

At Times Jeff Shows Some Intellect at That By "Bud" Fisher



SPORT NEWS OF A DAY; HOME AND ABROAD

Baseball N. B. and Maine League Standing

Table showing baseball league standings for N.B. and Maine leagues.

A Marathon Victory

In a closely contested game of baseball, the Marathons defeated the Woodstocks yesterday afternoon.

National League

Table showing National League standings.

Marathons

Table showing Marathons team statistics.

Woodstock

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Notes of the Game

That game might well be called a punk one.

New Pitcher for Pets

Manager Duggan received word today that Pitcher Sharkey would arrive from Lowell, Mass., tonight to join the Fredrickton team.

Good Words for Locals

In its news of the Western League and its players, Sporting News has the following: 'Fryer, the new St. Joseph's fielder, comes from St. John, New Brunswick, the same club from which Wichtis secured Fryer last year, and this season has been pitching good ball around Lowell.'

An Enquiry

What O'Connor is it that Davey Donald has signed up? Is it Andy O'Connor who had a trial with the New York Americans, pitched one game in the Northern Maine League, and then played in post-season games at St. John with the Worcester club, managed by Jesse Burkett, who declared O'Connor to be the real original 'Doughhead Barry,' and was dubbed him 'It's not that O'Connor, then who is it?—Gleaner.'

Baseball Notes

Outfielder Billy Hunter, sold by the Flint team to Cleveland, went 79 games without an error before he dropped one. Also he leads the Southern Michigan league in batting.

They say that Tarsaus, the Giants' pitcher, resembles Amos Rusie, McGraw does not worry about that, however.

Although Bob Beecher has learned to bat left-handed, and throws with the left wing, he still hits more easily and effectively right-handed.

There have been other left-handed throwers who could only bat strongly right-handed—Hal Chase, for example. The great first baseman seems lost if he tries to hit left-handed, and so, too, did Jimmy Ryan, Anson's great outfielder. Ryan had the best left wing in baseball, but always walloped right-handed. Lots of left-handed pitchers go up and bat right-handed, but they don't count, as they don't hit anything anyhow.

Connie Mack didn't teach his two managerial graduates, Harry Davis and Topsy Hartzel, how to skin the other fellow in a trade. Davis' one only trade was George Stovall for Lefty George. Hartzel made one on the same order when he gave St. Paul Harry Hinckman for Mike McCormick. Hinckman is starting for the Saints, while McCormick is warming the Toledo benches.

Scott Joe Euglen is touring the South for players for High Jennings. The Detroit manager is anxious to find a few play ers like Cobb below Mason and Dixon's line.

A Real Manager

When the Boston Red Sox took O'Brien and Hagenan, the Denver pitchers, it was figured that Denver would be down and out, and that Jim Hendricks would do much in the Western league this season. It will be noted, however, that John Hoyer at the top again is now the most lively candidate for the pennant honors that were his in 1911. Some manager, this Mack, has him in Denver and may have some material, and up he comes from the duck in speedy time. They are 'dipping' about him in Denver and may have a lot of money to sojourn—otherwise, he might be winning battles in big league company.

The Turf

Halifax Races. Halifax, N. S., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The second day's racing on the exhibition track brought fast time in the 2:30 trot and pace. Iona Girl took 124 seconds off her record of 2:37 1/2. The Attleboro bay gelding, Owego Boy, won the 2:15 trot and pace over a hard field. The heats taking the first three heats after fourth place in the last two heats. The summary:

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INVENTOR OF CURVED BALL IS DISCOVERED

University Professor Gives The Credit to a Swiss Physicist Who Died 130 Years Ago

New York, Aug. 10.—The identity of the man who discovered the curve ball has been found at last. According to Professor W. S. Franklin, of Lehigh University, his name was Daniel Bernoulli. The master of letters made this declaration in a lecture delivered at Columbia University yesterday before a large and enthusiastic audience of baseball lovers.

Bernoulli was a Swiss physicist, who died in 1782. He found out how to throw a ball so that it would curve. Joe Wood, Babe Ruth, Curley Mathewson, Walter Johnson and the other star box men of the present decade owe a great deal to the discoverer of the curve ball.

Professor Franklin explained all to his audience, but not in terms of baseball. He used pairs of water, boats, air ducts and enough of an assortment to fill a hardware store, but in the end every one was convinced that Bernoulli was the only original when it came to plotting out a curved ball. Some speed in the wood rovers suggested Dr. Francis should have had one of the big league pitchers for the day to give a demonstration, but Dr. Franklin insisted that Bernoulli was the only original in the relation of the pressure to the air and vice versa, each ball creating its own pressure by the velocity and the spin that the pitcher gives it as it leaves his hand.

Bernoulli made the discovery of this fact when he was observing a stream of water that flowed through wide pipes and narrowed in the pipes he had chosen. He found that the velocity was very great where the pressure was very great while the velocity was almost nothing in the shoals he used to show the velocity very vividly. This is the principle, so Professor Franklin demonstrated, that governs the flight and curve of a ball. If the ball sails straight through the air with no spin the pressure is all directed to the front and the ball is directly under the control of gravity so far as its curve is concerned, and consequently it drops to the ground. Whereas if the front of the ball, as it leaves the pitcher's hand, is given a downward spin, there is in addition to the downward force of gravity a force that tends to increase the speed with which the air passes beneath the ball and retards it above the ball.

Then reverting to the pressure-velocity theory of Bernoulli, it is seen that the pressure increases above the ball with the diminution of the velocity, and decreases below with the increase of velocity, and consequently the ball 'drops' as if the spinning motion of the front of the ball is upward the pressure increases below and diminishes above, and the pitch is an 'up-shoot.' Exactly the same theory applies when the spinning is to the right or left.

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