

Hear the Batters Yowl When Cicotte Is Right

Rival Swatters Say He Uses Doctored Ball, But Eddie Only Grins—Russell Ford First Hurler To Use Emery Ball.

BY FRANK C. MENCKE.

Apparently the rival batters have it all figured out that Eddie Cicotte can't garner pitching victories unless he is aided by some "doctored" ball or through illegal doctored of the merchandise.

A case of seasons ago, when the White Sox hurler was bowling over opposition like a great tenpin artist and pitching the Sox on their merry way toward championship heights, the yell went forth:

"Cicotte is using a shine ball."

"Was whispered around that Eddie was using a shine ball, but the batters, who are not so easily fooled, said that he got one side to resemble polished ivory."

And then when he throws the ball, his critics claimed, "the darned thing gyrates in such a way as to confuse the bats."

"Cicotte Only Grins."

"I'm not using any other kind of ball than I always have," he said. "I think I am and I let 'em think it. That worries them, but can't hit—and I win half games."

In 1918 Cicotte had a poor year. And no one made any charges against him. Talk of the "shine ball" no longer was wafted about. The evening breeze, whenever Cicotte's name was mentioned, it was merely in the way that one takes of the "doctored" ball.

But all—how different it is in 1919.

Back in Old-Time Form.

Cicotte, considered the best pitcher when the season began, is flinging the most sensational baseball in the big leagues. Eleven victories in twelve games, he starts—his Eddie Cicotte. His almost miracle performance has placed him so far in front of his rivals that he looks like a 10 to 1 shot in the American League pitching race.

What's been the result?

"Cicotte uses a doctored ball," yell the baffled swatters.

How is he doctored it? No one knows! Several players have insisted that the umpires examine the horsehide. And the umpires did. They found nothing wrong with it. But that didn't assuage Cicotte. He said he was sure that he could do something with the ball.

"Otherwise, how could he win so many games?" they ask.

All of which seems to prove that

BASEBALL AT A GLANCE

MICHIGAN-ONTARIO LEAGUE.			
The Standing.			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Saginaw	23	15	.606
Hamilton	22	16	.579
Battle Creek	21	17	.553
Bay City	20	18	.526
Flint	19	19	.500
Kitchener	18	20	.474
London	17	21	.447

Tuesday's Results.			
Flint at Hamilton, 6-14.			
Saginaw at Hamilton, 9 (p.m.).			
Saginaw at Battle Creek, 3-3.			
Brantford at Flint, 6.			

Today's Games.			
Battle Creek at London.			
Flint at Kitchener.			
Saginaw at Brantford.			
Bay City at Hamilton.			

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
The Standing.			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	27	23	.538
Chicago	25	24	.510
Cleveland	24	24	.500
Detroit	23	25	.479
St. Louis	22	26	.458
Boston	21	27	.438
Washington	20	28	.417
Philadelphia	19	29	.396

Tuesday's Results.			
Boston at Philadelphia, 7.			
Cleveland at Chicago, 9.			
St. Louis at Detroit, 0.			
St. Louis at Detroit, 4.			

Today's Games.			
Chicago at Cleveland.			
Boston at Philadelphia.			

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
The Standing.			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	37	16	.695
Cincinnati	37	23	.617
Pittsburgh	33	27	.550
Chicago	32	28	.532
Brooklyn	29	30	.492
St. Louis	26	34	.433
Boston	20	35	.364
Philadelphia	16	39	.293

Tuesday's Results.			
Chicago at Cincinnati, 2.			
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 4.			
New York at Brooklyn, 1.			
Boston at Philadelphia, 1.			

Today's Games.			
Brooklyn at New York.			
Philadelphia at Boston.			

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.			
The Standing.			
Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Baltimore	43	18	.705
Toronto	40	25	.615
Newark	33	32	.508
Buffalo	30	35	.462
Rochester	28	34	.452
Reading	24	37	.393
Jersey City	19	38	.333

Tuesday's Results.			
Newark at Jersey City, 6.			
Buffalo at Birmingham, 6.			
Baltimore at Reading, 8.			
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Today's Games.			
Rochester at Toronto.			
Birmingham at Buffalo.			
Baltimore at Reading.			
Jersey City at Newark.			

TILLSONBURG RACE MEET			
ON HOLIDAY A BIG SUCCESS			

Golden Limit Wins in 2:50 Class—Mary Hal Wins in 2:50 Class.			
Off in 2:50 Class.			

Tillsonburg, July 1.—The Dominion Day horse meet, with \$750 in purses, proved to be a huge success.			
The 2:50 class was the only race to go in straight heats, and in every heat it was a neck-and-neck finish. In the third heat of the 2:50 class, Mary Hal was injured when a tire came off, spoiling her chances for first money.			

In the second heat of the 2:50 class Fritz Bingen was severely cut. The race was the cleanest yet won on the local track in years, and the track was in the best of condition.			
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BOUNSAI IS WINNER OF DOMINION HONORS AT G. W. A. RACES

Takes Four First and One Second—Robertson Wins London Championship.

The Dominion championship race meet held at Queen's Park yesterday afternoon was one of the most successful held in Canada in years, and barring a few minor accidents, in which a few riders took a spill, the program was run off without a hitch.

There was a good attendance and the crowd was a very enthusiastic one. This meet, held by the London Bicycle Dealers' Association, under the sanction of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association, resulted in Harold Bounsaï winning the Dominion all-around bicycle championship for 1919-20, with four firsts and one second prize to his credit in the championship events, and Herb McDonald, Toronto, came second with two firsts, and three seconds.

Bounsaï is one of the best riders in the game today, and although he rode a strange wheel in the one-mile open event, he was successful in cutting off thirteen seconds from his time made in the one-mile Dominion championship race a few moments before.

A Split in Novice Race.

During the first half of the one-mile novice race, G. E. McKay of Toronto took a bad spill, and C. Cousins, a local lad, crashed into him, wrecking both bicycles, but neither contestant was injured. A feature event added to the program was the half-mile race by Jack McDonald, aged 9 years, of Toronto, a son of Herb McDonald, and Charles Hammond, aged 10 years, of this city, resulting in a victory for the younger youngster, Hammond presented himself to the officials of the meet yesterday morning, accompanied by his small bicycle, and asked for an opportunity to win a prize. The officials then arranged for the two boys to race, and McDonald won, owing to the local and taking a spill while circling the track. However, both youngsters contented to make a special sprint race, and it was a treat to witness the spirit shown by these future champions, McDonald outdistancing Hammond at the finish. A special prize will be presented to young Hammond for his good work.

A Chance for the Crowd to Laugh.

The half-mile high wheel race, was a side-splitting affair, Frank Radway and J. A. Wenige, two local old timers, providing the fun for the crowd. Wenige took a bad spill, and Radway was the first rider crossing the tape, and he was accordingly announced as champion in this event.

Defeat Battle Creek by Timely Hitting.

But Chaput Fails to Stop Custers in Second Game.

KITCHENER, July 1.—Kitchener and Battle Creek broke even in the holiday bill today, the locals winning in the morning by 3 to 2, and the visitors in the afternoon by 2 to 1. The locals won in the morning by timely hitting. Lodestro was hit frequently, but got out of some bad corners. In the afternoon Chaput was hit hard after pitching fine ball in the first few innings. Black took the hits scattered. Sensational catches by Jenkins and Kyle in the outfield featured. Scores:

Morning Game.			
Team	Runs	Hits	Errors
Battle Creek	0	10	0
Kitchener	10	10	3
Taylor, Caesar and Heving; Lodestro and Sharp.			

Afternoon Game.			
Team	Runs	Hits	Errors
Battle Creek	0	10	0
Kitchener	10	10	3
Taylor, Caesar and Heving; Lodestro and Sharp.			

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1	1	1	free; 2, H. Vick; 3, T. O'Fla
3	7	3	London riders only. Time—5:10 4
2	2	2	Half-mile Dominion champions
			1, H. Bounsall, Toronto; 2, H.
			Donald, Toronto; 3, "Doc" Morton
			ronto. Time 1:14 2-5.