BRINGING UP FATHER

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SHORTSTOPS ALL BELOW AVERAGE, HUGHIE ASSERTS

St. Louis Cardinals Only Club With Star and Even Hornsby's Average of Strength Is Below Normal.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Offensive. Value.	Defensive. Value.	Total.
Detroit	770	452	1,222
Cleveland	764	437	1,201
New York	757	418	1,175
Boston	752	419	1,171
Chicago	716	411	1,127
St. Louis	746	404	1,150
Washington	732	410	1,142
Philadelphia	705	385	1,090

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

St. Louis	864	432	1,296
Philadelphia	775	455	1,230
New York	771	456	1,227
Boston	751	451	1,202
Brooklyn	743	446	1,189
Cincinnati	739	388	1,127
Chicago	733	378	1,111
Pittsburgh	716	372	1,088

By HUGH S. FULLERTON.

There is a saying in base ball that more pennants are won and lost at shortstop than at any other position on the field. If that be true there is slight indication that it will apply either in the American or the National league this season, unless perchance, the St. Louis Cardinals win, in which event the shortstop element probably will be the strongly decisive one.

The shortstops of the two leagues are not, on the whole, up to the shortstop standard that has prevailed in the major leagues for years. With the single exception of Rogers Hornsby, not one of this last generation is on a par with the older short stoppers, and he has yet to prove himself the equal of Wagner.

In attack the shortstops are not strong, in defensive work they are good. In studying the dope we find that the grand little veteran, Donie Bush, still heads the American leaguers, due entirely to his increase in swatting power last year, and his usual ability to draw bases on balls—at which he remains the best of them all. He is on bases a greater per centage of times than almost any player in the world and in this respect his figures since he has been with Detroit show well with those of such men as Keeler, Slage and others of the old school.

Cleveland Second.

Cleveland, with Chapman returning to his true form, holds second rank, with the next five closely bunched. They are a clever fielding, but light hitting outfit, and only one—St. Louis—shows much promise of increasing its hitting power. This fellow Gerber, who cut into short in closing stanzas of last season, cracked the American league pitchers for .308, and hit as if they looked soft after what he had faced in the association, where he hit .266. He is a nice looking ball player and ought to improve.

Washington, of course, slumps far down the list because of the weakness in attack, no matter who is chosen to play. Lavan, who was secured from the Browns, probably will be lost as he is on the edge of military service if not already in.

Chicago In Air.

The Chicago shortstop problem still is in the air. I have figured shortstop as 100 games, Risberg, and 50 games Weaver, which is not quite as strong as it would be with Weaver there all the season, although if he was there the third base figures would show more than corresponding decreases. If Rowland makes his final decision before the final figures are compiled I will be compelled to alter the figures to show the complete team strength.

Rogers Hornsby, of course, leads the National leaguers far and away. And at that I have had to deduct considerably from his figures to allow for his dissatisfaction—which, perhaps, will extend over a considerable portion of the season. How much Hornsby's playing will be affected by the Weeghman assault upon the integrity of the Cardinal team last winter is uncertain, but it is certain that the effect will not be for good.

I find that we are going to be compelled to deduct points from the Cardinals at several places in the lineup because of the anger and resentment of the players on account of the salary cutting which marked the spring. No team, with the exception of the Chicago Cubs, was as much hurt by salary-cutting as the Cards have been. In the Chicago case the cuts were not heavy, but the men resented them more because of the wholesale advertising that the club was willing to spend a quarter of a million dollars for new players. The St. Louis cuts were heavy and some of the players who had good seasons last year and thought they were entitled to advances were cut as hard as were the others.

Strength at Cincy.

Cincinnati shows additional strength at short. Kopf played good ball last year and hit a bit better than he does usually, but he is not as strong as a regular infielder should be. The addition of Magee helps the Reds a lot. He showed that he can play the infield fairly well and should improve. Besides that they have Lena Blackburn, who is back for his fourth trial in the majors. Blackburn should have been a great ball player. He has everything and is a hard working, intelligent fellow. He had hard luck at the start and never has lived it down. His weak leg, which put him back in the minors twice, appears to have strengthened. He had a great year last year, and the faith of the majors in his ability to come back seems to have been restored—at least, three clubs wanted him, and even one wants to make a trade, which may go through before this is printed.

Matty is well fixed for infielders now. With Lee Magee added to his infielding staff he can brace the weak hitting spots at second and short at any time.

Fletcher of the Giants is a problem this season. The strain of the games appears to be wearing on his nerves and, from being one of the quietest and easiest natured fellows on the field, he is turning crab and battling the umpires, the opponents and himself. His nerves were too taut in the world series and such strain affects the work of any man after a time. However, from present indications there is not much cause for him to worry this season unless McGraw's pitchers have a bad slump. Brooklyn, with Ward of the Pirates as an added asset, has a healthier looking shortstop prospect. Ward appears to be a comer and one who had a big chance to improve, whereas, Olson is not likely to improve and is not up to standard anyhow.

No Speed.

Chicago, which is mostly a series of interrogation marks anyhow, will start with a youngster—Hollacher, who is one of the highest touted youngsters that ever came into the big show. That he is a magnificent fielder is beyond doubt. When he was playing with the semi-pros around St. Louis as a kid he was tipped to major league clubs as the greatest fielder down that way—and better than the Hoffman boys were at their best. He hit .266 in the Coast league and stole only 33 bases, which does not make him out a speed demon by any means.

The new shortstop material is not heavyweight, but it is more promising than usual from the defensive standpoint.

We will tackle the third basemen in the next article and by that time we can commence to gain some idea of team strengths by adding up infields.

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Today's Sport Calendar

Bench Show—Opening of annual show of Duluth Kennel club, Duluth, Minn.

Racing—Close of winter meeting at Oaklawn, Hot Springs.

Swimming—National Amateur Athletic union championships, at Chicago.

Golf—Open tournament of Hot Springs (Ark.) Country club.

Base Ball—Cleveland Americans against New York Nationals, interleague game, at Dallas. Boston Nationals against New York Americans, interleague game, at Orangeburg. Boston Americans against Brooklyn Nationals, interleague game, at Austin.

Boxing—Billy Miske against Tom Cowler, 10 rounds, at Minneapolis. Bryan Downey against Jack Malone, 10 rounds, at Fort Sheridan. Frankie Britt against Phinney Boyle, 12 rounds, at Lawrence, Mass.

Jess Willard Starts to Train for July 4 Fight

Chicago, April 3.—Jess Willard, champion heavyweight pugilist, who is just back from Baltimore, where he held a conference with Colonel J. C. Miller, promoter of the proposed fight, July 4, between Fred Fulton and himself, planned to begin light training today. He was uncertain how long he would remain in Chicago, but said he intended to do his heavy training at his home in Lawrence, Kan., where he has plans for a gym on his farm.

Johnny Kilbane Placed in Charge of Boxing in Army

Camp Sherman, Chilicothe, O., April 3.—Johnny Kilbane of Cleveland, feather weight boxing champion, who has had charge of boxing instruction here, has been placed in general charge of boxing instruction in military camps all over the country, according to word received today.

Kilbane will install the Camp Sherman system in the other camps and will go personally to Camps Custer and Grant.

"Reb" Russell Signs White Sox Contract; Joins Club

Chicago, April 3.—Albert "Reb" Russell today signed his contract to play with the Chicago Americans and left tonight to join the club at Mineral Wells, Tex. Russell was the only member of the world's champions who returned his contract unsigned. He came to Chicago and his differences were adjusted. Russell said his arm was in good shape.

Tom Dennison's Saddle Horse Dies in Missouri

Tom Dennison's prize winning saddle horse, "Lady of Fashion," died the other day at Mexico, Mo.

The horse was a high school saddle horse and at one time the Omaha man refused an offer of $1,000 for it. The horse was 11 years old and was at the Missouri town in charge of Trainer Tom Bass.

Advance on Petroleum.

New York, April 2.—The Standard Oil company of New York today announced an advance of 20 points in refined petroleum in barrels for export, making the price 12.9 cents a gallon.

CHARLEY MITCHELL, EX-CHAMPION, DEAD

Met All Old-Time Wonders of Padded Ring; Remarkable Speed Greatest Asset Against All Comers.

Hove, England, April 3.—Charley Mitchell, one time middleweight champion of England, died here today of locomotor ataxia.

Charley Mitchell was born at Birmingham, England, November 24, 1861. Although he fought many ring battles against big men like Sullivan, Corbet, Cardiff, McCaffery, Kilrain and Burke, Mitchell was a middleweight pugilist, never turning the scales at more than 154 pounds when in perfect condition. His remarkable fast foot work and skilful boxing efffset this advantage in weight and he proved to be equally effective as a punisher when fighting either with or without padded gloves.

Used Bare Knuckles.

with bare nuckles when at the age of 18 he knocked out Bob Cunningham, the bout lasting almost one hour. He scored several other victories during the two following years in bouts in England and on the continent.

After winning the middleweight and heavyweight championship of England in 1882 Mitchell came to America in 1883 with the intention of challenging John L. Sullivan. The stature of the "Brummagen Lad" as he was then called, did not impress the American followers of pugilism, but when Mitchell me and defeated Mike Cleary, a New York heavyweight, in three rounds, he was quickly accepted as an opponent for Sullivan. These two men at the Madison Square Garden in a four round glove fight, under Marquis of Queensberry rules on May 14, 1883. The British boxer surprised the 12,000 spectators by meeting Sullivan's terrific rushes in the opening rounds, and after some heavy exdown with a perfectly timed right smash to Sullivan's jaw, sending the Boston man to the floor amid the wildest excitement.

Sullivan Bout Stopped.

This was Sullivan's first experience of a knock down by an opponent and it happened toward the close of the first round. Sullivan rushed and roughed the visitor during the second round and threw Mitchell over the ropes twice. Sullivan with left swings to the jaw, knocked Mitchell down twice in the third round and with another left he had Mitchell hanging over the ropes when the police stopped the bout.

Mitchell always insisted that he would have been able to continue had never ceased to challenge Sullivan until the latter consented to another encounter which took place five years later at Chantilly, France, on March 10, 1888.

This was Mitchell's greatest ring effort. They fought with bare knuckles for $2,500 a side and the bout lasted three hours and eleven minutes. Mitchell drew first blood in the eighth round, but Sullivan got the credit of the only knock down during the fight which was declared a draw by Referee B. J. Angle, of London.

After James J. Corbett had won the world's championship from Sullivan in 1892 Mitchell challenged him for the title and at Jacksonville, Fla., on January 25, 1894, Corbett knocked out the Englishman in the third roud. This was Mitchell's last fight i the rig, as e retured to England and engaged in business tere up to the time of his demise.

ONLY TWO SPRING GAMES CARDED BY OMAHA BALL CLUB

Omaha fans will have only two opportunities to see the Rourkes in action this spring before the regular season opens. Heretofore the Rourkes always have played a number of exhibition games before the season started, but this year only two have been scheduled.

One of the exhibition games will be with the Brandeis troupe on April 14, and the other will be on April 21 when the big military carnival will be staged.

Plans for the military game are now being made and Rourke expects April 21 to be the biggest day of the year at Rourke park. The main attraction will be a game between the Rourkes and the Camp Dodge cantonment team, a nine composed exclusively of former professionals. In addition, Mike Gibbons, middleweight boxing champion, and Earl Caddock, heavyweight wrestling champion, will give exhibitions.

Fort Crook soldiers will help to make the day a gala one. Colonel Pickering has promised the co-operation of the entire camp and the Fort Crook band already has been pressed into service.

The entire gate receipts on this day will be turned over to the Camp Dodge athletic fund.

To Run for Senate.

Fulkton, S. D., April 3.—Ex-Governor Frank Byrne of South Dakota today announced his candidacy for senate. Byrne is a republic

Wielding the Hammer

By FRED S. HUNTER.

Al Cahn has captured the state billiard title again. Every once in a while, in order to stimulate interest in the game and perk up the spirits of his opponents, Albert lets a rival win the honor, but not for long. Just as soon as he decides the sideboard needs a little silverware, he brings the trophy home again.

Apropos of Denver.

DENVER will get the Willard-Fulton fight, Fulton's advance agent says. For Denver's sake we sincerely trust he is correct. The only thing Denver has been able to land lately was a checker match and unless the big fight is sent to Colorado, the mile high city will soon become a mere prairie dog village.

All for Dempsey.

ANOTHER set-up has been roped and caged for the benefit of Jack Dempsey's record and incidentally, Jack Kearns' bank account. Porky Flynn is to meet Jack at St. Louis April 8. Porky is an old warhorse and a nice chap, but he doesn't belong to the lodge any more and what Jack wil do to him is a plenty.

Have a Care, Bill.

BILL Jackson says he has signed a third baseman who can hit. If William has put anything like that over he's likely to be suspended from the league. Western league rules won't stand for third basemen who can hit.

What Topeka Got.

TOPEKA may have obtained no Hal Chase when Bill Bradley was snared for the first sack, but the Kaws now will at least be able to boast of the sweetest 2 o'clock in the morning tenor voice in captivity.

Hughie's Disclosure.

HUGHIE Fullerton tells us that Eddie Colins stands alone among second basemen. After this startling disclosure we may expect Hughie to even assure us that Ty Cobb is a pretty fair outfielder and Grover Alexander a tolerably good pitcher.

Former Western League Player Dies of Typhoid

Minneapolis, April 3.—Louis Ruther, outfielder, who was to have reported to the Minneapolis team of the American laegue this week for spring practice, is dead at his home at Manitowoc, Wis., according to word received here today. Typhoid fever caused death. Ruther formerly played in the Northern and Western leagues. He finished last season with Wichita.

Bee Want Ads Bring Results.

Exhibition Games

		R.	H.	E.
Dallas, Tex., April 3.—				
Boston Americans		7	17	5
Brooklyn Nationals		6	6	5

Batteries: Ruth, McCabe, Bush and Agnew, Schang; Marquard, Mitchell, Coombs and Krueger.

		R.	H.	E.
Houston, Tex., April 2.—				
Chicago Americans		0	4	0
Houston Texas league		1	6	1

Batteries: Williams, Shellenback and Schalk, Lee; Hoffman and Noyes, Hiatt.

		R.	H.	E.
Parsons, Kan., April 2.—				
St. Louis Nationals		4	8	0
Kansas City American Association		7	11	2

Batteries: Watson, Kotzelnick, Walker and Gonzales, Breck; Smith, Hubbell and Onslow.

		R.	H.	E.
Jacksonville, Fla., April 2.—				
Pittsburgh Nationals		2	5	1
Philadelphia Americans		1	7	1

Batteries: Hamilton, Miller, Jacobs and Schmidt; Gregg, Myers and Perkins.

		R.	H.	E.
Macon, Ga., April 2.—				
New York Americans		2	8	0
Boston Nationals		1	6	3

Batteries: Love, Monroe, Thormahlen and Hannah, Walters; Neff, Ragan and Wilson.

		R.	H.	E.
Waco, Tex., April 2.—				
Detroit Americans		11	15	2
Cincinnati Nationals		0	6	2

Batteries: James, C. Jones and Yelle; Schneider, Bressler and Wingo, Smith.

ONE MILLION ACRES OPEN TO HOMESTEAD

Stock Raising Land in Wyoming Indian Reserves Will Be Opened for Entry as Rapidly as Possible.

Washington Bureau of The Omaha Bee, 1311 G Street.

Washington, April 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Nearly 1,000,000 acres were today designated in the Sundance and Buffalo land districts as subject to entry under the stock raising homestead law.

This is in fulfillment of the promise maed to Congressman Mondell recently, that as far as possible designations would be made early this spring. The Wyoming congressman will continue to urge further designations as fast as reports from field parties are received.

This is the first Wyoming designation made under the stock-raising homestead law, and will be of especial interest to Nebraska and Iowa live stock growers.

Hearing on Live Stock Measure.

The hearing on the Sloan amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill relating to an appropriation of $500,000 for the control and suppression of tuberculosis in live stock, will be held on Thursday afternoon. E. Z. Russell, formerly editor of The Twentieth Century Farmer, and Live Stock Commissioner Smith of Illinois will be heard on the merits of the amendment, as will others interested in live stock, both on the range and in the dairy.

Senator Hitchcock to Speak.

Senator Hitchcock has accepted an invitation to address the convention of Chambers of Commerce of Missouri, Oklahoma and Kansas, to be held at Kansas City on April 24.

C. H. Walrath and son, Fred B. Walrath, lumber dealers of Omaha, are in Washington on business with the government.

Association Players Are Purchased by St. Joseph Club

St. Joseph, Mo., April 3.—Cliff Curtis, pitcher, and Glenn Witter, outfielder of the Columbus American association team have been purchased by the St. Joseph Western league club, it was announced here today. Curtis is a former major league twirler.

"Porky" Flynn and Jack Dempsey Sign for Bout

St. Louis, April 3.—"Porky" Flynn a Boston heavyweight, has been signed to fight Jack Dempsey here on the night of April 8, substituting for Bob Devere of Kansas City, who withdrew from the bout. The contest is scheduled for eight rounds.

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