

SPORT NEWS GLEANED FROM WORLD'S CENTRES

COMPARES OLD AND NEW PLAYERS

Arguments Advanced Seem to Favor Former Major League Stars.

New York, May 29.—(United Press.)—Late in each spring, when a fair test has been applied to all the young phenom graduates to the major leagues, both sides line up for the argument: "Are the new ball players as good as they were ten or fifteen years ago?"

Taking a squint at the early batting, pitching and fielding averages, the side supporting the positive argument haven't much material to convince the veterans, who like to insist that these are poor days on all fields of sport compared to the times that have gone by.

With few exceptions, the best players who can be held up as examples of the modern game against the old game are themselves veterans as ball players are judged.

Rossh, Sisler, Hornsby, Hellman, Williams, Ruth, Schalk, Dugan, Bancroft, Bigbee and many others who might be held up for favorable comparison with the old stars are really veterans and could be held up themselves as examples to support the argument that the new players are not as good as the old ones.

Taking the liberty of assuming that modern times can be stretched back five years, there is no doubt that the old time days never saw a hitter to compare with Babe Ruth. The Babe offers one positive argument in himself that at least one type of baseball is better today than it was ten or twenty years ago.

As Ruth revolutionized the science and strategy of baseball by making of it a slugging game, so he reduced the possibility of developing players of today that could compare to old stars by eliminating practically all of the science at which the old timers excelled.

It must be admitted, perhaps, that there has been no team since the days of the old Baltimore Orioles that could compare to that great team. The game that the Orioles originated and perfected is still being followed by most of the successful managers of today.

Frank Frisch, second baseman for the New York Giants, perhaps is the best young player developed in the past five years. But he has yet to attain the class that will cause old timers to remark: "Remember how Eddie Collins was?"

Rogers Hornsby, beyond all doubt, is one of the outstanding players of the modern age, but he is not only inferior to Collins as an all-around ball player, but is slipping behind Frisch as a player of general ability.

George Sisler, the perfect ball player, is another exceptional product of the modern times. There is nothing that Sisler cannot do well and, in addition, he is a great team worker and is showing the talent of a fine manager.

There are some old timers who will argue that Sisler cannot compare with some of the first basemen of bygone days, but he is now doing more than any of them and perhaps he is doing it just as well as they did anything.

Many veteran baseball writers regard Joe Dugan, the Yankee star, as the greatest of all third basemen and they look upon "Pie" Traynor, the lanky Pirate, as second choice. Some thing that Traynor is just as good a player as Dugan.

There are no modern outfielders who can compare now to Tris Speaker and Ty Cobb, both of whom are handling the cares of management without reducing their playing efficiency.

Certainly Cobb is one of the greatest players of all time. For nearly twenty years he has been one of the most spectacular players in the game and in time to come you will hear many references to what Cobb used to do and the manner in which he did his work.

In coming years many young fielders will have coaches and managers tell them to play the field like Tris Speaker did.

The proof that modern pitching is not to be compared with the art of ten years ago is found in the standing where the veterans are still up among the leaders. Modern rules have handicapped pitchers and have encouraged the slugging style of game, but the old veterans such as Alexander, Quinn and Johnson go right along accepting the additional handicaps with the burden of age and many campaigns along with them.

Because the style of game has changed in favor of the hitting game, there certainly are no base runners to compare with the old timers and there are no players today who can lay them down and beat 'em out, like they did in the old days.

With the decline in the art of base running, the style of catching has changed and the new catchers haven't the need or the practice needed to develop an arm like the old timers.

BARNEY OLDFIELD WILL DRIVE IN INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR RACE

Indianapolis, May 29.—Barney Oldfield has returned to automobile racing and will drive as relief for Cliff Durant in the annual 500-mile contest at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Friday.

The veteran, who was piloting race cars when Henry Ford was a driver, has not been behind the wheel in active competition for years. With a few days intensive training he will be able to get the best out of his car in the opinion of Durant. Durant and Oldfield opposed each other in automobile duels when forty miles an hour was considered breakneck speed.

PANCHO LIKES BROADWAY

Pancho Villa, the Filipino who holds the world's flyweight champion, says he prefers Broadway to any other spot in the world. And Pancho is married.

A Leap and a Lurch, And Harvard Had Won



This remarkable action picture shows the strenuous finishing style of Bob Allen, Harvard sprinter, as he crashed across the line, victorious in the 440-yard run in a recent intercollegiate duel at Cambridge.

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World's Champion Wrestler Wins Third Fall With Famous Headlock.

Chicago, May 29.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, world's heavyweight wrestling champion, last night defeated Stanislaus Zbyszko in two of three falls in a rough and tumble match here which marked the seventh meeting of the contestants.

Lewis took the first fall in 24:05 and the third in 9:50 with a headlock, and Zbyszko won the second in 13:55 with a croch and half Nelson.

HORSES TOO SLOW FOR BERLIN OSTRICHES TO REPLACE THEM

Berlin, May 29.—Horses are apparently not fast enough for Berlin sporting circles. Therefore, as an extra thrill, an enterprising manager has announced that forty ostriches, with their jockeys, mostly Italians, are coming here in the near future for ostrich races and handicap events with horses, in which, on a distance of 3,000 metres for example, the horses are to be given 1,000 metres handicap. The races will be held on the fashionable Grunewald race-course.

WAS LUGRIN PICTURE

The picture of the athletes training at Rothsay for the Olympic trials, published in The Times-Star yesterday, was taken by the Lugrin studio. This credit was inadvertently omitted yesterday.

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Beat Dodgers Twice—Double Headers Featured in American League.

New York, May 29.—The National League plot, which gave evidence earlier in the season of turning out "different," showed a marked tendency today toward the usual "happy ending" with the Giants and the pennant contentedly wedded. By spanking the Dodgers twice, 6-4 and 4-2, the Giants showed that they were tired of fooling.

In the American League the Yankees had the throne alone an hour, but lost it. The Yankees won their first game from the Senators, 7 to 4, as the Athletics beat the Red Sox, who are tied with the New York team for first place, 2 to 1. In the afternoon the Yankees lost, 6-1, as the Red Sox won, 1-0.

The younger league had an orgy of double-headers, every team engaging twice. Davis of the St. Louis Browns handed Detroit its first goose-egg of the season, in the second game, allowing them only four hits. St. Louis made seven runs. The Tigers took the first, 4-3.

Cleveland, using Joe Shaute, handed the playoff Chicago White Sox a zero in the first game, the score being 4 to 0, but using four pitchers in the second helping them naught, the White Sox battering them all for a 13 to 6 victory.

In the National League the Braves received punishment from the Phillies Lee's triple and Wilson's circuit clout accounted for all their team's runs in a 4 to 1 victory.

A savage rally in the seventh by St. Louis, netting six runs, sent the Cincinnati Reds, 6 to 0. Dock Cardinal twirled in the second, weakened, and the Reds got an even break for the day, winning 5 to 3.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE. Philadelphia, 2; Boston, 1. Boston, 1; Philadelphia, 0. R. H. E. Philadelphia, 000000000—0 0 0. Boston, 000000000—0 0 0. Batteries—Shoemaker and Wingo; Doak, Dyer, Haines and Hargrave.

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QUEBEC, ONTARIO AND VERMONT LEAGUE. Ottawa-Hull, 12; Canadians, 2. At Montreal, 2. Montreal, 4; Ottawa-Hull, 2. Canadians, 0. Batteries—Lynch and Devine; Hackbarth, Barnhart, Denike and Freitag.

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