THE BIG LEAGUE GAMES — SPORTS — THE TURF, THE RIFLE, THE RING

MINOR LEAGUE GRADUATES WHO ARE MAKING A GREAT NOISE HIGHER UP AND THE SCOUTS WHOSE DUTY IT IS TO LISTEN AND TO HEED THE CALL OF THE GOOD ONES

Few are the youngsters who break into the big leagues and achieve prominence as ball players of national repute. The difference between the fastest of the minor leagues and the major organizations is so great that the men who do break through must have "class" sticking out all over them like bankrupt sale signs on some stores. So when youngsters not only stick on their first trial, but make the fans talk until they are looked upon as the "greatest ever" of "wonders," the players in the leagues they spring from come to the conclusion that, all unsuspected, they were associating with unsung heroes.

Of all the men drafted or purchased by the 16 major league clubs last fall, but few have attracted attention to themselves the country wide. Many have, upon occasions, seen their name in big type, but they aren't making the noise that is heard from coast to coast. The new men who have created a national sensation in base ball this year number six, when the last word is said.

Eddie Collins of the Athletics, who has been clouting the leather hard enough to reach first place in the list of American League batters, is another youngster who has endeared himself to the home fans. Collins won his job as regular second baseman by sheer ability, and if Connie Mack's outfit does win the pennant this year, much of the credit will fall upon the shoulders of the hard-hitting infielder.

Ted Easterly, the Pacific Coast boy—and he's only a boy at that—has made big talk around the ring. Going into the game without a bit of big league experience, not knowing the batters and the thousand-and-one tricks deemed necessary to a high-class backstop, he jumped into the breach caused by Harry Bemis' illness and made good for Cleveland from the jump. It is not this youngster's fault the Naps are not nearer first place, for if the rest had played as consistently as he, another story might be told.

In Pittsburg they hail Joe Miller, the sensational second baseman, as the big thunder. Working beside Hans Wagner most players look like two-spots, but this kid shines like a 1,000-candlepower searchlight on a dark night. A wonderful fielder and hitter, he forced recognition by sheer ability, and despite his youth shows the steadiness of a veteran under the heaviest fire.

Harry Krause, the left-hander introduced to the American League by Connie Mack this year, who won ten straight games before he went down to defeat, was unheralded. He declares he was fortunate in not being defeated earlier. Maybe so, but the star batters of Ban Johnson's organization who bowed before his cunning declare it was luck and a heap more on the side that helped him through.

Official Scout Cincinnati Nationals..

No small part of the success of one of the big league teams depends on the ability of its scouts, that is, the men who go all over the country looking out for likely material. No town or league too small for these watchers to visit. For, as is well known, many a star ball player has been picked up in some town that had never been heard of and come into fame only through the baseball ability of its son.

There are many interesting little tales connected with the discoveries of great ball players. Hans Wagner was signed up as a pitcher on one of the bush league aggregations, and seemed doomed to go back to uninteresting and quiet life of the country village until his wise manager thought that perhaps he might be able to play somewhere else, so gave him a tryout. And Hans has been famous ever since. Larry Jajoie, Jimmy Collins, in fact nearly all the great ones have been landed by some worthy scout whom chance or fate brought to the village where these embryonic stars were astounding their fellow citizens.

Looks Easy But it is Not.

To one not acquainted with the life, the work of a scout must look very easy and pleasant. It would seem that traveling about the country, watching ball games, with all expenses paid, was a very desirable sort of a life. But in reality it's not as fine as it looks. After a while it gets very monotonous jumping from one little town to another, putting up with all kinds of hotel accommodations, spending the greater part of your time on hot, stuffy trains, or arguing with avaricious minor league managers. One meets some managers that would almost drive him crazy. They hear that a big league scout is in town and immediately the prices on their men soar skyward. It is only by the use of much diplomacy and tact that one can obtain the player he wishes from some of these fellows. Here is a good instance. In a little town in the far west, a scout arrived and for a couple of days watched the work of the team there. He endeavored to keep his identity a secret, but an old timer who happened to be on the nine gave the secret away. He was attracted by the playing of an outfielder and decided that he was the man he was after. But he did not mention the fact. There was an infielder on the team who was in the habit of pulling off star plays, and the skirmisher asked the manager for his price on him. The reply mentioned such a sum that the scout almost fainted. Finally after haggling and dickering for a couple of hours, he agreed to take the player and give him a trial, with the proviso that if he made good he was to pay $3,000 for him. The scout knew well enough that the man would never make a big league, but this was only a part of his game. When he went to the station, bound for his next stopping place, the manager and the infielder were with him. As the train was pulling in, he fished out a roll of bills from his pocket, turned to his companion and said: "By the way, I want an outfielder. I'll give you $500 cash for that chap you had out in center." "You can have him," came the reply, and the manager, well satisfied, tucked the money into his pocket and waved the pair good-bye. Some two weeks later the infielder returned to his old stamping ground, while the other chap, purchased very cheaply, is now one of the greatest stars in the game. And so it goes. It is always a case of dicker and outwit.

Can't Afford to Make Breaks.

Then there is another point to be considered. If a man who is on the road picks out a number of men and not one of them shows sufficient class, he has put his club to great expense all for nothing. Say, for instance, he is on the coast and sends a player to one of the big teams in the eastern leagues. The youngster will cost several thousand dollars, while the expense of transportation, etc., will amount up to no inconsiderate figure. Half a dozen or so bad slips like this will sound the knell of a scout's life. Still, if he can land a good man, he gets all the credit in the world. Where ball players are so plenty—that is numerically—it is strange that so few of them can get a hold with the big fellows. The average scout in the course of a month will meet perhaps two or three hundred players, all more or less classy. It takes some knowledge of the fine points of the game to pick out one or two men from this bunch, who will be able to stay in faster company.

Some six years ago, very few teams thought it necessary to employ a man to travel around and watch players. Of course, every team had a number of experts scattered about among the league, who, if they chanced to see a likely-looking youngster, would put the manager wise, but to-day, so desperate has become the hunt for big league timber, that there is not a club in either of the major organizations that has not a couple of men on the road looking after their interests.

Ball Players are Born, not Made.

Why do we not pass by the little country villages, where they have a nine that plays the team from the next town every week? Because the baseball expert knows that ballplayers are born, not made, and there is no telling where another Wagner, Lajoie or Cobb may be holding forth, a star only in his little township through the accident of chance.

Then there is the competition with the outposts of the other teams. A heretofore unheard-of chap will pitch a no hit game in some minor league. At once the scouts of all the teams will head for his city to look him over. Two or three of them will be favorably impressed and will start bidding with the manager to land him Then the scout has to use his judgment. With very few exceptions he has unlimited authority so far as money is concerned. If he believes the pitcher will be a success he will purchase him, cost what it may. If the chap comes up to the mark, well and good; but if he fails, the man who recommended him, and backed his judgment with money, will find himself in the bad graces of his employers. Some men will immediately nail any player who performs such a remarkable stunt, provided, of course, that he has a favorable past record, but the general run wish to wait and see a man perform before committing themselves.

The satisfaction of landing one good man where the competition is hot, and then watching that man make his mark in his new and greater surroundings, amply repays one for all the trouble that must be endured to get hold of a real simon-pure ball player.

HOULTON TO BATTLE WITH THE TARTARS

Fredericton, Aug. 16.—Great things are looked for in the baseball line tomorrow and Wednesday when the Houlton team, now leading the Maine State League, will play the Tartars here. It is expected that Dick Tibbitts will take charge of the Tartars on the field for the two games. Bruce McFarlane will be back in the game. George Finnamore is expected from Chipman, and probably will join the Caribou team of the Maine League, as Manager Iott, of that team, is now after his services. The Houlton team will arrive at noon by C. P. R. The team is composed of Maine College players very largely and is one of the strongest aggregations ever gotten together in Maine. The pitchers are Harriman and Johnson, while Stone and Wilson, two college catchers, are alternating at first base and behind the bat.

On Friday, Houlton took the lead in the Maine League by beating Happy Iott's Caribou team on their home grounds.

RACE FOR THE CARTER'S POINT PLATE

This, the second race, for the handsome piece of plate, presented by the residents of Carter's Point, is open to sail boats of class A Westfield Outing Association, and class H Royal Kennebeccasis Yacht Club (salmon boats.)

This plate was presented to the W. O. A. for a series of three races, to be sailed one each year, during 1908, 1909, 1910, to be awarded to the owner whose boat or boats make the best average in the three races.

If desired an owner may enter a different boat each year.

The race of 1908 was won by Church Bros., with the sail boat Chinook.

Boats to be owned and sailed by members of the W. O. A. or R. K. Y. C.

Course—Start at Belyea's Point, thence to Carter's Point; thence to buoy at W. O. A. pavilion; thence to starting point, or this course reversed.

Start, 3.15 p. m. Time limit, 2½ hours.

Entries close on August 19th at 10 p. m., and are to be made with W. A. Church, secretary W. O. A. sailing committee.

ESTELL BOY A WIMNER AT CLEVELAND

Estill Boy, 2.16 1-4, the prize trotter of the Maritime Provinces while he was in the Springhill stables, made his first start on the Grand Circuit at Cleveland on Friday. With his new millionaire owner-driver, Chester W. Lasell, Estill Boy was in the money, landing in fourth position and beating such high classed trotters as Ethel Mac, driven by Tommy Murphy and Naoma, driven by Mr. Burgess.

A Cleveland despatch has the following on the race:

The Onward Silver four year old Telemachus, was turned loose today and he romped home in 2.11 3-4, after making a break going away in the opening mile. He was steady after that and won as he liked.

2.17 Class, Trotting.

Purse 1,000.

Telemachus, b. h. by Onward Silver—Bessie E. B., by Norvadine (McDonald)	1	1	1
Hilda B, ch m (Burch)	2	2	3
Almadens, br h (Dufee)	4	5	2
Estill Boy, b g (Lasell)	3	3	4
Ethel Mac, bl m (Murphy)	5	4	5
Noamo, bl m (Burgess)	6	6	ro

Time, 2.11 3-4, 2.12 1-2, 2.11 3-4.

Louise E. Beat Spy.

A Woonsocket, R. I., despatch has the following on Friday's races there:

The 2.12 pacing event went to Exall, a New Jersey horse, which was second in 2.08 1-4 in Pennsylvania a short time ago. Captain Sampson looked to be the real thing in the first two heats.

2.12 Class, Pacing.

Purse $500.

Exall, br z by Haxall (Alloway)	3	4	1	1	1
Capt. Sampson, gr g (Thompson)	1	1	6	5	2
Louise E, br m (Fox)	5	2	2	2	5
Northern Spy, gr g (Marston)	2	3	3	3	3

Elwis and Leona also started.

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19 YACHTS IN TRIALS FOR PLACE

Marblehead, Mass, Aug. 16.—Nineteen handsome little yachts representing the American idea of how the German Sonder Klasse craft should be designed, participated today in a series of tests from which the committee of the Eastern Yacht club obtained valuable data to aid them in selecting three boats to represent this country in the contests here two weeks later against three German challengers for the present Taft and Governor Draper Cups. The yachts today were separated into three divisions and were sent twice over a triangular course of six miles in length and once over a windward and leeward course of the same distance.

The honors of the day in the first division fell twice to the Joyette, owned by Commodore William H. Childs of the Bensonhurst Yacht Club, Brooklyn, N. Y., and once to the Crooner, owned and sailed by C. F. Adams, 2nd., of the Eastern Yacht Club.

In the second division, the Ellen, owned by Charles P. Curtis of Boston, and sailed by his son, Charles P. Curtis, Jr., was first across the finish line in the first and third races, and was second in the second heat. The Eel took the second race but did not do well in the other heats.

The Wolfe, owned by Caleb Loring, of Boston, justified the opinion of experts as to her ability in heavy weather by taking the last two races in the third division, while the Skeezix, owned by Fred M. Hoyt, of New York, won the first heat.

SOCCER WILL BE PLAYED AT PICNIC

The programme arranged by the Sons of England (Marlborough Lodge) for their picnic at Watters Landing on Wednesday next, will undoubtedly be the most unique and interesting submitted at any picnic this season. A special feature will be a football match to be played under the rules of the English Football Association between two teams of English footballers to be selected from old members of the following English teams: Leicester St. Pauls F. C.; Belgrave Congregational F. C.; Ashford Victoria F. C.; Tottenham Amateurs F. C.; Leicester St. Johns F. C.; Borstal United F. C.; Glenville F. C.; Shipdham F. C.; Southampton St. Marks F. C.; Bristol Amateurs F. C.; Walsall F. C., and Headinaly Vics. F. C.

The Marathon baseball team have promised the Englishmen their support and will play a game with a picked team from this city and an interesting game is anticipated. The sports programme consists of 20 interesting events including a yards for years handicap, a Victoria Cross race, flat races, sack races, etc.

GRANT OF NOVA SCOTIA IS DEFEATED

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Aug. 16.—In today's tennis tournament for the championship of Nova Scotia W. E. Ritchie of the Wanderers defeated C. R. Grant, last year's champion, 7-5, 5-7, 6-0, 6-4, 6-4.

Messrs. Ritchie brothers of the Wanderers defeated Wisewell and Foster, South End, 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

The Maritime championships take place tomorrow.

MANY ENTER FOR LATOUR REGATTA

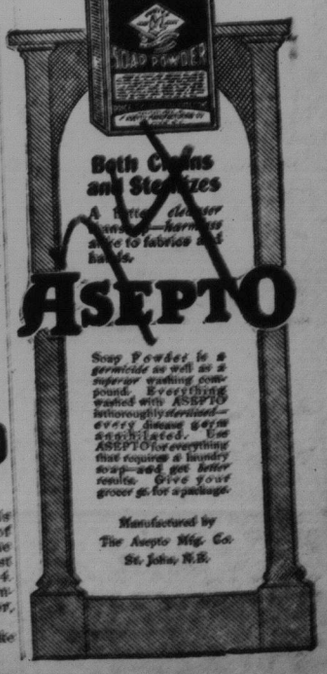
The entries for the sports on Lily Lake under the auspices of the La Tour Racing Association are coming in in a most encouraging manner. The Millidgeville Rowing Association will probably be represented with a strong crew in the canoe races. The Westfield Association will have the four winners in last Saturday's events as their representatives. Billy Coates, the well-known sculler, will also have a crew, while Milford will be represented by the Green brothers, and a number of others. These with the members of the La Tour Association and a large number of outside entries will make one of the largest lists for water sports ever seen on Lily Lake. It is probable that a single scull race will be pulled off between James Ross and Hilton Belyea.

KETCHEL IS PREPARING FOR NEGRO

San Francisco, Aug. 16.—Stanley Ketchel will start east today on a hurried trip to prepare for his bout with Sam Langford, but messages received here by friends say that he will spring a big surprise in the boxing line on the easterners. Instead of taking a vacation in the wilds, Ketchel has put himself in first-class shape and if Langford thinks he is going to find an easy mark, he is badly mistaken.

Ketchel has followed some of the training methods pursued by Jeffries when the latter used to train in the mountains. He has been hunting and fishing, and in addition, has followed his old calling of wood cutting.

He writes that he can swing the axe as strongly as ever, but admits that he is getting heavier. He will make the middle-weight limit in the match with Langford, but does not intend to reduce so much hereafter.



THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Pittsburg, Aug. 16.—Score:
Pittsburg.....00100001—2 7 3
New York.....02000000—2 6 0
(Called end 5th account of rain.)
Batteries—Willis and Gibson; Matheson and Meyers. Time—1.30. Umpires—Klem and Kane.

THE AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Score:
Washington.....01000000—1 8 0
Philadelphia.....00240000—6 8 2
Batteries—Johnson, Gray and Street; Krause and Livingstone; Time—1.40. Umpires—Egan and Evans.

NEW ENGLAND LEAGUE.

At Lynn—Lynn, 3; Worcester, 1.
Second game—Lynn, 3; Worcester, 5.
At Brockton—Brockton-New Bedford game postponed, rain.
At Lawrence—Lawrence-Fall River game postponed, rain.
At Haverhill—Haverhill, 2; Lowell, 0.
All Connecticut and Eastern League games postponed, rain.

ST. YVES DEFEATED.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Aug. 15.—Over a course, made slow by a heavy rain, Percy Smallwood, the short distance runner, defeated St. Yves, the long-distance champion, in a 12 mile race on turf, by two and one half laps, at the Cincinnati National League Baseball Park tonight. Smallwood's time was 1.09.21½.

CANADA WILL NOT TRY FOR PALMA TROPHY

Ottawa, Aug. 16.—A Canadian team will not be sent to Seagirt to compete for the Palma trophy this year. The executive committee of the D. R. A. after giving the matter consideration, has, it is understood, decided not to send the team, principally on the ground of expense.

Fined $50 for Shooting Moose.

Chief Game Warden W. J. Dean arrived in the city last evening. Speaking to a Standard reporter Mr. Dean said that he had just returned from St. Croix where Game Warden Samuel Orr on Sunday arrested Henry Smith for shooting a bull moose out of season Mr. Smith was taken before Mr. Dean as chief game warden and fined $50 and costs. Mr. Dean said that Mr. Orr was keeping a sharp look-out in his territory for such offences and that the game laws as a whole were being strictly observed.

Extensive preparations are being made in Detroit by the old boys of Ingersoll and Oxford county to attend the reunion at their old home next week. There are about one hundred members in the local association who will attend.

HOP! THAT'S ALL!