

Queer Slump of Babe Ruth's Has Sent Boston Red Sox Down

Noted Pitcher and Home-Run Hitter Is Having Poor Season, and Fans Cannot Account For It.

What is the matter with Babe Ruth? They ask it in the ball parks, on the streets and in the homes. Seems funny that walloping swatter, who started the season by hammering out home runs almost every trip to the plate, should hit only 139 in his first 13 games.

Yet it is a fact. Babe hasn't been doing much. He's losing games when Ed Barrow sends him to the plate. A bad arm keeps him from making long throws from the outfield. And at the plate the opposing pitchers have his number.

Hurts the Red Sox.

It looks bad for the Red Sox when

Babe is not in shape. In fact, they dropped nearly every game after he began to slip fast.

The home run king, the seventh wonder of hitters, the star pitcher and all-around handy man for Boston is at present in the dub class.

Some say temperament did it—that he couldn't get along with Barrow. Well, Babe admits he and Barrow have quarreled, but he says that isn't the reason.

Injury the Cause. The real reason—and take Babe's word for it—is a peculiar injury to his throwing arm, sustained in a game in which Babe played left and had occa-

sion to make a long throw to the plate. Just now Babe is almost useless as a pitcher and all as a batter. His arm won't permit nine innings of hurling and it won't permit him to hit a high ball.

Babe Likes Low Ones. He can still hit the low ones—he'll knock them out of the park—and it doesn't hurt a bit. But it is mighty painful to strike at a high ball. AND THE PITCHERS KNOW IT. AND MILLE. They're dishing up lots of high balls.

As soon as Babe's arm rounds to he'll be back in a winning stride again. The Sox expect him to be formidable as American League title contenders. In the meantime the doctors are working on the arm and Ed Barrow is praying.

ALL RACES AT HANOVER WON IN STRAIGHT HEATS

Three Races on Card—Favorites All
21st Race—Binger Takes 2:25

[Special to The Advertiser.]
HANOVER, Ont., July 10.—The Hanover Turf Club annual race card was held today. A large crowd was present, although the weather was decidedly cool, which probably kept a good number of people away.

Following are the results of the meet:

2:50 Trot or Pace, Purse \$250.
Billy Sundt, Adams, Ont., 1 1
Helen M. A. Moses, Penetang, 2 2 3

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Dr. Hal, R. Overland, Orangeville, 1 1
Oliver H. W. Lines, Hanover, 2 3 3

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With the Trotters and Pacers

Local harness horse enthusiasts will remember the bay racing stallion, Grattan Royal, that Nat Ray raced on the ice a few winters back as that horse was regarded the speediest side-wheeler ever seen on sharp shoes. He is the only horse that ever paced a quarter in 30 seconds on real ice over a two-lap track. This he did at Dufferin Park, Toronto, according to a dozen expert clockers. He was a full-knee, but is now loomed up as a most successful sire of pacers.

This year, three of his get are already cutting a wide swath in the early half-mile track meetings, the geldings, Roy Grattan, 2:07 1/2, and Freddie Grattan, 2:11 1/2, and the mare, Louie Grattan, 2:08 1/2.

Roy Grattan is owned by Richard Trench, Teeswater, Ont., who formerly owned the lanky pacer, Paddy R., 2:10 1/2 (ice record) that was a very classy side-wheeler before he met with an accident that put him out of commission.

Louie Grattan is owned by John McIrvine of Galt, and according to some experts, is the dearest of the trio. Mr. McIrvine paid \$3,000 for her as a green three-year-old, two years ago, and although that seemed a big figure at the time, his good judgment has been fully sustained by the filly's subsequent races. She is now a five-year-old, and in the hands of Vic Fleming is making turf history in Michigan. Private advice from over there say that Louie Grattan is right now close to a two-minute pacer on a mile track.

THISTLE CLUB WINS

MATCH WITH ELMWOODS

Four rinks of Thistle Club bowlers paid a visit to the Elmwood greens last night and in the games that followed were up 8 shots on the total. Both clubs won two games, but the Thistles made the largest score. The rinks and scores:

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