

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 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 and the next time he might take it out of a pitcher.

Strangely enough, most pitchers turn in their best games when they think they don't feel just right. When 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 hit 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 world's series, I saw that "Connie" Mack sent a messenger from the bench to inquire how "Eddie's" arm felt.

Plank Tradition Out.
"Pretty bad," Plank sent word back. "Then it's all right. We'll win," chorled Ira Thomas. "Any time that old boy says his whip feels stiff before a game, I could not get it out of him. 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 Stallings.

"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 did 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.

"Let's have a look at you some day when your arm feels right," said McGraw to Perdue after the contest.

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 game 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.

"I could not get it out of him as hard as we batted the three pitchers they brought out."

My first game in St. Louis was a hard one, too. I started to warm up and any time I start against St. Louis I know it is not going to be any loaf. The hard batting behind me saved me on the last day of the series when I refer to the "sport" in the batting order for me in St. Louis. They always make mine a hard game out there.

On this particular afternoon I was foolish enough to look at the thermometer before I started to warm up and saw that it read 105 in the shade and I knew I could not stay in the shade and pitch that game of baseball. It is hard work to sit around in that temperature without being dressed for a Turkish bath every five minutes of baseball does not resemble sitting around.

Matty Knocks Weather.
"What are you moping about, the thermometer, Matty?" McGraw asked.

"Well, I want to tell you, 'Mac,' it is not my weather," I answered.

I had pitched the opening game of the series, and my arm does not receive as quickly as it did ten years ago. They started hitting me, but fortunately the Giant batters could clown 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 want 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 hours and a half, as the official score said.

Then in Chicago, the six innings I worked were hard, but not so stiff as in that St. Louis game. It is true that I loafed on my feet in the contest with the Cubs, as I had a nice margin when I went to work. This is the only sensible thing for a pitcher to do if he expects to last in the big leagues. Most managers will work a pitcher to death if he is going good for a season or two and they get the chance. It was too much steady twirling that finally put "Brownie" out of baseball.

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 Murphy is the man who hung it out on me. It is true that I loafed on my feet during those days when I was not pitching I was warming up. Murphy told me that I need never worry, as he would take care of me for life. It is a sucker to work himself to death."

McGraw does not do that with his pitchers. He considers the individual, 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 in once without asking if I felt like working.

It took me a couple of seasons to recover 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 fit to go to work offener than it has been since 1908.

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Ted Preble Sure to Be One of Entrants at Carnival and Feats Show He Has No Superior in High Diving.

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 ways to repair a leak which troubled her down the Columbia. She had to put in at St. Helens 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, and, of late, 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 Winners.

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 was won by Miss Lawson, of Victoria; R. Roberts and H. V. D. Johns, of California, captured the men's doubles; Miss Lawson and Miss McDermott, of Victoria, were winners of 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.

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PANAMA-PACIFIC ATHLETIC PROGRAMME.		
February 22—A. A. U. basketball championships.		
March 29 and 31—A. A. U. gymnastic championships.		
March 29—Pacific Association wrestling championships.		
April 9 and 10—Pacific Coast Intercollegiate track and field championships.		
April 16 and 17—A. A. U. wrestling championships.		
April 22 to 24—Pacific Association boxing championships.		
April 22 to 30—Panama-Pacific international exposition fencing championships.		
May 1 and 3—San Francisco Public Schools Athletic League.		
May 5 to 8—San Francisco International Exposition boxing championships.		
May 7 and 8—Pacific Coast college track and field championships.		
May 11 and 12—San Francisco parochial school days.		
June 14 to 18—Pacific Coast tennis championships.		
July 2 and 3—Pacific Association swimming championships.		
July 13 to 23—National Public Schools Athletic League and interscholastic championships.		
July 19 to 24—A. A. U. swimming championships.		
July 19 to 24—A. A. U. water polo (soccer) championships.		
July 30 and 31—Far Western championships: Boxing, wrestling, track and field.		
August 2 to 4—Panama-Pacific International Exposition cycling championships.		
August 2—All-around championships of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. Open to the world's amateurs. International dumb-bell and weight-lifting contests—first day.		
August 6—Junior track and field championships of the Amateur Athletic Union. International dumb-bell and weight-lifting—second day.		
August 7—Senior track and field championships of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States. Open to the world's amateurs.		
August 9 and 10—National relay racing.		
August 12—Ten-mile run. Seven-mile walk. International tug-of-war. (Olympic rule).		
August 13 and 14—Panama-Pacific International Exposition intercollegiate championships.		
August 17 and 18—Decathlon (ten events).		
August 17 to 25—Modern Pentathlon for the Olympic medal of the International Olympic committee.		
September 6—Pentathlon (five events).		
September 9—Pacific Association track and field championships.		
September 13 to 15—U. S. football Association soccer championships.		
September 23—Marathon race.		
During September—International tennis championships.		
October 4 to 8—Panama-Pacific International Exposition Lacrosse championships.		
October 11 to 16—Pacific Coast soccer football championships.		
October 18 to 24—State of California championships: Boxing, basketball, wrestling, swimming, track and field.		

YACHTS GAIN OWN

Sailing Before Wind Again Popular on River.

CLUB HAS REGATTA PLANS

Motorboat Fad Said to Be on 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.

"From what I have heard I am sure that the committee of the Astoria regatta will see next year that the yachting purses are large enough to bring entries from all over the Northwest to the Northwest's annual water meet," says A. W. Stanchfield, port captain of the Oregon Yacht Club and skipper of the Fore "Aft."

"The bay at Astoria is ideal for sail racing and, while the sea at times is too high for speeding with the Willamette types of boats, the sport is there and there never is a time when the meet cannot be staged.

"If for no other reason, the yachtsmen will be in their own again just because they can turn out and keep things going when the motorboats have to stay in shore.

"For a while the public and all those connected with the regattas really could see only the speeding motorboats, but since the rage has lost much of its novelty the sailing game is coming into its own again.

"It is a certainty that the Oregon Yacht Club will have at least two more ships in the Astoria fleet than it did this year.

"Six made the trip this year, the largest number ever at the mouth to represent the Portland club. This added recognition for yachting will not come at the expense of the motorboats, but will be an added feature for the big water carnival. It will simply go to make variety."

This cruise to Astoria is usually the one big one of the year for the sailors. Three of the boats which made the last journey took a leisurely jaunt up the Columbia on the return, the last arriving in Portland but a week ago.

To those who own the sail craft it is surprising that more of the big trim sailers are not to be seen on such ideal waters.

Captain Stanchfield says it would be that as it may, it is a tour of many thrills.

A feature which has just come to light is the mutiny aboard the Swallow, when Potter and Racer claimed to be getting weak from lack of hot biscuit.

"Chef" Troy finally appeased the mutineers with three packages of flour and two cans of syrup, and that accounts for the report of the Swallow coming in with a disabled crew.

The Swallow, Kenosha and Sparrow also made a trip up the Columbia the last two days of their journey and found wind and cruising conditions ideal.

The Fore "Nt" aft has been hauled on the ways and is now undergoing minor repairs which will make her a strong bidder in the Labor day regatta.

HALF-MINUTE STORE TALK.
Putting cuffs on a pair of trousers in exactly two minutes is the record made by our tailor shop last Wednesday afternoon. The customer was on his way home, when he remembered that he must get a pair of cuffing trousers. After making his selection, he asked the tailor if he could have them finished immediately; which we did in the time stated. This is certainly 100 per cent service. See why you call this Store of 100 Per Cent Service. Come here any day, at any time of day, and we'll show you what 100 per cent service is.

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Club	Batting Average	Fielding Percentage	Pitching Average
Portland	.300	.850	3.50
Seattle	.280	.840	3.80
Vancouver	.290	.830	3.60
Spokane	.270	.820	3.90
Tacoma	.260	.810	4.00
Oakland	.250	.800	4.10
San Francisco	.240	.790	4.20

NORTHWESTERN LEAGUE AVERAGES

Club	Batting Average	Fielding Percentage	Pitching Average
Portland	.310	.860	3.40
Seattle	.300	.850	3.50
Vancouver	.290	.840	3.60
Spokane	.280	.830	3.70
Tacoma	.270	.820	3.80
Oakland	.260	.810	3.90
San Francisco	.250	.800	4.00

LIGHTERS CAUSE TROUBLE

French Aroused Over Decrease in Use of Government Match.

PARIS, July 25.—(Special)—Devoted 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, who are concerned at the increasing number of lighters which have not paid the duty imposed.

Steps are being taken and a number of detectives are engaged in tracking owners of these lighters who are about to pay the duty imposed.

Recently some hundreds of smokers were accosted by apparently harmless individuals who requested them to visit the police station, and the sequel to the visit invariably proved to be the issue of a summons.

Smokers were interested to discover that the authorities were especially active at the entrance to the Metropolitan Railway stations.

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.

Although the match was a hard one