

THE STANDARD'S SPORTS

COLLINS JUMPS INTO HIS GAIT



Already Eddie Collins, Philadelphia's American crack, leads all second basemen in the batting averages.

WOLGAST'S DANGEROUS OPPONENTS

New York, May 17.—A man with a face full of green whiskers is the funniest thing on earth, and the fighting game is funnier than that.

One minute a boy is the greatest, strongest, bravest, surest, gamest fighter that ever entered the ring. The next minute he is the slowest, meekest, weakest, most awkward old lady that ever darned a sock. He is everything until he proves that he is nothing.

Knockout Brown was considered something of a fighter when he licked Tommy Murphy. He was considered something more of a fighter when he gained two decisions over Ad Wolgast.

Murphy turned the tables on Brown and beat him to a whisper at the Whitford A. C. in Brooklyn Wednesday night. Now Brown is a cheese, and everybody knew it all along.

In his fight with Murphy, Brown behaved like a wild animal in the presence of a great hunter. There was absolutely no sense to any of his movements. He rushed in and swung his arms around like a drunken person doing a snake dance. Most of his punches hit the air. A few went around Murphy's neck.

Brown has a tremendous wallop, but he doesn't know how to dispose of it.

POOR JACK JOHNSON IN TOUGH LUCK

New York, May 17.—For once Jack Johnson has found a magistrate who agrees with him that he is persecuted. He was discharged in court today from the charge of running his automobile on the city streets with a last year's Chicago license.

"Your honor," said the big fighter, "I'm getting sore on the whole world. I don't get a show. This officer just saw Johnson and ran him in. I had never entered the state and carried a New Jersey visitor's license, when I was arrested. I was on the way to the garage to have the number changed. I never had an accident and never hurt anybody on the road. His about time for this thing to stop."

"There's a good deal in what this man says," commented Magistrate Brown. "He ought to get a show. Discharge."

Johnson's impression on the winner at any stage of the race.

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ARNST BEATEN BY NEW ONE

In the big sculling handicap recently concluded in Sydney, Richard Arnst, the world's champion, made a lamentable showing in his trial heat, which was won by Hagney who had a start of 18 seconds. Arnst got up to C. Messenger, 22 seconds man, but there he remained, being unable to catch Hagney or even to make a reasonable impression on the winner at any stage of the race.

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RESULTS OF THE BIG LEAGUES

National League.

At Boston, Mass.—Score—
Boston . . . 001009000—6 10 3
Pittsburg . . . 01000210021—7 13 1
Batteries—Curtis and Graham; Har-
low, Ferry, Laddell, Camnitz and
Gibson.

At New York, N. Y.—Score—
St. Louis . . . 000021000—2 8 0
New York . . . 001000000—1 8 2
Batteries—Salter and Bliss, Bre-
nahan; Crandall and Myers.

At Philadelphia, Pa.—Score—
Cincinnati . . . 100200000—3 8 2
Philadelphia . . . 100002000—4 7 2
Batteries—Promme and McLean;
Alexander and Doolin.

At Brooklyn, N. Y.—Score—
Chicago . . . 000000000—0 3 2
Brooklyn . . . 000000100—1 4 0
Batteries—Richie and Kling; Bell
and Bergen.

National League Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Philadelphia	22	7	.759
Pittsburg	18	9	.667
New York	16	11	.593
Chicago	15	12	.556
Cincinnati	12	13	.476
St. Louis	9	15	.375
Boston	8	22	.267
Brooklyn	8	20	.286

American League.

At Chicago, Ill.—Score—
Chicago . . . 21000201—7 12 1
Philadelphia . . . 11000201—5 10 2
Batteries—Lange, Olmstead and
Sullivan; Russell, Morgan and Liv-
ingstone.

At St. Louis, Mo.—Score—
Washington . . . 000000002—2 5 3
St. Louis . . . 02000300—3 6 1
Batteries—Wheeler, Sherry
and Ainsmith; Peltz and Stephens.

American League Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Detroit	25	6	.833
Chicago	15	12	.556
Boston	12	13	.476
Philadelphia	13	13	.500
New York	12	14	.462
Washington	10	16	.435
Cleveland	9	18	.333
St. Louis	9	20	.310

Eastern League.

At Buffalo, N. Y.—Score—
Buffalo . . . 001002000—3 11 2
Newark . . . 302000001—4 12 3
Batteries—Woychik, Stroud, Mer-
ritt and Killifer; Holmes and Gady.

At Rochester, N. Y.—Score—
Rochester . . . 14002400—11 17 4
Providence . . . 00000000—0 4 1
Batteries—McConnell and Mitchell,
Graham; Sline, Busick and Fritzer-
ald.

At Toronto, Ont.—Score—
Jersey City . . . 110002000—4 9 0
Toronto . . . 101000000—2 9 2
Batteries—Frill, Butler and Tonne-
man; Killian and Koehler.

At Montreal, Que.—Score—
Montreal . . . 010001000—2 6 4
Montreal . . . 010001001—3 6 2
Batteries—Adams and Egan; Burke
and Cudis.

Eastern League Standing.

Team	Won	Lost	P.C.
Rochester	19	4	.826
Toronto	14	8	.636
Providence	9	11	.455
Baltimore	12	11	.522
Providence	8	14	.364
Montreal	8	14	.364
Newark	9	13	.410
Jersey City	6	13	.316

SHORTSTOP HAS HARDEST JOB OF ALL THE FEEDERS

How to Play the Busiest Position in the Baseball Field—Player has More Opportunities in that Place than Any Other. Man must be Nery, Fast and Accurate, and Have Brains.

(By R. W. Lardner in Boston Ameri-
can.)

A few seasons ago major league shortstops of real class were as scarce as orange groves in Maine. There were Hans Wagner, and Hans Wagner and possibly Turner and Wallace, and then Han Wagner again. You couldn't get more than four fans to agree that anyone else could be spoken of in the same breath with this trio, most of which was Wagner.

This is one of the peculiarities of baseball. For four or five yards some certain position will be stocked with capable performers, only to suffer a dearth of good men during the four or five years following.

Just now there are as many good shortstops in the two major leagues as there are occupants of any other position.

In fact, almost each of the sixteen teams has either a classy man in that berth, or a youngster of great promise.

The two leagues are even in the matter of tried and true short fielders, there being five in each circuit. The American has Wallace of the Athletics, the National counts three; McBride of Washington, one of the best in the business; Wagner of Boston, Bush of Detroit and Barry of the Athletics. The National counts the great Pittsburg Wagner, Tinker of the Cubs, Mike Doolan of the Phils, Bridwell of the Giants and last but not least, Charley Herzog of our own Rustlers, Ovey, Sherry and Ainsmith; Peltz and Stephens.

Some New Ones Are Shining.

The six clubs which are trying men for the place are confident that they have picked up good ones. Roger Brenahan has a fast youngster in Arnold Hauser. There is plenty of speed to this youth, but, of course, he is still shy on experience and hasn't yet become a dangerous man at bat. Manager Dahlan of the Dodgers, thinks he has a comer in Bert Tooley. Clark Griffith possesses a youngster named Dave Altizer, neither of whom is exactly young. Tom is steady if not brilliant and Dave is a sort of "in and out."

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Hal Chase is using Ove Johnson. This athlete is anything but graceful and he doesn't appear a bit too fast, but the big league school may educate him up to the standard and he will be kept if he can hit up to his minor league records.

The fact remains that there are ten really strong shortstops in the National and American leagues, but it is useless to attempt to name the best of the ten, for there are differences of opinion there just as there are in other matters pertaining to baseball.

Shortstop Has a Hard Job.

As a rule, the shortstop has more fielding chances than any man except the first baseman. But his chances are not nearly as difficult. Most of them are simply thrown balls. The shortstop has harder chances than any other position. Possibly the third baseman has more hard hits sent his way, but his proximity to the batter excepts him from the charge of errors on most of them. Therefore, the shortstop leads in chances which really are chances.

But it wouldn't be a particularly hard position to play if the duties consisted only of catching fly balls or picking up ground balls and throwing them. The shortstop is also a baseman. His base duties are most connected with second, but there are times when he is obliged to look out for the third sack also. He must think just a little quicker than any other player in the game and for that reason a "bone-headed" shortstop is a calamity.

The polished, dependable shortstop must be able to get out to his side his own position. In many instances he gives the signs which govern the entire defense. When an intelligent pitcher is working, it is usually he who flashes the catcher's signals to the outfielders, so that they may know how, when and where to shift for various batsmen.

The good shortstop of the present day are the men who "think baseball," even when they aren't playing it. They are the men who are constantly planning something new to try on unsuspecting opponents, the men who introduce the plays which are subsequently put into general use.

Such a man is Charley Herzog of the Rustlers, fondly known as "Buck" in the wilds of Maryland. "Herzy" is a born infielder and would make good in any position, but in his proper sphere, simply because there he can use his baseball brains and his speed to best advantage.

Herzy is a Good One.

Herzog has mechanical ability in abundance. He also has the other kind. He is a reliable batsman, but would, if he couldn't hit a balloon with a base fiddle, because his defensive ability would offset any batting weakness. The fact that he can hit is just an additional thing for which Manager Tenney should be grateful.

"Buck" can cover ground either to the right or left, can come up on a slow hit ball with the best of them, can make the long or the short throw with accuracy, can throw without covering from an awkward position, can take throws and put them on the runner at second base and can think quickly enough to pull pitchers out of bad holes when the mechanical shortstop should see only the obvious play.

"I am learning something new about this position every day," confessed "Herzy." "From the fans' point of view, the four positions composing the infield are very much alike in most respects. Interview a player of any of the major league clubs on the subject and he will say each is a reticent and he will say each is entirely different from the others and each is a position in itself, requiring constant practice, thought and many hours of hard work.

"As utility man during the season of 1908, while a member of the Giants, I was called on to play every position in the makeup of the fielding end of the infield, so I speak from experience when I say that none requires the ability, quick action and thought demanded of the shortstop.

"To begin with, the shortstop must possess a good throwing arm. This will enable him to play a deep field, a feature that will help his team wonderfully. He is then capable not only of fielding hits behind the third baseman and over second base, but also of making better position to take care of short flies, which are beyond the third baseman and out of reach of the outfielders.

A Good Arm is Necessary.

A good arm is also a big help on long hits past the outfielders. Often the occasion demands that the shortstop shall act as a relay between center and left field. This requires a good arm and a true one, for the plays at the plate are repeatedly the turning or deciding plays of the game.

"Touching runners at second is one of the details of a shortstop's work in which he must be proficient. This requires a man who is fast and able to judge distance quickly. Many plays are lost by a shortstop's inability to shift his body to meet the craft employed by an opposing player who is sliding into second.

"Runners have perfected numerous slides designed to outwit the player who has experience and isn't yet become a dangerous man at bat. Manager Dahlan of the Dodgers, thinks he has a comer in Bert Tooley. Clark Griffith possesses a youngster named Dave Altizer, neither of whom is exactly young. Tom is steady if not brilliant and Dave is a sort of "in and out."

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VICTORIA BOWLING CONTEST

Four bowling games in the city league series were rolled on the Victoria alleys last night and were most interesting. The Regulars defeated the Tartars. The Kickers defeated the Blue Sox, while the C. B. B.'s won from the Red Wings. The individual scores were as follows:

Regulars.

McGraw . . . 76 84 117 277—92 1-4
Evans . . . 76 82 75 234—78
Younglaus . . . 87 89 266—88 1-3
Jones . . . 72 75 94 241—80 1-3
Armstrong . . . 84 92 79 255—85

Blue Sox.

Duffy . . . 68 82 70 221—73 2-4
Davis . . . 79 79 82 240—80
Pullerton . . . 72 74 84 234—78
Sampton . . . 93 92 85 270—90
Norris . . . 92 76 96 264—88

Kickers.

Foshey . . . 75 87 87 249—89
Nugent . . . 87 82 80 249—83
Smith . . . 68 80 94 242—80 2-3
Henderson . . . 80 80 82 242—80 2-3
Morrisey . . . 80 84 78 242—80 2-3

Tartars.

Congrove . . . 77 71 68 216—72
Littlejohn . . . 75 83 88 246—80
Lalabe . . . 82 74 84 234—78
Stevens . . . 80 73 82 232—78 1-3
Riley . . . 76 80 82 248—82 2-3

Blue Sox.

Ross . . . 67 82 66 215—71 2-3
Burchill . . . 77 80 92 249—83
Bates . . . 73 65 72 210—70
McKelvie . . . 72 64 91 227—75 2-3
Stanton . . . 81 77 84 242—80 2-3

Kickers.

Clinch . . . 70 79 78 227—75 2-3
Parlee . . . 71 88 92 251—83 2-4
Sage . . . 78 83 76 237—79
A. Scott . . . 99 79 78 256—85 1-3
C. Scott . . . 78 101 88 267—89

Red Wings.

Cribbs . . . 72 72 89 233—77 2-3
J. Hunter . . . 74 81 79 234—78
T. Daley . . . 82 76 67 225—70
D. Hunter . . . 74 81 80 235—78 1-3
Tuffs . . . 76 75 87 238—79 1-3

C. B. B.'s.

Ward . . . 75 84 80 239—79 2-3
McKenzie . . . 70 88 81 239—79 2-3
Galbraith . . . 77 82 70 249—83
Griffith . . . 82 73 86 241—80 1-3
Daley . . . 72 65 82 219—73

Tonight's Games.

At 8 o'clock tonight the Royals vs. Tartars; Kickers vs. Ove's.
At 9:30 o'clock Sweeps vs. Dark Horses; Regulars vs. Blue Sox.

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ST. DUNSTONS WERE BEATEN BY PALMER CO

Special to The Standard.

Frederickton, May 17.—The St. Dunstan's team dropped another game in the York County league series last night, being beaten by the John Palmer Co.'s team by a score of 9 to 4. On account of improvements now underway at the stadium, in preparation for the professional league season the game was played at the college.

Leo Callaghan, of St. John, pitched for St. Dunstan's team and was hit hard and opportunely.

There was a large crowd in attendance, and interest in baseball here is greater than for years.

"MUGGSEY" M'GRAW IN HOT WATER

New York, May 17.—President Lynch of the National League today suspended Manager John J. McGraw of the New York club, for three days as the result of McGraw's trouble at yesterday's New York-St. Louis game here with Finneran.

YOUNG ST. JOHNS WON FROM THE VICTORIAS.

Another interesting game of junior baseball was played last evening when the Young St. Johns crossed bats with the Victorias aggregation. St. Johns being the winners with a score of 5 to 3. The game was closely contested, and there were several features that added to the interest. The battery for the victors was Totten and Wilson, and for the losers, Jones and Smith. The St. Johns are on the war path and are anxious to meet the champions, if that team will communicate with L. Totten or E. Gibbon.

AN ENGLISH BILLIARD TOURNAMENT IN Y. M. C. A.

An English billiard tournament will be begun this week among the seniors of the Y. M. C. A. There will be sixty-six games played, and twelve players will take part. They are: J. T. McKee, Chester Brown, H. Y. Lockwood, G. T. Cooper, T. H. Carter, T. S. Robillard, R. Morton, E. E. Peacock, K. G. McDonald, B. L. Gerow, Chas. Lea and A. W. Robb.

WAS PACKEY AFRAID TO MEET WELLS?

New York, N. Y., May 17.—From reports in English papers it looks as though Packey McFarland ran out of his match with Matt Wells. Packey was as solid as could be with the National Sporting Club people awhile back, and they believed that he meant what he told them that he'd be tickled to death to come back and box their champion.

Cestus, writing in The Sportsman, has this to say regarding the Chicago whirlwind: "After what had been published as regards the matching of Packey McFarland and Matt Wells for the Derby week show at the National Sporting Club, the cable received at headquarters by Mr. Bettinson on Thursday, and given ecstatically in The Sportsman of yesterday, must have come as a great surprise. McFarland has been given such an excellent reputation for straight and fair dealing, to say nothing of his pluck and skill, that one would have thought the word 'funk' the very last to be associated with the stockyard boy from Chicago. The message cabled to Mr. Bettinson by the gentleman who acts as agent in the states for the N. S. C. After all demands met, McFarland 'funks' is brief enough and yet conveys a world of meaning. I am in a position to say that McFarland has been himself in touch with the National club for nearly two months, and after all his terms had been agreed to, he raised a point which, it is suggested, he thought would never be granted. Having done so far, however, Mr. Bettinson made another concession, and then to prove his disinclination to meet Wells, McFarland throws the club over at the very last moment. The defection of the Yankee leaves no room to doubt that he has no stomach for a match with Matt Wells."

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