

BABE RUTH IS NEAR THE TOP IN HOME RUNS

Bimbo Hits His 500th Circuit Drive and Is Tied With Hack Wilson For Second Place Honors—Yanks and A's Break Even.

By WILLIAM J. CHIPMAN Associated Press Sports Writer The reported cracking of the Athletic pitching staff seems to be adding confirmation in the west that the crash will have to assume a much wouder tone before it becomes amiable to the Yankees across a chain of 10 1/2 games. The leathers and their patters both broke even over the week end as the Cubs picked up one and one-half games on the Pirates by winning twice while the Buccaneers were dropping the old game, 5 to 3.

The week end in the American league was notable chiefly for Moose Grove's third failure within a week to appear that elusive 18th victory and for Babe Ruth's 499th and 500th home runs of his major league career. Ruth lapped his 499th on Saturday and out the finishing touch on a 1-to-2 Yankee victory, and pounded Willis Hudlin for his 500th in the second inning yesterday when the Lions eventually won, by 3 to 5. Lou Gehrig also got his 25th of the season at Cleveland yesterday.

Ruth's Sabbath drive placed him in a tie with Hack Wilson of the Cubs and Mel Ott of the Giants for second place in the interleague home-run derby and left him only three behind Chuck Klein of the Phillies, who has 33.

George Earnshaw undertook the task of taming the Tigers yesterday but in the ninth he served a home-run ball to Red Killebrew with two outs on base.

Harraave's machine steered the margin of the drive to one thin run, and brought old Jack Quinn to the box. Three angles and an error tied the score at 8 to 8, and Ossie Orwell emerged from the bullpen. Homer got by until Johnson hit a home run within the park in the seventh to win for the White Sox by 9 to 8.

The Red Sox and the White Sox divided two games at Chicago over the week end, the victors winning on Saturday, by 10 to 7, and the home team, by 6 to 3, yesterday. Al Thomas permitted only five hits in his Sabbath game, one a homer by Jack Rothrock.

Washington cleaned up two games over the Browns, winning by 1 to 0 on Saturday and by 7 to 5 yesterday.

The National league week end was marked by the fall of the late Christy Mathewson's Birming winning record of 27 1/2 games. Grover Cleveland Alexander held the Phillies to two hits in the last four rounds of the 11-inning second game on Saturday, and got credit for the 13-to-9 victory as the 37th victory of his 12-year career. The champion Cards tied the game for Alex with one in the ninth and won with two more in the 11th.

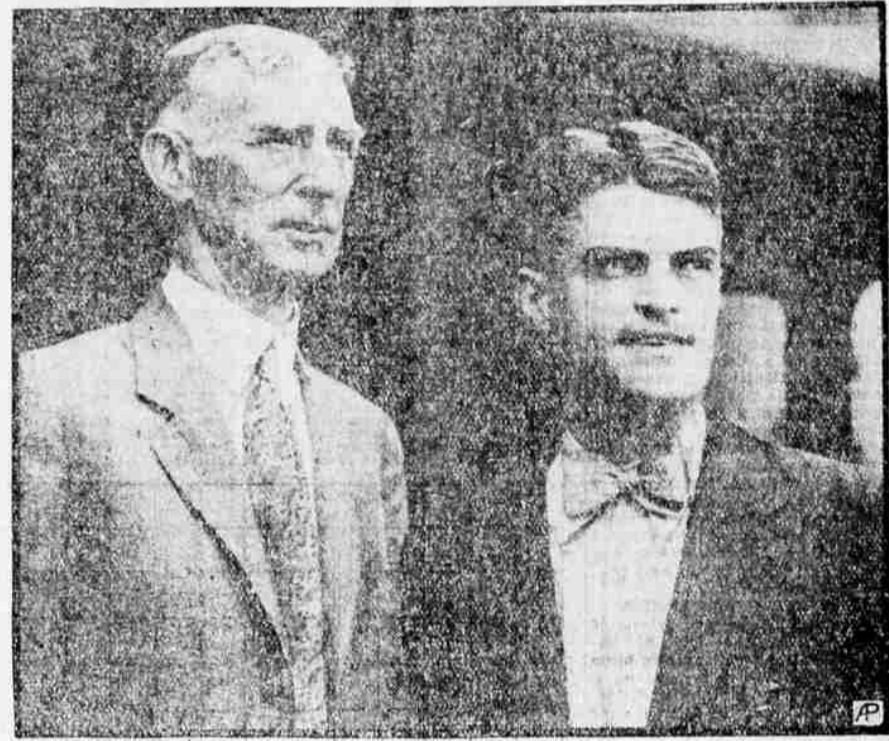
The Cubs won two hard-fought games in Boston, by 4 to 1 on Saturday and by 3 to 1 yesterday. The Pirates the while were dividing a Saturday bargain with the Athletics at Ebbets field and absorbing a 5-to-3 tap on the chin yesterday.

Sheriff Blake and Charley Root turned in some fancy pitching for Joe McCarthy at Braves' pith in the two Cub victories.

With pitching such as they are receiving in Boston, the Cubs can do with less hitting but this fact is making no impression upon Rogers Hornsby, among others. The Rajah got a single, a double and his 25th homer yesterday to boost his average to .295.

Red Lewis trimmed the Giants by 7 to 2 on Saturday, but No. 10 Carl Hubbell returned the compliment to the Redlegs on the Sabbath. The score was 6 to 1.

Connie Mack and Alan J. Gould



SPORT SLANTS Alan J. Gould

(Associated Press Sports Editor) Sometimes the first sixty-six years are the hardest. Four years ago, I sat with Connie Mack in the covered, neatly ordered office he occupies at Salshe park when he occupies at the edge of the dugout, score-card in hand, directing the field play of the Philadelphia Athletics.

"I thought this was to be our year but it seems that into is coming out," said Connie. He looks old and weary. His youthful mind had "blown" a good lead; crained in the stretch under the strain of a tight pennant race.

Two years later, in 1927, I sat for an hour in the same office, listening to Connie label the Yankees as one of the greatest teams of all time in a year in which Babe Ruth & Company made the American league run a runaway.

"But for bad breaks we might have made it closer but I do not think ours or any other club could have stopped the Yanks this season."

Shift the scenery to indicate the lapse of two more years. It's August, 1929, and hot; hotter in Philadelphia than most places. Connie removes coat, collar, tie and finally his shirt, somewhat apologetically. His visitor perhaps would like to do the same.

There is a gleam in the Old Master's eye that wasn't there four years ago or two years ago. In his 67th year, Mack's step is springier, his kindly eyes revealing, soft-spoken, quiet and courteous.

This is THE year. You can see what it means to Connie in nearly every word and gesture. Too many disappointments, the caution of an old campaigner keep Connie somewhat reserved. But it takes no scientist to tell that to this team, Connie is a man of nearly three years and ten, the American league pennant that now seems certain to be his, for 1929 means more than any of his past achievements.

Does he consider the pennant won? "Well, I'm proud of the way the boys have gone along. We are in a good position now. We have all the advantage this year. Last season we had to do the chasing and found the strain too much when we finally caught up with the Yankees. The club is playing cleanly but now and ought to win, but we don't take anything for granted."

"You know," said Connie's eyes twinkled, "we kind of surprised 'im this year. They didn't think much of us in the spring training. I'd almost see steady look so good and I talked pessimistically. But I really felt this was our year and I just wanted to prevent any chance of over-confidence or the folks expecting too much of us."

How do the "Yanks" feel now? "Well, you know it's sometimes astonishing. They come to get autographs and pictures every day. Some people think we have won already. They send me all kinds of gifts," and Connie waved his hand at an assortment. "I get letters from all over the country, advising, warning, even threatening. A lot of them as much as telling me if we don't win this year they are 'off us.'"

What's the main reason for the A's big lead? "Well, good steady ball. But mostly confidence now. Once the boys found they could beat the Yankees and beat them decisively, they hit their stride. We beat the champions in their own grounds and we beat them here. And when we won it was by good margins while they just barely lost as when they did, like that 2-1 game Jack Quinn lost to Walt Hoyt, due to two misjudged flyballs."

Connie dwells upon the little things that have meant improvement, greatness in Grove, Earnshaw and Wallberg, his pitching "big three" in Stinson, Cochran and "Foxy" as Mack calls the sensational young first baseman. Yes, these are all great, but man, yes, these are all great, but the old master deftly parries any attempt to have him say they are any greater, if as great as the famous machine he guided to four pennants and three world championships from 1910 to 1914.

"With the old A's it was speed and defense, though we also had good hitting. Now it's mainly hitting, and we have plenty of that, but we also have good pitching to defend."

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STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS

(By the Associated Press.)

Table showing standings for Coast League and National League.

Table showing standings for American League.

White Sox Buy Goods. CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—(P)—The White Sox today announced the purchase of two minor league pitchers and an outfielder, who will report for duty next spring.

Spanish Texas Gored. BARCELONA, Spain, Aug. 12.—(P)—Luis Freix, Mexican bull-fighter, was in a critical condition today after a serious goring at the horns of an angry bull yesterday.

Phoenix 21, Butte Falls 5. Phoenix won the one-sided baseball game from Butte Falls yesterday with a score of 21 to 5 at the fairgrounds diamond. Pete Montgomery, Phoenix's sensational 17-year-old pitcher played a good game and the Butte Falls line never seriously threatened.

FEAR TOM KAY SERIOUSLY ILL; FRIENDS WORRY. SALT LAKE, Dec. 12.—(P)—Telegrams received in Salt Lake today and Sunday relative to the condition of State Treasurer T. B. Kay, who is ill on a railway trip bound from Montreal to Oregon, indicate little if any improvement in his condition.

MISSING AIRMEN FOUND WORKING ON THEIR SEA PLANE. LISBON, Portugal, Aug. 12.—(P)—Three Swiss aviators, missing for three days, were located here today, working busily on their airplane, in which they shortly possibly tomorrow—expect to take off on a flight to New York.

Bandits Grab Food. PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12.—(P)—Five hundred pounds of raisins, 400 pounds of flour, 1200 pounds of sugar, 200 pounds of powdered sugar and 130 pounds of walnuts were stolen early today from a bakery here.

LOCAL CANNERY ASKS GROWERS TO SUPPLY PEARS

Hartlett Peares for canning at the local Rogue River Valley Canning company are still being sought, Ralph U. Boutelle, manager, announced Saturday in a communication to the board of directors of the Fruit Growers league. Members of the board state that they will take the matter up with the league growers immediately.

In the communication Mr. Boutelle contends that local growers have favored buyers from other canneries of the coast in preference to the local company. He further states that by selling the valley pears to outside canneries, local labor suffers and Medford's payroll is cut down.

About 125 tons of No. 1 pears and 250 tons of No. 2 grade are needed, the letter says. About 275 tons of the first grade have been contracted for but only 50 tons of the second have been purchased. This is far below the tonnage for which orders have already been taken by the cannery, Mr. Boutelle says.

Directors of the league have announced that every effort will be made to cooperate so far as possible in building up the business of the local canneries. They believe, will be beneficial in the long run not only to the growers, but to the valley as a whole.

The letter to the Fruit Growers league follows: "Our local cannery is in need of market pears. Orders already taken will require about 700 tons, 400 of which should be No. 1 and 300, seconds and culls. "Some of the growers from whom we have always bought have not favored us this year because they were offered higher prices than they thought we could afford to pay. That may have been true, but our good customers are now cognizant of the situation, and are helping us meet the unusual prices so we can pay these higher prices. Therefore, if we can secure the pears we can take care of our good customers whom we have served for some years past, and keep the business here for this valley in the future. While, if we are not able to get pears enough to fill our contracts, it means the loss of this business for the future, serious conditions for us for not fulfilling our contracts and perhaps a general reflection on the valley.

We have so far only been able to contract for 275 tons of good pears, and not over 50 tons of seconds and culls. There are some packing house buyers now considering what they may be able to do for us, but until next week we shall not be able to know what results may come from this source.

We wish to leave no stone unturned to prevent us from getting the tonnage we desire, and are accordingly advising you of the situation that confronts us at present. We would ask you to kindly consider this matter, take it up with the growers of your league, and see if something cannot be done to assure us of being able to operate and fill our orders. The culls and seconds right from the orchards are what we most desire now, and we think the price we can pay may make it worth while to clean up all such and turn over to us. We need about 250 tons of this kind of pears, and 125 tons of No. 1's. "The pay roll of this cannery amounts to a considerable sum each year, and if we are not able to run all the fall on pears it will be a detriment to the town, and something of a hardship upon the workers who greatly rely on the wages they get from us.

"We submit the above for your consideration, and we are, "Yours very truly, "ROGUE RIVER VALLEY CANNING COMPANY, "By Ralph U. Boutelle."

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BEER JOINT HERE RAIDED, MANAGER FINED AND JAILED

Peter Fisher, charged with beer possession, was fined \$250 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail this morning, by Justice of the Peace L. A. Roberts at Ashland, upon his plea of guilty.

The home of Fisher, at 19 Jeanette avenue, was raided last night by the sheriff's office and Federal Prohibition Officer Terry and Federal Ten gallons of beer malt and 12 quarts of beer were seized. Four customers in the place were dismissed by the raiders. Neighbors have been complaining of the Fisher operations for some time, as the patrons of the "beer garden" were inclined to burst forth into song at late hours, and fight among themselves. The raid was a lively business on hot evenings, the authorities say.

It was also said that the product Fisher made and served was quite palatable.

Neuner Leaves for East. PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 12.—(P)—Summoned, it was said, by the attorney general, George Neuner, United States district attorney, left Portland yesterday for Washington, D.C.

Rumor has it that Neuner may be offered the position of chief prohibition enforcement officer in the attorney general's department, the office recently vacated by Mahel W. Willebrandt.

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