

THIRTY-EIGHTH YEAR

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STANFORD BEATEN BY WASHINGTON EIGHT

Clam-Diggers Loafed On Job of Beating Them--Great Crowd at Auto Races

Seattle, Wash., April 8.—Defeated, but offering no excuses, the Stanford University crew started for Palo Alto today while thousands of University of Washington students cheered them for the game race they rowed on Lake Washington late yesterday.

Grudge Match Was Tame
Portland, Ore., April 8.—Wrestling fans were somewhat disappointed today at the outcome of the alleged "grudge match" between Frank Vance of Seattle and Eddie O'Connell of Portland, last night. The affair was called a draw, although Vance clearly and the best of the milling.

Gumbot Smith Done.
Tulsa, Okla., April 8.—The extent to which Gumbot Smith, once formidable glove bunter, has slipped was revealed today when fight fans reflected on the fact that even Carl Morris, the Sapulpa giant gained a decision over him in a 10-round bout last night. Smith was badly punished.

Welsh Has Speed.
Milwaukee, Wis., April 8.—Freddie Welsh's speed is all there, in the opinion of fans who saw him gain a decision over Ritchie Mitchell in a 10-round bout here last night. The champion pounded Mitchell's stomach badly but could not reach his jaw.

Turn Out to See Corbett.
San Francisco, April 8.—Joe Corbett will make his coast league debut for 1916 tomorrow morning when the South and Portland meet at Oakland. A large number of fans is expected to turn out to see the veteran performer.

Darkies Drubbed Seattle.
Seattle, Wash., April 8.—It can't be said that the Seattle Giants are in mid-season form. The locals took an 11 to 3 drubbing yesterday from Babe Foster's Chicago darkies. "Bab" Moneybags, recruit catcher for Seattle, starred at the bat.

Schultz in Good Form.
Charley Schultz, former Vancouver, Brooklyn and Salt Lake heaver, is showing splendid form in the training camp of the Seattle club. He declares he is in for the best year of his career and will soon be back in the big tent.

Grant Junior High Wins from West Salem

The Grant junior high school team won an exciting game from West Salem yesterday by the score of 18 to 14. The game was played in West Salem. The batteries for Grant were Ward and Jones and for West Salem were Massey and Alberta.

40,000 THERE FIVE HOURS BEFORE START

Estimates Place Total Attendance at 100,000--May Smash Records

Corona, Cal., April 8.—More than 40,000 persons had packed the race course here at 8 a. m. today, five hours before the start of the 300-mile Grand Prix contest for \$12,000.

There were five favorites, with the betting even on each one to win. They are Eddie Pullen, Mercer; Barney Oldfield, Delage; Hughie Hughes, Sunbeam; Bob Burman, Peugeot; and Earl Cooper, Stutz.

"I believe Babe Marquard is coming back," said Manager Robinson, of the Supercas, after watching the ex-Giant putting them over to Catcher Myers. Robinson admitted that Marquard is the problem of the squad. He believes that Babe needs only more strength and added flesh to put the hop to his fast ones and has been developing him toward that end.

SPORT GOSSIP

OVER THE BORDER

By Grantland Rice.
"Over the border lies Spring—and its roses; Over the border lies Spring—and its posies." —Old Song.

Let "roses" and "posies" move on with a lode— Over the border lies Spring—and its dope.

Beall, Kilifer and Griffith have today been decided on as the Red out field this season.

"You say," writes a rabid non-combatant, "that Evers has had a lot of hard luck. He has been injured very little. Most of his absences from the game have been due to his constant leaving on the field."

SCORING RULES ARE SENT EACH OFFICIAL

Basic Principles Governing Determination of Important Point Given Out Officially

New York, April 8.—The pitcher always has been the dominant factor in a baseball game. More rules govern his work and prescribe how it shall be performed than handicap or enhance the efforts of the other eight players.

John A. Heydler, secretary of the National league, will send this week to each official scorer of the league a copy of the rules, to determine the perplexing questions arising under these two heads. These rules are, yet there are frequent discrepancies in the interpretation of the rules. The rules follow:

Determining Games Won and Lost.
While it is not possible to make hard and fast rules for determining which pitcher should be credited with winning, or charged with the loss of a game, yet there are certain fundamental rules in arriving at a decision which have stood the test of criticism, and which are as follows:

1. When one pitcher is relieved by another, with runners on bases, charge up all such runners, in case they score, to the first pitcher. The relieving pitcher, coming into the game "cold," and possibly in the midst of a batting rally, cannot be held responsible for runners he may find on the bases; nor should he be charged up with the first batsman he faces reaching first if such batsman had any advantage because of the wild pitching of the first pitcher.

FUNSTON'S ORDERS AS TO LEAVING MEXICO

When Villa Is Captured, or His Bands Scattered, Army Will Be Withdrawn

By Carl D. Groet.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Washington, April 8.—The United States will regard its mission in Mexico as completed when the de facto government is able to relieve the American expedition in its undertaking task, or when "Villa's hand or bands are broken up."

Asked whether a time limit had been placed on the American expedition's operations in Mexico, the war department today replied by revealing its official orders given Major General Fred Funston at the beginning of the campaign, March 10.

In substance, they directed Funston to "organize an adequate force under Brigadier General John J. Pershing and instruct him to go across the border in pursuit of Villistas who raid Columbus, Tex. The troops will be withdrawn to American territory as soon as the de facto government is able to relieve them of their work. In any event, their work will be regarded as finished when Villa's hand or bands are broken up."

It is plain that, according to the language of the orders, the administration could "withdraw" the expedition before Villa is captured.

Raw Oyster Is To Be Looked On With Suspicion

Salem Motorcycle Club to Play at Jefferson

The raw oyster today is to be looked upon with suspicion. Great care should be observed in purchasing them. The seller should be known to be reliable and he should know from what beds he gets his supply.

The Salem Motorcycle club baseball team will play the Jefferson team at Jefferson tomorrow for the opening game of the season. The Salem Motorcycle Mikes have been practicing for the past two weeks to round a team fast shape and Manager Decker now expects to see his club in a formidable contention to come with the champions of the act at Jefferson. The Salem club will make the trip with their supporters on motor cycles.

Eddie Plank, old-time nemesis of the Tigers, refused to be counted out. He scoffs at the idea he won't amount to much this season, and confounds his critics by the assertion that he expects to keep on pitching until he is 45 years old. Here is what he had to say: "I've never had a sore arm, and when I quit the game it will be because I am tired of it. I'm 40 now, but I'm going to stick in the big leagues for five years more. At 45, then, I think I'll be prepared to stay at home. Pitching is a job. It must be studied by the pitcher. He must study the other fellow, the batter, and then give him what he knows he cannot hit. That's the way I have pitched for 15 years. The fellow with the fast ball will last longer than the one with the curve. I'll pitch five fast ones to a single curve or slow ball. But the winning pitcher must have the control. Control is the biggest point."

"Chick" Gaudin reminds one of George Stovall in one way. He makes the pitchers cover first, and if the Indiana hurler fails to improve in fielding it will not be "Chick's" fault for he absolutely declines to scoop a grounder and dash for the sack himself.

Clark Griffith has unearthed a promising young catcher named Garrity, who played with Minneapolis last year. Garrity may fill the shoes of Catcher Annis, of the Washingtons, as the latter is troubled with his eyes.

At Macon, on March 16, one of the young pitchers, Urban Shooker, not only covered first base and Hendrix applied him in the belt. He leaped to the bench with a long and nasty cut and will be out of commission for several weeks.

Outfielder Shorten, of the Red Sox, is said to be one of the best young players ever signed by the Hub champion. The Braves also have a crack young outfielder in Wilhoit, from the coast.

The worry's all over now. Fear of Joe Jackson being a hold-out was dispelled on March 16, when the slugging outfielder stroked into the White Sox camp, bagging a grip.

The Pitching Records of a Decade

By J. C. KOFOED, in Sporting Life

The value of pitching to a team has been variously estimated as from 40 to 70 per cent of its defensive strength. Whatever it may be, there is no question that the twirler is the most valuable man of the nine, and usually the one who looms largest in the public eye.

From the days of Aristotle to those of Charley Van Loan, figures were considered impeccable, and even yet some benighted business man drools forth the bromide that "figures never lie." They do in baseball, though. No one believes that fielding averages nearly approximate the fielder's skill, and even batting averages are deceiving. But the following statistics really tell a true story.

A pitcher may win 20 games in a season, because he has an extraordinarily strong team behind him, and because his opponents were hand-picked for the slaughter. Over a term of years, however, this would not hold true, and it will be noticed that the greatest pitchers in the game monopolize the glory in the records of the past decade.

There have only been five mound-men continually in service from 1906 to 1915, inclusive. Their records follow:

W. L. Peck
Christy Mathewson, Giants, 241 113 351
Miner Brown, Cubs, 105 93 371
Eddie Plank, Browns, 194 99 562
Chief Bender, Phillies, 151 81 551
Ed Reulbach, 157 85 509

Total 938 470 567
To win 75 per cent of one's games in a major league season is a feat that is only accomplished by the hardest of work and the maximum of skill—with a little luck thrown in. Twenty-five pitchers have won 75 per cent or more in the past 10 years. They are:

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like Brown, Mathewson, Reulbach, Cole, Plank, Wood, Loeper, Ford, Crandall, Leonard, Marquard, Phillips, Adams.

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like Russ Ford, Ed Reulbach, Otis Crandall, Christy Mathewson, Howard Camnitz.

The wonderful string of 40 victories that the "Southall King," Ed Walsh, collected in 1908, has never been equaled either in major or minor league ball in the past decade. Christy Mathewson came nearest to it than any other mound artist, but even he missed the mark by three games. The greatest number of victories won in a single season are:

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like Edward Walsh, C. Mathewson, Walter Johnson, Joe Wood, Walter Johnson, Grover Alexander, Jack Coombs.

The ambition of every pitcher's life is, of course, to pitch a no-hit, no-run game. In the past decade, the feat has been accomplished just 26 times in major leagues. Twenty-six times in nearly 3,500 games! Not a very high average, is it? These are the immortals:

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like Joss (2), Marquard, Laverader, Davis, Scott.

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like Benz, Mullin, Hamilton, Teeceau, Wood, Walsh, Bender, Wilson.

The following cities are the ones these pitchers disposed of without a hit:

Table with 3 columns: City, Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes St. Louis, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, Brooklyn, New York.

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Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like American League, National League, Federal League.

Now that we have seen the records of the winning pitchers it is only right that we should glance over the defeats that went to make up those victorious averages. One man cannot win unless another one loses.

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like George Bell, Bob Brem, Gus Dorner, Jack Quinn.

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like Young, Rhodes, F. Smith, Allen, Hendrix, Main, Davenport, Wilson.

Though not so closely examined by the average fan, the records of the minor leagues present some amazingly interesting figures. The best winning records made in any leagues under minor league classification are:

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like Player-Club, Vickers, Pacific Coast, McGlynn, Tri-State, Liebhard, Southern, Raymond, South Atlantic, Henderson, Galt, State, Henley, Pacific Coast.

The best minor league record for two consecutive years was made by our old friend, Jack Warhop. In 1907, in the Wisconsin State league, and in 1908, in the Tri-State league, he accomplished some remarkable work.

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like Year, W, L, 1907, 1908.

In 10 years 831 minor league twirlers have won 29 or more games in a season.

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like American League, National League, Federal League, Hendrix, Whales.

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like Wau, (total) Nat., Am., Fed., 27, 1, 9, 0.

So far as the records show, Paige, who twirled in the Western league, in 1906, leads in defeats with 30. Hit, a veteran Pacific Coast man, was beaten 26 times in 1909. The only twirler in modern minor league history, who had not defeat more often than that, was Bob Butler, a Pacific Coast pitcher, who was beaten 31 times in 1904.

The minor leaguers who have lost 29 or more games a season during the past decade, follow:

Table with 3 columns: Pitcher, Wins, Losses, Games. Includes names like Games, L, Pitches, Games, W, Pitches.

The intent of the rule is to include under the heading of earned runs all the factors that produce runs for which the pitcher is chiefly responsible.

Use your best judgment where differences of opinion arise regarding earned runs, particularly when one pitcher substitutes for another. Give the pitcher the benefit of the doubt.

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This data covers the pitching of practically every man who has worked in leagues under the National agreement in the past 10 years.