

# SPORT NEWS

## Homers Pall On Fans; Too Common Now

Base Stealing and Other Forms of Diamond Skill Are on Toboggan in the Majors.

By DAVIS J. WALSH, (I. N. S. Sports Editor)

NEW YORK—The "jackrabbit" that defines a base runner who has made baseball a strong arm proposition and George H. Ruth, the well-known outfielder, a figure of almost international consequence, is again coming in for immoderate criticism. Too many home runs are now said to have staled the public palate and sacrificed the scientific side of baseball to the business of slugging. Therefore, they contend, the lively ball should go.

Their contention is not without justice. Home runs, except in New York, have lost their appeal because their amazing frequency has lessened their value in the eyes of the customers. You might have a weakness for Hungarian goulash, but not if it were served to you, per se, as a constant diet.

A glance at the records is all that is necessary to emphasize the passing of scientific baseball since the "rabbit" was introduced in 1920. Base stealing was then one of the older and nobler arts. It is no more.

In 1905, for example, most of the ball players hit a baseball with as much enthusiasm as they do today. But where Ruth and others range above forty to the season, the leaders in those days were Tim Lincecum and Harry Davis with twelve apiece. Such a total now would be regarded with pitying scorn, if at all.

The National League total was 126 in 1905 as against 446 early in August of this year, with more than fifty games to be played. In the same way the American League had produced 314 as against 123 for the full season in 1906.

In those days and immediately thereafter, Cobb and Collins stole as many as eighty and ninety bases in a season. Today the entire American League has stolen less than 500. This is a ridiculous figure when the fact is mentioned that the Giants stole 288 bases in 1906. The same team, by the way, hit only fifteen homers for that season.

However, the home-run craze, which has so thoroughly destroyed baseball's sense of proportion, must run its course. It is just like any other fad—bobbed hair, Valentino shagbuns, bathtub gin, etc.—and as such will die a natural death in due season.

### COVE BASEBALL TEAM SEERS GAME WITH BAKER

**BAKER**—The Cove ball team has suddenly revived and demand a game with Baker to determine the Intermountain League pennant winner. By defeating La Grande last Sunday the Cois claimed the championship, but in order to satisfy all claimants, Manager Hunt men are anxious for a game with the Cherry Pickers and negotiations are understood to be under way for a final game to be played in this city next Sunday.

The Cove team is always a dangerous rival, they having some heavy hitters and several heavy players. The game would no doubt prove a greater drawing card than did the La Grande game and it is hoped definite arrangements will be made.

### Many Swimming Stars Enter National Meet

INDIANAPOLIS, (A. P.)—Several of the world's greatest swimmers will compete in the National A. A. U. senior and junior outdoor meet here tomorrow, Friday and Saturday, according to the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, which is sponsoring the championships.

Both men and women stars will participate in the events, the most important of which are men's senior national championship at 100 yards (free style), and women's junior national 850 yards (free style) and 220 yards breast stroke, and women's junior national one mile.

John Weismuller, Chicago, world's greatest swimmer, will not take part because of a strained heart muscle. Duke Kahanamoku, Hawaii, is expected to be an entry.

Kahanamoku, veteran and holder of many world's records, is swimming in splendid form this year, according to reports received at Indianapolis. Robert Skelton, Chicago, breast stroke champion; Harold Krueger, Chicago, former of Hawaii, and several others of note, probably will participate.

Gertrude Ederle, New York City, declared by many to be the world's greatest woman swimmer of all times, has assured the chamber of commerce she will be here in search of more honors. Miss Ederle is world's woman champion at 220 yards and 440 yards free style.

Alicen Tingle, New York City, a former winner of the diving championship at the Olympic games; Minnie DeVry, Suhl Bauer, and Edna O'Connell, all of Chicago, also have entered. Miss Bauer holds the record from 100 yards to 200 meters.

In addition to the national events, Indiana-Kentucky A. A. U. championships also will be determined.

There are few matters in the world so urgent that they can't wait until the train gets past the crossing.

## BASEBALL

### Pacific Coast League.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
San Francisco	86	58	.599
Sacramento	80	63	.560
Portland	76	65	.540
Salt Lake	69	71	.493
Seattle	66	74	.471
Los Angeles	66	77	.462
Vernon	61	80	.438
Oakland	61	81	.432

### American League

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	74	69	.515
Cleveland	62	63	.492
Detroit	56	63	.471
St. Louis	56	76	.426
Chicago	52	61	.460
Washington	55	67	.449
Philadelphia	49	63	.437
Boston	44	66	.400

### Pacific Coast League

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
San Francisco	88	57	.607
Portland	75	63	.543
Sacramento	78	64	.549
Salt Lake	70	59	.543
Seattle	65	75	.463
Los Angeles	66	77	.462
Oakland	65	76	.461
Vernon	60	79	.432

### PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

San Francisco 9, Oakland 0	R. H. E.
San Francisco	17 11 1
Oakland	0 4 0

Batteries: McWeeny and Yelle; Krause, Eley and Reid.

### Los Angeles 11, Vernon 2

Los Angeles 11, Vernon 2	R. H. E.
Los Angeles	11 15 0
Vernon	2 9 1

Batteries: Crandall and Rego; Gilder and Hannah.

### Los Angeles 6, Vernon 0

Los Angeles 6, Vernon 0	R. H. E.
Los Angeles	6 12 1
Vernon	0 5 3

Batteries: Johnson and without an operator's license. E. Habick of Staff-

### Batteries: Lyons and Baldwin; Foster, Carson and D. Murphy.

### Sacramento 5, Portland 1

Sacramento 5, Portland 1	R. H. E.
Sacramento	1 12 3
Portland	5 10 0

Batteries: Sutherland and Onslow; Prough and Schang.

### Salt Lake 18, Seattle 15

Salt Lake 18, Seattle 15	R. H. E.
Salt Lake	15 17 1
Seattle	18 19 3

Batteries: Gardner, Blake, Gregg and Tobin; Gould, Finney, Kallio and Jenkins.

### National League (Yesterday)

Boston 3, St. Louis 1.
Cincinnati, Philadelphia, rain.

### American League (Yesterday)

Philadelphia 3, Chicago 2.
New York 3, Detroit 6.
St. Louis 8-6, Boston 7-1.
Washington 8, Cleveland 5.

### Villa Kayos Feldman.

NEW YORK (AP)—Pancheo Villa, world's flyweight champion knocked out Jackie Feldman of New York in the third round of a 10-round match here Wednesday night. The rights were: Villa 1-2, Feldman 1-7, Feldman substituted for Charlie Rosenberg, who was ill. The bell saved Feldman in the second round.

### Traffic Law Violators Fined.

OREGON CITY, Or.—Five dollar fines were imposed by Justice of the Peace Noble, for improper lights on automobiles, upon Paul Freytag, 1535 Boston avenue, Portland; E. Park, Portland, and A. Van Dornetin, Boring. Robert H. Thomas, 1822 Division street, Portland, contributed \$15 and coast and suffered a suspension of his driver's license for ten days, for speeding at 40 miles an hour. W. Dezel, 319 Twenty-second street, St. Depel, was fined \$10 for driving with only one headlight and without an operator's license. E. Habick of Staff-

### ford drove a heavy tractor on the highway without a written permit and was assessed \$10 for the offense.

### New Mill Site Under Way

RAINIER, Or.—Work on the new Jacobson-Ried mill site is going on as fast as it can be pushed at this stage. The mill will be located on the property recently purchased by the Jacobson-Ried company from Mrs. Mary Newsome. Work of preparing the mill site is in charge of William Reid, veteran lumberman of Rainier.

### SHIP MASTER IS FINED FOR NEGLECTING RADIO

LIVERPOOL, (L. N. S.)—Under a charge said to be the first of its kind in Europe, John Evans, master of the steamship Trodenham, was fined \$50 here for failing to keep a continual wireless watch on board his vessel.

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### AUSTRALIAN TEAM BEATS COAST DUO

BROOKLINE, Mass. — The Australian Davis cup team of James O. Anderson and John B. Hawkes, gave followers of tennis an exhibition of championship doubles play Wednesday defeating the Pacific coast combination, William M. Johnston and Clarence J. Griffin, in a third round match of the national doubles tournament. The galleries at the Longwood Cricket club at Chestnut Hill, saw the team which many expected would represent America in the challenge round against Australia next month, go down to defeat by the score of 6-4, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

The other Australian team, composed of the spares of the Davis cup challengers, Ian D. Melnis and W. E. Schlesinger, fell before the coming of skill of Manuel Alonze of Spain and his new partner, W. F. Johnson, of Philadelphia. The scores were 4-6, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, 7-5.

William T. Tilden, H. and his new doubles mate, Brian L. C. Norton of South Africa, found the Harvard-Yale combination of W. W. Ingraham and Arnold W. Jones, who Tuesday eliminated the Davis cup team of France, to be away off form and walked through them in straight sets, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

The former Davis cup team of R. N. Williams, H. Bryn Mawr, Pa., and Watson Washburn, New York, had little difficulty in eliminating Geo. H. Garviner, and Harry C. Johnson, Boston, 6-0, 6-3, 6-3.

Thursday the Australians will meet the Williams-Washburn team, while Alonze and Johnson will play Tilden and Norton on Friday for the right to enter the finals.

Criticism would be a fine thing if the job of making it left us any leisure to enjoy it.



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