

Seeing Big League Baseball

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Baseball has been very kind to me. I have enjoyed my work. It has dovetailed with what I kidded myself into terming my "literary" efforts. I not only umpired, but also tried to be a spectator in every game that I have officiated. I wanted to get both slants.

It was my very good fortune to have been the umpire in some of the greatest games that have been played in the last 25 years in the Majors. I have picked out the high spots in these contests, the unusual happenings, the superlatives of baseball and intend to dwell on them at length in various articles.

I umpired the first game Walter Johnson ever pitched. I marveled as he turned back the slugging Detroit Tigers in his league debut, using nothing but a fast ball. That was all he knew. He boasted no curve, slow one or change of pace. Simply burning speed.

Johnson in that game, as well as many others in the early part of his career, attempted to keep the opposition from hitting the ball by throwing it so fast the batters couldn't see it. He succeeded quite well.

That may sound like wild exaggeration, but it isn't. I can truthfully say that Walter Johnson is the only pitcher who ever caused me to blink behind my heavy iron mask. His speed in the early days was so great that every now and then, much to my disgust, I would find myself closing my eyes and calling them. That's a first time confession.

However, it never caused any trouble, as the batsman was doubly handicapped when pitted against Johnson. He not only had to follow the



Walter Johnson.

flight of the ball, but also hit it. Every now and then after calling a strike on a batter with Johnson pitching, he would turn and say to me:

"What was that last one, Bill, a fast one or a curve?" Such a query usually brought a look of indignation from me. Then the batter would invariably reply:

"I'm not kidding or kicking. I really didn't see the last one and I was wondering whether it was a fast one or curve."

Having wrung such an admission of ignorance from the batsman, I would proceed to tell him what I thought it was without any fear of contradiction. If I happened to blink on the same ball and had no better idea of the pitch than the batter, I still had the edge.

Charley Street first caught Johnson in the Majors and is regarded by Walter as the greatest catcher of all time. For practically three years he called for nothing but fast balls from Johnson. When opposing batters asked him where Johnson's curve was, he invariably answered:

"Why use the hook when you boys can't see the fast one?"

The batters, fearful of Johnson's great speed, would have much preferred looking over Johnson's curve after he acquired one. The curve ball, you know, is not thrown with nearly so much speed.

What are the superlatives of baseball as I have seen them in the Majors over a score of years?

The umpire, watching the different teams perform day in and day out, year after year, sees many unusual things. I have officiated in more than 3,000 major league games and more than 50 world series contests. If I touched briefly on the many events worthy of mention, I could fill a large-sized volume.

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Willie Munden Retires

Willie Munden of Montreal, one of the best of modern riders, who had the leg up on 181 winners, including Carlaris in the Coffroth handicap and Tjansin derby, in 1926, has announced his retirement because of increased weight.

The same difficulties of poundage which forced the retirement of many other crack jockeys caused the little Canadian to give up riding.

Grove Is Fastest Pitcher

LUZERNE ATWELL BLUE, the able first baseman of the St. Louis Browns, who is built like Red Grange and as dynamic on the diamond as the redhead was on the gridiron, sat in on a discussion of fast balls in the lobby of the Montgomery hotel, West Palm Beach.

"Lefty Grove unquestionably has the fastest ball of any pitcher in the American league," said Lu, who can speak with authority after ten years of facing the best boxmen in the circuit.

"Walberg is fast and so is Earnshaw, among the right-handers, but neither has quite the zip that Grove can put on the ball. The ace of the A's, in addition, has great control for a southpaw. Walberg has a better curve than Grove."

The subject turned to Walter Johnson, who probably had the fastest ball of them all.

"I batted against Johnson eight or nine years ago when I believe he still was faster than anyone in the league and faster even than Grove is now," said Blue. "But Cobb, Speaker and the fellows who had known him in his prime told me I should have seen Johnson when he was good. If they were right, I'm glad I didn't have that to worry about. He was too good for me when they said he was about through."



Lefty Grove.

ROGERS HORNSBY IS GREAT HITTER

Alexander Gave Him First Hit Out of Sympathy.

Rogers Hornsby is a great hitter. He has been the Rajah of the National league for years and led that organization in batting often. Yet the first hit he ever got in the big show was given to him out of sheer sympathy.

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"Here's a kid breaking in, let's hand him one," said Kil, "go ahead." "All right," said Kil, "go ahead." So I stuck one straight over and he hit a double. He certainly gave me plenty of trouble after that. But he wasn't my toughest. No, sir, the toughest gent I ever faced was Jimmy Archer, the old Cubs' catcher. I was his 'cousin' all right.

"He didn't hit more than about 240, but he could hit me. I pitched them high and low, in and out, fast ball and curve, but he hit everything. Whenever he saw me getting ready to pitch he used to kick his heels in the air and laugh right in my face.

"I finally said: 'Darned if I'm going to tire myself out trying to pitch to him.' So I just stuck it over and took a chance."

An innovation has been introduced by the Chicago (Ill.) publisher, John C. Baur, who sponsors the Review Futurity, and the nominators to the 1930 colt futurity will assent to racing the event of 1933 under the handicap system. Heretofore it has happened that one or two colts have stood out over the other colts and have had easy sailing to trim their fields.

It is now proposed to handicap the youngsters that have an edge on the others in point of speed, and the top colts or the ones that have shown superiority will be compelled to take so many feet or yards handicap, while the others will start from the scratch. The system will be used extensively this season in classes arranged for the aged trotting horse division.

Loyola university of Los Angeles has just insured Tom Lieb against death or accident for \$50,000. This, with Lieb's three-year contract at a reported salary of \$12,000 a year, shows how highly Loyola values the services of its new football coach, who, less than a year ago, was drawing \$5,500 as line coach at the University of Wisconsin.

A Chicago writer thinks tennis is silly because "a 200 pound six-footer runs around screaming 'Twenty love.'" And yet, if a fellow watches tennis long enough to know there is no "Twenty love" in it, he often finds it attractive.

Another sign of impending, if not actual middle age, is a growing disposition to postpone the baseball pennant prophecy until August or thereafter.

The first major league baseball club to inaugurate spring training in the South was the Baltimore Orioles, who went to Macon, Ga., in 1894, under the leadership of Ned Hanlon.

Tennis was evolved from a game introduced to sportsmen of Nahant, Mass., in 1873, called sphristike, which two young men had learned from a British officer who had adapted it from a medieval French game.

Outfielder Spencer Harris, who got his first major league tryout with the Philadelphia Athletics back in 1921, has been reclaimed by Connie Mack from the Detroit Tigers on waivers. Harris batted .340 for the Minneapolis A. A. club last season. He has had three major league trials, but is only twenty-nine.

J. T. "Jimmy" Sheppard, famous member of the Chicago Cubs of another decade, will pilot the Franklin and Marshall college nine through a strenuous schedule this spring.

Sheppard, regarded by many critics as the greatest left-fielder of all times, lost no time in calling his first practice.

Sport Notes

Joe Tinker will act as both coach and business manager of the Buffalo club.

Jack Quinn, forty-four-year-old Athletic hurler, expects to keep on pitching until he's fifty.

The Lehigh university five elected Warren H. "Buck" Schaub to captain the team next season.

The Big Ten outdoor track championships will be staged at Northwestern university May 23 and 24.

Judge Emil Fuchs, president of the Braves, has arranged to have a band concert before every game this season.

Almost any possible solution of the argument following the Sharkey-Scott fight would be agreeable, except fighting it over.

Harry Medline struck out 61 batters in four games while aiding the Elizabeth Center team to win the junior baseball championship of Ontario.

Tom O'Rourke, famous boxing promoter and manager, who is now in his seventy-fourth year, has been actively engaged in the ring game for 46 years.

Recent big leaguers on the St. Paul roster include Walter Gerber, ex Brown, and Benny Paschal, Wilcy Moore and Johnny Grabowski, ex Yanks.

The Michigan School for the Blind has a football team that plays high school eleven under regular rules, except for the fact that forward passes are barred.

Charley Moran, one of the National league umpires who officiated in the world series, is considered among the best judges of hunting dogs in the United States.

Al Thomas, White Sox pitcher, worked 25 complete games in the last part of the American league season of 1928 and the first part of 1929 season before he had to be taken out of the box.

Bill Etem has completed his twenty-fifth year as a National league umpire and has officiated in 14 world series. He claims to have worked in baseball games in everyone of the states.

The American Athletic union has 25 district associations throughout the United States. The Metropolitan District association, embracing New York city and vicinity, is the largest with 206 member clubs.

A freshman who never played basketball before this season is the only rookie sure to advance to the University of Maryland squad next winter. He is Ed Melvin, described as 6 feet, a clever shot, natural guard and a heads-up player.

Lundgren Gets Ready



Coach Carl Lundgren of the Illinois university baseball team has his men in good shape to start on the annual southern training trip. A winner is looked for this season.

Wit and Humor

SAID TO BE FROM ABERDEEN

A professional actor was coaching a dramatic society.

"You must infuse more expression into your voices," he said. "Why, I remember an actor who could so read a menu as to make his audience weep."

There was a moment's awed silence, and then one of the amateurs remarked: "He must have read the prices."—Stary Stories.

NOT WELL KNOWN



"Bill knows his onions, all right." "Yes; but doesn't know 'em well enough not to eat 'em."

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Sign Language "It is said that you are always talking politics." "I fear," rejoined Senator Sorghum, "that the habit is very strong."

"But you sometimes shake hands by the hour without saying a word." "Very true. But in this great game, even shaking hands is a sort of sign language."—Washington Star.

Not on Sight Thrifty Man—Why spend so much on clothes? Cheap ones are just as good. I paid \$3 for this suit, and I guess if I said I had paid \$3 you would believe me.

Friend (examining cloth)—Certainly—if you told me on the telephone.—Lustige Satche.

Absence Makes Landlord Richer The poet was famous, but the landlord was irate.

"I want my rent," stated the latter, "and I want it today. If I don't get it, tomorrow people will be pointing out this house as the place where you once lived."

Much Safer Guide Wife—I am afraid our new household is dishonest.

Husband—Come now, dear, you should never judge by appearances. Wife—I don't. I judge by disappearances.—Stray Stories.

TO STOP HER



Teacher—"Why should we put a full stop after the sentence. The woman said she was going after him with a stick?" Pupil—"Why—er—to keep her from going too far."

Truth in Ads "I never smoke no cigarettes." The famous player said; But they had him on the signboards Recommending Shanghai Reds.

A Friendly Word Jasper—I haven't a good word for that feller Jim.

Dexter—Well, they ain't much good said about him. But I'll say one good thing about Jim, he wasn't always a mean as he was sometimes.

Positions Altered Hattie—Oh, Evelyn, did he propose last night? Tell me what it was like! Evelyn—Oh, it was very simple. When he began he was on his knees, and when he finished I was on them.

Foggy Excuse "I'm sorry Reggie's so late in bringing me home, mother. There was a dense fog, and his car was held up." "Why, it's a clear, moonlight night." "So it is. I must have been thinking of some other night!"—Humorist.

He Was Willing Judge—You attacked this man on the street. Can you deny it? Accused—Yes, I can, Your Honor, if you think it will help me any.

POULTRY

ESTIMATED COST OF RAISING PULLETS

Seven Months' Time and 30 Pounds of Feed.

Poultrymen should have available from \$1 to \$1.50 to spend for every pullet they plan to raise, declares Charles N. Keen, assistant professor of poultry at the Colorado Agricultural college.

"To bring into production a dual purpose pullet—one which may be utilized for meat or egg production—about seven months' time and 30 pounds of feed are required," Mr. Keen says. "To bring into production a pullet of the Leghorn type, about five and one-half months' time and 24 pounds of feed are necessary."

Other interesting figures which have been compiled from authoritative sources, but which are of course average figures, are given by Mr. Keen, who believes they will be of special interest now that the new chick season is beginning. It is emphasized that good management in most cases should produce better than average results.

Since it generally takes about two eggs to get one husky chick, and since nearly three chicks must be hatched to get one good pullet, it has been estimated that it really requires about six eggs to obtain one good pullet.

Several good authorities declare that it costs about ten cents to produce a chick. A six-year-old Rhode Island Red should weigh about three-fourths of a pound. A six-week-old Single Comb White Leghorn should weigh about seven-tenths of a pound.

A Rhode Island Red should weigh two pounds at about eleven weeks of age and should have consumed about 7.2 pounds of feed. A Single Comb White Leghorn should weigh one and one-half pounds at about ten weeks of age and should have consumed 6.5 pounds of feed.

Sanitary Management Is Baby Chick Need

If the baby chicks are to keep their health and grow vigorously, we must practice proper sanitary management. We must keep the house clean, the ground clean, and the feed that is given them must be clean and wholesome. The feeding utensils and drinking fountains must be kept as clean as possible. It is a good idea to always keep a good disinfectant on hand, and every time the house is cleaned to use a solution of the disinfectant. The house should be cleaned out at least once each week and disinfected whenever necessary. It should be disinfected thoroughly after each brood is placed on range, to guard against any contagious diseases.

Hard-Boiled Eggs Safe Food for Baby Chicks

It is common practice to feed the infertile eggs tested out from the incubator to baby chicks. In so doing it incurs the danger of infecting the chicks with pullorum disease (formerly called bacillary white diarrhea). Where eggs form a part of the chick's diet they should be boiled for at least five minutes and preferably longer. This boiling will destroy the germ of the dreaded chick disease, and then it is a perfectly safe and good practice to feed the boiled eggs to baby chicks. One should not run the risk of infecting the brood by feeding the raw eggs.

Feed for Poults

Little turkeys should not be fed for the first day or two, as they are absorbing the yolk of the egg from which they came and this is what nature intended that they should get. After two days they may be fed chopped hard-boiled egg and corn bread crumbs for the first week, or soaked stale bread in milk and squeezed dry. When they begin to get out on the range, they may be fed morning and night only, as they get much from the range.

Young Duck Ration

A widely recommended ration that has been extensively used by duck raisers, is as follows: As a starting ration a mash made up of equal parts of rolled oats and dried bread is fed. It is found desirable to add a small quantity of sand, one part to twenty parts of the mash, and moistened. As much as the ducks will clean up readily is fed five or six times daily. After the ducks are six days old equal parts of bran, yellow corn meal, rolled oats and dry bread can be fed.

Geese Mate in Pairs

Geese generally mate in pairs, though a young gander will sometimes mate with more than one goose. Later he will usually pick a favorite. When nature the easiest way to tell a gander is to listen to the voice. A gander has a whistle and whisper. A young male hatched in June has an excellent chance, but if he is kept in a pen with a lot of other birds of different ages he probably will not be ready by February.

Three Leaders

London's literary bigwigs were being discussed.

"George Bernard Shaw," said a publisher, "treated me to a vegetarian luncheon and told me with some pride during the carrot course that his 'Back to Methuselah' was the longest play that had ever been written."

"He said that Wells' 'Clissold' was the longest novel ever written, and that Arnold Bennett was going to do an uplift book that would be the longest of its kind twice over."

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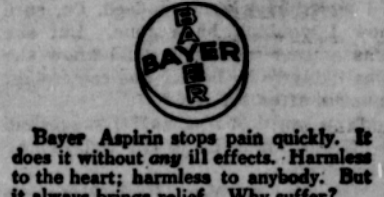
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Speedy Toys in Europe

Children in Europe are demanding speed in their toys. Six-year-old Mario Contorio recently appeared on the streets of Paris on his motor-driven bicycle. Three-year-old Warner Kimpel, son of a famous German auto racer, has his own electric racing car, and Alfredo Bonifatti, aged four, drives through the streets of Rome on a tiny, but speedy, motor cycle.

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Bride Tells Her Secret

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"I had only been married a few months to an athletic husband, who went everywhere and did everything. I tried to keep up with his pace, and simply collapsed under the strain. I never was really ill; just shallow-skinned, depressed, and lifeless. Swimming, dancing, golf, I just couldn't face them. When I began to lose my clear complexion, I was desperate."

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