

Willie Keeler Says Palm Must be Handed to Ty Cobb as Greatest Ball-Player

Old-Timer Says Present-Day Third-Basemen Can't Equal Jimmy Collins—No Catcher to Compare With "Buck" Ewing

Many of the fans who witness big league ball games nowadays do not remember Willie Keeler, once the champion batsman of the National league, who played right field for two pennant winners, the Baltimore Orioles and the Brooklyn, both managed by Edward Hanlon, veteran followers of baseball who saw Keeler in his prime, will tell you that he was one of the greatest players that ever wore spikes. Keeler is the owner of valuable real estate in Brooklyn, and is busy most of the time collecting rents. But now and then he goes to Ebbets field to see his old friend Wilbur Robinson or to the Polo grounds to talk over old times with John J. McGraw.

Keeler was a kid when he first wore a Giants' uniform in 1893. John M. Ward had purchased him from the Binghamton club in the spring of that year to try him at third base. But as Keeler was a left-handed thrower, Ward soon decided that he couldn't succeed, so the little fellow was sold to the Brooklyn club. Still confining his efforts to third base, Keeler also was a failure in Brooklyn, and before the season of 1894 opened he was traded to the Orioles with big Dan Brouthers for Shindle and Treadway. Hanlon promptly assigned Keeler to right field and the Orioles proceeded to capture the pennant. Keeler played 127 games that year and batted .367. The Orioles repeated in 1895 and Keeler rolled up a batting average of .394. Playing right field for the Baltimore in 1897 and 1898, Willie led the National league in batting with .430 and .379 respectively. His .432 record was exceeded by one man, Hugh Duffy of the Boston, who batted .433 in 1894.

As a bunter and base runner Keeler was in the front rank. It was a difficult task to pitch to him, as he crowded the plate and was a patient water. He was a member of the Yankees when they were organized by Clark Griffith in 1897, and 1898. Willie has kept himself posted since his retirement, and his opinions regarding some of the best-known players of the past and present doubtless will interest baseball readers.

Declares the Pitching Has Greatly Improved

"I have studied the modern game closely," said Keeler recently, "and I will freely admit that the pitching has greatly improved since the days when I played with the champion Baltimore. Then we were lucky to have two good pitchers. In fact the National league teams of that period never carried more than three or four. The Orioles won the pennant in 1894 with one first class pitcher, Sadie McMahon. We had Hawke, Gleason, Esper and Hemming too, but McMahon was the team's mainstay. The Orioles were successful because they could hit, field, run, the bases and do the unexpected. It seems strange, therefore, to see the present day carrying eight or ten pitchers, whom four or five possess real class."

"The splitball is the only new whiffery that I have noted, the curves, speed and change of pace being about the same. The best pitcher I ever faced was Amos Rusie, of the Giants. Rusie had the fastest curve ball that ever was delivered. It wasn't so very wide, but it broke right in front of the batter and was perfectly controlled. Rusie's speed ball was about the same. He seldom gave more than one or two passes and frequently tanned all the way from six to twelve men. When a team made a dozen hits off Rusie he was in poor form. Joutel Meekin had as much speed as Rusie, but he didn't have the same curve ball. Other great pitchers against whom I have batted were Cy Young and Ed Walsh. Chesbro was a wonder, but I guess the smartest pitcher of all was Christy Mathewson. Places Ty Cobb ahead of all hitters. Ty Cobb, in my opinion, is the champion batsman of all time," continued Keeler. "In fact, he is the best ball player I've ever laid eyes on. He hasn't a weak point. He can hit all kinds of pitching and is the king of base stealers. Bill Lange, of the old Chicago, was a player of the Cobb type, and Harry Stovey might have given Ty a race for base running honors. Speaker is another wonderful player, perhaps superior to the best in my time. Billy Hamilton, of the Phillies and Boston of 20 years ago, also was a fast man on the paths. Tom Meinfeldt, also Joe Kelley.

"Who was the best shortstop? Why, Hans Wagner, of course. Hugh Jennings and Herman Long were magnificent shortstops, but they didn't last as long as Wagner. Hans covered more ground than his competitors and had a powerful throwing arm. Besides he never made a tactical blunder in the field, as far as I know.

"Of the leading second basemen I can't go beyond Napoleon Lajoie and Eddie Collins. Lajoie was one of the most graceful infielders that ever played in fast company. He did everything well and was a natural born hitter. Collins is more stylish in his work. You might say that he handles a ball with more snap than Lajoie. Both of these men excelled in a knowledge of how to play for certain basemen. Rated behind them were Fred Pfeffer, Ed McPhee, Bobby Lowe and other good second basemen of long ago.



NEW LAND SETTLEMENT LOAN APPOINTMENTS. This picture shows the recently appointed members of the Loan Advisory Board for Toronto, which has been created to administer the financial portion of the work of the Dominion Settlement Board, which has been decided upon for War Veterans residing in Ontario. From left to right are: Fred Drake, Major Hume Cronyn, R. S. Hudson, general manager of the Canada Permanent Loan, and H. C. Schofield, and W. Nickel, M.P.

Sporting Comment

SECRETS OF GOOD PITCHING.

(By Eddie Cicotte.)

In The Baseball Magazine for July Eddie Cicotte, the star pitcher of the world's champion White Sox, tells some of his secrets of pitching and also gives some good advice for young pitchers.

For several seasons I have been called a fading veteran. In fact, more than a year ago I was accused of being nearly through. The fact that last season was the best I ever had, has perhaps, offset these rumors to a certain extent. But I cannot disguise my age, even to myself. I am 34, old for a player with eleven years service in the major leagues behind me and a fifteen-year stretch since I began my career as a professional pitcher.

Edward Plank had two well-known theories. In the first he contended that a pitcher has only a certain number of pitched balls in his old soup bone and that when he has relieved his system of the last of these he is through.

Upon theory number two he explained his own presence in the lineup when he was past 40 years of age. "I began very late," he said, "and so I shall last a good deal longer than the fellows who started when they were youngsters."

Now Plank had a very wise head on his shoulders. He had four years of experience and he learned much. Doubtless there was more than a grain of truth in both his theories. But, according to Plank, I ought to be on the verge of the "has-been" class myself. While on the contrary I never felt better in my life.

I should be inclined to explain Edward Plank's long years of service on a slightly different basis. Plank had a cool head, that never got rattled. He had excellent control. And, above all else, he had an easy arm motion. Show me the pitcher with these three things and I will show you a pitcher who, barring the hazards of the game, should last for many seasons.

You will find that the pitchers who use themselves up at an early age, almost always throw the ball with a snap motion of their arms. There was Joe Wood, for instance. Wood had unusual ability, but he had a delivery that always seemed to me to be very wearing on the arm. I know Walter Johnson once said that it made his own arm ache to see Wood pitch. Now, it is true that Wood pitched in the major leagues at an unusually early age. But it is also true that he has not done much work for the past two seasons at an age when a pitcher should just be rounding into his prime.

STEAMER ORISSA SUNK.

By Courier Leased Wire.

An Atlantic Port, July 4.—An Associated Press despatch says: In an attack by a German submarine on a convoy of merchant ships bound for America, a vessel named Orissa, was torpedoed and sunk off the Spanish coast several days ago. The attack was reported on the arrival to-day of one of the members of a convoy of a big British passenger liner.

Another torpedo narrowly missed hitting the passenger vessel.

Destroyers accompanying the fleet closed in and discharged depth bombs, passengers on the steamship said. They did not learn whether the Orissa was destroyed, nor did they know anything regarding the fate of those on board the Orissa.

There are two British steamships named Orissa, one of 5,436 tons, and the other of 5,358 tons gross.

In All The Big Leagues

NEW LEAGUE.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Binghamton	39	16	709
Rochester	34	21	618
Baltimore	33	25	569
Toronto	34	26	567
Buffalo	28	30	483
Newark	25	20	456
Syracuse	19	34	358
Jersey City	12	42	222

Yesterday's Results.

Toronto	2	Buffalo	3
Baltimore	5	Binghamton	4
Binghamton	5	Baltimore	2
Rochester	4	Syracuse	1
Syracuse	5	Rochester	2
Newark	3	Jersey City	3
Newark	7	Jersey City	3

Games to-day—Buffalo at Rochester, Binghamton at Jersey City, Others not scheduled.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Cleveland	43	32	572
New York	38	29	567
Chicago	40	29	563
Washington	39	34	534
Chicago	34	35	493
St. Louis	34	38	472
Detroit	28	40	412
Philadelphia	25	42	373

Yesterday's Results.

Chicago	7	Detroit	1
Chicago	2	Detroit	1
New York	7	Washington	0
Washington	3	New York	3
Cleveland	4	St. Louis	2
Cleveland	9	St. Louis	8
Boston	11	Philadelphia	9
Philadelphia	2	Boston	1

Games to-day—Boston at Philadelphia, New York at Washington, Others not scheduled.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Chicago	47	19	712
New York	42	22	656
Philadelphia	31	31	500
Pittsburg	32	34	485
Boston	31	37	456
Brooklyn	28	38	423
Chicago	28	38	391
St. Louis	26	42	382

Yesterday's Results.

Pittsburg	1	Cincinnati	4
Pittsburg	8	Cincinnati	4
Chicago	1	St. Louis	0
Chicago	1	St. Louis	0
Brooklyn	2	New York	0
Brooklyn	4	New York	3
Philadelphia	2	Boston	1
Philadelphia	2	Boston	1

Games to-day—Chicago at St. Louis, Others not scheduled.

Bowling

At Dufferin Green

The Pastimes beat the Dufferin last night. The scores:

Dufferin	Pastimes	
T. S. Ward	W. J. Blair	
H. Henderson	F. Knowlton	
G. Taylor	F. Hartley	
R. Gowman	C. Ricker	
F. McGregor	11	20
R. C. Burns	M. Stillman	
A. McAdams	E. Symons	
H. B. Stone	A. Alken	
W. J. Millard	26	12
D. Snider	W. Hampshire	
J. G. Townsend	J. A. Halner	
S. G. Ball	A. Burnley	
E. Back	12	29
E. Walsh	G. Skirrington	
S. R. Barrett	A. Ames	
R. Burke	R. Hope	
15	skip	18
Dr. Garley	W. Scott	
A. McIntyre	J. Blair	
Dr. Watson	S. Taber	
W. H. Inglis	P. S. Blain	
17	skip	12
G. Ellis	H. Fife	
F. Mann	T. Brennan	
W. H. Hamilton	R. Gorton	
A. F. Wicks	S. Burnley	
17	skip	13
A. C. Percy	E. McQuillan	
H. Taylor	F. Hardy	
L. E. Mason	J. A. Taylor	
O. Morris	P. Corey	
17	skip	8
115		118

IS DEAD.

By Courier Leased Wire. Rome, July 5.—Cardinal Sebastian Martinielli, prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Rites and former papal delegate in the United States is dead.

TREATY PASSED.

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, July 5.—The Reichstag has passed the peace treaty and supplementary treaties with Romania, according to a Berlin dispatch. The Independent Socialists voted against all the treaties.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

NOTICE TO PATRONS!

DURING the Winter of 1917-18 there was a shortage of natural gas over our entire system, and the same conditions are likely to exist for the coming winter of 1918-19, with the additional difficulties of a further decline in the available supply as against an increased demand due to the trouble of getting coal, and the high prices of substitute fuels.

In view of this outlook, the Company believes it to be a duty to advise all its consumers not to wait until fall to get a supply of coal or other fuel, or to get ready supplemental appliances, but to get busy now and provide auxiliary equipment and fuel for next winter. The company further warn their patrons not to depend on natural gas as the principal means of heating during the cold weather.

The Company is doing its utmost to maintain the supply, but the difficulty of getting men, machinery, pipe and materials is hard to overcome, and any additional supply obtained will not be sufficient to equal the probable demand. **BRANTFORD GAS COY**

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SPECIAL NO. 1. New Spring Suits at 1-3 off

A beautiful variety of styles, colors and materials, of course they are broken sizes, but if we have one to fit you in the color and style you were thinking of, we are sure the price will suit. Some special. \$14.75

SPECIAL NO. 3. Dresses

Silk Poplin Dresses. Colors are black, taupe, shd, navy and grey. Three different good styles to choose from. Regular values up to \$15.50. White they last. Special \$10.98

SPECIAL NO. 6. Skirts

Silk Poplin Skirts, only 12 left. Assorted colors. Regular values up to \$8.50. Special \$4.98

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In All-Wool Serge, Poplin, Gabardine and Porter Twill. Fine assortment of colors and styles. Some tailored or semi-tailored. Others with Misses' Sport Suit effect, in special lots at \$10.00, \$12.95, \$15.00. \$24.50

SPECIAL NO. 5. Silk Poplin Dresses

A beautiful model with two pockets, finished with Tuxedo satin roll collar and Georgette crepe sleeves. Colors are black, navy, sand, taupe, Poplin grey and Pekin blue. Regular values \$17.50. Sale Price \$13.95

SPECIAL NO. 8. Wash Dresses

36 Wash Dresses, good styles. Regular up to \$10.00. Special at only \$5.00

Another Success

Ladies, since more through your kind patronage we have made good. This sale has proven to you the genuine bargains we are offering. Our one regret is our inability to handle the large crowds that flocked to this money-saving event. We would ask you to come early Saturday morning.

SPECIAL NO. 4. Silk Dresses

Silk Dresses of Silk Taffeta, Messaline, Silk-Poplin, Crepe-de-Chine, in a variety of fifteen new, up-to-date styles. Large assortment of colors. These were regular up to \$14.95. Special \$11.95

SPECIAL NO. 7. Wash Skirts

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