

BASEBALL SIGNALS

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MISTAKES HELD LIKELY

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FORMER BIG LEAGUE STAR AND WORLD SERIES HERO WHO WILL BE IN PORTLAND THIS WEEK WITH SALT LAKE CLUB.

Duffy Lewis, for many years with Boston Red Sox, whose timely hitting helped them win more than one world series, now playing outfield and hitting better than .400 for Salt Lake Bees.

WOMEN ATHLETES ISSUE

HUBBUB IS RAISED OVER SUBJECT IN ENGLAND. American Educators, Eugenists and Physical Training Experts Indorse Proposition.

In England at present there is a big hubbub over the subject of athletics for women. English school-ma'ams, physicians and women's clubs—the latter principally composed of grandmothers by the way—have been clamoring for the school who have failed to progress with the times—have started an agitation opposing athletics for girls, claiming such physical exercise is detrimental to the welfare of the nation in that athletics are a bar to successful motherhood.

American educators, eugenists and physical training bodies have gone into this matter thoroughly and have unanimously indorsed athletics for girls when conducted along sane and rational lines. That American girls and women believe in athletics is evidenced by their fast-growing participation in all sports. In swimming, golf and tennis American women are among the leaders and even in track and field sports they are now common for girls' schools and university co-eds to arrange dual meets. Basketball for girls has long been an established sport.

That participation in these sports has not been a detriment to motherhood is shown by the fact that the families of athletes. Take the case of May Sutton, now Mrs. Tom Bundy. In her day May Sutton was the world's recognized tennis champion of the world. Today she is playing a come-back on the courts and is in New York preparing to play Susanne Lengien of France in the coming tennis championship.

May Sutton Bundy is the mother of three healthy boys and one girl. Hazel is a first baseman on a fair team. Her husband, who won the women's national singles five different times besides being an international champion in state and sectional titles, is the mother of one son and two daughters. In all, she has six children, three boys and three girls, all well developed healthy children.

More instances could be cited not only in tennis but in other branches of sport. These examples go to show that the English contention and further still to refute the foolish and silly contention of the English that girls who participate in sports do have children, their children are a puny, sickly breed and that athletic prowess seldom, if ever, give birth to sons.

The first born of all the champions mentioned was a son and today these sons are not only strong and healthy physically, but mentally are bright, quick and well developed.

With the Anglers. Summary of fishing reports just received from various streams in western Oregon follows: Salmoune river—Water clear. Week-end outlook good. Good catches being made. Fish at and near Salmoune station on Southern Pacific. Salmoune river—Water clear. Week-end outlook good. Fair catches being reported both north and south forks of Salmoune river. Water clear. Week-end outlook good. Fair catches being reported both north and south forks of Salmoune river. Water clear. Week-end outlook good. Fair catches being reported both north and south forks of Salmoune river.

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Yakima 6, Vancouver 3. VANCOUVER, B. C., July 30.—Vancouver made three errors and Yakima won 6 to 3. Rachac, Vancouver pitcher, was pounded hard. Score: R. H. E. Yakima .6 12 11 Vanver. 3 8 3. Errors—Kiley and Cadman; Rachac and Boelzie.

Japan Strong for Baseball. Progress moves with sure steps in Japan. The protracted war has not retarded the progress of the game. Baseball and will stop a political meeting any time to go to see American ballplayers play their game. Tennis has got hold of the youths who are in college and golf is beginning to make great headway.

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