

THE STANDARD'S SPORTING SECTION

BASEBALL SALARIES SHOW BIG INCREASE IN RECENT YEARS

George Wright Received Only \$1,200 for Playing Through the Entire Season of 1869.

New York, March 8.—George Wright, star shortstop of the Cincinnati Red Stockings, played throughout the entire season of 1869 for a salary of \$1,200. The Red Stockings played 57 games that year, of which they won 56 and tied one, a record which has never been duplicated. Wright was the highest paid member of the team. Dr. H. Ruth, home run hitter extraordinaire, signed on Sunday a contract with the New York American League Baseball Club which will net him approximately \$75,000 during the coming season. The contract is for three years with a renewal option for two seasons additional. It continued for the full five years, Ruth will receive a total of not less than \$375,000.

These figures give an idea of the development of professional baseball in this country, during the past 50 years. They also are the cause of frequent conferences behind closed doors in which baseball magnates argue the question as to whether they will in the end turn and deliver what has been in the past a reasonably profitable business. Big league baseball club owners will not discuss publicly this subject except in the most abstract way. It is the consensus of opinion as expressed by the magnates, however, that the situation is serious.

It is estimated that the salary lists of the 16 clubs of the two major leagues will aggregate more than \$2,000,000 this season. The maximum figure for any one club has placed at about \$250,000 and the minimum at a little over \$100,000. To this expense must be added ground rent, travel, charges, local, state and federal taxes; interest on mortgages, officers' and clerical salaries and minor charges, such as advertising, ticket printing and supplies.

A study of baseball salaries over a period of the past 30 to 40 years shows the steady increase which has developed from year to year. In the early seventies \$1500 was a top-notch figure for a star player. At the beginning of 1900, players of similar calibre were receiving from \$5,000 to \$10,000 a season. A few years later the famous Chicago Nationals' infield drew the following figures: F. L. Huggins, \$10,000; E. J. Evers, \$6,000; B. Thacker, \$5,500, and Harry Steinbrecht, \$4,000.

About the same time Pittsburgh was paying J. H. Wagner, \$10,000 and Thomas Leach, \$4,500. The Athletics' famous infield, consisting of T. Collins, J. P. Baker, John McInnis and J. Barry, drew an annual total of \$17,500, of which Collins collected \$3,500 a year.

Some 20 years ago the National League had a salary limit of \$2,400. Ten years ago it was said that the average salary in the major league was not more than \$3,000. Today it is almost double these figures.

The players are not, however, the only ones who have benefited by the rising salary wave. The managers of the clubs also profit. In 1898 Frank Chance received \$1,200 during his first year as a player with the Chicago Cubs. Fifteen years later he drew a salary of \$25,000 a year and five per cent of the club profits as manager of the New York Americans. About the same time Tris Speaker was drawing \$15,000 a year with the Boston Americans. His present contract with Cleveland is much more remunerative.

In 1916, A. G. Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati Nationals, testified that the salary roll for the team that year was \$89,500, of which Christy Mathewson as manager drew \$12,000; C. L. Herzog \$10,000, and H. H. Chase \$8,000. Following the baseball war with the federal league, the magnates proclaimed loudly that salaries must come down but they went up instead. Other expenses accompanied them. President B. B. Johnson of the American League receives \$20,000 a year under a 20-year contract. Judge K. M. Landis, as high baseball commissioner, has a seven-year contract at \$50,000 a year.

Manager J. J. McGraw of the New York Giants recently signed a five-year contract at figures said to be \$50,000 a season. Two players purchased by his club within the past few months cost \$125,000, for it was reported that H. K. Groh came from Cincinnati for \$60,000 and Charles O'Donnell from the Pacific Coast League a year hence at \$75,000.

Verily, baseball has grown considerably since Nicholas L. Young received a salary of \$400 a year as first secretary of the National League back in 1876 and his initial report showed receipts of \$21,322 and expenses of \$475.50.

John F. Morrill, remembered as the foremost first baseman in the "70s and early '80s, who played with the Boston champions of 1877, 1878 and 1883, thinks the high salaries now paid a star ball player are justified in view of the development of the game.

"In the old days baseball was not thought of as a money-making proposition," said Mr. Morrill. "The club owners entered into it purely for the love of the sport, and so did the players, for that matter; but they necessarily got good wages, because baseball was their only means of livelihood and they worked at it for only eight months of the year. We used to start the season on March 15 and play along until the middle of No-

vember with local teams, long after the championship season was over. "In the years that followed, baseball changed from an amateur venture to one that competed with the theatres and other long-established forms of recreation. Now a ball player is an actor in the sense that he appears in order to please the public, and it is his work in a high sense, the public will pay well and often to see him perform. The day of the club owner as a money maker was at hand and once he experienced the way of making money at his sport, he did not relish giving up the idea.

"The greater the player, the greater the crowd that goes to see him; that nearly always follows. So when he realizes that his efforts are making his employers wealthy, the player only naturally wants a larger share of the profits. Just as long as people will pay top-notch prices to see a goal article of ball, the player will have a right, in my opinion, to ask for high wages.

"It seems that more than one factor has entered into this recent growth of baseball. Prohibition without doubt has had a lot to do with it, for many men will now pay his prices for recreation such as baseball, who used to spend the same amount of money for liquor. Money is circulating faster; car fares and train rates are higher, admission prices to ball parks are higher, but no one seems to complain, and the baseball club owners and players reap the benefits."

Public Golf Links Win Country Favor

By Chick Evans.

In Scotland every one goes now. In America nearly every one will go—presently. Two factors, aside from the charm of the game itself, contributed largely to the wonderful popularity of golf in Scotland. The first of these, I think, was the long hours of twilight which obtain in Scotland. If you have spent some evenings in Scotland you know what "in the gloaming" means.

Some peculiar atmospheric and climatic conditions bring this about over there. The long hours of soft, evening light are wonderful for golf. Tens of thousands of Scots thus took up the game because they had plenty of time in which to play in the evening hours.

Then, too, golf has always been cheaper in Scotland than it is here. Clubs, balls, everything costs less over there. But the great factor in this lower cost of playing is the great number of public courses. To a great extent, the public course idea has spread to England, so there are about as many public links there as in Scotland.

Was talking last the other day with a young business man from London, who was telling me of some of his difficulties in finding a house in London. I knew he was a golfer, so when he mentioned having finally found a place I inquired if there was a golf course near.

Daylight Saving helps, "two of them," I am only two squares from one public links, while the other one is directly in back of my place."

This man, I should point out, does not live away out in the suburbs of London, but in the city proper. He mentioned that he goes back and forth between his new house and the downtown section on one of the many London bus lines.

One of the tendencies encouraging golf in this country is the duplication, in a manner of the factors I have cited as having done so much for golf in Scotland. Our "moving up of the clock" during the summer months operates to give us an evening period which is somewhat like the gloaming in Scotland. This applies particularly to those sections of the country that are in the western areas of the four time zones. Detroit, for instance, is in the western area of the eastern time zone, Omaha in the central time zone, Los Angeles and Seattle are in the western area of the Pacific time zone.

Those places gain much more than an hour of daylight when the clock is moved forward. But the gain everywhere is considerable and adds much time to the golf-playing evening. In my earlier golf days I never expected at all to play a round after the business day. Of late years I do a great deal of my playing after 6 o'clock. The three hours between 5.30 and 8.30 in the evening provide, I think, the ideal time for eighteen holes of the favorite sport, and even a foursome can get around in the time if they move along.

Public Links Win Favor. Fortunately, no one has to make an argument in behalf of the public links in America and Canada. Wherever they have been established their popularity has been demonstrated almost instantly. Park commissioners from cities in nearly every corner of America have lately been corresponding with Commissioner McKinley of Chicago, and I can sense from this and from remarks Mr. McKinley has made to me that a national wave of public links building will be witnessed in this country within another year or so.

I am perfectly safe in the prediction that in another four or five years there will not be an important city in the United States that will not boast of five to ten, possibly more, public golf courses. This development is inevitable. Golf is sweeping across the country steadily gaining in favor with the masses of the people, and its hold on these people is sure to grow and last because no one who takes up the game ever abandons it.

The national query, "What's the score?" will give way to "What did you get around in?"

Carpentier To Take Month's Rest

Scheduled to Fight Ted Lewis in London, May 11—Had Operation Performed.

Paris, March 9.—George Carpentier, European heavyweight champion, will be confined to his room for several days, as a result of yesterday's operation for an infected condition of the throat. Carpentier told correspondents today that while the operation was not serious enough to require that he remain in bed he must stay in bed for the next few days and then leave for a month's rest in the country. When he returns to Paris he will resume training for his bout with Ted Lewis, scheduled to be fought in London, May 11.

Carpentier stated that while the operation was painful his condition was not dangerous. Friends of the French pugilist, however, called attention to the continuous poor health of Carpentier since his defeat by Jack Dempsey in Jersey City last July and the impression is held in certain quarters that the punishment he received at that time was more severe than generally supposed.

All-Canadian Championship

Montreal, March 9.—Toronto's Garrison Club Badminton players defeated the Montreal C. A. M. C. representatives in the initial matches of the first all-Canadian championship tournament here tonight, and captured the Toronto Cup for the event by eight games to four. Only Toronto and Montreal players were engaged. Ladies' doubles, men's doubles and mixed doubles were played.

Yale Rifle Team Defeated Oxford

New Haven, Conn., March 9.—Yale defeated Oxford in an international rifle match yesterday 740 to 708. The Oxford team score was received by cable from England today. The Yale team made a perfect score in the rapid firing division. Ole and Bennett starred for Yale, each scoring 149 points out of a possible 150.

The Old Country Football Results

London, March 9.—In a rugby country championship final at Birmingham today, Gloucestershire defeated North Midlands 19 to 0.

In a Third Division, Southern Section Soccer match played today, Swansea and Charlton drew nothing to nothing.

TROJANS LEAVE FOR YARMOUTH

The Trojans are leaving on the Digby boat this morning enroute to Yarmouth where they will play a return game with the Yarmouth basketball team tonight. They are taking a strong line-up in the persons of: Crose and Urquhart as forwards; Malcolm, Centre, Kerr and Flemming defense; and Potter spare. Their friends anticipate an easy victory. As arrangements could not be made, a game that was to have been played with Truro will now be across the Bay, and will not come off.

Both U. N. B. and Acadia are negotiating with the Trojans for a game here sometime this month.

JOHNSON PROPOSES SYMBOLICAL STATUE

Eagle Pass, Tex., March 6.—Ban Johnson, president of the American League, who has been at the Athletics' camp, announced that the league plans to present to the city of Mexico a bronze statue "symbolical of baseball relations between the two countries." It will be erected in the public square at the Mexican capital and will represent a runner sliding to the plate. Ray Sobash of the Chicago White Sox will pose for the statue as part of the statuary and Siler for the sliding figure.

BYING GIRLS TO PLAY

The Bying Girls, champions of the Young Ladies City Basketball League, will meet the U. N. B. Co-Ed team on the Y. W. C. A. floor tomorrow evening. Following the match a short programme of dances will be carried on in the recreation centre.

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Tottenham Hotspurs Defeated Cardiff

Amazing Scenes at Re-played Fourth Round English Cup-Tie Match at London.

London, March 9.—Amazing scenes were witnessed at the re-played fourth round English Cup tie match here today between Tottenham Hotspurs and Cardiff when Spurs won 2 to 1. Crowds besieged the grounds hours before the start. Spurs kicked off facing brilliant sunshine, and in the first five minutes overran Cardiff. When the Welshmen steadied themselves and continually pressed the Spurs whose goal had several narrow escapes. After 35 minutes of play Gill scored for Cardiff, leaving the game 1 to 0 at half time in favor of that team. The reverse seemed to stimulate the Spurs and the second half saw them playing brilliant football. Walters completely subdued Len Davies, while Grimstead and Smith gave the Welsh wings little scope.

The Cardiff goal had many thrilling escapes and after quarter of an hour Dinmook headed through. The Spurs continued on the offensive, their goalkeeper Jacques being rarely troubled. Ten minutes from the end Spurs were given a free kick. Grimstead shot at goal. Blair intercepted the shot, but before he could clear, Wilson rushed up and scored. After the match crowds swarmed onto the grounds and carried Wilson on their shoulders to the Spurs' dressing room.

The inconspicuous exit of Anton Villa from the association English Cup was largely attributable to wonderful enthusiasm of the Notts County team, who showed themselves not in the least subdued by the great name and tradition of their opponents. The Notts forwards made for goal at express speed and at every opportunity were dangerous although Villa's display was quite unworldly. Their forwards were devoid of combination while their backs and halves were utterly unreliable.

The calculations of Huddersfield of meeting the Villa are thus seriously upset. The fact that they now have to meet such a comparatively unknown quantity as Notts County is giving them food for serious reflection. The defeat of the Villans shows that prophecy is unwise, but the firm following are still predicting that Spurs and Huddersfield will meet at Stamford Bridge in the final next April, the former after defeating Cardiff today, being easily expected against Preston. Especially after the latter's display against Arsenal when after a grim struggle they could only force a narrow win during extra time.

Bowling Results In Local Leagues

THE CITY LEAGUE. In the City League, on Black's alleys last evening, the Ramblers took all four points from the Nationals. The scores follow:

Nationals	Ramblers
Quinn 79 94 276 92	Winchester 87 79 98 264 84 2 3
Winchester 87 79 98 264 84 2 3	Appleby 90 94 82 266 83 2 3
Appleby 90 94 82 266 83 2 3	Bailey 83 106 85 283 94 1 3
Bailey 83 106 85 283 94 1 3	Ward 79 96 94 269 89 2 3
Ward 79 96 94 269 89 2 3	

Ramblers	Commercials
Belyea 87 93 78 258 86	Cooper 99 119 93 311 103 2 3
Cooper 99 119 93 311 103 2 3	Akerly 81 98 98 277 92 1 3
Akerly 81 98 98 277 92 1 3	Covey 93 102 95 289 96 1 3
Covey 93 102 95 289 96 1 3	Beattsey 113 94 81 317 105 2 3
Beattsey 113 94 81 317 105 2 3	

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

In the Commercial League, on Black's alleys last night, the team from Ames Holden McCready took all four points from the Brook and Peterson team. The scores follow:

Brook and Peterson	Ames Holden McCready
MacMichael 79 93 81 253 77 2 3	Seymour 78 92 81 261 83 2 3
Moore 87 87 73 237 77	Clark 87 80 75 242 80 2 3
Masters 63 75 71 209 79 2 3	Piet 72 77 71 230 73 1 3
Gorrie 82 82 81 245 81 3 3	Freston 84 77 79 240 86
Henderson 99 97 81 277 82 1 3	Murphy 80 88 86 264 84 2 3

Tonight in the Commercial League, the teams from Vassie and Co. and Baird and Peters, will roll.

IN A MATCH GAME. In a match game rolled on the Y. M. C. A. alleys last night, the Superintendent of the Postal Service's picked team proved of no avail against the onslaughts of the doughty knights enrolled under the banners of the Inspector of Taxation, who succeeded in grinding out four points from them. The scores follow:

Inspector Taxation	Post Office
Masters 77 84 81 252 84	Meahan 86 89 79 264 84 2 3
Meahan 86 89 79 264 84 2 3	Estabrooks 99 92 89 270 90
Estabrooks 99 92 89 270 90	Hoben 87 100 103 280 96 2 3
Hoben 87 100 103 280 96 2 3	McLeod 77 88 81 266 85 1 3
McLeod 77 88 81 266 85 1 3	

Supt. of Postal Service	Ames Holden McCready
Ash 83 104 101 287 95 2 3	Griffith 83 95 83 261 87
Griffith 83 95 83 261 87	Allen 83 85 85 256 86 1 3
Allen 83 85 85 256 86 1 3	Shannon 96 86 92 274 90 1 3
Shannon 96 86 92 274 90 1 3	Woods 77 77 81 235 78 1 3
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Canadian Golf Championships

Royal Canadian Assn. Have Fixed the Dates for the Coming Summer.

Toronto, March 9.—Dates for the Canadian golf championships during the coming summer have been fixed as follows by the executive committee of the Royal Canadian Golf Association: Canadian amateur championship, Hamilton Golf and Country Club, week of June 19.

Open championship, Mount Bruno Golf Club, July 23 and 29. Ladies' championship, Toronto Golf Club, Sept. 11.

Members of the executive from Halifax, Calgary and other points made representations in connection with the ruling of the St. Andrews Golf Club committee disapproving of the use of corrugated slotted or grooved golf clubs, and withholding permission for their use. The Canadian body refused to adopt this ruling.

HIGH SCHOOL TEAMS PLAY BASKETBALL

Yesterday afternoon in the Y. M. C. A. gym two Grade X teams from the High School played a very interesting game of basketball. A team from Mr. Denham's room defeated from Mr. Brooks' room by the very close score of 15 to 13. The game was a big surprise as it was thought Mr. Brooks' team would easily defeat that of Mr. Denham's room, because two of the members of the High School first team were on it. Mr. Denham's team although lighter, played harder and faster than their opponents and won the game.

The line-ups of the teams follow: Mr. Denham: Mr. Brooks: Forwards: Roberts, Shaw, Huestis, Ewing. Defence: Frost, Jenner, Wilson, Malcolm.

THE INTER-SOCIETY POOL TOURNAMENT

In the Inter-Society Pool Tournament being conducted at the Y. M. C. A., there were two contests last night. The team composed of J. McGovern and J. Hennessey, representing A. O. H. No. 5, won from H. Jenson and J. Sullivan, the Y. M. C. A. representatives.

AN OPEN MEETING.

An open meeting on sport will be held in the A. O. H. Hall, Union street, tonight. All those interested in sport, of both sexes, are invited to attend and free discussion invited. The chief speaker will be William J. McNulty, and it is hoped that A. W. Covey, president of the Maritime branch of the A. A. U. of C. will also speak. F. E. Williams is another speaker scheduled, and one of the subjects that will probably be discussed is the Gladys Robinson case.

Roger Hornsby Has Signed Up

Leading Batman of National League Has Joined Cardinals for a Good Fat Salary.

St. Louis, March 9.—Roger Hornsby, leading batsman of the National League, who has been holding out, late this afternoon agreed to sign a contract and will shortly depart for the Cardinals' training camp at Orange, Tex. Terms of the contract were not made public, but it is understood that the salary is between \$30,000 and \$25,000, with a clause increasing it if the club finishes first, second or third in the league race. Hornsby has been demanding \$25,000 and the club recently offered \$17,000. The contract, it was said, makes Hornsby the highest paid ball player in the league.

The Puritan May Be Challenger

Fishing Schooner to be Launched from James & Sons' Yards, Essex, Mass.

Essex, Mass., March 9.—The Puritan, fishing schooner and prospective challenger for the International Fishermen's trophy, will be launched Thursday at the shipyards of J. F. James & Sons. The vessel, which will spend the season on the halibut fishing grounds, is being built by the Manta Club, of Gloucester. The Puritan, smaller than the Mayflower, which was barred by Canadian trustees on the ground that she was more yacht than fisherman, was conceived by Captain Ben Fyne, of Gloucester, her managing owner, and other Gloucester men at Halifax last fall when Elsie, of Gloucester, was defeated by the Bluenose, of Lunenburg, for the International Cup.



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