

# SPORT NEWS

## Few of Major League Stars Are Showmen

### Brilliant Players in Plenty to Entertain Fans, But "Color" Is Lacking.

By Davis J. Walsh, International News Service Sports Editor.

NEW YORK, Aug. 20.—Color, that dearly defined something distinguishing a box office go-getter from the mediocre, is hardly a disease common to ball players. Ruth and Cobb, of course, fairly bristled with it, and there are a few additional exceptions, more or less notable, but the opposite side of the page is overflowing with the names of those who might have achieved undying fame and did not.

Take Ruth as an example. Sixty per cent of his prominence is due to the fact that he could hit more home runs than any living mortal. The rest is mere personality, showmanship, shyness, Frank Baker was the first to bring before him; he was colorless, a "dead-man," and couldn't have attained Ruth's position had he smitten a round hundred home runs each season.

Cobb and Sider are another study in contrast. The former—color, in persons, boldness and altogether unimpressible—made himself the greatest individual figure in baseball for more than twelve years because he topped off, great natural talent with the spice of a multi-colored personality. Sider, of almost equal ability, draws less attention because he lacks either the gift or desire for making himself conspicuous. Hornsby and Speaker are ball players of the same type.

There are plenty of good shortstops in the land but until he began to fade a bit during recent years, Rabbit Marichio was the only one who got much attention. His peculiarities in the field, plus his cocky, self-assured attitude, made the "Rabbit" a drawing card, although it was always a moot point whether he was of greater value to his team than Haney. The latter is a much less ball player, and never drew an extra nickel at the box office. The same applies to Scott, Hollocher and other leading shortstops.

The fact of the matter is that nine members of the profession play baseball to one who throws in a dash of showmanship with his natural ability, either by design or otherwise.

You have to go back over twenty years to get a fair representation of the later. Waddell and "Duke" Raymond were great pitchers, but even traits added to their appeal. Walter Johnson, Alexander, Matfy and others never lost the drawing power of the other two.

Incidentally, Hal Chase is generally mentioned as the greatest of first basemen, yet we wonder if he can be compared with Sider in all-around value. In selecting Chase, however, most people remember only his grace, his speed and his appeal to the man in the stands. He excelled Sider in defensive ability, but otherwise the comparison is like an oblong viewpoint—all one-sided.

Tennis Team Will Be Picked. NEW YORK, (AP)—America's defenders in this year's Davis cup challenge round against Australia will be chosen Tuesday by the Davis cup committee of the United States Lawn Tennis association.

Among court followers it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that William T. Tilden, the national champion, and William M. Johnston, new world's champion, will be selected to carry the burden in the singles. Neither has been defeated in this branch of international cup competition since they brought the famous trophy back from Australia in 1920.

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## DEMPSEY IS TRAINING FOR FIRPO BOUT

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, (AP)—Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion, Monday put in one of the hardest days of training since he pitched camp here several weeks ago in preparation for the September 14 bout with Luis Angel Firpo at New York city.

Down to 195 pounds, the champion reeled off eight miles of mountain roads as his morning brace, and then devoted two rounds apiece to the light and heavy punching bags.

This afternoon he boxed two rounds each with George Godfrey and Jack Burke, and concluded the day's work with two rounds against Elbezar Aarix, French-Canadian lumberjack, who simulates the Firpo type of fighter.

## ENGLAND LEADING IN TENNIS TOURNEY

NEWPORT, R. I. (AP)—England went into a 2-2 lead over the United States in the women's international tennis matches upon the courts of the Newport Casino Monday.

The teams ended the four singles matches of the day tied at 2-2, but Miss Kathleen McKane and Mrs. H. C. O'Neil, English pair, who won the American championship at Forest Hills last week, upheld their claim to the title by defeating a second time Mrs. George H. Wightman and Miss Eleanor Goss, The Americans.

Finalists at Forest Hills and victors over the English women in the Wightman cup series, were defeated in straight sets, 6-4, 3-6.

In the singles, Mrs. Stella Mallory, playing an aggressive, hard hitting game, defeated Mrs. Geraldine Beamish of England, 6-3, 6-1; Miss Goss won from Miss McKane, 7-5, 6-4; Mrs. H. C. O'Neil overwhelmed Miss Leslie Haneroff of the American team, 6-1, 6-0, and Mrs. R. C. Clayton of England won from Miss Lillian Scherman, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

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Pacific Coast League

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
San Francisco	85	57	.599
Sacramento	78	63	.553
Portland	76	63	.547
Salt Lake	68	70	.493
Seattle	63	73	.471
Los Angeles	63	77	.450
Vernon	63	77	.450
Oakland	62	80	.437

National League

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	47	43	.523
Cincinnati	68	46	.596
Pittsburg	67	48	.583
Chicago	63	53	.543
Brooklyn	57	58	.496
St. Louis	57	58	.496
Philadelphia	58	70	.450
Boston	55	77	.412

American League

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	74	38	.661
Cleveland	62	52	.544
Detroit	55	53	.509
St. Louis	54	56	.491
Washington	54	57	.486
Chicago	52	60	.464
Philadelphia	48	63	.432
Boston	44	64	.407

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE  
Portland Beats Los Angeles

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Los Angeles	4	9	.303
Portland	4	9	.303
Los Angeles	2	7	.286

American League (Yesterday)

New York 16, Chicago 5.
Detroit 2, Boston 6.
Washington 7, St. Louis 2.

National League (Yesterday)

Cincinnati 6-8, Philadelphia 3-3.
Pittsburg 3, New York 1.
Chicago 10, Brooklyn 4.
Boston 5, St. Louis 2.

American League (Today)

St. Louis 8, Boston 2.
Cincinnati 7, Philadelphia 5.
Chicago 9, Brooklyn 1.

National League (Today)

New York, Chicago—Rain.
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Home Run Record. CHICAGO, Aug. 21.—After going into a tie twice earlier in the season, with "Cy" Williams of the Philadelphia Nationals,

Babe Ruth, home run slugger of the New York Americans, last week assumed the lead for the first time this year in the race for home run honors in the two major leagues. Sunday he had a lead of three homers over his nearest competitor.

A week ago Ruth and Williams were tied for home run honors with 20 each. During the week Ruth increased his bunch of four-base hits to 32 while Williams was unable to connect with any circuit clouts. Kenneth Williams of the St. Louis Americans continued third in the home run race in the two leagues with 22. Leading home run hitters including those with 11 or more to their credit follow:

American League—Ruth, New York, 32; Williams, St. Louis, 22; Hellmann, Detroit, 14; Hauser, Philadelphia, 14; Brower, Cleveland, 13; Tobin, St. Louis, 12; Speaker, Cleveland, 12; Mannus, St. Louis, 12; Miller, Philadelphia, 11.

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Actors Demand Daily Pay. LONDON, Aug. 21 (A. P.)—Singers and actors in the countries affected by the stamp in exchanges have adopted a new method of collecting their salaries. The artists now demand that they be paid at the conclusion of each day's work, and at the rate of exchange paid for seats that day.

London Marks Its Famous Spots. LONDON, Aug. 21 (A. P.)—Visitors to places of interest in the city, and many Londoners themselves, have been surprised lately to find numerous blue plaques with white letters on walls of buildings. These are being put up by the City Council to mark the sites of ancient London, and the residences of famous citizens.

German Telegrams Paralyzed. BERLIN, Aug. 21 (A. P.)—Telegraphic communications in Germany have been swamped ever since the mark began its downward swoon. Since January of this year the amount of business handled by the German telegraph lines has been doubled that

of the corresponding period for last year. Telegrams now travel more slowly in Germany than letters, and the telegraph administration has appealed to the public to equalize its business and use the wires as sparingly as possible.

One of the most recent ones marks the spot in Cheside from which the Romans measured their miles from London. Reminders of "Chancer, Kents, Shakespeare, Pops and other prominent citizens of the often days also have been designated.

Huge German Zeppelin Shed Now Motion Picture Studio. BERLIN, Aug. 21 (A. P.)—The immense airframe from which, during the war, the German Zeppelins began their terrifying flights, is today being used as a motion picture studio. The hall, located at Staaken, outside of Berlin, is 4,500 feet long and 150 feet high. The Germans declare it to be the biggest film studio in the world.

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