

Strange Experiences of Peck And Keating on Ball Diamond Recounted by Famous Umpire

By BILLY EVANS

Roger Peckinpaugh, newly appointed manager of the Cleveland Indians, played the leading role in perhaps the most unusual day at bat ever enjoyed by a major league ball player. No doubt it would be more correct if I referred to it as a non-batting feat.

Ray Keating, some years ago a deceptive spitball pitcher, then with the New York Yankees, played the hero stuff in the weirdest exhibition of pitching, featuring both good and bad, that I have ever called balls and strikes over.

Peckinpaugh's performance featured five bases on balls in as many appearances at the plate. I do not recall the pitchers who worked the game, there were several, but I do recall Philadelphia as the opposing team.

Keating's debut as a big league pitcher was a most unusual one. He struck out the side in the ninth inning of a game at St. Louis, but before doing so bumped into plenty of trouble.

From certain angles Peckinpaugh's five bases on balls and Keating's trio of strikeouts had nothing in common, as I will later try to point out.

When Peckinpaugh received five bases on balls in a game at Philadelphia on June 2, 1919 as a member of the New York Yankees, he didn't establish a record.

Back in 1891, Walter Wilton, then with the Chicago Nationals, worked the opposition twirlers for six bases. Thirty-six years have passed and the feat of getting six bases on balls in one game remains undisturbed.

Seven players in the history of the major leagues have received five bases on balls. However, I doubt if any of the seven had an experience similar to that of Peckinpaugh's.

Going to the plate five times in the game, Peckinpaugh didn't offer at a single ball. He could have left his bat at the bench as far as swinging at the ball was concerned.

The freak part of the happening was that in each instance the count was three balls and two

strikes before he was finally franked to first. In each time at bat, Peckinpaugh played out the string, but in working the pitcher to the limit he refrained from striking at a single ball.

While there is no way of checking up on the six other similar happenings, I doubt if any of them had the same background as Peck's, three balls and two strikes in each instance, without the batsman taking his bat off his shoulder.

For real drama, however, Keating's debut as a pitcher had Peck's drab base on balls performance backed off the boards.

When a pinch hitter was pressed into service for the New York pitcher in the first half of the eighth, in a game at St. Louis some years ago, Keating was selected as the pitcher to finish the game.

His deceptive spitball that was hard to control, plus the nervousness that went with his big league debut, had Keating working under a severe strain.

Keating gave three bases on balls in the first inning he ever worked in the majors and in between he struck out three other men to face him. The count on each of the six batters to face him was three balls and two strikes.

Keating walked the first, third and fifth batter. He struck out the second and fourth, so there was real "melodrama" on tap when the sixth batter of the inning stepped to the plate with the bases filled.

I called the batter out with the count three and two, on a ball which the batsman insisted was away below the knee, but I thought good enough to be a strike.

I have never umpired a wilder inning, six batters up, three bases on balls and as many strikeouts, with the count three and two on every batsman. Tie it if you can.

In my next article, I will discuss the most unusual ball game I have ever seen a pitcher work, unusual because of its good and bad features.



HERB PENNOCK

Herb Pennock's Pitching in 1923 World Series Was Most Courageous Evans Ever Saw

To Herb Pennock, of the New York Yankees, goes all the credit for pitching the most courageous game I have ever seen a big league register.

This same Pennock, frail of stature, but with a heart of oak, has pitched many remarkable games during his career in the majors. Lacking the burning speed of southpaws like Waddell and Grove, Pennock, with far less stuff, ranks among the five greatest southpaws of the last 25 years.

In the last world series between New York and Pittsburgh, he gave one of his sterling performances when he set down 22 of the Pirates in order. It seemed for a time as if he might pitch a perfect game.

However, just prior to the start of the eighth session, the Yanks had enjoyed a batting rally that took about 10 minutes and Pennock, sitting on the bench, so cooled off that he wasn't at his best when he returned to the rubber.

When one speaks of a courageous exhibition of pitching, the inference is that the game must have been a low score affair, featuring air tight hurling.

Quite to the contrary, in the game where Pennock showed me there never was a more lion-hearted pitcher, he was battered hard throughout. And, after all, that is when it takes real courage to carry on.

The game I have in mind was the sixth and crucial one of the 1923 world series. Pennock had won one game and saved another by his relief work. Selected to pitch the sixth game, with the count standing three games to two in favor of the Yankees, it was apparent the New York Americans had a great chance to triumph over the Giants, unless Pennock had been overworked.

I had my doubts when Pennock stepped to the mound, for I feared three games in five days two of which he started, would prove too great a task. After I saw him pitch for an inning, I was positive he was far from the top of his game.

It was evident from the way the Giants slammed away at his offerings that he didn't have his usual stuff. However, he did have his customary poise and uncanny control.

Babe Ruth staked Pennock to a one-run lead with a home run drive in the first inning but three slaving hits by the Giants quickly evaded the count in their half.

In the fourth inning two hits gave the Giants the run that sent McGraw's team in to the lead. A home run by Catcher Frank Snyder in the sixth stretched the margin to two runs.

In every inning the Giants poked away at Pennock's delivery. It seemed they would score in every session but always some brilliant fielding feat or super pinch pitching by the New southpaw would temporarily avert what seemed to be impending disaster.

Ten hits were made off Pennock's delivery but they failed to be batted. Yet, through it all, he never once wavered. Re-

alizing he didn't have his stuff, he matched his wits with every batter and as a result was often in trouble trying to make the opposition bite at bad balls.

Pennock kept plugging away when most pitchers would have said "what's the use," and gotten careless. The break came in the eighth inning. With the score standing 4-1 against the Yanks, his teammates made five runs through a combination of hits and bases on balls, mostly the latter.

New York Americans won the game and the series, 6-4, simply because Pennock never once lost heart, even though he was battered hard in every inning. I have never seen a more courageous exhibition of pitching under such discouraging circumstances.

In my next article, I will discuss the greatest fielding feat I have ever seen during my 22 years as a big league umpire.

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Frank Getty Says Bicycling Still Has Appeal for Public

By Frank Getty

(United Press Sports Editor)

Harry Mendell, the genial and unimpeachable counsel on public relations for everything which moves upon two wheels, has submitted his annual report upon the health of the cycling industry.

It seems everything is jake in the rubber-tired racket. More people paid more money than ever before to watch the six-day races and other phenomena of the bicycle business.

The genial Mr. Mendell is to the bike game what air is to the bike tire. He inflates it and enables it to keep rolling. The only trouble with the business of bicycle racing is that it keeps rolling right around back to us, just when we are getting acquainted around our own fire-side once more.

And then we break a perfectly rational resolution and stay up all night watching the darn things again.

A noted New York columnist made the wisest remark concerning the six-day bike race when he suggested that it should be ridden on a straightaway.

As for cycling in general, to quote Mr. Mendell, it enjoyed one of its greatest seasons. Attendance records were broken in New York City and elsewhere.

As was the case in many other branches of sport, the year 1927 was a hard one on title-holders. Only two bicycle champions kept their crowns. Victor Linart of Belgium won the world's motor-paced championship for the second year in succession and Cecil Walker of Australia, for the fourth consecutive year, won the all-around bicycle championship of America.

The two outstanding riders of the year, however, were Franco Georgetti of Italy and James Walther, Jr., of New York.

By winning the three six-day

bike races during the year, in addition to being the first foreign rider ever to win the American motor-paced championship, little Georgetti stood out.

Jimmy Walther, an amateur, won three titles. He captured the amateur sprint championship on the track, the amateur championship at Louisville, Ky., and the amateur all-around championship.

Foreign riders accounted for three other important cycling championships. Lucien Richard of France won the world's professional sprint title, Harris Horner of Australia the American spring championship and Matthias Engle of Germany the world's amateur championship.

The amateur Athletic Union also has submitted its suggestions for a resume of the year's progress and outstanding events on the track and field.

Sabin Carr of Yale was chosen as the outstanding athlete of the year. Carr started breaking records in February, and kept the world's best mark for the pole vault steadily mounting until he finally cleared 13 feet 9 1/4 inches indoors and 14 feet outdoors.

Lloyd Hahn of the Boston A. A. and Nebraska was the best performer indoors. His smashing victory over Edwin Wide, the famous Swede, brought Hahn within a fifth of a second of the world's record for the mile, while the Nebraskan easily established new world's records for 1,000 yards and 1,000 metres.

One Club Made Money Following the announcement that the Seattle Pacific Coast League club was on the market, figures were quoted that San Francisco was the only team in the league that had made any money.

Baker—Mormons will build to be built at Hunter's Hot Springs.

Tom Loughran Claims He'll Defend Title

By NEA Service

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28. (A P)—It's an old story to hear a new champion tell the world "I'm going to be a fighting champion. Bring 'em all on."

Tommy Loughran, who recently proved his claim to be the world's light heavyweight champion by defeating Jimmy Slattery, improved a little in the election of his title when he said: "I'll fight 12 times a year if the arrangements can be made."

Singularly, Loughran apparently meant that he will be a fighting champion.

He had hardly slept off the preparations for the Slattery fight when he had to jump into training for the defense of his title against Leo Lomski, in New York, on January 6.

And anyone can tell you that Lomski is the best challenger in the class.

Gene Cirieli, gallant Frenchman, who defended the featherweight championship against Johnny Dundee within a few months after he had knocked out Johnny Kilbane, certainly did no more than Loughran is doing.

"One month after the Lomski fight, I will give Slattery a return battle for the title," Tommy says.

Carl Sign Another The St. Louis Cards will take Louis Gipp, a Little Elkhorn Valley League shortstop, south next spring.

Supersubstitutes Player Jimmy Ring, National League pitcher, is said to be one of the most supersubstitutes players in baseball.

Nex Georgia Coach Harry Hahn, former Notre Dame star, has been made head coach of football at the University of Georgia.

Takeview—Modern sanitarium to be built at Hunter's Hot Springs.

At The Orpheus

AL WILSON'S latest effort, "Three Miles Up," a Universal Western now showing at the Orpheus theater, affords an excellent opportunity for this star-actor to demonstrate his undaunted bravery and daring. Again and again the audience gasps as he and the other members of the cast perform their dangerous air stunts. Director Bruce Mitchell has managed to make the story so convincing that at no time do the stunts appear as a mere exhibition of aerial skill. Ethlyne Claire, William Malan, Frank Rice, William Clifford, Billy (Red) Jones, Joe Bennett, Archie Hicks and Art Goebel are the supporting cast.

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On January fourth, the Reames Golf and Country club will open its winter season and in the evening the indoor games of the club will be opened to all members.

A most unique and interesting set of three games have been arranged in the basement of the Wynmans building under the Justin-Montgomery store.

On the opening night there will be a contest held in each game between William Wade, the golf pro and a star member of the club so that all members present may see how the games are played and in addition have the pleasure of seeing what promises to be a close contest.

Several interesting matches are being arranged and on the opening evening members will be invited to sign up for matches on the different games and it is hoped that considerable rivalry will take place during the winter months.

In addition to the games, lessons will be given by Mr. Wade at times conveniently arranged between members of the club and himself. Each afternoon the rooms will be open for players as well as each night.

Student Speculators Four students at Ohio State University were dragged before the student court recently to answer charges of speculating in tickets for the Michigan game.

Jack Sharkey In Good Shape For T. Heeney

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (AP)—Doubts about Jack Sharkey being in good condition to go through with his bout against Tom Heeney in Madison Square Garden on January 13, seemed dispelled today with news that both boxers had started active training.

Tex Rickard received word from Johnny Buckley, Sharkey's manager, that the Boston heavyweight knocked out Rocky Stone twice in a three round workout. Sharkey's injured left hand has apparently mended completely, Buckley says.

Tommy Loughran, world's light heavyweight champion has started training for his title bout against Leo Lomski, of Aberdeen, Wash., to take place at the garden on January 6.

Joe Glick, Brooklyn junior lightweight, has been matched to battle Johnny Farr, in Cleveland, in a 12-round bout on January 4.

If Tilden defies England too much, the British Lawn Tennis Association may ask him how many houses he has received for these articles of his. Probably the whole matter finally will go to the League of Nations and a general disarmament conference will be called.

Miller Huggins says the Yankees haven't won the pennant for 1928 yet, and he's interested in bringing at least one good player from the minors. He probably figures one good player in the big league is worth two in the bush.



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