

# FATS WIN BIG SLUGGING FEST

## LEANS ARE HUMBLLED 19 TO 13

First and Third Innings Disastrous to Eastes' Men—Unable to Connect With Fat Connarn's Fast Ball—Three Pitchers are Used.

Contrary to the expectations of nine lean near-ball players, who were confident their agile limbs and absence of superfluous avoirdupois would carry them to an overwhelming victory, the opposing nine Fats swatting the spheroid like the onward marching Giants, slugged into, ran into and ploughed into a 19 to 13 victory last Friday afternoon over the Leans.

When does a base ball game become a vaudeville, some of the closer observers of the game are asking since they sat through the six and a half innings of rib expanding contortions such as were perpetrated upon the public during the game.

But to get down to the facts. The game, so far as can be elicited from the records, ran something like this:

The Fats deviously took what they thought were their positions in the field. Fat Connarn, an unknown quantity in base ball, took the mound with Fat Day behind the bat. With all the confidence of Christy Mathewson and the windup of G. Cleveland Alexander, said Fat Connarn shot a straight one to Lean Overturf, who, entirely oblivious of the result, whizzed out a high fly to center field that Fat Louis Doonar had to relay twice to second base on its homeward flight. There was much acclamation in the Lean camp. Lean Overturf circled the bases in true Ted Meredith style. Undaunted by a mere trivial incident of this kind, Fat Connarn planted himself with even more firmness in the box, struck out Lean Skuse, humbled Lean Innes, who by all the rules of ethics should have been barred for professionalism, and followed up with striking out Lean De Armond, who from all appearances never had hold of a stick in his life. Thus the side out. Leans one home run; Fats 0.

**Lean Skuse Humbled.**  
Lean Skuse stepped into the box confident of some of the proverbial 1-2-3 performance. Fat Day stepped to the plate and touched up a little single. Then Fat Connarn came up and, to his surprise, also leaned on a single. Then Fat Smith connected with the sphere, scoring Fat Day. Just a moment to elucidate. Fat Day will live in the minds of the envious Leans for some days. The way that man Fat Day Dan Patched around those bases would put even fleet-footed Kelly to shame. To return to the essentials of the game. Fat Roberts was the next man up and punched out a single, scoring Fat Connarn. Then came up Fat Sawyer, and fanned out. Fat O'Donnell, whose experience at the chopping block has produced accuracy of eye and hand, stepped nobly to the plate and kicked through with a double that put Fats Roberts and Smith within the confines of the haven of rest. By this time the precipitation was beginning to register, for frequent trips to the away outfield by the Lean outfielders gave cause for mopping of brows. Captain Steidl, with all the presence of the Kaiser, much to his own surprise, found Lean Skuse for the fifth hit of the initial inning. The slugging Fats began to think that they were spoiling the game, so Fat Doonar went out at first, and Fat Day, on the second round, followed suit.

Score: Fats, 7; Leans 1.  
Lean Knutsen was the first Lean up in the second round. He got a stingy single. Then Lean Forbes did likewise, scoring Lean Knutsen. Lean French also plucked a single, putting Forbes on third. Lean Young struck out. Just how Lean Forbes got home is not recorded in the archives, but he is accredited with one run. Lean Eastes, the only man who seemed to be imbued with the seriousness attached to the result, bravely, but falteringly went to bat. Now Lean Eastes was eager for a hit. But Fat Connarn, owing to the curvature of Lean Eastes back home, found it difficult to ascertain just where the plate was and hence walked Lean Eastes. Lean Overturf's stock was reduced about 50 per cent when after such a scintillating hit in the first inning he fanned out. Through some comedy of errors French got in and Eastes managed to negotiate four bases in time to score before Lean Skuse went out on a wild dash to second.

Score: Fats, 7; Leans, 5.  
Just how a man can score on a little single with nothing to back it up remains to be told only by the chroniclers more versed in scoring than the records of the game show. But Fat Connarn did it in the third inning. That was all the scoring done in the second by the Fats.

Score: Fats, 8; Leans 5.  
In the third inning Lean Innes connected with the horsehide and batted out a double and was scored on

Lean De Armond's most unexpected single. Lean Knutsen struck out. Lean De Armond went out at third and Lean French at first.

Score: Fats, 8; Leans, 6.  
Skuse Is Excused.

Starting almost certain defeat the Leans in conclave determined to depose Lean Skuse and replace him by Lean Forbes. Lean Forbes has lots of "pep," but lean on the wing. The conclusions for this are based upon the following indictments brought against the Lean Forbes' actions in the box: two doubles, three walks, three singles, one home run by Fat O'Donnell and nine scores. It will be too long a story to relate the pilfering of bases, the unmerciful treatment administered to the ball, the disgraceful conduct of scores that the Fats imposed upon the Leans in this inning. It is enough to say that the score stood at this point:

Fats: 17; Leans, 6.  
Fat Connarn registered two strikeouts in the fifth against the willing Leans. He was then 66 2/3 per cent to the good. But a double by Lean Innes and a single by Lean Forbes netted the Leans another three scores.

Score: Fats, 17; Leans, 9.  
The next innings, so far as sensationalism is concerned, were a blank, likewise in scoring. Lean Innes went into the box for the Leans and helped to keep the Fat score from rising.

In the sixth inning Fat Day was given another opportunity to display his light footedness. He up and clouted out a clean drive to center field. Lean Young had not recovered the ball when Fat Day was back on the bench. Some aver that Fat Day forgot to juxtapose the bags as he sped over them, but the scorer credits him with a run. Fat Connarn struck out. Fat Roberts hung a double and Fat Sawyer after a sprint to second was caught.

Nearing the close. The crowd all in. The Leans batted in the first of the seventh. For the third time Lean Overturf struck out. The story of this inning may be briefly told, for the battle had been won by the Fats. Lean Innes got a home run. Lean De Armond a single and a score. Lean Knutsen went out at third after connecting with Fat Smith's solar plexus. Lean Forbes fanned and Lean French and Young scored, on what the records do not show. Final score Fats, 19; Leans, 13.

Game was called on account of impending sun set.

That dispensed with. Shades of Captain Kidd and Florence Nightingale! It must have been the layout that the Fats possessed that threw fear in the hearts of the Leans. Robert Louis Stevenson would have had fine physical material for a new "Treasure Island." Ichabod Crane Eastes and his gang of stretcher toters were meek flying the red cross in the face of such a brigade.

**Notes on the Game.**  
Fat Lara refused to play, charging himself with being too fat, and therefore kept the bench warm.

Fat Sawyer motored to the left field pasture.

The weight of the argument was with the Fats all the way through.

The game was a cross between a football game and pasture pool.

Rumor hath it that the Lean pitchers were exskused.

Spare ribs Lean Eastes may be a good mayor and all that, but he has altogether too trusting a disposition on bases.

Arbitrator "Big Mat" Matthews certainly did his part in forcing a Fat victory.

The red cross was a most suitable insignia for the Leans. But aid did not come.

Anyway the game netted \$70.75 and no hospital bills to pay.

**Lineup.**

Fats—Day, c; Connarn, p; Smith, 1b; Roberts, 2b; O'Donnell, 3b; Ryan, ss; Sawyer, lf; Doonar, cf; Steidl, rf.

Leans—Overturf, 1b; Skuse, p; Innes, c; De Armond, 2b; Knutsen, 3b; Forbes, ss; French, rf; Young, cf; Eastes, lf.

Batteries—Fats: Connarn and Day; Leans: Skuse, Forbes, Innes, and Innes and Forbes. Umpires: Erskine, Larson and Matthews.

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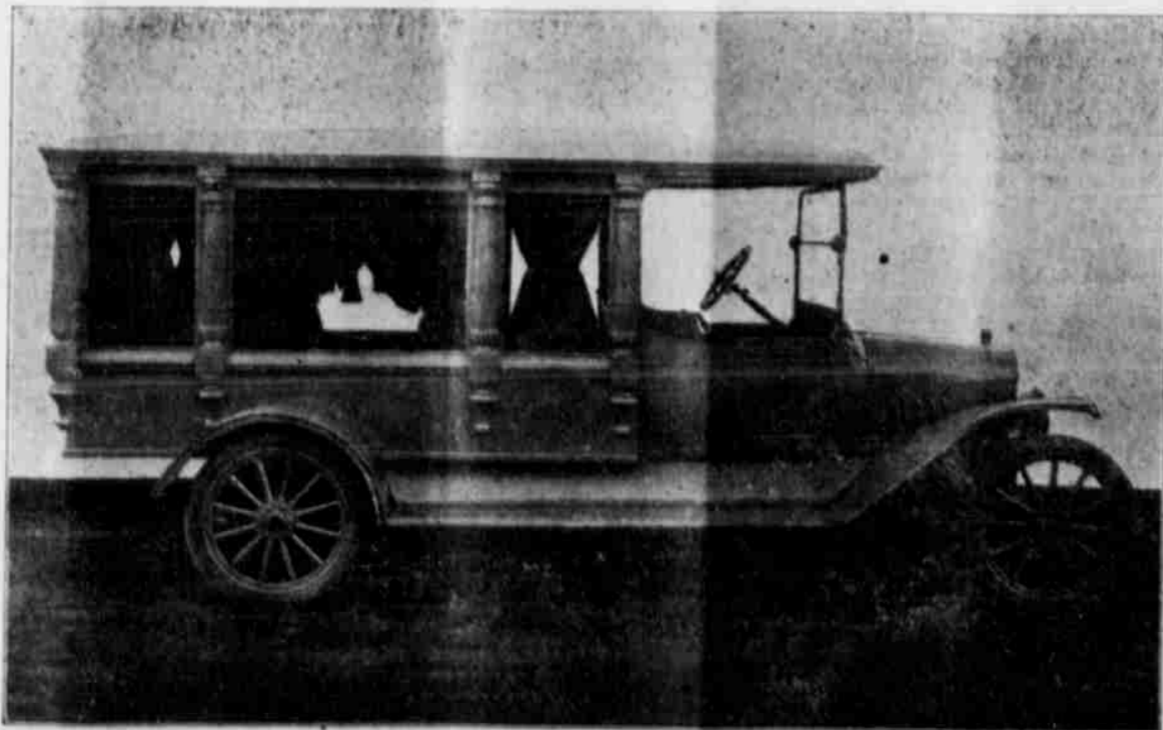
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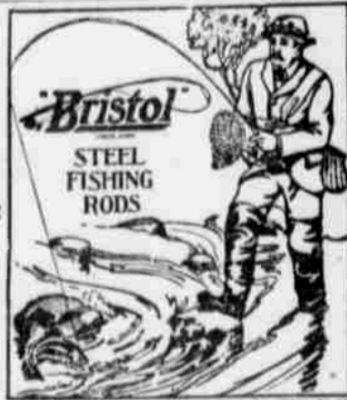
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