	5	2	.714
Chicago	4	3	.567
Athletics	4	3	.567
Cleveland	4	3	.571
Detroit	5	4	.556
Boston	3	5	.375
Washington	2	5	.286
St. Louis	2	7	.222

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Chicago	7	1	.875
New York	7	2	.778
Philadelphia	4	3	.571
Pittsburgh	4	3	.571
Cincinnati	3	6	.333
Boston	3	6	.333
St. Louis	3	7	.300
Brooklyn	1	6	.143

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THE RING.

AFTER BATTING NELSON.

New York, April 23.—Jonny Summers, the English featherweight champion, who arrived in this country on Sunday, is anxious to arrange a match with Battling Nelson. He has posted \$1,000 to bind the match, and will let this money go as a side bet that he