

SPORTS DONE BROWN

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Speaking of pitchers, or were we? The current season has been a disappointing one for Wilbert Robinson, jolly leader of the Brooklyn Dodgers. And one of the most disappointing factors of his team's play has been the absolute failure of the Jess Petty, the southpaw, to come through.

Uncle Robbie paid Indianapolis a big price for Petty last winter, firm in the belief that the veteran could come through in grand style and make a good running mate for Dazzy Vance, Buleigh Grimes, et al. As this is written Petty has yet to win half a dozen games.

All of which causes us to wonder if the Cleveland baseball club knew what it was doing when it refused to get excited about the scramble for Petty, caused by his work with the Indianapolis team.

Cleveland had Petty some years ago. He seemed to have promise. The club finally let him go, however, and while no reason was given for the move, the opinion was expressed by some that Petty's main fault was a mental one. Success seemed to hurt him rather than spur him on.

Petty joined the Dodgers last spring with the reputation of having won 29 games and lost but 8 for the Hoosiers, a great percentage in that league of sluggers and wise old birds. Many a pitcher has joined the majors with a much less impressive record and him—and with much less experience in facing batters—and has come through in rapid time.

Why, then, did Petty go pillock? Only one other disappointment approaches it in Uncle Robbie's mind. That is the reversal of form shown by big Rube Ehrhardt. You'll recall that that boy, after joining the Robins last year, went great guns, winning five games at the close of the season.

When the 1924 season ended he loomed up as one of the big winners of the Dodgers for this campaign. He is just about breaking even in victories and defeats, and has yet to win his tenth game.

The tune regarding the lively nature of the big baseball now in use in the big leagues has changed of late. The drop in the home run averages and the ability of pitchers to remain longer under the daily fire has caused some followers of the game to suggest that adverse comment on the "rabbit" ball has caused manufacturers to change the composition and remove some of the life.

This change has been denied indignantly.

Now Art Nehf, Giant pitcher, and

one of the greatest students of pitching in the game today, comes across with some views on the subject.

Nehf asserts that he has been pitching two different types of balls in recent games. One is smaller than the other and has heavier sewing. These two changes give the pitcher more control over the ball.

If this be true, one of two things is happening. Either some of the balls made before the advent of the rabbit ball are being worked in or the latest batches from the factory are different than those in use earlier in the year. Take your choice.

One of the men who played on the line with the United States naval academy football team last fall will be eligible to play on the University of Iowa team this coming season, according to an announcement at Iowa City, Ia. The player, Lambert, was a member of the freshman team at Iowa in 1923. He re-entered Iowa last winter, and thereby met eligibility qualifications.

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COAST LEAGUE

Indians Trounce Seals
SEATTLE, Sept. 12.—Briek Elford's hitting, the pudgy outfielder driving in all four Indian runs with three timely hits, one a double, gave Seattle a 4 to 2 victory over the leading Seals today. The tribe can now win the series from San Francisco by taking both games tomorrow. "Red" Lucas, pitching his first game in more than a month, bested Oliver Mitchell of the visitors.

Score—
R. H. E.
San Francisco 2 7 1
Seattle 4 9 0
Batteries—Mitchell and Yelle; Lucas and E. Baldwin.

Barfoot Wins 23rd
LOS ANGELES, Sept. 12.—Clyde Barfoot, star Vernon pitcher, won his 23rd victory of the season here today, when Vernon nosed out Salt Lake, 7 to 6 in a 10-inning game.

Swanson, Vernon rightfielder, crossed the plate with the winning run when Barfoot sacrificed.
Score—
R. H. E.
Salt Lake 6 11 1
Vernon 7 12 2
Batteries—M. L. C. A. H. O'Neill, Stroud and Cook, McDonald; Barfoot and Whitney.

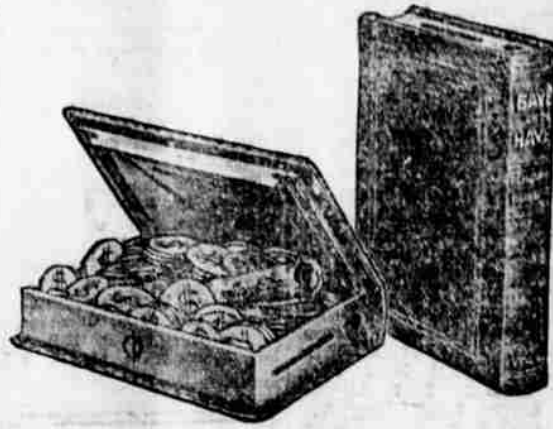
Rohwer Slams Homer
PORTLAND, Sept. 12.—Assisted by two home runs by Rohwer, leftfielder, the Beavers made it five out

of six games of the series Saturday, Portland when they defeated the Angels, 13 to 5. Six runs in the fourth inning drove Jacobs from the mound and put the game on ice for the locals.

Score—
R. H. E.
Los Angeles 5 15 4

Oaks Hit To Victory
OAKLAND, Sept. 12.—Two homers, hit by Flowers and Arlett, saved

the day for the Oaks today, and was another day for the Senators and won 13 to 10. It (Continued on Page Seven)



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