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Billy Evans Says:

How many more years do you figure Walter Johnson and Ty Cobb will still be able to go? This was the question fired at me the other day.

These two great players who have made baseball history, are nearing the end of their career because of their great popularity with the fans, their wish would be they might go on forever.

However, there must come a time when Ty Cobb and Walter Johnson will be forced to retire from active play. Old Father Time is relentless in his demands.

If Johnson and Cobb care to, I doubt if they do, they could stick around for perhaps five years more. A four or five-day rest would be absolutely imperative for Johnson and 100 games per season would be Cobb's limit.

Johnson has put in 19 seasons in the American League while Cobb's

mark is 21 campaigns. Both joined the American league in the fall of their first year.

Last season was a big one for the two veterans. Johnson won 29 games and lost only seven. Cobb batted .378.

FIVE YEARS MORE. Those two records speak volumes for the greatness of Johnson and Cobb, for length of service and remarkable performance.

As a matter of fact, Cobb hung up several new batting marks, one of them being the making of five home runs in two days. He's never been noted as a slapper.

Walter Johnson in the opinion of Walter Johnson in the opening game of the 1925 world series, after having enjoyed a rest of several weeks, due to an injured leg, struck out 19 of the hard-hitting Pirates, known as a team that murdered speed.

"Johnson's speed is just a little bit different," remarked several of the Pirates to me after the opening games. In the final battle the Pittsburgh club hit him hard, but he was just a pitcher in the deciding contest, far from the Walter Johnson of the first game.

Experts have been predicting the finish of Johnson and Cobb for the last five years, but these two extraordinary athletes keep fooling 'em in the most approved style.

UNUSUAL RECORDS. In all probability both Johnson and Cobb will quit before the five years I have allotted them is up, but I feel they could hang on that much longer if they cared to. Both are wealthy and the financial incentive is no longer a strong appeal.

One day last season Johnson told me that with a five-day rest his arm feels as strong as ever. As a matter of fact, he remarked that his legs gave him greater concern than his arm.

"Often my poor pitching late in the game on some hot day is due to leg weakness, rather than any trouble with my arm. The constant striding so takes my underpinning that when it feels mighty wobbly at the finish," was the way Johnson explained it.

Last spring at the Augusta train-

THYE DEFEATS AL KARASICK

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Ted Thye, light heavyweight wrestler, last night won two of three falls from Al Karasick, of Oakland, Cal.

LOST TITLE TO KARASICK. It will be remembered that Ted Thye lost his light heavyweight title to Karasick a few weeks ago when the Russian Lion, defeated the Multnomah club wrestler, formerly of La Grande, and then repeated the feat the following week.

Karasick was not to keep his belt long, however, and lost it shortly to Mike Yoke. The belt is still in Yoke's possession but Billy Mesmer, who beat Yoke in Washington a few nights ago, has been declared rightful possessor of the championship by V. L. Hamlin, Portland's wrestling impresario. Just who will win out in the argument is yet unknown. Yoke, despite the Australian champion's claim, will wrestle Frank Pilling, of Pendleton, for the championship at Pendleton tomorrow night.

Pendleton to See Belt. The East Oregonian states: "If Frank Pilling succeeds in beating Mike Yoke here Friday night he will be the world's champion as far as Pendleton is concerned, no matter whether Hamlin recognizes him as such or not. It is likely that the belt will be here as Yoke has it in his possession and he has to bring it here to get his \$250 guarantee. It is probable that the kirkie, emblematic of the championship, will arrive in Pendleton today."

ing camp, Cobb told me he intended to play 100 games. He took part in 161 in the outfield. In perhaps a dozen more he went in as a pinch hitter.

If Johnson gets a four or five-day rest between starts and Cobb doesn't try to play more than 100 games, perhaps 75, with them will be up among the elect in '26 as of now.

In a hockey game, the enthusiasm of the frequency of off-side play, it stops action. In football there are any number of minor technicalities that must be enforced yet take a certain punch from the sport. In basketball, it's the out-of-bounds abomination.

Recently in Washington, two of the American league teams played a game in which a net that surrounded the court prevented any out-of-bounds.

I understand there was plenty action in the game, also that it was a trifle rough. This was to be expected, since the ball was constantly in play, except for the calling of a foul or held ball.

It is questionable if the out-of-bounds can be eliminated in basketball. The game is quite strenuous as it is, calls for great stamina and I doubt if the players could stand up under the strain of continuous play.

However, the value of any suggestion or innovation can only be determined by making the experiment. That is often done in football.

Since much of the strategy of basketball starts from out-of-bound plays, I doubt if any coach could be found who would approve of the Washington experiment.

UNIQUE EXPERIMENT. Discussing basketball, Syracuse university must have quite a star in Captain Vic Hanson.

I have seen Hanson play end in football. I have also watched him cavort around second base in baseball. He is a star at both sports. I have never seen him strut his basketball ability, but apparently it is on a par with his other accomplishments.

Recently Syracuse met Princeton at basketball and won by a fairly comfortable margin. Princeton scored 17 points, Hanson or Syracuse made 14 for the winner. He was almost as efficient as the entire Princeton team.

A short time after this performance, Syracuse took on Pennsil. vania. The game was all even at the end of the final half, an extra period was called.

Syracuse finally won the game 25-23 by overtime. Of the seven points made in the extra session, Hanson scored six. During the entire game he made 21 points, eight field goals and nine fouls, the total score of the Penn team.

Which makes it seem as if Syracuse was pretty much a one-man team and Hanson quite a player.

Hanson bids fair to win his varsity letter nine times. Incidentally he has captained football and basketball teams and is a logical choice for the baseball season.

VERSATILE STAR. Since the inauguration of the forward pass in football, basketball and the grid game have much in common.

Football has been called aerial basketball by those who don't take so kindly to the rules governing the game as now played.

In the old days it was rather unusual for a football team to have any of its players make the basketball varsity and vice versa, but that condition no longer exists.

Handling of the ball means everything in both games, incidentally speed is a necessary requisite.

Like football and golf, basketball is making rapid strides for popular favor. Baseball no longer hogs the spotlight.



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Coveleskie Last Year Won Most Consecutive Games in the American

CHICAGO (AP)—Among other honors going to Stanley Coveleskie of the Washington Senators during the 1925 American league season, was that of winning the most consecutive games. Covey was credited with 12 consecutive victories.

He started his winning streak on May 9, and although he was not able to go the route in all three games, the relief twirler saved the game for him or circumstances were such he was not charged with the defeat. Covey's winning streak came to an end on July 29, when the White Sox hammered him, out of the box in three innings.

"Cowboy Ted" Blankenship, of the White Sox ranked next to the Washington star for consecutive wins. He won ten in a row from July 4 to Aug. 24, inclusive.

Sam Gray of the Athletics had an eight-game winning streak before he was hurt and forced out of the game. When he returned he was unable to finish the first game he had started, but as the Senators won, he was given credit for the victory, making it nine in a row.

Charles Hottel of the Red Sox was the champion in suffering the greatest number of defeats in a row. He lost nine before he put across a victory.

Try New Locomotive Brakes
 At Purdue Engineer School
 LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP)—Replacement of airbrakes on locomotives, passenger and freight cars of American railways by a new braking system may result a series of experiments now being conducted at the engineering school of Purdue University.

The aim of the tests, undertaken by the American Railway Association with the assistance of the engineering staff of Purdue, is to obtain a brake that will bring trains to a quicker and smoother stop. A brake similar to the four wheel brake on automobiles is under discussion.

Should the new brakes prove more efficient than the present types, railroads may find it necessary to replace equipment at a cost of many millions of dollars. The investigation is expected to require a year.

LAKEVIEW, Ore.—T. R. McKinney has been elected city attorney and Mrs. Lulu McKinstry has been appointed police matron by the Lakeview city council. McKinney was formerly district attorney for the 14th judicial district. The appointment of a police matron is said to be another step by the council toward regulation of public dances.

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