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SPORT NEWS

Billy Evans Says



LIVELY BALL MYSTERY.
Who will solve the mystery of the lively ball.

The manufacturers supplying same to the two major leagues insist there has been no change in the material used.

Despite this, the big league sluggers continue to make home runs with monotonous regularity.

HOME RUN REACTION.
I am of the opinion that sooner or later there will be a reaction to the epidemic of home runs.

of the ball. During the first eight weeks of the 1925 campaign the major leagues made 334 home runs. Last season there was a slight fall, only 295 circuit drives being registered.

This year the hitters have again gone wild. In the same period of time 430 home runs have been made, 263 in the National, 237 in the American.

It is too great a margin to be charged to inferior pitching or increased batting power. The lively ball is the only way out to the solution.

FOUR-RUN MARGIN.
"When I came into the major leagues," remarked pitcher Joe Bush to me recently, "if a pitcher acquired a four-run margin at any stage of the game it was supposed to be it."

"In other words, a pitcher who couldn't hold a four-run margin after his teammates would have brought him with that advantage, was simply terrible."

"That rule it from me a four-run margin doesn't mean a thing to a major league pitcher any more. An error, a temporary lapse in control, resulting in a base on balls, a hit and the bases are filled. Then along comes a batter who hits one into the bleachers and your four runs are no more."

"In a great many cases the home run is nothing more than a lucky fly which the outfielder could have easily caught had he the room to make the play."

There is no doubt but that the

PIRATES WILL ACCEPT DEFY

(By Bud Lynch)

The Dallas baseball team, pennant winner in the Lower Columbia River league, has challenged any semi-professional ball club in Oregon through the Oregonian, naming as preference Salem, La Grande, Astoria or Montavilla.

La Grande is ready to accept the challenge at any time satisfactory playing arrangements can be made, says Tom Gossett, playing manager of the Pirates.

Although no correspondence with the Columbia river club has occurred the La Grande management would prefer to play a three game series with the Dallas at any mutually agreeable place.

The Pirates have strengthened considerably this week with the addition of Hughie McKenna, and Leo Faust, infielders and George (Lefty) Swartz, southpaw pitcher. This will help the Pirates' chances considerably for a post war championship.

La Grande has a heavy left handed hitters on the Pendleton club.

E. B. Casteel of Pilot Rock has thumped his typewriter in indignation at the scorer's manner of awarding hits in the Baker-La Grande game, played here last Sunday.

The writer witnessed the La Grande-Baker game Sunday last and after reading the report in the June 22nd issue of the Observer, wish to take exception to the scorer's judgment of hits and errors.

Stevens, right fielder for Baker is credited with one hit and a single, if the big Chief didn't get two three base hits, then the Grande Ronde river runs up hill and Billy Sunday never converted a sinner.

One of the hits was a long drive to left center, but no one could have fielded it and the other was a hit grounded that the left fielder did not touch, as the writer was seated back of third base and could see this play very plain. If we understand the scoring rules correctly, Stevens should be credited with a three base hit when he was thrown out at home.

Scoring rules allow the score keeper to use a lot of his own judgment in the matter of deciding hits and errors.

The rule in regard to base hits says: "A base is earned by a hit whenever the batsman hits the ball to the infield or the outfield out of the legitimate reach of a fielder. A base is also earned by a hit ball which goes to the infielder so swiftly that he is unable to field it to the base player in time for an out; also, in case of a swift line ball from the bat which the fielder is unable to hold on account of its speed. All such are base hits and earned bases." The general practice in scoring is to favor the batter but there is a good deal of variation in the different scores just the same as differences of opinion in calling balls and strikes.

Stevens actually got a single and a triple. In the first case the error was called on the La Grande left fielder and correctly because the ball was fumbled. Stevens was not credited in the summary with a three base hit because the score keeper figured that the line drive which just went out of the reach of the La Grande third baseman should have been taken care of by the left fielder. As has been stated this is a matter of judgment. However, as the left fielder did not touch the ball because it took a bad hop just as it reached him the generally accepted way of scoring would have been given the credit to the batter.

Radio to Help Swedes
Learn to Talk English

STOCKHOLM (AP)—In order to enable Swedish radio fans to enjoy better the programs sent out from American stations, a course in English will next fall be started by the official Swedish radio service. Later on other foreign languages will be taught, but the start will be made with English. Captain George Reutersward, managing director of the Swedish radio organization, has announced.

Lively ball and the smaller playing fields have greatly increased the troubles of the major league pitchers.

Big Ten's Best



Meet Mr. Dorsey Right, center fielder of the Indiana University baseball team that won the Big Ten title this season. Right topped the hitters in the Western Conference with a sensational average of .460 for 11 games. He's to get a tryout with the Indianapolis club of the American Association.

BEAVERS WIN FROM VERNON

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.
Clubs— W. L. Pct.
San Francisco 52 22 .718
Salt Lake 46 34 .575
Seattle 42 37 .532
Los Angeles 39 41 .488
Oakland 36 45 .450
Portland 32 42 .432
Sacramento 34 46 .425
Vernon 31 51 .378

YESTERDAY'S GAMES.
Salt Lake 7, San Francisco 7.
SALT LAKE (AP) R. H. E.
San Francisco 7 13 2
Salt Lake 7 13 2
Batteries: Crockett, Pfeiffer and Agnew; Singleton, Hooley and Cook, Peters.

Portland 2, Vernon 2.
VERNON (AP) R. H. E.
Portland 2 6 1
Vernon 2 6 1
Batteries: Martin and Hannah; Belser and Whitney.

Seattle 10, Oakland 4.
OAKLAND (AP) R. H. E.
Seattle 10 13 1
Oakland 4 7 3
Batteries: Hooley and Dally; Krause and Byler, McDonald.

Sacramento 7, Los Angeles 5.
SACRAMENTO (AP) R. H. E.
Los Angeles 5 13 3
Sacramento 7 10 1
Batteries: Hughes, Crandall and Spencer; Shelton and Shea.

GAMES TODAY.
American League.
Cleveland at Chicago.
St. Louis at Detroit.

National League.
Philadelphia at Boston.
Brooklyn at New York.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh.
Chicago at St. Louis.

Pacific Coast League.
Portland at Vernon.
Seattle at Oakland.
Los Angeles at Sacramento.
San Francisco at Salt Lake.

SENATORS WIN HURLING DUEL

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Clubs— W. L. Pct.
Philadelphia 43 19 .694
Washington 41 22 .651
Chicago 32 29 .522
Detroit 30 32 .484
St. Louis 29 35 .451
Cleveland 27 34 .443
New York 26 37 .412
Boston 22 42 .344

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Clubs— W. L. Pct.
New York 35 24 .593
Pittsburgh 31 25 .552
Cincinnati 21 29 .419
Brooklyn 22 29 .434
St. Louis 29 34 .459
Philadelphia 27 35 .434
Boston 23 27 .358

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
WASHINGTON (AP)—Covaleskie had a slight edge on Pennock in a pitcher's battle Thursday and Washington took the odd game of the series from the Yankees 1 to 0.

Score: R. H. E.
New York 0 4 1
Washington 1 2 0
Batteries: Pennock and Schaub; Covaleskie and Ruel.

CHICAGO (AP) R. H. E.
Cleveland 2 5 1
Chicago 7 10 1
Batteries: Karp, Yowell and Walters; Cronos and Schalk. (First game was postponed because of rain.)

PHILADELPHIA (AP) R. H. E.
Boston 2 4 1
Philadelphia 3 9 2
Batteries: Ruffing, Fehr, Zahniser and Heving; Tomoul, Walberg and Cochran.

BETROTT (AP) R. H. E.
St. Louis 2 8 0
Detroit 2 9 0
Batteries: Danforth and Dixon; Leonard and Dabster.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
ST. LOUIS (AP) R. H. E.
Pittsburgh 4 7 2
St. Louis 3 7 2
Batteries: Meadows and E. Smith; Dickerman, Reinhart and O'Farrell.

Philadelphia at Boston, doubleheader, postponed, rain.
Brooklyn at New York, postponed, rain.

The average cost per man paid the British government for transporting American soldiers to Europe was \$52.

Ultra-violet rays were used secretly during the war for invisible signaling at night.

Elgin Takes Lead in Branchline League

BRANCH LINE LEAGUE.
Clubs— W. L. Pct.
Elgin 4 1 .666
Enterprise 3 2 .600
Maxville 1 2 .333
Waltowa 1 2 .333

Elgin took the lead in the Branch Line League last Sunday by defeating Maxville 7 to 4. Enterprise lost to Waltowa 6 to 7.

Hardy Norsemen Hunt Whales.
In Distast Antartic Waters

OSLO (AP)—The whaling season in the Antartic waters around South Shetland and South Georgia has been very successful, as far as the Norwegians are concerned. The whalers secured 145,000 barrels of whale oil from South Georgia and 166,880 barrels from South Shetland, this being an increase in the amount obtained last year of 50,000 barrels. At South Orkney 54,000 barrels were obtained, while off the Mexican coast Norwegian whalers got 22,000 barrels.

The total for the Norwegian companies this year has been 410,000 barrels, while other nations have produced 267,000 barrels. The Norwegian whaling fleet consists of first class vessels equipped with radio, and newly built tankers with cookeries. It sails practically over the whole of the globe, and it has about 4,000 Norse sailors engaged in the trade, there being no elective officers.

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