

Far Be it from Jeff to Tip Off Anybody's Secret

By "Bud" Fisher



Judgments

AFFAIRS in the Western league never had a more promising aspect than at present. The going of Frank Isbell to Des Moines has given a new life to the game in the Iowa capital; Don Dospina has succeeded in straightening out his affairs at Lincoln and it is stated on the best of authority he will get back to the platoon at Lincoln and it is stated on the best of authority he will get back to the platoon at Lincoln and it is stated on the best of authority he will get back to the platoon at Lincoln...

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"Matty" have a record of fanning sixteen men in a regular contest, a feat that hasn't been pulled off in the National since 1888, when John G. Clarkson and Frank Gilmore—"Connie" Mack was Gilmore's catcher at that time—each struck out sixteen men. Generally speaking, the top-notchers seldom try for strikeout records. A twirler who sacrifices everything for a strikeout record is a poor asset to a team. But there are exceptions—a pitcher whose delivery and curves are of such nature that they puzzle batters to the extent that they fail to hit the ball hard or strike out shows that twirler to have more stuff than the average pitcher, and he will show class with a tall-order, as in the case of Johnson, Rucker and others. Many cases can be cited where very ordinary twirlers have made a great reputation and record in games won by being on a winning team. For instance, just look at the list of slab artists that were

on the firing line of the Baltimore team of 1886-96-97; every mother's son of them was a regular loser in the big leagues until they got a berth on "the greatest base ball team that was ever gotten together," a team that founded, invented and introduced the present style and system of inside base ball. "Billy" Hofter, Epper, "Al" Maul, "Jack" McMahon, Gleason and George Hemming had very little in the pitching line, only control and a nice uniform; and it might be added, a world of confidence in the team behind them. "Marty" O'Toole made a great strikeout record in the American association, a league with plenty of experienced hitters. O'Toole is not always trying for strikeout, but the stuff he hands out regularly is hard to solve, and in consequence many batters whiff. This man would make a good showing on any team, and if his arm keeps strong next season, the great and only O'Toole may smash the strikeout record for all leagues. When it comes right down to facts, Hugh Daily, the phenomenal one-arm twirler of the Cleveland National league team and the Chicago Union association club during 1881, holds the strikeout record of the country for one season in the major league. Daily pitched fifty-four games that year and fanned 464 batters, an average of 8.59 per game. Waddell, twenty years later, almost equaled it, but in all probability Daily's record will never be surpassed in the major leagues. Tom Ranney, the celebrated left-hander who twirled for Louisville during 1887-88, did some wonderful stunts in the strikeout line. Ranney was master of a wonderful "drop" ball that was a complete puzzle to all batters of that day. He has a record of striking out nine batters in succession, and in 1887 struck out seventeen men in a nine-inning game under the four strikeout rule. The great Charley Sweeney was in the same company with Shaw that year, and they moved down batsmen right and left. Hugh Daily shares honor with Sweeney in the strikeout record for one game in major leagues. On June 7, 1884, Sweeney struck out nineteen men in the nine innings. The Boston players of the National league were the victims of that day. In the same year, fanned nineteen batters of the Boston Union association club in a nine-inning contest. Sweeney had terrific speed, every bit as much as the famous Walter Johnson of our day. Charles ("Lad") Baldwin, "Big" Stemyer and John ("Phenomenal") Smith all won fame for themselves by fanning heavy hitters. Smith, while pitching for Newark during 1866-66, fanned almost every big league team in the country, and they all fell before his left-handed curve. In the fall of 1868, in a game against the Baltimore team of the American association, Smith held his opponents to no hits and no runs, just twenty-seven men coming to bat. He struck out 14 of them. In 1883 the great Amos Russe made his appearance in fast company pitching for Indianapolis, then in the National league. During 1890-91-92 he redired many batsmen by the strikeout route. With his tremendous speed he was a terror to batters for many years. Waddell, Mathewson, "Red" Ames and Ed Walsh, of later days, all had one or more seasons where they averaged six

or more strike-outs per game. Overall, with his deceptive "drop" ball, also made the high average class in strike-outs. Hugh Daily leads the strike-out pitchers, with Waddell second. G. Edward made the class in several different years. The great Ramsey was three times. Walter Johnson stands seventh in the list. Following are the strikeout records for the major leagues from 1884 until this year. Seven of these records were made by George Edward ("Rube") Waddell, the eccentric southpaw:

Strikeout Kings and 35 Records Hung Up

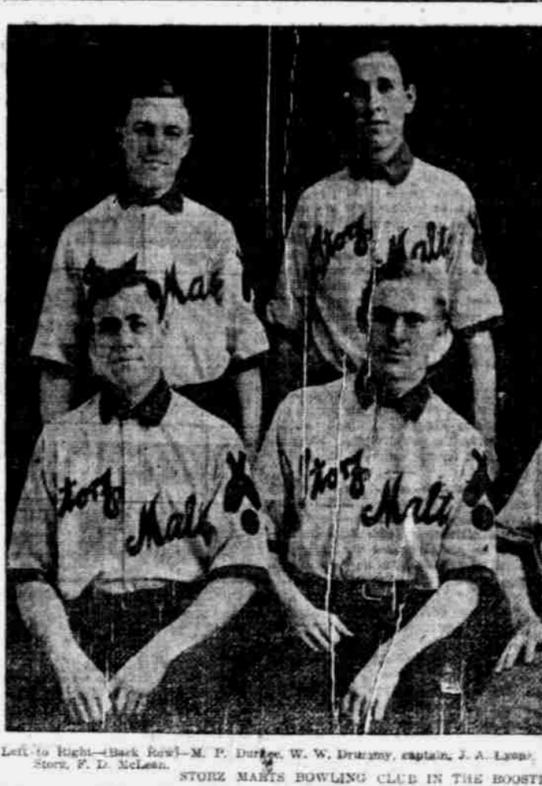
Table with columns: Pitchers, Year, No. Games, Struck Out, Avg. Per Game. Lists records for various pitchers including Daily, Waddell, Ranney, Kilroy, Shaw, Johnson, Whitney, Waddell, Hurke, Waddell, Ames, Waddell, Overall, Henderson, Waddell, Keefe, Walsh, Matthews, Sweeney, Clark, Waddell, Morris, Mathewson, Ranney, Sweeney, Burdette, Baldwin, Ames, Terry, Waddell, Stevens, Waddell, Keefe, Ramsey.

How Waddell's Best Mark Beats Johnson's

Copyright, 1912, by Herbert Ponting. Below is Walter Johnson's strikeout record, showing the number of strikeouts he had in each game and the clubs he pitched against. Alongside of Johnson's record is the best record of Waddell, made in 1904, and surpassed only by Daily's work in 1884. The two records:

Two tables comparing Walter Johnson's and "Rube" Waddell's strikeout records. Johnson's record shows 41 full games with 4 part games, totaling 274 strikeouts. Waddell's record shows 39 full games with 6 part games, totaling 281 strikeouts.

Local Bowlers of High Class

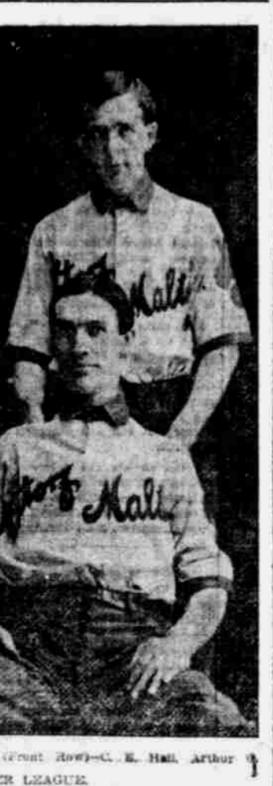


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INDOOR TENNIS TO BE TRIED

Experts Will Try it Out at the Auditorium Today. BIG MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT Tennis Men are Gathered at the Omaha Club to Make Plans for the Season and Decide on Indoor Game.

Indoor tennis will be given its first tryout in Omaha this morning and afternoon, when several tennis clubs of the city will gather at the Auditorium for the purpose of testing the game on that floor. Two courts will be marked off and nets stretched this morning. Harry Koch, winner of the city championship last summer, who is fostering the movement for indoor tennis will try his skill on a board floor. There will be no playing today for the sport of the game, but to decide whether the Auditorium would be a practical place to play tennis during the winter months. If the players find that the Auditorium offers space enough and is suitable for playing tennis, the matter will be taken up at the meeting to be held Tuesday night at the Omaha club, when all the tennis men of the various clubs of the city will get together to decide upon winter tennis. Other business will also come up at the meeting. Where the Midwest tennis tournament will be held in this city will come up for consideration. There is little doubt, however, but that the tournament will be held at the Field club. The formation of a city tennis league will come up for discussion. Among the men who will be at the Auditorium today to test the place are: "Cub" Potter, Harry Koch, "Bike" Kennedy and Sam Caldwell. All these players are strong advocates of indoor tennis and will try and convince the other players in the city Tuesday night that the game ought to be adopted.

HUSKER FIVE WILL GO EAST Tri-City Basket. To Meet Drake and Ames in Championship Series.

With two weeks of play now over, the Tri-City Basket Ball league has become a prominent fixture among local sports circles and judging from the interest in the floor game that this project has aroused, it is a game which has come to stay in Omaha. The games so far have all been well attended and considerable enthusiasm, especially among the schools entered in the league, has been aroused. The local sport-loving public as well as students have come to realize that basket ball is not a parlor affair but a real live proposition in which brain and brawn are necessary requisites. Up to date the league has been a rather one-sided affair, with the Ballistics, University of Omaha and Council Bluffs "B" quints trailing at the bottom. The coaches of these teams are working out new material, however, and expect to climb out of the rear positions within the next two weeks. At present the race for first place seems to be between three teams, Omaha High school, Pirates, and South Omaha High school. Each of these quints has shown up strong against their opponents and have had little difficulty in pulling off victories. Not until the middle of February will any of these five be pitted against each other and then it is expected that some of the closest and hardest fought games of the league series will be pulled off. Nebraska has a good lead on the rest of her rivals in the race for the basket ball championship of the Missouri valley. The Huskers have lost no championship games and some four. Washington also has a clean slate, but has played two less games than the Cornhuskers. The Tigers are third in the standings. Following is the standings of the teams in the conference championship:

Table showing standings of teams in the conference championship: Team, Won, Lost, P.C.T. Nebraska (4-0-1.99), Washington (2-0-1.00), Missouri (1-1-1.50), Ames (1-1-1.50), Kansas (0-1-0.00), Danako (0-1-0.00).

Holland Lands Two From Humboldt Team

Two star members of the Bill Humboldt, Ia., club of the Mink league will be seen in the St. Joseph make-up this year. A deal was closed last week in which Jack Holland gets Pitcher James Errett and Third Baseman Joe Wintz. Errett is a big southpaw and although he is a youngster he has the makings of a wonderful ball player. He won twelve out of fifteen games last year, his first season in professional ball. Joe Wintz has been with the Mink league two years. He played with Maryville the first year.

Volley Ball Team Plays With Bluffs

The Omaha Business Men's social will class with the business men's team from the Council Bluffs Young Men's Christian association in three games of volley ball at the local association gymnasium Thursday evening. Last Tuesday night the Omaha men were defeated by the Iowans in two of a series of three games at the Bluffs gymnasium and the local players are practicing daily to be in shape to hand out a drubbing to their rivals this week. Volley ball is a new game here, but since it was introduced by J. T. Maxwell, at the local association gymnasium, it has proven very popular with many Omaha business men who find it very exciting and full of features. A total of forty men are playing the game across the river and the number to work out in Omaha is expected to increase to that number within the next two weeks.

Champion Batters Few in Outfield

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The average batting of the leaders in thirty-four leagues last year was .221. The averages extend from .69, made in the American league by Ty Cobb, to .104, made in the Southern association by Pratt of the Montgomery club. The various league leaders take in fourteen outfielders, seventeen infielders and three catchers. Champion batsmen aren't quite as numerous in the outfield as in the infield, but the outfielders hit harder as a group. All the .60 performers, and there are three, are .60 hitters. The fourteen outfielders hit for an average of .344 to .344 for the infielders. First basemen are the best batters among the infielders. There are six of them in the list to four second basemen, four shortstops and three first basemen. The various champions for 1911 and the order of rank were as follows:

Table listing names, leagues, and positions of champion batters: Name, League and Position, P.C. Ty Cobb, American outfield, .69; Huelman, Union ass'n, outfield, .61; C. Smith, Cotton States, outfield, .60; O'Brien, West Canada, shortstop, .58; Wofford, Carolina ass'n, outfield, .58; Conners, Ia. Michigan, first base, .57; Barrows, New England, outfield, .56; Hart, Central Ass'n, catcher, .55; Wilson, O. and P., first base, .55; Cravath, American ass'n, outfield, .55; Davis, Tri-State, first base, .55; Hollie, Mountain States, outfield, .54; Comstock, Mich. State, first base, .54; Corle, Nebraska State, outfield, .54; O'Neil, Wis.-Ill., outfield, .53; Mayer, Blue Grass, catcher, .53; Thrasher, Appalachian, outfield, .51; Johnson, Central Ass'n, third base, .51; Blue, Ohio State, catcher, .51; Schaffly, New York State, second base, .51; Perry, Eastern, outfield, .51; Borton, Western, first base, .51; Bues, Northwestern, third base, .51; Wagner, National, shortstop, .51; Byrnes, Pacific Coast, outfield, .51; Alcock, South Atlantic, third base, .51; Reed, Washington State, first base, .51; Toke, Texas, third base, .51; Foster, Connecticut, outfield, .51; Morgan, Virginia, shortstop, .51; Johnson, Indiana-Illinois, shortstop, .51; Johns, Southwest Texas, second, .51; Byrnes, Central, outfield, .51; Pratt, Southern, second base, .51.

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