

WORLD TOUR DID THEM GOOD

Ball Players Benefited Despite Hughey Jennings' Prediction.

ALL BUT TWO ARE IMPROVING

Every Man on Trip Has Shown Better Form This Year, with Possible Exception of Egan and Leversen.

By FRANK G. HENKE.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Hughey Jennings' fears were groundless. The world tour ball players seem to have benefited by their jaunt through foreign lands, instead of harmed by the continuous ball playing.

Hughey, early in the spring, felt sure that the "continuous playing" would put the dingy on the feet of the stars during the regular 1914 season. And early in the season it did look as if Hughey was right, because some of the players who were on the tour were far below their normal form. But they have rounded out and now are breaking along at even a faster clip than in other years.

Tris Speaker of the Red Sox got away to a bad start this year in the batting line, but about a month ago he began clubbing them out with all his old time skill, and Tris now is well over the .300 mark. The same is true of Larry Doyle of the Giants. Larry floundered along for the first six weeks, but since then has been hitting 'em to all sections of the field and fielding and running in a sensational manner.

"Wahoo Sam" Crawford, who labors for Hughes in batting ever his 1913 mark, is fielding in brilliant style and running bases like a ten second athlete. To date the husky Samuel has pilfered something like 20 sacks, against 16 or so for the entire 1913 season. Sam has been around the .300 mark in batting all season, against an average of .26 for last year.

Evans is a Surprise. Probably the most surprising improvement has been shown by Steve Evans, the comedian who has been in the batting line with the tourists it was reported that the St. Louis Cardinal would shunt him off to a minor league where he got back.

"Steve can't hit worth a darn, and he's slowing up," they said about Steve. When Steve returned these reports reached him, and without waiting to find out if they were true, Steve leaped into the waiting arms of the Federal Leaguers. Just as soon as they tried to shunt the lid off the Federal league season, Steve, in a Brooklyn uniform, began to hit like a fiend and he hasn't stopped. Steve is peking them for an average that fluctuates between .300 and .400 and nearly all of his drives have been solid hits, many of them homers, triples and two-baggers.

Some there are who may try to belittle Steve's batting record by claiming that in going to the Federal League he is hitting only minor league pitching. But such an argument is riddled by the fact that there are scores of other former stars of the two organized leagues now in the Federal lineup and they are not batting any better, if as well, as they did last year. "Mickey" Doolan, who was with the Phillies last year and who jumped to the Feds after his return from the trip around the world, is fielding and batting in fine style. "Bank" Weaver of the White Sox, another of the tourists, is hitting in more brilliant fashion than he did in 1913, although his batting average is about 30 points under that of 1913.

Wingo and Magee Picking Up. Ivy Wingo and Lee Magee of the Cardinals are performing better than last year. Wingo doubling for a .300 average against .24 for last year, while Magee, who hit .367 last year, has been hovering around the .500 mark since the season opened.

"Death Yank Jim" Scott, Joe Faber and Joe Benz, the White Sox pitchers, have been doing wonderful work. Faber was a recruit when he joined the tourists, and was taken along as a sort of a substitute. Faber, however, got some line experience during the tour and came back a seasoned pitcher, and one who has proved one of the 1914 American league "finds."

Fred Merkle of the Giants, who batted .32 last year, is hitting around the .280 mark and is fielding well. Hans Lohr of the Phillies, another of the tourists, is hitting and fielding as well, if not better than last year. "Bunny" Hearn, who was on the Giants' roster when he made the world's tour and who was let out early in the season to Toronto, for more seasoning, is doing good work in the International league, while "Hooks" White, the Giants' relief pitcher, shows no ill effects of the trip.

Egan and Leversen Fading. Dick Egan of the Dodgers and "Lefty" Leversen, the St. Louis Browns' pitcher, are the only two players who have gone back since touring. Leversen seems to have lost his last year's effectiveness in the box. Whether this is due to the effects of the trip or is just a natural slump that comes sooner or later to every pitcher, is a question. Leversen believes it is the latter and that before the season is much older he will be pitching winning ball.

Egan seems about through as a major league performer—but he isn't worried much about it. Charley Ebbets, owner of the Dodgers, is the one who is doing the worrying.

When Egan got back with the tourists the Feds made him a nice offer. Ebbets learned about it and went the Feds about \$1,000 a year better. Ebbets, having permanent home, needed a seasoned shortstop. Egan finally signed a three-year contract to play with Brooklyn at a salary almost double that which he got from Cincinnati last year. And Dick had the good luck so worded that it was ironclad, as far as the Dodger management was concerned.

Egan played ball for about a month and then "cracked." He doesn't seem to be able to do a "come back" and probably will spend the major portion of the next two and a half years on the Dodger's bench, unless the Doves come out tired of seeing him wearing out the benches and give him the balance of the three years' salary due and let Dick retire from baseball.

Hodgers is Released. The Pittsburgh club has given Goodlow H. Rodgers, the Michigan University catcher who is a fast runner, was a promising youngster, but too inexperienced for major league duty.

Recruit for Boston. Manager Carrigan of Boston has a recruit first baseman with his team. He is Fred Ostergren, who was recently signed from Holy Cross college.

Brother Has Promise. Catcher Forrest Cady of the Red Sox has a brother, 20 years old, who gives promise of developing into an all-around player.

Meaning Released. Manager Branch Rickey of the St. Louis Browns has released pitcher Ernest Manning.

MIDDLEWEIGHT UP TO THREE

Championship Honors of This Class Are in Hands of Trio.

NOW OUT FOR FINAL HONORS

Mike Gibbons, Jimmy Clabby and George Chip Are Topnotchers That Must Meet Each Other for Belt.

By RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, July 18.—The middleweight championship of the world, which has been bantered around for high on four years—over since Stanley Ketchel was laid low by a slayer's hand at Conway, Mo., on October 15, 1910—will shortly be in possession of one who will be universally recognized as the champion of the Federal Leaguers. The field of contenders is simmering down, and the number of eligibles for the title can now be counted on the digits of Mordecai Brown's pitching hand. And base ball lore tells us that the old Cub has three fingers on that mitt.

So it is with the middleweight situation. There are just three men in that division who are so far superior to the rest of the crop of pretenders that the only way to claim the middleweight crown down on the head of the rightful owner would be to hold a round-robin of bouts, the ultimate victor to be proclaimed the world o'er as the middleweight champion.

Anyway, the middleweight problem, which has disturbed the fighting element for over three years, is nearer to solution than it has been in all that time.

There are any number of fair "middleweights," but the trio who should be fighting it out for final honors are Mike Gibbons, Jimmy Clabby and George Chip. If Gibbons will only enter the controversy we are likely to have an undisputed champion in the 155-pound division before the current year rolls by. If Gibbons could only be induced to tangle with the men whose displacement is 155 pounds, he would have no difficulty in showing to the world in convincing fashion that he is the only legitimate successor to the title vacated by the late lamented Stanley Ketchel.

Gibbons Taking It Easy. Gibbons has done nothing of late to startle the pugilists' realm, but he is resting substantially behind out his class. Chip and Clabby demonstrated just a fortnight ago that their pretensions to the title must be given due and serious consideration. In faraway Australia, Clabby took it upon himself to eliminate the most dangerous man of his weight in the world. He beat up Eddie McGoorty so handily for a few rounds that McGoorty deliberately fouled him in the eighth. The defeat puts McGoorty out of the running for the title he once imposed upon himself, and of which he posed Australian believe he was the rightful owner.

At about the time Clabby was showing up McGoorty, George Chip knocked all the championship aspirations out of Billy Murray in fifteen rounds. Murray was being looked upon as a "second Stanley Ketchel" when he collided with Chip. He proved such for a few rounds, and then the bubble burst. Murray twice previously had beaten Al McCoy, who scored a fluke knockout over Chip.

Looking over the field again, there is still another middleweight whose work in the past entitles him to consideration. Jack Dillon is the man in mind. His defeat on Independence day of Sailor Petrovsky, who gave Clabby a great fight for twenty rounds, stamps Dillon as a fighter of merit. Dillon is capable of giving Gibbons, Chip or Clabby all they could handle in a fight over the route. Dillon has fought Chip about seven times and came out unscathed in his tussles with McGoorty, Ocha and Klaus.

Clabby and Gibbons have fought three times, the verdict going to Clabby once and the other two bouts being no-decision affairs. The best way to determine the champion would be to stack Clabby against Gibbons, and the winner of this bout against Chip.

McCoy Would Be Champion. If the "law of the ring" were adhered to, Al McCoy, the Brooklyn fourth-ranker, would be the champion, middleweights at this writing. The "law of the ring" is simply this: that when a champion dies the title reverts to the previous holder. Thus, when Ketchel was murdered, the crown shifted back to the brow of Billy Papke. Papke lost to Frank Klaus on a foul in fifteen rounds over in Paris, making Klaus the champion. Klaus, in turn, was knocked out twice by George Chip, who, in his order, succumbed to Al McCoy in a punch.

But as long as there was a question about Papke being the legitimate champion when Ketchel passed away, none of his successors was looked upon as champion. The manager of each of these men, however, admitted that his charge was the champion; but who ever took a manager's word without some saline sprinklings?

The championship is still in abeyance, and the only way to clear the situation would be to hold a series of elimination bouts. The one fighting his way through the mess should then be the recognized champion. The International Boxing Federation would go to insert a hand in the affair, and sterilize the middle in one of the boxing rings of the world, setting, the welterweight class being the other.

The Davis cup committee of the National Lawn Tennis association will be coming week be confronted with the arduous task of making its final selection of players for the defense of the trophy emblematic of the world supremacy at the nets. The committee must hand in the names on Wednesday, July 22.

From present indications it looks as if Maurice E. McLoughlin will have to bear the brunt of the attack of the foreigners who are seeking the coveted cup. It is a certainty that McLoughlin will be named. It is possible that R. Lindley Murray, the sensation of the year, will find a place on the team. McLoughlin will in all probability collaborate with Bundy in the doubles. The fourth member of the defenders will be picked from the cream of the country's tennis experts. The lucky individual will not be known until official announcement is made. The challenge round of cup matches will be played early in August.

Gandil Gets Two Hundred. Four years ago, when Chick Gandil was sent to Montreal from the White Sox he contended that the club owed him \$200. Three times the National Commission denied the claim. Several days ago Gandil, who has been getting along well, got a check drawn for \$200, and he handed it to Gandil.

Kirkle to the Naps. First baseman Kirkle of the Cleveland American association team has been transferred to the Cleveland American league club.

Kauff Leads League. Benny Kauff, who is leading the Federal league with a batting average of .40, once belonged to the New York Yankees.

The Resolute—Most Probable Cup Defender



These pictures show the Resolute of the Stars and Stripes next September. The Herreshofs have again defended their title as premier yacht designers and builders of the nation, although their two competitors' products are admirable craft.

The Resolute is owned by a group of men, all of whom are officers or former officers of the New York Yacht club. They are Henry Walters, Mr. Morgan, Cornelius Vanderbilt (shown here in his uniform as a colonel of the National Guard), Arthur Curtis James, Fred-

erick G. Bourne and Mr. Baker. It will be managed by Robert W. Edmonds 2d of Boston, while another Bostonian, Charles Francis Adams 2d, will sail the boat in its races. Captain Chris Christensen acts as its sailing master under Mr. Adams and has charge of its crew of thirty picked professional sailors.

In addition to the sailors, Mr. Adams is assisted by some expert amateurs, including George A. Cormack, secretary of the New York Yacht club; George Nichols of New York and John Parkingson, jr., of Boston.

PACKY IS BEST CANDIDATE

McFarland About Only Man Who Could Take Welsh's Honors.

HAVE FOUGHT EACH OTHER

Chicago Stockyards Wizard and Englishman Have Met Three Times, Once in American's Favor, Two Draws.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Packy McFarland is the only man in the world today with a chance to win the lightweight championship of the world back from Freddy Welsh in a twenty-round bout.

Will Packy McFarland come out for just one more fight for the glory of his country and incidentally the bats or no of athletes that would go with said glory? The stock yards wizard has been suspiciously quiet for many months. Aye, dating back to the time when there was such a clamor for him to fight Wallowing Mike Gibbons. But Welsh packs no such wallop, or no wallop at all, for that matter. So there is no danger of Packy being knocked out.

His last fought Welsh two or three times, scoring a win and a pair of draws, to the best of our recollection, and the English lightweight limit is 135 pounds several hours before the fight, which is just to Packy's liking. For, be it known, Packy has been accused of being actually a middleweight, stories going abroad that he never weighed for any of his last few fights except on phony scales.

Said He Would Not Fight. Another factor is that Packy has said that he would never fight again, because of his impending marriage to a young woman of some social standing, who objects to the rough stuff, notwithstanding it provides the wherewithal to "live happily ever after" about as quick and easy as any method Packy is likely to discover if he quits the ring.

So, perhaps, even though the young woman be an heiress and does not really need the money, maybe her sense of patriotism could be appealed to so that Packy could go forth to the joust for the honor of the vaudeville stage's greatest and surest cheer-getter. Perhaps the stories from England of all the dukes, dukesses and clergy at the ringside might also lessen the disgrace somewhat, even allowing the future (or is she already) Mrs. McFarland to sit among the very supreme elite of the English nobility, the while her husky spouse was retrieving the aforementioned honor and glory that was once Uncle Sam's.

The answer to all of which is feverishly awaited from Packy McFarland himself.

Tarpon Fishing New Sport in Panama

PANAMA, July 18.—Tarpon fishing has become one of the chief sports of the isthmus. It has been discovered that many large fish come up the Chagres river from salt water to feed on small fish that come through the spillway from Gatun lake.

On several occasions recently tarpon from three to four feet long have been captured just below the end of the spillway. The Chagres river, just below the spillway and down to the Caribbean, is very deep and has very little current. Gatun lake in the breeding ground for many fish and these flow over the spillway dam with the huge volume of water when the gates are opened.

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William F. Hoppe Is Busy Practising English Billiards

NEW YORK, July 18.—William F. Hoppe, world's champion at all style of billiard, has begun practice at the English game. "I expect," said he, "to work at it five or six hours a day five days each week until my first game with Inman. Of course I will keep in stroke at half-line. That will be easy. What bothers me now is whether I will have to get long cues for the English game. I don't want to use a bridge or a rest, as the English call it, for I am not much of a player with a bridge. I suppose all the Englishmen use their rests well. I wish I could play as well as De Oro or Slosson with a bridge."

R. R. Benjamin, Melbourne, Inman's representative in this country, expresses the belief that the English champion can derive more benefit from playing in New York and Philadelphia with Slosson.

CHESSES

A splendid way to spend your noon hour, especially during the rainy weather, is to play chess or checkers at the Omaha Chess and Checker club. The monthly dues are a trifle; the pastime is a clean one, and will benefit you mentally as well as morally, and the location of the club is convenient, being on the third floor of the Continental block, Fifteenth and Douglas streets. The best players in the club will be delighted to teach you the game of chess if you are not an expert, or to beat you at it if you are.

Although the chief prize at St. Petersburg eluded him by the narrowest of margins, Jose R. Capablanca did not come away empty-handed. Besides taking the second prize, he won the first Rothchild prize for brilliancy, and first prize in a rapid-fire tourney in which Dr. Lasker took part; and he also made a fine record in the simultaneous exhibitions, of which he gave three, the results of which were seventy-one wins, four losses and five draws. In the rapid-fire tourney his score was five and one-half out of a possible six, with Lasker, Tarrasch and Alechin, among the competitors.

A strong field of twenty master players has been admitted to the international tournament of the German Chess association, which will begin at Mannheim tomorrow. The list, which does not include the name of Capablanca, is as follows: Alechin, Bogoljubov, Breyer, Carls, Duras, Fahlr, Janowski, John, Krueger, Marshall, Mieses, Post, Reti, Rubenstein, Smorovsk, Spielmann, Tarrasch, Tartakover, Teichmann and Vidmar. The two "Haupt" tournaments respectively, thirty-seven and forty-eight respectively.

Dr. S. Tarrasch of Nuremberg announces that he has undertaken both the editing and the publishing of the congress book of the recent international chess masters' tournament at St. Petersburg. The book will contain the complete collection of the games played both in the preliminary and the final competition. Dr. Tarrasch will annotate all the games, and in addition, will devote an appendix to a review of the various openings adopted, dwelling upon their general effect upon the theory of chess. The German master states positively that the book will make its appearance this month.

Franklin P. Russell, son of Chief Justice Russell of the New York court of

Cutler, Cline and Morningstar than from prolonged practice with Howison. His view is: "Inman is not a specialist. He is versatile at the English game and will not be different at the American game. By playing with different American experts whose methods vary he will learn a little from each."

That the English champion is striving to acquire a fair degree of proficiency at the American game is evident from the fact that for over a month he has been applying himself to ball-line on a standard carrom table sent from Paris to London for his use. Robert Topping, Inman's steadfast backer, is quoted as saying: "The Americans are said to consider Hoppe a sure winner. Well, if they will lay me reasonable odds I will wager \$50,000 that he will not win."

Finds Pace Faster. Pitcher Dave Davenport, who forsook the Reds for the Feds, is having a rough time in his new field at St. Louis. He has been knocked out of the box five times.

Cooper Going Good. Wilbur Cooper is the most effective pitcher the Pirates have just now.

Western League Averages

Table with columns for Club Batting, Club Fielding, Individual Batting, and Pitching Records. Lists statistics for various teams and players in the Western League.

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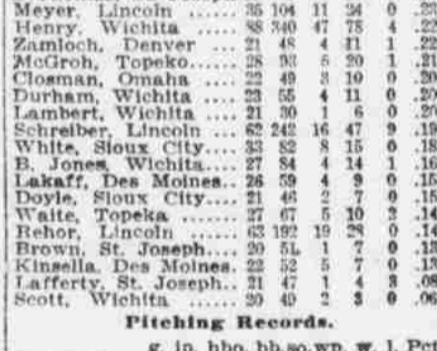
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