

PITCHER STARTS EACH GAME ANEW

Most Twirlers Right When They Think They're Wrong; Says Mathewson.

PLANK TRADITION KNOWN

When Connie Mack Asks How Eddie's Arm Is He Sends Word That It Is 'Pretty Bad'—Christy Tells How Weather Hits Him.

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The Giants' Star Pitcher. NEW YORK, July 25.—(Special)—The Western trip of the Giants developed some of the toughest games I ever pitched since breaking into the big leagues. Of course I have had harder battles here and there, such as that last one of the world's series in Boston in 1912 and the ten-inning one in Philadelphia against the Athletics last fall. But for steady going the contests on this trip have all seemed tough.

Every game, that a pitcher starts is different. One day he will go out and pitch through nine innings and feel as if he had not done any work at all, because everything breaks right for him and he is never in the hole and he can save himself. The next time he may be in the hole all the way and pitching under a big strain. It seems as if he were never going to get through with the contest. This is the sort of game that taken it out of a pitcher.

Strangely enough, most pitchers turn in their best games when they think they don't feel just right before they begin to warm up. I have found this to be true of myself. Before the last game of the world's series in Boston in 1912 I did not believe I could lift my arm above my head before I started to work it out warming up. When Plank began to warm up before the final game of the Cardinals series last fall "Connie" Mack sent a messenger from the bench to inquire how "Eddie's" arm felt.

Plank Tradition Not.

"Pretty bad," Plank sent word back. "Then it's all right. We'll win," cheered Ira Thomas. "Any time that old boy says his whip feels better before a game, look out. I worry when he says his soup bone never felt better."

This is a tradition about Plank among the Athletics. Two years ago the Giants opened the season at the Polo Grounds with Boston, and "Hub" Perdue went out to warm up for the Cardinals. "How is the arm this year?" I asked Perdue.

"Very bad," he replied. "Very bad, I told George before I started to warm up that I didn't think I could go two innings."

The Giants lost the game and collected four or five hits off Perdue that day. Our batting was very scarce.

St. Louis Game Hard One.

One of the hardest games I ever pitched in my life was the last one of the recent series in St. Louis, which the Giants finally won by a large score after knocking three Cardinal pitchers out of the box.

This probably sounds funny, because I read in several newspapers that I was loafing through the contest on account of the lead we had and could have tightened up any time. Take my word for it that I was not doing much loafing. The Cardinals pitched me as hard as we batted the three pitchers they brought out.

Motorboat Fnd Said to Be Wane.

While Other Craft Are Once More Coming Into Popular Favor for Sports.

Sailors of the Willamette River are sure that the game of yachting again is on the ascendancy. They point to the last Astoria regatta and the comment which was heard following it as ample reason for revived interest in one of the most ancient, yet still popular, sports.

Matty Knocks Weather.

"What are you looking at the thermometer for, Matty?" McGraw asked. "Well, I want to tell you 'Mac,' it is not my weather," answered Matty.

I had pitched the opening game of the series, and my arm does not revive as quickly as it did ten years ago. They started hitting me, but fortunately the Giants batters could not get the three Cardinal pitchers in more timely spots than I got mine. It seemed to me as if that game was never going to end, and I went very much to go on record as saying that it was one of the hardest I ever went through. I'll vouch for the fact that it lasted three days instead of two and a half, as the official record said.

Matty Meets 3-Fingered Brown.

I saw "Three-Fingered" Brown when the Giants were in St. Louis. He came around to the Buckingham Hotel one night, and he began to talk about old times.

"I worked my heart out for the Cubs during those years under Chance," Brown told me. "I would do anything for Chance, but never worry, as he would take care of me. For a couple of years on the days when I was not pitching I was warming up. Murphy told me that I should not pitch more than three months after hurting my knee. I had been released to the minors just before I had to change into the money of a city series. A pitcher is a sucker to work himself to death."

McGraw does not do that with his pitchers. He is now undergoing minor operations and he never tried to force more work on me than I wanted to do. In 1908 I appeared in a lot of games, but it was because "Mac" was shy on pitchers in the battle with the Cubs for the championship, and I was in pretty good shape. He did not shove me into work until I had recovered from the strain of that fight, and McGraw told me at that time that he would never pitch me out of my regular turn without putting it up to me. I have felt better this year than I have for several seasons, and my arm has been in it to go to work oftener than it has been since 1908.

PORTLAND YOUTH DOING HAIR-RAISING STUNTS FROM THE 40-FOOT PEDESTAL AT WINDEMUTH.



YACHTS GAIN OWN Sailing Before Wind Again Popular on River.

Her decks have needed replacing and this and other work will be done in time to give her a tryout in two weeks.

The Kenosha, Captain Nicholas, also is going on the water to repair a leak which troubled her down the Columbia. She had to put in at St. Helena for temporary repairs which kept her from getting into Astoria until the races were over.

Ex-Commodore Yates returned from Seattle at the end of the week, where he talked to the boatmen in behalf of the Panama-Pacific Exposition water-meet, of which he is the commissioner for Oregon.

While no keel has been laid, there still is a possibility that some Portland men may get together and build boats for the 10-meter class.

Such a size boat still would be serviceable for use on the Willamette and Columbia rivers, and several of the local men have discussed the feasibility of having such a craft represent the Oregon Yacht Club in the races for the cup presented by Sir Thomas Lipton.

CALIFORNIANS TAKE HONORS H. Breck Men's Singles Champion, Roberts-Johns Doubles Winner.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 25.—The majority of the events in the Vancouver Lawn Tennis Club's championship tournament, which was concluded today, were carried off by visiting players.

H. Breck, of California, won the men's singles; the women's singles were won by Miss Lawson, of Victoria; H. Roberts and H. V. D. Johns, of California, captured the men's doubles; Miss Lawson and Miss McDermott, of Victoria, were winners in the women's doubles, while only in the mixed doubles was Vancouver successful, B. Rhodes and Miss McDermott winning.

The tournament was the most successful ever held in this city.

PANAMA-PACIFIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMME.

Table listing various athletic events and dates for the Panama-Pacific Exposition, including basketball, gymnastics, wrestling, track and field, and swimming championships.

Advertisement for Lion Clothing Co. featuring a man in a suit and the text 'A Very Important Event Is This' and 'Twice-a-Year Clearance'.

Advertisement for Lion Clothing Co. listing various clothing items and prices, such as 'Men's \$20.00 Fancy Suits, in all styles, \$14' and 'Men's \$25.00 Fancy Suits, in every model, \$18'.

Advertisement for Lion Clothing Co. with the text 'DIVERS TO CONTEST' and 'Portland Experts Will Enter Panama-Pacific Events.' It also includes a list of names and titles.

PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE AVERAGES. Table showing batting and fielding records for various players across different teams.

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE AVERAGES. Table showing batting and fielding records for various players across different teams.

LIGHTERS CAUSE TROUBLE French Aroused Over Decrease in Use of Government Match. PARIS, July 25.—(Special)—Devotees to My Lady Nicotine who prefer automatic lighters to the matches supplied by the government learned with mixed feelings that they are about to be the objects of special attention from the French excise authorities.

SOUTHERN OREGON HONORS GO Carpenter and Adams Win Doubles Tennis Title 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4. MEDFORD, Or., July 25.—(Special)—By defeating L. Carpenter and Adams this afternoon, 2-6, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, Conner and Clark won the doubles tennis championship of Southern Oregon in the first official tournament ever held under the National Lawn Tennis Association.