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Western League Averages

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The great European war will sadly deplete the ranks of the world's athletes. Hundreds of men of athletic prowess beyond the ordinary are now fighting in the opposing armies of Europe, and with the enormous casualty list there is bound to be a mortality which will distinctly lower the standard of athletic competitions for many years to come. Here are Captain Leslie Chase, noted polo player (on horseback); Captain Noel Edwards, another poloist (in high hat); George Carpenter, pugilist (the boy with the smile); and Captain Herbert Wilson, another polo man (below).

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IS PENNANT RACE FIXED? SPEEDY BOYS AT NORFOLK

Those Arguing Magnates Playing for Receipts Stigmatized Boobs.

GIANTS DRAW BIG CROWDS DISBROW AGAINST THE FIELD

New Yorkers Naturally Bring Out Best Attendance at World Series, but Are Short on Men This Year.

By FRANK G. MENKE. NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—And how the boobs are assuring each other that they will win the National league pennant, but it's fixed for a close finish so the league magnates will make money.

It seems that those folks who cannot believe base ball is an honest game cannot be suppressed. They are like corkers, always bobbing around. And, like corkers, they are light throughout their makeup. Fixing a pennant race, as previously pointed out, would be the right of folly for the men behind. To fix a race the managers or owners of the clubs that were not to win would have to issue orders for their men to "lay down."

Does anyone think that the base ball magnates whose fortunes are tied up in base ball, and whose success depends upon the honesty of the game would become involved in a crooked deal that later on certainly would be disclosed by some disgruntled player?

In other years, it may be remembered, the claim was made that the Giants were strengthened in mid-season, at the expense of the weaker clubs, so that it would be a cinch for the New Yorkers to win the pennant. The boob element had it all figured out that the National league powers wanted the Giants to win because the Giants could pull a bigger crowd than any other town in the National circuit.

The Giants are able to outdraw any other city in the world's series crowds, but it isn't at all certain that they'll be in the world's series. They need help in the form of real players, but they aren't getting it. They need at once clean fielding, hard hitting outfielders, to bolster up their outer garden. They need someone to take Stock's place at third. The recruit fields well and is ready, but he is weak with the stick.

And, most of all, the Giants need a seasoned pitcher—one who can be counted upon to win at least two-thirds of his games. But they haven't gotten him and they won't get him. The other clubs need their good pitchers just as much as the Giants. And they are hanging on to them. The New Yorkers got Marty O'Toole from the Pirates last week for the waiver price of \$150, but it's a question to whether O'Toole will help them.

The condition seems to effectively spike any man that the powers that be in the National league force other clubs to make trades with the Giants that are advantageous to the Giants. If they did they certainly would do so now. But they won't. They never have and never will.

Some folks seem to think that the Boston-Brooklyn deal, whereby the Braves got "Red" Smith, the third sacker, was "fixed." More bunk. The funny part of the deal is the fact that the Dodgers were glad to get rid of Smith. They would have let him go to the minors, as the story goes, if the Braves hadn't taken him off their hands.

Smith Trouble Maker. Smith didn't play any wonderful game for the Dodgers either at bat or in field. And he was accused of being a trouble-maker. Manager Robinson had Geta, whom he wanted to play at third and whom he considered better than Smith. Just at the time the Dodgers owners were figuring on what to do with the red-headed leaker. Stallings came along and made an offer for Smith.

Stallings figured that Smith was just the man he needed to round out his infield. He got Smith—almost at his own terms—and Smith justified the judgment of Stallings. He has played an almost faultless game at third, has hit in timely fashion, and has rounded out the stone-wal infield of the Bostonians. Stallings took a chance on Smith when

WELSH STIRRING PUGS UP Return of Champion from War Zone Exciting Many Aspirants. GUNBOAT SMITH IN SPOTLIGHT Even Before He Landed at New York from Europe He Was Accosted with a Bevy of Challenges.

Not Likely to Fight Soon. There is every reason to believe that Welsh will not put on the gloves for a real ring battle for quite a number of months; surely not before the year is out. First, Frederick will insist that the "light" boys participate in an elimination tournament, and he will oblige by taking on the winner. This series, regardless of where it is conducted will take us far into the winter. Meantime, while waiting for a suitable opponent, Welsh will gather in as much easy money as can be earned by our noble champion, one Willie Ritchie.

At present there are only three lightweights of note whose past performances warrant a meeting with the champion. Willie Ritchie, an ex-champion is entitled to a return match. Charley White, a conquerer of Ritchie before Willie was enticed to his doom (figuratively converted), is deserving of a chance. Then there is our own Leachie Cross.

Cross would give Welsh the battle of his life. It is asking a good deal of Welsh to select Cross as his first adversary, but if Freddie could dispose of Leachie in a manner that would leave no doubt of his superiority, then the Britons would be classed with the regular champions. It is not at all unlikely that Welsh will

engage in his first battle, since he acquired the title, right here in this city. Manager Harry Foltz has suggested that Ritchie and White fight it out; then the winner tackle Cross, the victor of the latter bout to be chosen as Welsh's first opponent.

Already great interest is being manifested in the doings of the cumbersome fellow. Gunboat Smith will not have to wait long to get into action, for before he even stepped on Yankee soil he was a recipient of a bevy of challenges. One of these he can hardly afford to overlook. It is the one that bears the name of Jess Willard, the attenuated westerner who is being groomed to take the title away from Jack Johnson. Willard, to be seriously considered, must first put Smith out of his path—and that is quite an undertaking for even a fellow of Willard's height and heft.

Promoters all over the country have alluring bait out for this match which would be by far the best heavyweight offering in a number of years as Willard and Smith are universally looked upon as the two leaders of the American heavyweight crop, and a match between them would attract quite an assemblage.

So while the carnage on the other side is to be deplored, it really has saved boxing to America for this winter at least.

Chess

Chess board diagram with pieces and text explaining a game scenario. Includes text like 'A pleasant way to spend your noon hour is to play chess or checkers at the Omaha Chess and Checker club.' and 'distinguishing feature is the peculiar opening adopted in each contest.'

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Connie Mack Trying to Hire Johnson

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12.—Connie Mack is making an effort to have Walter Johnson join his team this winter, when a tour of the west to the Pacific coast is contemplated by a nine which Mack will select from the American league and another which Frank Bancroft of the Cincinnati club will pick from the National. Mack wants Johnson as his star pitcher, because he realizes that he is more than likely that he will turn it down, as he is anxious to spend the entire winter on his farm routine.

Everybody Reads Bee Want Ads.

We have the pleasure of presenting our readers with a specimen of play from the "Fumble-weed" tourney of the State Chess association. This tourney was begun several weeks ago, and its chief

George Stallings hasn't much use for public affairs, so the disease of George Davis may be expected. A Davis is worked but once this year and doesn't want to stop using the spitter.

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