

Big League Mags in Quandary Over Home Run Hitting

"Zoning Rule" Preventing Recording of Homers Hit Into Bleachers, Grandstands May Be Adopted.

NEW YORK, July 26.—A baseball expert says that the big league managers again find themselves in a quandary over the home run slugging which dominates baseball. Batsmen in the majors have driven out more than 500 homers since the beginning of the pennant races. The championship season reached the half way mark a couple of weeks back with the home hitters holding high carnival.

Manufacturers of the ball still insist that it isn't "lively," although many players and managers differ with them. The magnates, eager to curtail the abnormal battling in both circuits, modified the interpretation of the pitching rules last winter by ordering umpires to keep balls in play until their covers were torn. For a time numerous low score games indicated improved pitching, but now the sluggers are pounding the ball at the same old rate.

The most effective way to put a stop to home run slugging would be to limit drives into grandstand wings and open bleachers to two or three bases. The original rule should be restored, meaning that wallops over the fences or beyond the outfielders and inside the playing surface should enable the batsmen to encircle the bases.

Should the magnates adopt a "zoning rule" preventing the recording of four-baggers lifted into seats in right and left fields, every ball park in the majors, excepting Braves' field, would be seriously affected. Under present conditions, home running in the Yankee stadium, polo grounds, Phillies' park, Cubs' park and St. Louis is nothing more than a burlesque on the national game.

Gene Tunney May Meet Dempsey

Los Angeles, Cal., July 25.—Gene Tunney of New York, who conquered Georges Carpentier of France last night, can have a crack at the heavyweight title any time Tunney can get a promoter to stage the battle.

That was announced here today by Jack Kearns, manager of the heavyweight champion.

Dempsey himself was today on "location" near here with a company of movie actors, despite orders of his physician to remain in bed, following an automobile crash Sunday in which Tunney was hurt. Tunney had won a knockout victory over the Frenchman.

"Gene is a good boy, better than I thought," said Dempsey. "His victory over Spilla meant nothing, but his knockout of Carpentier shows he has class. As to a fight with Tunney—of course, let's have it."

WEST CAPTURES EMPIRE TROPHY

New York, July 26.—Like the metropolitan tennis title now held by Robert Kinsey of California, the New York state title has gone west. Another upset was added to the already numerous surprises of the season when Kirk Reid of Cleveland defeated Herbert L. Bowman two weeks ago, in the final of the annual tournament on the courts of the Sedgwick Farm club at Syracuse, N. Y.

That Reid would prove a formidable opponent his rating in the Western association indicated, but Bowman figured to win on the strength of his tournament record to date and the defeat, particularly the decisiveness of the defeat, upset all form.

Bowman now joins the rapidly growing ranks of players who have been baffled in their attempt to score a third and final leg on a championship tennis trophy. There are a number of prominent cups and bowls in competition today that were offered as far back as a dozen or fifteen years ago, to remain in competition until won for the third time by any one player.

Many of these cups have been won twice by as many as four or half a dozen players, but have evaded every attempt of the two-time winners to secure the necessary third victory.

Eddie Roush to Make Trip to Europe With Giants
Cincinnati, July 26.—Eddie Roush, star center fielder of the Reds, will make the trip to Europe with the Giants next fall to play for them in their series with the White Sox of the American league, which has been undertaken for charity, says a New York special dispatch to the Cincinnati Enquirer.

Roush was invited today by Manager John McGraw of the Giants and he will be the only member of the team who is not at present on the Giant staff.

Leading Batters

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Player and Club: G. AB. R. H. FC.
Ruth, N. Y. 51 115 92 119 380
Archibaldson, Chi. 51 156 35 59 378
Falk, Chicago 57 289 47 106 367
Goellin, Wash. 95 337 70 126 353
Cobb, Detroit 93 375 70 130 347

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Hornsby, St. L. 88 337 66 139 412
Wheat, Brook. 84 328 52 124 378
Cuyler, Pitts. 59 231 46 85 368
Wilson, N. Y. 46 151 30 55 354
Roush, Cin. 75 285 40 100 351

These Overland Tires Keep Rolling Right Along Toward Industrial Pennant



THE six "gents" and Manager Nevins, whose photos are shown in the accompanying layout are largely responsible for first place in the Industrial league. The youngsters' hitting is his biggest asset.

Tommy Meier, shortstop for the Tiremen has added to the team's success with his fight and snap which he injects into his fellow players during critical times of close games. Tommy is also handy with the lumber and plays second base for the Schneider team of the Metropolitan league on Sundays.

Glen Weaver, second baseman, is the leading hitter of the Industrial loop. The youthful second sacker is hitting the ball for average over the .400 mark.

To Harry Nevens, manager of the rubber men, goes most of the credit for keeping the Overlanders in the pennant race. This is Nevens' second year at the helm of the tire team and the hefty gent is known as a square shooter by all of his players and all of the other managers in the league.

Johnny Grogan, shortstop for the C. B. & Q. team, is hitting the ball in the Patton Billings 4 to 1 last Friday cut down the railroader's lead to but one game over the Omaha Sporting Goods company.

Art Swartz, former third sacker for the Knickerbocker team, is now guarding the hot corner for the Decatur (Ibex) town team.

Phil Tracy, third baseman for the Knights of Columbus team of the Metropolitan league, is hitting the ball against the Knickerbocker team at bat two times and got one safe hit.

Brookhan, pitcher for the Kinney Shoes of the American league, got support on the part of his teammates and lost the game for him.

Abel Kalman, backer of the Kalman insurance team, played two innings in the outfield, last Thursday with his team when they clashed with the Pie Molders of the World game. Abel is getting warm for the veteran third sacker to play ball.

Alphie Kline, who defeated the Pie Molders several weeks ago while twirling for the William Street Merchants, didn't let a close one slip him in the Patton Billings, and then started robbing the Q's shortstop to take first base on the play. Evidently the "umpire" thought the sound of the ball hitting Grogan's bat and the noise of the hitting the shortstop's head would be about the same.

But 12 Saturday league games were played yesterday afternoon on account of the Sunday School leagues closing their schedule last Tuesday.

Tommy Shanahan, pitching his first ball game of the season for the Knights of Columbus last Thursday evening, held the Woodmen of the World to six safe blows and the Knights were able to battle the Woodmen to a 1 to 1 tie game.

Immediately following the close of the season the Kinney Shoe team of the American league will be given a big banquet by its backers. Each player on the team will receive a pair of shoes, according to Manager Carl Witzig.

Banty McKague, Omaha's most popular amateur ball player, jumped into the Babe Ruth class Thursday evening against the Knights of Columbus when he rolled out a circuit clout with two men on the base. McKague's hit clinched the contest for the Woodmen.

Amateur fans have witnessed some great baseball in the last two weeks especially in the Metropolitan league. Several extra good games have been staged by the Metro teams.

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Catching 'Em on the Fly

THE C. B. & Q. team still claim the best pitcher in the American league in John Braniff. The southpaw hurler of the railroad team has an average of .31 strike outs per game. The twirler is also hitting the ball for an average of .212. According to Manager Ace Whitford of the railroaders, Braniff pitched winning ball in the last two games he sat.

Harry "Turk" Smith, veteran amateur baseball player, who has not played Sunday amateur ball for a couple of years, returned to the harness and played right field for the Standard Laundry against the Carter Lakes last Friday. Harry still plays his steady game and is classed as one of the best base runners on the sandlots.

Jordan Shroyok and Morrison continue to play a perfect fielding game for the C. B. & Q. team. Jordan is hitting the ball for an average of .353 with the other two outfielders but a few points behind.

Barney Monaghan, formerly of the Junior Omaha league, has been signed to play third base for the Knights of Columbus team of the Metropolitan league.

"Doc" Carr of the McKenney Dentists of the American league, played third base for the Knickerbocker team of the Metro league last Thursday. "Doc" didn't do well due to a severe case of stage fright.

Vodicka's double drive in the run that broke up the 12-inning game last Sunday between the Burlington and the U. S. Yards. The midget third sacker smacked one on the nose that brought home the bacon.

Gould Dietz, prominent Omahan, purchased new suits two weeks ago for the Sunday School league, champions of the Southern Sunday School league when he discovered the boys' outfit in the trunk in their loop. Mr. Dietz wanted the boys to look presentable when they played in the series for the Sunday School championship. Should the Dietz team win the series, the team's ownership of the city will be tendered a big feast by the gent who is taking such an interest in their team.

The U. P. Engineers and the Police will battle each other twice this week. The first game will be played at 10 o'clock and Tuesday night the same teams will play again at Fontenelle park.

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Davis, Powell Enter Net Meet

SIoux City, Ia., July 25.—More than 85 out of town tennis players from St. Louis, Des Moines, St. Joseph, Omaha, Lincoln, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Sioux Falls and Council Bluffs have already sent in their entry blanks for the annual Missouri Valley tennis tournament which is to be staged at the Shore Acre Boat club starting Tuesday, July 29, at 1 o'clock.

With 35 Sioux City players already entered the tournament is assured of 110 entries for the men's singles. Entries close at 6 today and pairings will be made by Ed Isaacson, president of the Sioux City Tennis association, which is staging the tournament.

Wray Brown of St. Louis, Ralph Powell and David Davis of Omaha, Myron Hutchinson of St. Paul, Phil Brain of Minneapolis, John Barton of Sioux Falls, Paul Bennett and C. Coghenal of Des Moines are some of the stars well known here who are entered.

Man Made "Young" At 84 Tells How He Regained Vigor

Another remarkable report of being made "young" without a gland operation comes from J. L. Rowell, 84, of Kaw City, Okla.

"It has simply been wonderful," says Mr. Rowell. "My eyesight is clearer and my muscles feel supple. I walk with a firm, springy step and now can do a man's work. I am enjoying a remarkable re-invigorating and restoration of gland and nerve activity, and I feel as young and vigorous as I did at 30. I have found a real 'fountain of youth.'"

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Dempsey's Success as Screen Actor May Cause Him to Give Up Ring Career

NEW YORK, July 26.—It is rumored that Jack Dempsey has met with such great success as a screen actor that he may abandon the fighting business and retire from the ring. Translated into the terms of pugilism, this means that the champion is getting impatient to fight again and sends forth this feeler to stir up a little interest and another championship battle.

Whenever the fight business slows up and there seems to be a chance of the boxing fans growing indifferent to some champion announces that, for lack of suitable opponents, he is

paid to announce that he will have to retire. As a rule, an announcement of this sort has the effect of stimulating interest, and promoters go out on the highways and byways and dig up some opponents.

Dempsey's movie work will be finished at the end of next month, and it is the general impression among the fight sharks that he is anxious to become involved in a financial engagement with the winner of the Fitzpatrick fight in New Jersey. In order to create some interest in such an affair, Dempsey's friends have announced that he will retire from the ring, subject his fighting face to the skillful care of a beauty doctor and become a movie artist forever.

George Von Elm wins. Los Angeles, July 26.—George Von Elm, former transmississippi amateur champion, defeated Dr. P. A. Moulton 1 up on the 19th hole in the feature match of the Rancho Country club invitational golf tournament here today. Stymied by his opponent on the extra green, Von Elm finished brilliantly with a perfect niblick shot that gave him the hole and the match with a par four.

Schneider Electric Seek Outside Games

The Schneider Electric, who are in third place in the Metropolitan league, will barnstorm the state of Nebraska during the week of August 17 to 24. The Electric men want to meet any fast team in the state, and are especially desirous of booking games with teams at Falls City, Exeter, Wilbur, Decatur, Nebraska City, Millard, Gretna and Auburn. For games write Manager Emil Schneider, in care of the Schneider Electrical Works, 1198 Farnam street, Omaha, Neb.

Wayne State Teachers Announce Grid Schedule
Wayne, Neb., July 26.—Coach Fred Dale has arranged a tough schedule of games for the Wayne State Teachers college football team, which will represent the normal on the gridiron next fall. The slate is now arranged, calls for eight games. Coach Dale announced that he may add several others to the string before the season opens. The schedule:

October 2—Nebraska Central at Wayne
October 9—Western Union college at La. Park, Ia.
October 16—Midland college at Wayne
October 23—Cretser college at Wayne
November 3—Chadron Normal at Chadron
November 7—University of Omaha at Omaha
November 14—Peru Normal at Wayne
November 21—Kearney Normal at Wayne

Norse Yachts Win in Olympic
Havre, France, July 25.—Two Norwegian boats, the Bera in the eight-meter class and the Elizabeth V in the six-meter class, won the first semi-finals of the Olympic yacht races sailed here today.

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GROUND BROKEN FOR HAPPY HOLLOW

With a small but representative crowd on hand directors of the Happy Hollow club yesterday broke ground for the new club house on the recently acquired piece of ground located at Ninetieth and Pacific streets.

Work on the club house and the golf course is expected to be completed by the time spring of 1925 arrives. The course will be a 27-hole affair and members of the club predict it will have no equal in the middle west.

Among those from out of town who attended the ground-breaking exercises were directors of the Lincoln Country club and included C. B. Copeland, Don Stewart, W. E. Hardy, Lynn Lloyd, Ross Curtice, and George Proutt.

Those from Happy Hollow who actually broke the ground were W. R. McFarland, Harry Lawrie, I. Shuler, Judge Crawford, J. M. Gilchrist, V. C. Hascall and W. C. Lyle.

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