

CUT INNINGS OF DUAL GAMES

Such is Plea of Big League Players for All Double-Headers. MAGNATES CALLED TO TIME

Owners of Franchises Made Blood Money Off of Men Before Federal League Stripped in and Equalized Situation.

By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, July 11.—Why not limit the double header games to seven innings each? It's a scheme that has been tried out in the southern leagues with great success.

Two seven-inning games in one afternoon will give the average fan just about as much base ball as he could comfortably absorb. It wouldn't force the ball player to the extreme limit of his endurance, and, best of all, it would enable the fan to get home in time for a warm dinner.

Cutting the double header games to seven innings would do no harm. It would do plenty of good. Cutting off four innings from an afternoon's base ball session would mean lessening the playing period about one hour and, therefore, the pastime would end before darkness settled over the land.

The season of double headers is now upon us. Every fan is keen about taking in a bargain bill, but along about the fourth or fifth inning of the second game the exhibition becomes monotonous. Of course, the greatest majority of the fans stick to the bitter finish, but they stick not so much because their base ball appetite isn't satisfied, but because they want to see just how the game will finish.

Most double headers begin about 2 p. m., allowing something over two hours for each game, and a fifteen-minute intermission between combats. It means that play doesn't end until about 6:30. That means that the fan doesn't get home until from 7:15 to 8 p. m., owing to the delay in getting out of the crowded park and the usual delay caused by the slow moving of a fleet of special street cars.

And every housewife is fully agreed that 7:15 to 8 p. m. is "too darned late for any man to expect his wife to keep dinner simmering."

Some Athletic enthusiasts already are speculating on whether Connie Mack will pitch Bender for Wink in the opening game of the week end, but this speculation seems a bit premature.

It is true that the Quaker City gang has a rather firm clutch on the first rung of the American league ladder, but the race isn't over. Not by about eleven weeks or so. And some upsets are about due.

The Athletics are on the top not because they have played championship ball, but because most of the other clubs have so far put up only a lousy league brand of the national pastime. The Athletics are far below their 1913 form. There has been an indifferent exhibition at the best, and if one of the three teams that are trailing the leaders should happen to treat themselves to a healthy winning streak it quickly will close up the gap that divides it from the world champions.

Turn in Every Road. The law of base ball average rules that at least one team must connect with a winning streak somewhere around mid-season, and if that team should happen to be either the Tigers, Senators, Browns, Red Sox, or even the White Sox, it will bode ill for Connie Mack's tribe.

READY FOR TENNIS MATCHES

Much Preparation is Made for the Davis Cup Playoff. BIG MAGNATES FOR ADMISSIONS

Early Reservations Indicate that the Seating Capacity of the Newport Courts Will Be Taxed to Utmost.

NEW YORK, July 11.—With the Davis cup international tennis schedule completed, both the National association and the clubs allotted preliminary and challenge rounds are making elaborate preparations for handling the matches and the thousands of spectators expected to witness the play.

Interest in the international play will not cease with the Davis cup matches, however, for the members of the English, Australian and German teams, if the latter come to America at all, will all play in the national championship tournament at Newport during this week of August 24-29.

With Brooks, Wilding, Dunt, Dunlop, Parke, Lowe, Barrett, Dixon and other foreign stars competing in the singles against McLoughlin, Williams, Wallace, Johnson, Touchard, William Johnston, Clothier, Pell and other leading American players, who will enter at Newport, the national championship tournament is certain to attract a record assembly to the Casino courts.

Demand Will Exceed Supply. That this will be the case is clearly indicated by the demand for reservations, even at this early date. Despite the fact that the seating capacity at the Newport courts will be greatly increased, it is apparent that the demand for tickets will exceed the supply.

Additional rows of temporary seats will be placed in front of the grandstand and two new stands will be erected, one at each end of the championship playing turf. The east stand will also be widened by the addition of rows of seats at top and bottom, and when the alterations are completed, it is expected that more than 4,000 spectators will be accommodated around the state courts of the Casino grounds.

During the early rounds many of the other courts will be occupied by prominent American and foreign players, and it is not unlikely that should the draw distribute the leading players evenly, an attendance fully equal to that at the Davis cup challenge round will be present on certain days.

While rapid progress is being made in the matter of accommodating spectators at these matches the same cannot be said of the assembling of the players who will form the teams of the leading entrants, considered as nations. Australia is to date, the only competitor with its team formed and practicing as a whole.

In view of the formidable aggregation of players that the Antipodes possess in Brooks, Wilding, Dunt and Dunlop, this makes it a task of considerable magnitude to assemble a team to be regarded. Before the Australians sail for America early in July, both the United States and English tennis authorities will have begun the assembling of their teams, but at the present time there is little definite idea of the strength or arrangement of these teams.

The American cup defenders will be called upon to face a heavier attack this summer than in any Davis cup match in years and the expert tennis authorities are emphatic in their declarations that at best the United States win not have better than an even chance of retaining the trophy regained at Wimbledon last summer.

It is certain that Champion Maurice McLoughlin will form the foundation of the team, but beyond that all is speculation. The California delegation, including McLoughlin, William Johnston, Clarence Griffin, Thomas Bundy, and possibly Ella Fretwell and Roland Roberts, have been requested to come east early in July. Here they will be joined by Lindley Murray and H. L. Hahn, who have been prospecting brilliantly in the east for some weeks.

Somehow similar conditions prevail in England, with the first rounds but a few weeks away. According to the draw, the English team must meet Belgium at Folkestone July 7, 8 and 9, and winning play France at Wimbledon July 11, 12 and 13. That England should survive these rounds even though the team selected for the matches did not represent British top-notch tennis strength. For the play in this country, however, England must have the best combination possible in order to have a fair chance against the Australasians, and toward this end little has been done.

The California Tennis Syndicate



From Left to Right (above)—Thomas C. Bundy, Maurice McLoughlin and Mrs. Thomas C. Bundy (May Sutton). Below—William K. Johnston, Miss Mary K. Brown, and Johnston in action.

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Nothing but a tournament so big in itself that it will attract the foremost players of the world will satisfy the Californians. They feel they have made a tremendous proportion of recent tennis history, and that their deeds of valor at Newport and Wimbledon deserve no reward.

These are some of the leading members of the California tennis syndicate which has come out of the west year after year a conquering band. McLoughlin and Bundy made a memorable try east in 1909, when the former was 19 years old. Last year Johnston, then 17 years old, vanquished the mighty men of the racket, and now R. Lindley Murray

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Out of luck again. The elimination yacht races will resume presently. We presume that Hal Chase has been watching the performance of his successor, Mr. Fournier, who burst a leg in Omaha last spring, but up to date we have not heard of his evincing any symptoms of joy over it.

Kid Williams says that prickly heat prevented his knocking Young Herman into slumberland. Whereof credit must be given Mr. Williams for thinking up a new one.

When you hear a magnate declare that the attendance is 10,000, more or less, lay a bet it's with the accent of the leas.

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Individual Batting. G. A. B. R. H. S. B. P. E. Burns, Phila..... 67 282 33 55 9 324

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Chess

A pleasant way to spend your noon hour, especially during rainy weather, is to play chess or checkers at the Omaha Chess and Checker Club.

The following appreciation of Lasker, from the American Chess Bulletin, is worthy of quotation: "The same audacity that characterized the play of Dr. Lasker in the final game of the championship match with Carl Schlechter, which, full of complications from beginning to end, enabled him to save his title on that occasion, stood by him in the all-important game with Capablanca in the seventh round of the final stage of the tournament at St. Petersburg.

Unquestionably, his plan of campaign in this, to him, the critical game of the tournament, had been worked out most painstakingly long before he sat down face to face with his famous young rival. And it all worked out like a charm, to the end that another was added to the classics of the game. According to Dr. Tarraach, the champion fell back in despair upon this as the only feasible continuation in the Spanish attack; but we are inclined to believe that this was not really all there was to it and that there was a psychological reason back of the tactics thus employed—entirely apart from the suggestion of hypnotic influence advanced by Dr. Tarraach.

It is particularly interesting to know that in the round immediately preceding this one Dr. Lasker and Alechine had discussed the same variation of the Ruy Lopez, only in that instance the Ruy Lopez had played the black side. This game, too, Dr. Lasker won, though it went to eighty-nine moves. But in the course of the defense he built up against the young Russian student he must have detected certain weaknesses which escaped the eyes of his opponent. Nevertheless, in the language of the day, he was practically giving him the choice of a draw and a loss. But the quick-witted, hidden beneath the surface, the dangers of which were sensed by Dr. Lasker when in charge of the black pieces, did not dawn upon Capablanca until he was waist deep in the squagline, and then the more he struggled to get out the deeper he got.

It was one of Dr. Lasker's chief triumphs in this tournament to win the same variation of an opening both with white and with black. The value of the performance was enhanced by the fact that his rival was the last of the two victims.

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Cashion to Montreal. Instead of sending Carl Cashion to Kansas City, Manager Griffith of Washington was to go to Kansas City to replace Gallia, who was to be recalled, but Owner Tebeau of today prevailed on Griffith to leave Gallia with him yet awhile, promising Griffith that he would not work the pitcher over three days a week.

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