

PITCHING RECORDS COMPARED FOR FANS

Answer Made to Wails From Major Leagues.

NATIONAL WORST OF TWO

American Declared to Have No Reason to Complain of Showings by Its Pitchers.

BY GEORGE CHADWICK

Why all of this wailing about pitchers, about ball, about bat and about pretty much of everything else which doesn't happen to meet the fancy for the moment of any manager whose team is not doing as well as he expected? For the benefit of the fans I have made a comparison up to June 3 of this year, estimating the prospective success of the pitchers for this season as against their achievements one year ago.

Mails Not Up to Standard.

Mails of Cleveland has not lived up to the phenomenal showing he made in 1920. It could not be expected that he would. He is doing better every day and by the middle of July should be pitching 4.67 which is enough for all championship purposes. On the other hand, Ulich of Cleveland is pitching much more successfully this year than last.

Faber Doing Better.

Faber of Chicago is doing better and the same is true of Rommel of Philadelphia. Collectively, the Detroit pitchers, except Rhmke and Leonard, are meeting with better results. Leonard is less effective and compares badly with both 1919 and 1920. Kerr of Chicago is another pitcher of reputation who is wallowing in the high seas.

Pitching Looks Worse in the National League.

Alexander and Vaughan of the Cubs are away back. Alexander, of course, has been unable to do much work. Vaughan isn't winning as often proportionately as in 1920. Taylor, on the other hand, has been more successful although he hasn't pitched much. In Pittsburgh, Cooper is miles ahead of his last year's record. The other youngsters have been a winning solace to the Pirates and Hamilton, who has borne the brunt of the losses, is no worse than he was a year ago.

Giant's Pitchers Off.

The Giants haven't been able to get their pitchers going well enough to last through a game but by patching them together and using two to a contest they are winning. Toney and Neff have been more successful than they were last year. Barnes is showing by some to be up to form, but he is doing every bit as well as he did a year ago.

Cadore and Taffer of Brooklyn

have dropped perceptibly. Each of them is more than ten points off. Ruetter is five points worse than he was with Cincinnati. The other Brooklyn pitchers are running about even keel. Fillizimo is much better for Boston than he was last year. McQuillan is fully as good.

In Cincinnati Marquard has dropped

50 points. The St. Louis pitchers are showing no improvement, and that in itself, is sufficient to indicate why St. Louis is not doing much.

BASEBALL STARS GET PRIZES

Aggie Freshmen Rewarded for Victory Over University.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, June 4.—(Special.)—Hjelte, Garber, Perry, Riggins and Rippey proved to be the stars on the freshman baseball team in their game against the Oregon frosh and each received a \$5 merchandise prize offered by Mr. Stewart, the father of one of the players.

Hjelte knocked out the longest hit, scoring a clean home run. The most hits were secured by Garber, while Perry was credited with having done the best fielding. Riggins secured the most bases on hits and Rippey got to first the greatest number of times.

The prizes are the result of the playing during the annual freshman-frosh baseball games which were played at Eugene. Except in fielding, Coach Guy Rathbun had little trouble in determining who were entitled to the various prizes.

COLUMBIA BEATS SALEM, 3-1

Another Game Will Be Played to Decide Northwest Championship.

SALEM, Or., June 4.—(Special.)—Columbia university, in the second of a series of games with the Salem high school nine for the championship of the Pacific northwest, this afternoon defeated the local team by a score of 3 to 1. A long drive with two men on bases brought in the three scores for the visitors. Adolph, with a home run, made the lone score for the locals.

Asbury worked on the mound for Salem, with Caughlin receiving. Smith and Stockton were the battery for the university.

The deciding game in the championship series will be played on the Portland grounds probably next Tuesday, with Salem and Columbia competing.

COST OF GOOD BOXING SHOWS HIGH AND PROMOTERS LOSE

Portland Declared to Be Getting as Good Cards as Any Place in Country and Fans Must Pay for Quality.

BY DICK SHARP.

THE high price of boxing. There are few boxing promoters in the game today who can boast of a summer and winter suit. The fighters have it all.

The Milwaukee arena lost more money on the Mike O'Dowd-Battling Ortega fight than the total losses sustained by the Portland boxing commission during its entire existence before and after the ten-round law.

Main event matches which are figured to draw capacity houses fall down dismally, while bouts which are figured not better than break-even affairs turn out to be losers. Taking it all in all, the boxing game is about the most uncertain proposition in all sports promotion. A bad decision, a poor fight, a poorly handled show and a hundred other things will keep the fans away and ruin a club in a day.

Promoters Get Little.

There are no big profits in the boxing game from a promoter's standpoint and there never has been. Tax Rickard, the king promoter of them all, has had to go out and dig up a couple of dollars every time he has staged a world's championship fight. One show will make \$5000, the next one will lose \$7000, and the next one will make \$1000. That's the way it goes year out year in.

Boxers Demand More.

Boxers are now demanding and getting more money throughout the United States than ever before in history. Fighters are being paid \$1000 a week in New York since the restoration of the game in that state. The sky is the limit of what a promoter can stage an attractive match he must pay the price.

And it is not only the easterners, southerners and northerners who want the money, but the local boys do as well.

Boxers are now coming right down to it, how many of the fans in a house on fight night would step in the ring and take a lacing that the boys they are boxing are suffering on. It is for \$75, \$100 or \$150? The latter sum is absolutely top for a six-round match in Portland or Milwaukee.

Say a boxer gets even \$150 for a six-round match, and there hasn't been one yet more than that in Portland for a year, to box six rounds. How long will that last? The probabilities are that he is lucky if he gets two fights a month and must pay his training expenses, pay for being rubbed down, pay his board, room, incidentals and perhaps split with a manager. It can hardly be said that such a boxer is overpaid and most of them are getting only from \$75 to \$100 for six rounds of battling. Many times they are boxing with a stiffening in their ears, which means a big doctor bill.

Quality Costs Money.

The only possible cause for complaint can be on the price paid to main eventers and to get a boy of any class at all the price he demands must be met. They can get it in the east or in any other part of the country and in many places fight no guaranteed contests. Pal Moore was guaranteed \$500 for four rounds in Seattle. Jack Britton said to have received \$2500 for four rounds in Seattle.

Portland boxing fans have been getting the best boxing in the country, not hating New York or any other place center. Every outsider who has ever visited Portland has declared that the bouts in Portland and out at the Milwaukee arena are of a far better class than in other places throughout the country.

There has never been a boxer thrown out of a Portland or Milwaukee ring since the ten-round law, for stalling, which is a record. Portland's boxing colony was well represented in the war and has never been mixed up in any gang activities.

There has been poor refereeing at times, but that is encountered everywhere and the percentage of poor officiating here has been much less than in Seattle, San Francisco and many other boxing centers.

grind started, when Dempsey took on four sparring partners. After they finished the poker game the champion called it a day. The two big losers called it a frame-up.

BY SYLVIA SABLEY.

I was awfully worried when the gruff old city editor told me yesterday that I was to interview Jackson Dempsey, the champion of the world, who is to defend his title in a match with Babe Ruth or somebody July 27. I imagine poor little me, thought, facing that great brute man.

But Mr. Dempsey proved to be just the sweetest thing, and the afternoon passed like magic in his cage. One can't help wondering what he wanted that 15 cents for in Philly.

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PIONEER BASEBALL HELD IN PORTLAND

Forest City Club on Record as Making \$10.61 on Trip.

PLAYERS' EXPENSES PAID

Star Team of 50 Years Ago Kept Men Without Paying Salaries.

for 1871 Season.

BY MALCOLM MACLEAN.

CHICAGO, June 4.—(Special.)—Fifty years ago this summer the Forest City club of Rockford, Ill., was one of the most famous ball teams in America. Composed of such men as Anson (later leader of the Chicago), Bird, Ryan and others, the Forest Cities toured this country and Canada and wound up with a profit of \$10.61. Perhaps they were lucky to finish on the right side of the ledger.

William B. Barbour, a life-long resident of Rockford, acted as business manager on this journey. Mr. Barbour died a few months ago, and among his papers was found the little memorandum book in which he kept account of the expenses and receipts of the remarkable jaunt.

It certainly makes strange reading today to learn that the Forest City's part of the gate at Cincinnati with the Red Stockings was \$18.50.

The team evidently left Rockford with only \$250 in the treasury, because this amount was noted as received from the sale of the Forest City receipts of the trip follow:

Mar 22—At Chicago.....\$170.00  
Mar 23—At Fort Wayne..... 50.00  
Mar 24—At Indianapolis..... 75.00  
Mar 26—At Troy..... 65.33  
Mar 27—At Pittsfield..... 31.33  
Mar 28—At Boston..... 144.50  
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June 1—Mutuals at Brooklyn..... 182.71  
June 2—At Allegheny..... 76.73  
June 3—Stars at Brooklyn..... 47.73  
June 4—Athletics at Philadelphia..... 182.00  
June 5—Olympics at Washington..... 112.30  
June 7—Olympics at Washington..... 114.12  
June 8—At Trenton..... 27.00  
June 10—At Trenton..... 27.00  
June 11—At Trenton..... 27.00  
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June 15—Athletics at Philadelphia..... 169.00  
June 16—At Allegheny..... 76.73  
June 19—At Hamilton..... 18.00  
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June 25—At Hamilton..... 18.00  
June 26—At Hamilton..... 18.00  
June 27—At Kansas City..... 100.00

The total receipts on this trip were \$1414.47 and the expenses \$421.06, leaving a balance of \$10.61. This was close enough figuring, goodness knows.

The year 1871 didn't find ball players receiving much money for their services. There were no holdouts then.

Cap Anson, who was with this Forest City team, was just starting on the road to fame when he was in the management of the Chicago White Stockings. He received \$24.50 as spending money on the trip just allowing these sums advanced to him:

Cash at Cleveland—\$1.  
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YAKIMA 7, VICTORIA 6 or two dates remained unfilled. It was expected that six or seven hand games would find their place on the 1921 card. University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural college, Whitman college and the College of Puget Sound have been contracted with for gridiron battles, and probabilities were that Multnomah Athletic club and Pacific university would be included on the Bearcat schedule.

Roy Bohler, the new athletic coach, will be on hand early to prepare his players for the opening battles with the University of Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college, both of which were slated for Salem, October 1 and 15, respectively.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., June 4.—(Special.)—Baseball letters were to be awarded to 14 members of this season's baseball squad, as the result of the close of the Whitman 1921 season last Tuesday, when Whitman won Washington State college at Whitman in the final games of the year. Two first basemen and three pitchers will receive awards, besides a catcher and four outfielders.

Those earning "W's" include Captain (Bonecrusher) Comrade and Sid Rich of Seattle; Ray Dean, Dad Walther and Horley Ingraham of Spokane; Jock Reynolds, Portland; Buzz Schroeder, Walla Walla; Ted Rich and Ross Willesly, Kennewick; Leonard Garver, Walla Walla; Joe McDowell, Melrose; Cam Sherwood, Colville; Buck Raaberg, Clarkston, and Moriso Matsuno, Hawaii.

But two of the 14 letter men are to be lost through graduation in June, giving Whitman a strong nucleus for next year's play. Dutch Garver, pitcher, and Ted Rich are the only two to be lost.

Seventeen northwest conference baseball games were played by Whitman this spring. It was the largest number of conference games played by any member. Lack of a strong pitching staff hampered Whitman considerably throughout the season. Garver was the only eligible letter man to fill the position. This was due to the fact that Knudson, a Grand had, a first-string twirler, flunked out in his studies and was ineligible for play. His loss was keenly felt.

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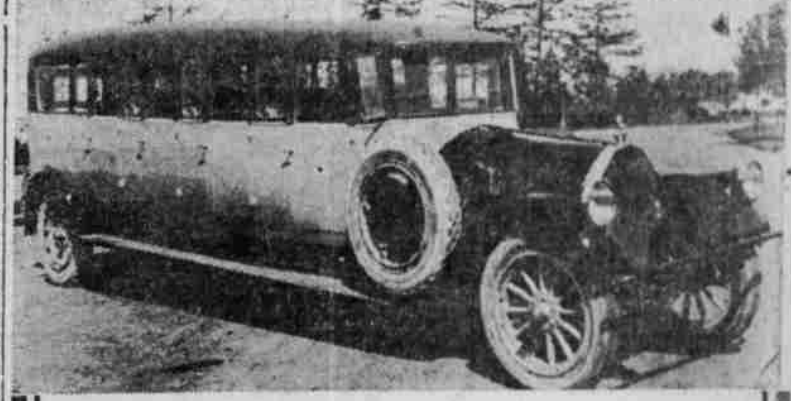
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