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The reason why the Phillies are leading the top rung of the National League is due to the ability of the players to punch home runs. The Quakers easily lead the league in this respect, and to May 24 inclusive have made sixteen of the sixty-eight home runs manufactured in Tompkins Park.

The same date in the American League the Boston Red Sox have been the only team to have scored more than one run in a game.

The Big Three—Magee, Fred Luderus and Howard Camnitz—are the dangerous bats on the Quaker combination. These three men have whaled out 12 home runs and have broken up many a pitcher's day.

Magee has five homers to credit, of which three were sent to right-handers and two to left-handers. Luderus obtained his first home run on April 26 off the loop of Rube Marquard of the Pirates on May 12, and his fourth off Marty Green of the Athletics on May 15.

Luderus has four homers to his credit, the first being made at the grounds off left Tressau, and the other three having been manufactured in Philadelphia. The pitchers he has hit are Steve Strickland, Ed Lewis and Harter and Brown, of the Athletics.

Luderus has had the happy knack of making his four-baggers at opportune moments, for his hits off Tressau and Brown were for home runs.

Weak in Fielding
Cravath, who, if he could field as well as he would stand an excellent chance of winning the cap offered by the National League's most valuable player, home homers to his credit. He is the first while acting as a first baseman to hit a home run.

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POLO TALK IS NOW VERY SEASONABLE

Second Game for International Trophy Is Played Today

ALTHOUGH polo is played in Alberta, and this province has produced some of the very best polo players in America today, it is probable that nine out of every ten people who follow some branch of sport as a hobby know nothing at all of this game except that it is played by men on horseback and an even larger percentage have never seen a polo game.

Once a year polo talk is common throughout America. That time is when the United States and England clash for the championship. At other seasons polo is rarely heard of. Today the second game of the championship series will be played at Meadowbrook, New Jersey. The United States team won the first contest by the score of 5-1-2 to 3. Today's game will settle the title for at least another year.

Here are a few points about this kind of sports which tradition says was originated in Persia 1,000 years ago and after taking rank as the national game of India has swept over England to finally take America by storm.

The rules are simple and the referee who is the sole arbiter has much left to his discretion. The field is 300 feet long and 450 feet wide with a ten inch wooden guard on the sides only. The goal posts are placed 24 feet apart and are ten feet high. They are made of paper mache so as to break if collided with. Though larger balls have been used the present rules call for a ball of wood, generally willow, covered by white paint, 3-1/8 inches in diameter and not exceeding 5 ounces in weight.

Mallets vary according to the idiosyncrasies of the players. Most have a cigar shaped head, but Capt. Edwards of the English team uses one that has a square cut head. Any innovation likely to prove dangerous to the other players or give an unfair advantage must be approved by the governing body.

That completes the equipment with the exception of the ponies, and the regulation regarding this most important department of the game is more honored in the breach than in the observance. The rules say that the ponies shall not exceed 14.2 hands, but it is safe to say that in the international matches very few could pass under the standard. Speed is required under the new style of play just as much as facility in turning, so that under-sized thoroughbreds have been introduced and their height is no longer questioned. The referee, however, has the right to exclude any vicious or dangerous pony.

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It Happened in Fourth Round of Ten Round Bout in New York

New York, June 13.—Mike Gibbons of St. Paul, knocked out Young Ahern of Brooklyn, in the fourth round of a scheduled 10-round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight. The fighting was fast throughout, and up to the knockout it was an exhibition of clever boxing, with Gibbons the aggressor. Ahern used his left with good effect, while at close quarters Gibbons favored a right jab to the body. A right to the head staggered Ahern in the fourth. Gibbons followed up his advantage with a right to the jaw, and a right uppercut, ending the battle. Gibbons' weight was 148 and Ahern's 144.

Tom Gibbons, brother of Mike, outpointed Jack Denning of this city in the final round. Gibbons had the better of the third, fifth, eighth and tenth rounds and his opponent carried off the fourth, sixth and seventh. The other rounds were even. Gibbons had a pound the better of Denning, who weighed 138.

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