

It's Enough to Drive a Poor Cartoonist Nutty

By "Bud" Fisher

Only Ten Steps From First to Second For "Hap" Myers.
Brooklyn Recruit Who Leads League Base Runners

When Hap Myers, recruit first baseman of the Boston Braves, is in full stride, stealing bases, he covers nine feet, something up to 100 in running.

Myers is leading the National league base stealers, despite a batting average of but .224, which means that he does not reach first as often as men like Bob Bescher, Hans Lobert, Doyle or Merkle of the Giants.

The average stride of a sprinter is about six feet, and even the "lath" sprinter takes a comparatively short stride. Myers is a six-footer and is said to have the longest legs in the league.

Myers stole 118 bases in the Northwestern league last year. No one expects him to duplicate this in the National, but that long stride gets him over considerable ground in a hurry.

A Cincinnati dossier figured that the

average base runner takes thirteen steps of seven feet in going from base to base, while Myers takes but ten.

Myers is something of a baseball curiosity and his work is watched with interest by the fans. If the time comes that the big fellow climbs into the 800 class as a batter, he is apt to become a veritable terror of the paths to pitchers and catchers. He uses a bat of unusual length. Notice it.

Why Not Stage Elimination Series of Middle Weight Bouts?

By TOM ANDREWS

Will not some one please have the boxing clubs on the coast or Dominion Tortorich in New Orleans, arrange for a series of middle weight boxing matches to decide the championship? Not 10-round bouts, but contests of twenty rounds where the men will have a chance to decide on points and get a referee's decision.

It is a joke the way the title is being hauled around at the convenience of the middle weight aspirants. Ever since the late Stanley Ketchel held the title there has been a dispute regarding it. Billy Papke was next in line, but the defeat of Papke by Johnny Thompson in Australia took it away from Billy and Johnny became the champion. But the title there was a lot of work ahead but it finally simmered down to about four men, Jack Dillon, Jimmy Clabby, Eddie McGorty and Frank Klaus.

Dillon and Klaus met at Indianapolis May 29 last and the Hoosier had the best of it on points, but it was of only ten rounds duration and there is no telling what might have happened in a longer fight. Clabby and McGorty met at Denver recently and the newspapers disagreed, some calling it a draw while others gave it to Clabby. They met again at Butte, Mont., June 13 and the referee awarded the decision to Clabby in a 12-round argument. However, it was not long enough to reach a decisive verdict, but from the work of all four men it seems that Messrs Clabby and Dillon have the best of the argument just now. Of the quartette Clabby is the cleverest but he lacks about eight pounds of the middle-weight limit and that is quite a handicap to a man, although Jimmy has shown wonderful form in all his recent battles. He reminds one very much of Ketchel.

The coast and New Orleans are the only places where marathons bouts are held, and the promoters of those clubs would do the public a big favor if they would only arrange to stage a series of bouts by these men and let us have a real champion middle weight. It is the only fair way. Match Dillon and Klaus in a 12-round argument. However, it was not long enough to reach a decisive verdict, but from the work of all four men it seems that Messrs Clabby and Dillon have the best of the argument just now. Of the quartette Clabby is the cleverest but he lacks about eight pounds of the middle-weight limit and that is quite a handicap to a man, although Jimmy has shown wonderful form in all his recent battles. He reminds one very much of Ketchel.

VACATION TIME

Now a feeling of unrest
Stirs the normal human breast
And appears to permeate the atmosphere,
People, as you may surmise,
To the pleasing fact are wise
That vacation days will very soon be
here, here, here.

Little Jack peeks up in school
Under pedagogic rule
Watch the calendar observant of the date,
And such lights must be content
When from study they are free
That the anxious little souls can hardly
wait, wait, wait.

Wealthy bigwigs pack their grips
And prepare for foreign trips
Mighty wads of dough intending to
blow in, in, in,
Posing as patrician sports
At the continent resorts.
Flying high at Rome and Paris and Berlin,
Bourgeois novice short of cash
Likewise hope to cut a dash
Wherever the aristocracy is found,
And their womankind they'll load
With apparel a la mode,
Since it all depends on how a dame is
gowned, gowned, gowned.

Lesser lights must be content
With a two-week furlough spent
At the nearby lakes or on the Jersey strand,
And to join the dress parade
In a broadwalk promenade.

Or to haunt the piers and listen to the band, band, band.
What an outlook fair is this!
What a time of real bliss
Is in store the hearts of weary ones to
cheer, cheer, cheer.
Happy summer holidays
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—Arthur G. Burgoyne in Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

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Altogether it was a gala day for soldiers and civilians both. The Grand Fusiliers Band again distinguished themselves in an enjoyable concert this afternoon. Many attended the annual picnic of St. Francis Xavier church while many others were present at the ball game between Sussex and Carleton. Carleton won the first game 21 to 16 and Sussex the second 7 to 5. The sports were called off.

The remainder of the week in camp is expected to be of much interest. The programme arranged is more advanced as to general tactics than in other years. Field operations are to be carried out on Thursday night and continued on Friday when the annual sham battle will be waged by the Reds and Blues. Orders have been issued for a bivouac of the opposing parties on Thursday night, when the troops will take up their respective quarters some miles from Sussex.

The red force is to be commanded by Col. H. H. McLean and will be composed of the 8th Hussars, 10th battery C. F. A., and one section 1st Field Co. C. E. Lieut. Col. McKenna will have command of the Blue force made up of the 28th Dragoons, 12th and 19th Field Batteries, 1st Field Co. C. E., less one section, detachment corps of Guides, 10th Infantry Brigade, one company 6th divisional train and improvised field ambulance corps from No. 2 clearing hospital.

Colonel R. W. Rutherford, of Halifax, officer commanding the sixth district, will be umpire-in-chief, with Colonel W. M. Humphrey, camp commandant as chief assistant, while the following officers will act as assistant umpires: Major Hayter, Lieut. Russell and Capt. Dawson for the Blues and Captain Sitwell, Lieut. Laflerty and Capt. Good for the Reds.

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