

PORTLANDERS HIT BUT LOSE AGAIN TO BEES, 16-12

Portland batters slugged out 20 solid hits while Salt Lake was gathering in 15 yesterday, but Salt Lake won the old ball game, 16 to 12, and the Beavers recorded their tenth straight loss. They still have the first game of the season marked up as their sole victory to date.

The scores: At Salt Lake—R H E Portland 12 20 1 Salt Lake 16 15 0 Batteries: Haast, Mollingsworth, Keef and Howland, Crosby; Pierce, O'Doul, O'Neill and Peters.

At Sacramento—R H E Seattle 3 7 0 Sacramento 4 7 0 Batteries: Sutherland and Tobin; Keating and Shea.

At Oakland—R H E San Francisco 6 11 0 Oakland 1 7 2 Batteries: McVeety and Yellow; Krause and Reed.

At Los Angeles—R H E Los Angeles 4 6 2 Vernon 5 9 0 Batteries: Hanner and Sandberg; Oldham and Glanzer.

THE NUT CRACKER BY JOE WILLIAMS

THEY can't kid us about this only being the fiftieth anniversary of baseball. . . . Some of the peanuts we had last summer were other than that.

For the nineteenth time Jay Gould has won the singles indoor squash title. . . . For the nineteenth time we exclaim, "Who gives a rap!"

Prof. Mahin of Purdue has asked the Western Conference to abolish football. . . . What's the matter, did Purdue have a bad gate last fall?

Wonder if Jack Kearns intends to sue Estelle Taylor for alienation of his meal ticket's affections?

They tell us it is really pathetic to hear Mr. Kearns stand under Dempsey's window and sing, "How Come You Do Me Like You Do?"

It may be true the Washingtons have lost a lot of prestige in the spring games with the Glints but the important thing is, those world series checks are still good at any bank.

The farthest south in sheer dumbness was achieved by Mr. O'Goofy's little son, Felix, who thought the Gettysburg address was a golf phrase.

Of course we know you haven't kept it this long but can you remember just what was the New Year's resolution you made? . . . Aw, go on and try!

Mr. Chapman says he was not surprised when the judge told him he must hang by his neck. . . . Well, that's how they usually hang 'em.

The ex-crown prince of Germany has written a book and we are eager to see if it gives the official A. A. U. time of the young gent's retreat from the Marne.

Glenna Collett knocked a golf ball 810 yards at Ormond, Fla. . . . This must be the same golf ball the reformers have been knocking so much.

Billy Evans Says—

By BILLY EVANS I TRIS SPEAKER of the Cleveland Indians has much of his baseball fame because of his spectacular fielding ability. As a matter of fact he is equally efficient at the bat.

Speaker has a beautiful style at the plate. His stance is most graceful and he takes a cut at the ball that is rhythmic itself. As opposing pitchers say, Speaker looks good when you strike him out.

During the course of the season I get many written queries as well as personal asking to explain what power the great hitters of the game possess that is lacking in the ordinary player.

Such natural ability is, of course, the outstanding feature of every great batter. He must have a good eye, power to his swing and judgment in picking the ball to hit. All these things make for perfect coordination.

Also the element of luck plays a certain part in the batting average of every player. Often hard-hit balls, going directly at some fielder, result in outs, while snags weakly hit ball just escapes the clutches of several fielders.

Every ball player, however, knows when he is hitting the ball safely regardless of whether it goes over or not.

Proper timing of the ball is most essential. This comes with perfect coordination of eyes and muscles. When a ball is properly timed it will travel. If it goes directly into the hands of a waiting fielder it must be accepted as the "breaks" of the game.

SEVERAL DIAMOND STARS NEARING END OF ACTIVITIES



Left to Right—Cobb, Collins, Johnson and Speaker

By BILLY EVANS IN baseball will be losing several outstanding stars.

Walter Johnson would have retired this year had he been able to purchase a satisfactory minor league franchise. Ty Cobb has announced that he doesn't expect to play over 100 games in 1926.

Who is going to take the place of these players who have done so much to reanimate in a most forceable manner.

Frankly, I have been greatly disappointed with the big league recruits I have looked over in the spring training camps. The situation has been much the same for several years. There seems to be a dearth of first class major league material.

Having called many a ball and strike on Speaker during his career, I know that he has a most remarkable eye. During the course of a season he hits at mighty few bad balls.

Speaker will often take a strike because the ball is pitched just where it is difficult for him to properly time it. He will accept the penalty of a perfectly pitched ball.

Realizing that the control of a pitcher is far from perfect, Speaker picks his spot. Any time the ball is in his "groove" he is cutting away at it.

Work to get the pitcher in the hole, and when you do, try to keep the advantage by taking a crack at everything that is over. Most pitchers have less on the ball when in the hole. That's the big thing in batting.

Tonic For Golfers (As Prescribed by Leo Diegel) PUTTING is sometimes a lot easier if one keeps one eye on the ball instead of two. This is especially true of putts of about a yard's length.

The reason I say this is because when both eyes are kept on the ball, the hole is in the line of vision. That makes a tendency for players to take their eyes off the ball and watch the hole instead, a division of attention.

But when the left eye is centered on the ball, there is no distraction and it has been known, in my experience, to make an important difference in a player's game.

I do not recommend this in putting alone, either. It seems to me it is more important on the green, but perhaps it isn't. But certainly that is where the distraction is greatest, is where the left eye to watch the ball as the practical thing to do on all shots unless your eyes have already been trained so as to make such a step unnecessary.

As Prescribed by Harry Vardon PROPERLY timing the stroke is the main art of driving, at least most of it. Timing is connected up with the adjustment of the moves of the body during the course of the swing as it makes its upward and downward progress toward hitting the ball.

The weight of the club is of enormous importance. Picking out a club of just the proper weight to coincide with the strength and swing of the player is a fine point and one that has more to do with the game than most players realize.

Unless a player has had a good deal of experience, and even that doesn't necessarily follow, he would do well to consult his pro when making a selection.

Personally I would put it down as a rule that the longer and faster a player swings, the lighter his club should be. Naturally a player using a short deliberate stroke should use a heavy driver.

Abscess Removed From Babe's Back

NEW YORK, April 18.—With the removal of an abscess from Babe Ruth's back yesterday, physicians hoped that the home run hitter's condition would improve more rapidly than it has since his return to New York last week.

"The operation was successful," said a statement issued at St. Vincent's hospital after Ruth had been returned to his room, "and the patient is resting well."

Dr. Edward King said Ruth would not be able to leave the hospital for two weeks.

Cougars Hand out Defeat to Gonzaga

PULLMAN, Wash., April 18.—Washington State College, baseball champions of the Northwest conference in 1924, opened their season here yesterday by defeating Gonzaga university 6 to 0, in the first conference game of the year.

The Referee

HOW many years was Maurice McLaughlin national singles champion in tennis?—E. F. R. Two, 1913 and 1914.

How many games did Steve O'Neill catch for the Red Sox last season?—R. E. W. O'Neill caught 100 frays in 1924.

How did the fight between Ritchie Mitchell and Joe Benjamin in 1920 terminate?—S. S. R. Mitchell won on a knee in nine rounds.

RUTH'S APPETITE HELD BY WRITER AS HIS UNDOING

By BILLY EVANS NEW YORK, April 18.—When Babe Ruth starts to slip physically he will pass out of the picture quickly.

Overeating has ruined more ball players than any other form of dissipation.

Babe Ruth is not only the world's greatest slugger but champion eater as well. His dining room average is far better than his diamond efforts.

About five years ago in a series at Detroit, Ruth crashed out three home runs. His super-batting feats crowded out of the headlines some of the remarkable play of the great Ty Cobb.

"That evening I bumped into Cobb in the lobby of the hotel where I reside in that city. I joshed him about Ruth hogging the spotlight.

"The Babe has it coming to him; he's a wonder," said Cobb. "That when he breaks it's going to come quickly. I was in the majors about ten years before Ruth made his debut and I am inclined to think I'll still be there after he is through.

"Ruth has a great physique and he is punishing it. His worst fault is the way he eats. He can eat as much as three ordinary men. He's bound to pay the penalty."

"I watch my diet, particularly during the playing season, more closely than any other feature of my work."

"A good batting eye depends entirely on the condition of the stomach. The slugger must time his swing more perfectly than any other type of batter. When there comes a break between the eye and the muscles, the slugger is generally handicapped. There must be the proper coordination."

"Some day Ruth is going to pay the penalty and it is going to be costly. When his nervous system breaks down, he's done."

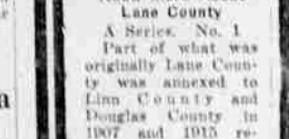
As I read of the two nervous breakdowns suffered by Ruth, first in the south and later in New York, I recall vividly Cobb's conversation. If reports as to Ruth's condition are correct, the prophecy of Cobb seems almost uncanny.

Ruth ridicules the diet theory. He believes in eating and does it.

Before a ball game several hot dog sandwiches, as many bottles of pop, all washed down with a quart of ice cream, is a light lunch for the Babe.

About the second inning Babe usually starts taking large doses of aromatic spirits of ammonia or bicarbonate of soda in water to relieve the gasses on his stomach due to the wild combination of food he has disposed of.

It is the same thing every day with him. It looks as if nature is beginning



Know More About Lane County A Series, No. 1 Part of what was originally Lane County was annexed to Linn County and Douglas County in 1907 and 1915 respectively; part of Douglas County annexed to Lane in 1915 and part of Linn annexed in 1907 and 1915.

Present area 4,887 square miles. According to 1920 census Lane County had a population of 36,160 people, being 7.9 persons to the square mile.

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Baseball Team to Form at Creswell

CRESWELL, April 18.—(Special).—A meeting of the boys interested in baseball was held last week. About 12 boys agreed to try for a place on the team. Wilbur Petty was chosen to captain the team in the coming season, and Murrel Marsh was elected manager. Six letters-men are on hand to form the nucleus of the team.

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Football men of University Banquet

Spring football practice at the University of Oregon ended last night with a banquet for the football players at the Oshorn hotel. Dick Smith, new football coach, outlined his plans for the coming season. Other speakers were Virgil Earl, athletic director, and Bill Hayward, track coach and trainer. Bob Mautz, captain-elect, presided. Motion pictures of Roekne's Notre Dame play concluded the evening's program.

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News of Nearby Towns

Special Correspondence To The Guard From Various Live Districts In Its Field.

SPRINGFIELD, April 18.—(Special).—G. W. Jones of Eugene was fined \$2 in Springfield police court yesterday for parking his automobile on the Springfield streets without lights.

Feed Bosserman returned Thursday after spending nearly a week in Portland visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Johnson.

Mrs. Thomas Sikes, formerly of Springfield, was a visitor yesterday morning from Jasper on her way to Cottage Grove to visit her daughter, Mrs. George Bjorset, formerly Miss Dorris L. Sikes of Springfield.

J. C. Cross has purchased a business lot between Sixth and Seventh streets on Main street from F. H. Young.

A. J. Perkins is back in Springfield after spending 10 days in Marshfield. Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Obrist of Portland are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wilson.

Mr. William Wright will return Sunday after spending several days in Riddle. Mr. Wright and his mother, Mrs. Samuel C. Wright, are motoring down from Springfield to bring her back.

A consignment of lumber was shipped yesterday under government contract from the Booth-Kelly sawmill to the Forest Service in Portland.

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DEERHORN

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Mrs. Paul Jenkins of Thurston was taken to the Eugene hospital Thursday and was operated on for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee Rauch and family were entertained with a radio concert at the home of Barney Oldfields Saturday evening and when they were ready to cross the river on the ferry some one had taken it across on the other side, and they had to get assistance by calling "Thienes" on the phone to come to their rescue and put the ferry across