Curves, Hooks, Spitters, Fast Ones; They All Look Alike To Earl Smith

Muggsy Makes Boot on Ed Rousch; Morris to Smoke Willard Out of Hole

Giant Leader Errs Badly When He Figures Robertson Superior to Rousch and Ships Latter to Cincy.

By JACK VEIOCK.

New York, June 23.—John McGraw is conceded to be one of the smartest managers in base ball, and there is no doubt about his ability, but even Jawn boots one now and then.

Evidence tending to show that McGraw kicked one when he permitted Eddie Rousch to get away from the Giants in the deal which sent Matty to Cincinnati may be found in the batting and fielding averages of the National league. And when the base running returns are printed there is no doubt on the part of the writer that this lanky young speedboy from Oakland City, Ind., will be numbered among the base runners who pile up the greatest number of thefts in a season.

Rousch became the property of the Giants through sale when the Federal league tossed the sponge into the ring and threw up its fins. He stuck with McGraw's team until the middle of July and was traded to the Cincinnati club with McKechnie and Mathewson for Buck Herzog.

McGraw couldn't see Rousch as compared to Davy Robertson, and Eddie was sent on his way. But today Rousch stands out head and shoulders above Davy as an all around ballplayer, and unless injuries keep him out of the game this season there is little doubt that he will top Robertson's best efforts in all around playing.

Mercury on Wings.

Rousch, though it is not generally known, is one of the speediest players in the two major leagues today. He is a Mercury in the outfield and on the bases he runs like a deer. In a field meet during the life of the Federal league Rousch equalled the record for getting to first base after laying down a bunt. The record was made in 1908 by Shaw, of St. Louis, and the time was 3 1-5 seconds. Rousch was clocked in the same time.

As a hitter Rousch has natural ability. He does not hit as hard as his former team mate, Benny Kauff, but he has a habit of banging the ball on a line past the infielders at a rate of about steen miles a minute, and he often gets two bases on hits on which the ordinary player would get no further than first base.

Rousch's experience in base ball as a professional began in 1912, at Evansville, and he played with that club nearly two seasons. He was sold to the White Sox in July, 1913, for a price reported to have been $3,000, and later released to the Lincoln club of the Western league. In 1914 he refused to report to Lincoln, jumping to the Indianapolis Federals under Whoa Bill Phillips, where he banged the pill for an average of .333 in seventy-four games. With the Newark Feds Rousch hit .298 in 1915, and in 1916 his hitting fell off to .267 in 108 games with New York and Cincinnati. But Rousch is just coming into his prime as a player and he is only 24 years old. So it looks as though McGraw overlooked a bet when he traded him.

Willard Now Circus Owner.

It cost Jess Willard just $105,000 to keep his job with the wild west show that he has been a part of for nearly two seasons.

Jess had to buy the show to hold his place in the sawdust ring, for the former management was on the point of letting him out and taking on Carl Morris when Jess blocked the deal.

Willard's popularity as boss of the heavyweights has been falling off bit by bit ever since he defeated Jack Johnson for the title. His refusal to get into the ring for a championship battle has ruined him as an attraction, and as owner of the wild west show he will probably find out for himself just how much the public thinks of him.

Willard could have been a popular idol had he cared to do the right thing. He has a sunny smile, and the good nature to make friends easily everywhere he goes. But his inactivity in fistic circles has reduced his popularity average to .000, and unless he gets into the ring soon he will have to depend altogether on the cowboys, Indians and sharp-shooters to make his circus a paying proposition.

Tough on Heilman.

Harry Heilman, Tiger outfielder, had an exeprience recently which will stick with him for a while, and which will keep him glued to his seat in the Pullman when traveling about the country.

The Tigers were going from Boston to Baltimore to play a Sunday exhibition game. The train hesitated at New London, Conn., and Heilman jumped off to get some sandwiches, running out of the Pullman car without coat and hat. While he was purchasing the grub the whistle tooted and off went the rattler minus Heilman.

Harry had the change from a five spot and a couple of sandwiches to last until he could catch up with his ball, club, and when he reported wearing a coat and hat he had bought from a pawn broker, he came in for a kidding that got his goat—hoofs, horns, whiskers and all.

Promoters to Offer Champion Seventy-Five Thousand to Fight Oklahoma Man-Mountain.

By RINGSIDE.

Chicago, June 23.—Carl Morris' opportunity to land a match with Heavyweight Champion Jess Willard is at hand. There is no doubt that Morris, through his victory over Frank Moran, is entitled to it, but that question rests with the champion.

It is a matter of very great doubt whether Jess Willard has had any serious idea for some time of ever boxing in a ring encounter again. Indeed, his whole attitude bespeaks the utmost lack of ambition as far as a real battle is concerned, and, although Jess will tell you, if you ask him, that he will battle when the money is hung up, his close friends doubt much whether he would really go through the awful regime of training for any amount of coin.

Be that as it may, they are going to make it real interesting for Jess, at any rate, and will attempt, with the aid of a big offer of a purse of $75,000, to smoke the big fellow out and get some sort of a definite statement from him. The people behind the offer are solid folks, it is said, who have no interest in either fighter, but intend to have a substantial interest in the promotion of the affair.

Willard has said time and time again that for personal reasons he never would fight Carl Morris. The latter, it seems, once told Jess to go and get a reputation. This so incensed the champion, who wasn't a topnotcher at the time, that he swore to himself that he would some day get even. Whether he can continue his grouch in the face of the offer of $75,000 is something that only the champion himself can tell.

Morris, the Sapulpa man-mountain, won from Moran because he literally smothered the lighter man. It was Morris' fight nearly all the way. Moran tried to put over his famous "Mary Ann," but the big Oklahoma giant kept out of harm's way, and when Moran appeared dangerous he came into close quarters, and against his style of fighting Moran was helpless. Some critics do not believe he is in Jess Willard's class.

Brown Punching Bag.

Perhaps a middleweight will arise some day who can knock out George Knockemstiff Brown of Chicago. But if any such comes, the majority of those who saw George Chip of Newcastle essay the feat a Racine will claim Missouri as their home. They will believe that any man capable of turning the trick must have some reinforced concrete hidden within his gloves.

Chip tried enough hard wallops on Brown's physiogomy to knock half the present heavyweight crop into the land of dreams. But after seven rounds of punching the Chicago Greek as if he were the gymnasium sandbag, he was forced to admit the task was too much for him. His only chance was in pulling up one of the ring posts and committing assault on his rival therewith.

Foxy Freddie Welsh.

A study of the conditions surrounding the dethronement of Freddie Welsh as lightweight champion convinces one that the Englishman was one of the greatest ring generals in the history of pugilism.

You no doubt have heard of other fighters who studied methods of blocking an opponent's best blow and countering in an unexpected manner, but did you ever hear of a fighter who had devised a means of preventing himself from being knocked to the floor, where a referee's count would mean his defeat?

That is what Freddie did, and he applied it against Benny Leonard. But Kid McPartland, the referee, did not wait for the champion to fall. He saw that Welsh was helplessly out on his feet, and stopped it.

It was the position Freddie took in Benny's corner that prevented the new champion from knocking him out. Although dazed and no doubt sensing that the end was near, he worked his way into a corner, which in this case was Benny's. There he braced himself against the post. The side ropes were directly under his arms, hence if he was hit on either side he wouldn't go down. Benny's punches were falling in front of him to keep him from falling forward, and the post was behind him to stop a backward tumble.

Had Wits Working.

This is not to say that Welsh was robbed, for if ever a man was knocked out Welsh was. But it is chronicled to show just how the Englishman's wits were working even while in great distress.

Had Welsh been in the center of the ring, or beyond reaching distance of the ropes, he would surely have gone to the floor. When McPartland stopped the bout Welsh was even farther gone than ringsiders suspected. The referee lifted him off the ropes and started toward his corner. The minute the champion's support was taken away he slipped forward on his face, completely spent. After giving the incident careful consideration, those who witnessed the knockout are convinced that Freddie was done for fully three-quarters of the time he was hanging helplessly on the ropes.

The new champion no doubt will hold his honors for a long time. At the present moment there is but one contender of any consequence, and he is Charley White of Chicago. When one considers how White threw away his chance at the title last summ in Colorado Springs, Benny Leonard stands head and shoulders above his division.

Postmaster Ump Threatens Uncle Sam on Fiery Players

The talk was on umpires and drifted to comments on the assumption of some arbitrators that their persons are too sacred to be touched. This brought out the following story from Tom Needham, now managing the Newark Internationals:

"I was playing with the Wheeling team about fifteen years ago and we went to Clarksburg, W. Va., for an exhibition game. Jimmy Lucas was pitching for us and he hooked two fine curves over the plate on the first hitter. The umpire, who was back of Lucas, called them balls. We were hot and several of us gathered around him. Some one of us tramped on his toes. That raised his ire. 'Don't you do that,' he shouted. 'Don't touch me, for I'm part of the government. I'm postmaster of this town; don't you put your foot on Uncle Sam if you don't want the government on you.'"

Former Ball Player and Opera Singer Joins Army

Sammy Strang Nicklin, former Giant and later grand opera singer, is now a soldier. He has entered the reserve officers' training camp at Chickamauga. Through his association with army men as coach at West Point Sammy acquired the military spirit.

Pirates Sign Polish Lad To Strengthen Pitching

The Pirates have gone to the Poles for recruits. Joseph Kowalski, a right-handed pitcher, who has been physical director with St. Mary's college, is the new man.

CICOTTE'S "MUD BALL" A WINNER—The photographs show Ed Cicotte, one of the most illustrious pitchers in the American league. His "Mud Ball" is the mystery of the season and about as easy to hit as an aeroplane.

ED. CICOTTE

Gossip Heard Among the Amateur Warriors

Edward Conboy, well known in these parts, is now getting his squares at Rock Island, Ill.

Independent teams wishing games with the Auto Row gang are requested to call Walnut 3285.

The Krajiceks purchased the suits and paraphernalia that belonged to the defunct McCarthy crowd.

McAndrews was the heavy boy with the clout sticks for the Ramblers against the Melady Mavericks.

Last Sunday Potach hurled an elegant game against the Meladys, breezing five and allowing four hits.

For the Beselins, Supernois twirled an excellent game against Bennington (Neb.), allowing only three hits.

The Central Furniture Store team could use a few good ball tossers. Call Carl Backman at South 3606.

Billiam Sherlock would like to sign up with some fast squad. For further information call Douglas 2577.

Against the Lincoln Dyers, Oleson hoisted a remarkable game, striking out thirteen and allowing only six hits.

In the role of umpire, Bernard Hageman got by last Sunday like a major league indicator handler.

Today the Brandeis Stores will travel to Gretna, Neb., and take a whirl at the fast gang stationed there.

Knee, center patch guardian for the Brodegaard Crowns, cracked three on the coco against Dresher Bros.

Greater Omaha league rules would not permit Edward Hazen of the Brandeis to play with the Holmes White Sox.

Today the speedy Beselins will perform at Blair, Neb. To date this squad has compiled an enviable record.

Ralph Spellman busted one square on the face last Sunday which prepaid his transportation around the diamond.

Potts Sandan, touched one rather strong this summer and for said offense he was allowed to circumnavigate the bags.

Kornash, a new bird, tossed high grade ball for the Polish Merchants against the C. B. DeVol Vistors last Sunday.

Last Sunday the Beselins were rigged out in their sipping silks, getting fifteen hits against the Bennington, Neb., crew.

Evidently the famous Pete McGuire was a trifle off last Sunday. The Armours collected fifteen hits off of his offerings.

For the Brodegaard Crowns, Rigly wiggled excellent ball against the Dreshers, striking out eight and allowed five scattered hits.

Under the supervision of McAndrews the Ramblers are rambling along at a merry clip. They have surprised the wise acres.

Oney, centerfielder for the Walter G. Clarks, was the big noise against the Murphys. He rung up two hits, one for three bases.

Against the Lincoln Dyers for the Brandeis, Frank Synek was the king with the billy. He uncorked three hits out of four trials.

Leftfielder Scheaf of the Sample-Harts, stepped into the limelight against the Dreshers, nailing three hits out of four attempts.

For the Dresher Bros., Ling was the big noise last Sunday with the ash furniture. He slipped a couple to remote corners of the lot.

At short Haller of the C. B. DeVol Victors is a peacherino. He gobbles 'em all, has a wonderful arm and covers an acre of territory.

Yes, Joe Moran secured one of those lifelong journey tickets. Art, his brother, got married on one day and Joseph harnessed up the next day.

Ralph Tuttle has again sneaked into a hole of seclusion as far as playing base ball is concerned and he is a bright light on bag two at that.

In Wheeler, the Montclaires have a classy shortstop. He is fast on his pedals, accurate pegger and grabs 'em like a candidate for the big show.

When speaking about iron men, please remember Andy Graves of the Armours. He twiggled two games last Sunday and won both of them.

Eckhardt, the class of the municipal adjudicators, left town. The majority of the Class B warriors would say he was a crackerjack of a barker.

William Victor, manager of the McCarths, did his best to keep the McCarthys above water, but they sunk like a submarine bumped them.

Joseph Moran of the Murphy Did Its was the main pill smasher against the Walter G. Clarks. He received credit for two of the blacksmiths' seven hits.

In a pinch Bertch, shortstop for the Stags, is their best bet with the billy. He can generally be relied on to come across with the necessary punch.

In Jordan the Omaha Crockery band has a hustling manager. He can always dig up a few extra players, even if the bleachers have to furnish recruits.

In the initial argument between the Te Be Ce's and Armous, Musser was overly there with the club, he getting four safe clouts out of five attempts.

If that boy Ecktimer, first baseman for the Armours, does not make a name for himself this summer, the Armour rooters will be sadly disappointed.

Ragged out as an ump, Bill Behan looks sweet. He is now a municipal umpire, but is anxiously awaiting a vacancy in the Greater Omaha league staff.

For the Walter G. Clarks, Curtis Peterson struck out ten of the Murphy Did Its and allowed seven hits but the anvil boys copped the bacon, score 3 to 2.

Although in the second struggle between the Ramblers and Meladys, Moylan only allowed three hits, the Ramblers collected the short end of a 2 to 1 score.

When the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association suspended Player Lacey of the Omaha Crockery team it made a hole which is a difficult matter to plug up.

Van Wormer of the C. B. DeVol Victors made nine of the Polish Merchants take three swipes a piece at the wind last Sunday and only allowed six scattered hits.

George Rapp of the Armours wore his batting suit last Sunday and concealed in the pockets he found a two-base smash and four cards admitting bearer to corner one.

Same as usual, Edward Minikus for the Meladys is performing. You might as well put the black ribbon on at the start if you intend to slam them near Edward's hooks.

Those Krajiceks must have soaked their clouting tools, for they failed to soak the pill against the Stags. Only one hit was collected off the puzzlers dished up by Farley.

On the warm corner, Reber of the Walter G. Clarks, draws the stamp of approval. He picks 'em out of the dust fast, has an excellent wing, good roof and is a mediocre clubber.

In James Dugdale the Montclaires have a fielder who is an excellent uphill warrior, as he inspires life into the bunch when matters look dubious. He is also a player of class.

Last Sunday George Kennedy paraded around in a faultless fashion in one of the outer patches for the Armours. Of course, he is not what he used to be, because he was a kid.

Another third corner artist who to date has covered himself with glory is Corcoran of the Armours, and if he keeps up his fast clip Pa Rourke will have to get his optics on the job.

A serious operation was performed on George Clark's ear last week, but it was successful and George will soon be able to prance around. He is the chief of the municipal umpires.

Everything points to a very successful season for the Burgess-Nash squad. Their leader utilized good judgment in selecting men of recognized ability and they are producing the goods.

Hayes, who formerly kinked them for the Brandeis and who recently umpired in the Greater Omaha league, is now picking up approximately 15 rocks every Sunday twirling for Plattsmouth, Neb.

Say, but that gent Zeke McGrath, has oodles of quick breaks that are very effective. He is with the Omaha Crockery bunch. Some of the Class A managers ought to give him the once over.

Last Sunday Bernard Probst of the Te-Be-Ces knocked down a few that were shipped as hits, but he altered the bill of lading, changing the destination as well as the article and the shipment was unloaded at station one.

Amateur Games

GREATER OMAHA LEAGUE.

Ramblers against Polish Merchants, Athletic park, 3:30 p. m.

Holmes White Sox against Armours, Holmes park, 3:30 p. m.

Melady Mavencks against C. B. DeVol Victors, Melady Meadow, 3:30 p. m.

CITY LEAGUE.

Murphy-Did-Its against Grain Exchange, Melady's Meadow, 1:30 p. m.

Carter Lake Club against Omaha Crockery company, Carter Lake diamond, 3 p. m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Walnut Hill Merchants against Soldiers, Fort Omaha, 3 p. m.

Townsends against National Cash Registers, Miller park, 3:30 p. m.

Omaha Bicycle Indians against Central Furniture store, Riverview park, 3:30 p. m.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE.

Alpha Camp, Woodmen of the World, against B. and M. Camp, Modern Woodmen, Fontenelle park, 3:30 p. m.

Stags against Western Union, Lake Side diamond, 3:30 p. m.

Beddeos against Krajiceks, Thirty-second and Dewey avenue, 3:30 p. m.

BOOSTER LEAGUE.

Dahlman Knights against Benson Merchants, Fontenelle park, 1:30 p. m.

Brodegaard Crowns against Graham Ice Cream company, Miller park, 1:30 p. m.

Dresher Bros. against Trimble Bros., Elmwood park, 1:30 p. m., east diamond.

Sample-Harts against Frank Deweys, Elmwood park, west diamond, 3:30 p. m.

INTER-CITY LEAGUE.

J. B. Roots against Montclaires, Thirty-second and Dewey avenue, 1:30 p. m.

Phillips Department Store against Tomaneks, Riverview park, 1:30 p. m.

World-Herald Newsboys against Trimble Bros. Jrs., Elmwood park, east diamond, 3:30 p. m.

Park Avenue Florists against T. M. Rozgalls, Elmwood park, west diamond, 1:30 p. m.

INDEPENDENT GAMES.

Brandeis Stores at Gretna, Neb.

H. Beselin & Son at Blair, Neb.

American League

TEAM BATTING.

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	SB.	Pct.
Chicago	56	1773	225	430	90	54	.242
Boston	54	1775	203	426	94	36	.240
St. Louis	54	1769	188	423	46	54	.239
New York	53	1732	198	413	73	49	.238
Detroit	52	1695	167	402	71	42	.237
Philadelphia	49	1624	161	380	62	31	.234
Cleveland	59	1849	191	432	104	68	.234
Washington	55	1808	176	414	69	40	.229

TEAM FIELDING.

	W.	L.	T.	DP.	PO.	A.	E.	Pct.
Chicago	36	19	1	35	1496	626	57	.974
New York	29	23	1	42	1445	711	70	.969
Boston	33	20	1	32	1453	693	75	.966
Washington	20	32	3	38	1506	672	89	.961
Detroit	24	27	1	22	1434	712	87	.961
Philadelphia	18	31	0	34	1323	692	83	.960
Cleveland	28	29	2	46	1584	819	107	.957
St. Louis	23	30	1	46	1436	717	103	.954

INDIVIDUAL BATTING.

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	SB.	Pct.
Hamilton, St. L.	15	10	0	4	1	0	.400
Ruth, Boston	20	50	5	19	3	0	.380
Cobb, Detroit	53	190	32	70	6	13	.368
Russell, Chicago	16	28	1	10	0	0	.357
Speaker, Cleveland	57	204	30	70	6	11	.343
Gainor, Boston	18	62	9	20	4	0	.323
McInnis, Phila	48	184	15	58	4	5	.315
Chapman, Cleveland	59	200	32	62	21	18	.310
Sisler, St. Louis	52	210	16	65	5	11	.310
Rumler, St. Louis	25	26	3	8	0	1	.308
Wambsganss, Cleve	56	200	17	60	14	7	.300

PITCHING RECORDS.

	G.	W.	L.	IP.	ER.	Av. PG.	H.	BB.	SO.
Faber, Chi.	8	3	4	40	5	1.13	27	17	21
Dumont, Wash.	13	2	5	108	14	1.17	79	27	38
Love, N. Y.	10	4	0	46	6	1.17	29	17	21
Cicotte, Chi.	15	[illegible]	4	119	16	1.21	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shore, Bos.	12	6	4	94	17	1.62	79	23	22
J. Scott, Chi.	14	5	4	80	15	1.68	76	21	20
J. Bush Phila.	13	4	8	90	17	1.70	65	38	41
Benz, Chi.	8	4	2	52	10	1.73	40	7	16
Cullop, N. Y.	7	3	1	57	11	1.74	60	10	12
Boland, Det.	14	6	2	82	16	1.76	63	17	28
S. Cova'kie, Clv.	16	8	6	116	24	1.86	81	35	47
Bagby, Cleve.	19	6	6	120	25	1.87	92	35	33
Plank, St. L.	9	2	1	48	10	1.87	40	10	11
Leonard, Bos.	14	6	7	104	22	1.91	81	24	57
E. A. Rus'll, Ch.	16	6	3	85	18	1.91	70	14	35
W. Mi'hell, Det.	8	3	3	56	12	1.93	62	17	22
Fisher, N. Y.	5	2	3	41	9	1.97	36	11	13
Sothoron, St. L.	19	6	4	99	22	2.00	86	28	32
Groom, St. L.	17	6	7	116	27	2.01	72	44	44
W. John'n, Wh.	15	5	8	128	29	2.04	96	30	74
Gallia, Wash.	15	5	5	92	21	2.05	77	45	44
C. Jones, Det.	13	2	2	35	8	2.06	27	11	12
Coumbe, Cleve.	13	3	3	51	12	2.12	48	15	5
Ruth, Bos.	16	12	4	134	32	2.14	106	50	65
Danforth, Chi.	15	1	2	45	11	2.20	29	30	19
Cun'gham, Det.	13	1	0	32	8	2.25	24	14	9
Bader, Bos.	8	2	0	27	7	2.33	37	16	12
Mays, Bos.	12	6	2	90	24	2.40	75	31	29
Ehmke, Det.	13	5	6	93	25	2.42	67	38	45
H. Cov'kie, Det.	7	0	4	26	7	2.42	24	6	6
Boehling, Cleve.	4	0	1	11	3	2.46	13	2	2
Shocker, N. Y.	7	4	1	54	15	2.50	46	26	24
Noyes, Phila.	10	4	2	61	17	2.51	56	32	29
Mogridge, N. Y.	9	4	3	67	19	2.56	50	14	16
C. Williams, Ch.	18	7	0	74	23	2.67	67	20	31
A. Russell, N. Y.	11	2	5	47	14	2.68	42	16	35
Shaw, Wash.	15	5	5	82	25	2.75	66	47	35
Schaurer, Phila.	9	2	6	71	22	2.79	65	24	21
R. J'son, Phila.	11	4	3	61	19	2.80	60	22	19
Klepfer, Cleve.	14	3	2	64	20	2.81	61	14	17
Morton, Celev.	12	2	5	64	20	2.81	61	22	24
Wellman, St. L.	6	1	2	19	6	2.84	19	7	9
Caldwell, N. Y.	12	5	7	94	31	2.97	78	33	42
Dauss, Det.	13	5	6	94	32	3.06	80	30	37
Lambeth, Cleve.	11	4	2	32	11	3.10	28	9	10
Dav'port, St. L.	15	3	5	71	25	3.17	70	30	18
Harper, Wash.	8	3	2	43	16	3.35	38	24	28
Wood, Cleve.	1	0	1	8	3	3.38	11	1	1
James, Det.	11	2	4	47	18	3.43	46	27	21
Gould, Cleve.	13	2	2	52	20	3.47	53	27	10
Falk'berg, Phil.	9	2	4	52	20	3.47	57	15	20
Shawkey, N. Y.	9	4	4	75	29	3.60	77	21	31
Park, St. L.	9	1	1	15	6	3.60	18	10	5
Seibold, Phila.	9	1	4	47	19	3.64	42	26	12
Pennock, Bos.	8	1	2	24	11	4.12	23	6	14
Koob, St. L.	15	4	4	56	26	4.18	56	20	17
Ayres, Wash.	12	1	5	42	20	4.28	46	16	18
Hamilton, St. L.	15	0	6	42	21	4.50	51	20	6
Myers, Phila.	10	1	3	27	20	6.67	32	16	10
G. Foster, Bos.	2	0	1	6	6	7.50	9	6	1
E. J'nson, Phil.	4	0	2	13	13	9.00	13	7	9

EARL SMITH HOLDS LEAD IN SLUGGING

Omaha's Crack Left Fielder Has Thirty-Point Margin Over Veteran Tex Jones of Wichita.

Earl Smith, Omaha's crack leftfielder, continues to be the leading hitter of the Western league. This week's averages show Earl is slugging the horsehide at a .380 clip. Tex Jones of Wichita is second with a mark of .353, twenty-seven points behind the Rourke star.

Smith also leads in the number of hits made and in home runs and triples. Earl has made eighty-seven hits, including seven home runs and nine triples. Butcher of Denver follows Earl in home runs with six, while Kelleher of Denver has made eight triples.

Smith has made fourteen two-baggers, nine sacrifice hits and has pilfered eleven bases. A pretty formidable batting record all told.

Marty Krug and Ben Shaw continue to keep within the charmed circle of .300 hitters. Manager Marty is slugging the pill at a .326 gait, while Shaw is hitting .315. Krug leads the league in sacrifice hits with twenty-five.

Bradley Picks Up.

Big Bill Bradley is hitting again. He is batting .297 now, while Morrie Schick has boosted his mark to .293. Cooney is slapping the pill for an average of .288 and Shag Thompson is hitting .276.

Shag Thompson continues to lead the league in stolen bases with twenty.

Sioux City tops the circuit in team hitting with an average of .282, with Omaha just one point behind. Omaha has made more hits than any team in the league, 537, and scored more runs, 294.

Sanders of Joplin is the loop's leading hurler with an average of 1.46 earned runs per game. Babe Adams ranks second. Omaha's hurlers are down in the list. Cecil Thompson has the best mark, 2.79, and ranks fifteenth. Merz and O'Toole are right behind Cecil.

JUDGMENTS on happenings in the WORLD OF SPORT

ST. JOSEPH fans have begun a drive to sell season tickets so that the Missouri city may retain its franchise in the Western league. Unless attendance shows marked improvement immediately club owners of the other seven cities have threatened to forfeit Holland's franchise and make a transfer to another city. The ardent Joetown fans, perhaps, may be able to hold their club. It is to be hoped they are successful, because a midseason switch may prove disturbing in these troublesome times. St. Joseph should be one of the best ball towns in the circuit, but for some reason or other it never has been. When the team is leading and playing wonderful ball, St. Joseph is a pretty good base ball town, but unless the team is in first place, no lower, business is bad. It may be possible to wake up the fans in Joetown, but we have our doubts.

Boston gamblers give promise of making more trouble for organized base ball in the bean village. Last week 400 or 500 fans swarmed out onto the field during a Red Sox-White Sox combat in order to check further play. It was in the fourth inning, Chicago was in the lead and rain was approaching. The gamblers believed they could delay the game until the rain arrived and thus have the game called before the fifth and thus retrieve their money. Boston is the one city where gambling on ball games is frequent and systemized pools and books are conducted. Police, apparently, are unable to or do not want to stop it. It therefore remains for the base ball men themselves to do so. As this year the gambling largely is confined to the Red Sox, it becomes a problem for Ban Johnson. For the sake of base ball it is to be hoped Ban is as successful in solving this problem as he has been with others.

Records show that Umpire Byron has banished more players this year than all the rest of the arbiters in his circuit put together. He also has canned more athletes than all the umpires in the American league. He's had trouble with fans half a dozen times and last week had to be protected by police at St. Louis. Yet McGraw draws a $500 fine and a long suspension for popping Mr. Byron. Umpires apparently could get away with murder this year. And the magnates pine and cry and wonder why base ball is losing its grip. The umpires are so taking the spirit of fight out of the game that it's getting painful to sit through a diamond fray these days.

Nine straight victories on the road is something of an achievement. The Rourkes are showing that they make up a real ball club. They are home for only three games before they depart again. Fans have a chance today and tomorrow to prove they appreciate the efforts of their representatives on the diamond. The attendance today should break all records for the year and for once, at least, Monday's attendance ought to be enough to pay the visiting team's guarantee.

These be happy days for the railbird variety of the genus homo speed nut.

As no U-boats have been discovered in the Kaw river, it must have been a bunch of W. L. tanks that hit Frank Isbell's Wiches.

John McGraw says he gets twice as much salary for managing one team as Governor Tener gets for running the whole league. John merely wanted to show he can afford to bust umpires on the beak and settle.

Pitchers are fast learning the art of hitting. Murphy Currie the other day made as fine a single as you ever saw.

Western League

TEAM BATTING.

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	SB.	Pct.
Sioux City	55	1896	289	535	73	62	.282
Omaha	58	1908	294	537	118	73	.281
Joplin	54	1806	269	478	55	58	.265
Denver	54	1853	250	475	34	69	.256
Lincoln	57	1856	256	472	78	75	.254
Des Moines	56	1870	265	470	102	76	.251
St. Joseph	55	1806	174	447	69	48	.247
Wichita	55	1879	217	455	60	40	.242

TEAM FIELDING.

	W.	L.	T.	DP.	PO.	A.	E.	Pct.
Des Moines	35	21	0	33	1512	715	96	.959
St. Joseph	21	33	1	20	1490	660	106	.953
Denver	24	29	1	28	1464	670	108	.952
Joplin	31	23	0	33	1431	709	113	.950
Sioux City	28	27	0	35	1455	702	119	.946
Omaha	33	25	0	26	1542	737	129	.946
Wichita	18	37	0	29	1489	794	131	.946
Lincoln	31	26	0	21	1477	705	128	.944

INDIVIDUAL BATTING.

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	SB.	Pct.
E. Smith, Omaha	58	229	50	87	9	11	.380
Jones, Wichita	55	218	27	77	6	6	.353
Crosby, Sioux City	55	196	27	65	4	6	.331
Horan, Joplin	54	214	31	71	8	4	.330
Krug, Omaha	54	184	40	60	25	4	.326
Rader, Sioux City	55	198	37	64	12	6	.323
Connolly, Sioux City	49	179	29	57	3	4	.318
Shaw, Omaha	29	92	10	29	2	2	.315
F. Henry, St. Joseph	54	188	23	58	5	1	.309
Watson, Sioux City	55	208	38	64	6	11	.308
Adams, St. Joseph	22	49	2	15	0	0	.306
Koestner, Wichita	21	56	4	17	3	0	.304
Kirkham, St. Joseph	55	214	27	65	11	8	.303
Carlisle, Lincoln	57	215	41	65	7	14	.302
Cass, Des Moines	56	235	33	70	2	11	.298
H. Moore, St. Joseph	54	185	16	55	7	0	.297
Bradley, Omaha	51	179	31	53	15	8	.297
F. Hunter, Joplin	27	95	19	28	3	3	.295
Bayless, Lincoln	57	220	29	65	5	11	.295
Mills, Denver	54	198	24	58	6	4	.293
Schick, Omaha	46	164	23	48	12	5	.293
Cochran, Joplin	54	204	30	59	7	19	.289
Cooney, Omaha	40	146	27	42	10	4	.288
Breen, Des Moines	28	94	4	27	7	2	.287
Diltz, St. Joseph	25	91	14	26	1	1	.286
Collins, Joplin	23	84	14	24	2	1	.286
Lamb, Joplin	51	210	36	60	3	8	.286
Ewoldt, Des Moines	55	208	37	59	23	5	.284
Kelleher, Denver	54	224	34	63	4	10	.281
Griffin, Lincoln	57	196	31	55	4	6	.281
Metz, Joplin	35	135	27	38	3	4	.281
Butcher, Denver	53	208	23	58	3	17	.279
Hunter, Des Moines	55	197	23	55	7	10	.279
Gilmore, Sioux City	55	228	51	63	0	18	.276
J. A. Thompson, Om.	51	192	34	53	9	20	.276
Yarvan, Wichita	39	117	7	32	1	0	.274
Oakes, Denver	54	213	29	58	2	11	.273
B. Smith, St. Joseph	29	107	10	29	3	6	.272
Lober, Lincoln	56	208	32	56	8	11	.270
Coffey, Des Moines	56	202	39	54	8	13	.267
Grover, Sioux City	29	64	8	17	2	1	.266
O'Toole, Omaha	17	49	5	13	1	0	.265
Goodwin, Wichita	55	223	41	59	9	8	.265
Wuffli, Denver	52	204	19	54	5	10	.265
Monroe, Joplin	44	145	21	38	5	6	.262
Devore, Joplin	54	215	26	56	6	9	.260
Butler, Lincoln	56	196	28	51	17	5	.260
McCabe, St. Joseph	54	212	27	55	3	4	.259
Coy, Wichita	55	213	31	55	4	6	.258
Lindamore, Joplin	53	171	33	44	5	1	.257
Hartman, Denver	29	78	13	20	0	4	.256
Burg, Omaha	58	223	34	57	10	6	.255
Hartford, Des Mons	55	212	26	54	14	11	.255
Brottem, Omaha	45	158	10	40	6	2	.253
Hunga, Sioux City	39	155	16	39	3	4	.252
T. Smith, Lincoln	55	196	35	49	12	6	.250
Boehler, Denver	18	52	7	13	3	1	.250
Bartholemy, Denver	20	52	8	13	1	2	.250
Wallace, Wichita	23	84	5	21	4	0	.250
I. N. Davis, Wichita	47	149	15	37	6	3	.248
Mueller, Sioux City	41	[illegible]	18	28	8	2	.247
Smithson, Denver	15	37	7	9	2	0	.243
Holly, Sioux City	37	62	7	15	3	1	.242
Spencer, Des Mnes	55	218	29	52	12	15	.239
Spahr, Des Moines	33	101	15	24	3	3	.237
Woodruff, Omaha	15	51	4	12	4	1	.235
Dalton, Joplin	54	188	24	44	8	3	.234
Sanders, Joplin	17	39	4	9	1	0	.231
Shanley, Denver	51	199	23	46	1	3	.231
B. Lamb, Lincoln	53	173	20	40	11	5	.231
McClelland, St. Joe	46	173	17	40	9	8	.231
Gregory, Lincoln	19	52	5	12	1	4	.230
Baker, Wichita	19	43	6	11	3	0	.229
Goalby, St. Joseph	29	98	11	22	11	3	.225
[illegible], Wichita	43	142	13	[illegible]	4	2	.225
Kellerman, Wichita	18	58	7	13	4	1	.224
Shay, St. Joseph	48	170	19	38	5	3	.223
Rohrer, Lincoln	51	167	15	37	6	2	.222
Shestak, Denver	46	112	16	31	4	5	.218
McCormick, Denver	45	166	20	36	2	2	.217
Halla, Lincoln	15	38	1	8	2	2	.211
C. Thompson, Oma.	16	38	5	8	1	0	.211
Morrison, Wichita	20	78	8	16	2	5	.205
Sweeney, Des Moines	56	199	21	40	12	4	.201
East, Lincoln	19	50	9	10	0	0	.200
Gardenier, Lincoln	15	35	3	7	0	1	.200

PITCHING RECORDS.

	G.	W.	L.	IP.	ER.	Av. PG.	H.	BB.	SO.
Sanders, Jop.	17	6	4	111	18	1.46	94	43	51
Adams, St. J.	14	8	5	117	21	1.61	97	18	59
Musser, Des M.	22	8	9	143	27	1.71	88	46	138
McGraynor, Jp.	10	6	1	72	14	1.75	68	28	16
Dale, Den.	1	1	0	10	2	1.80	10	4	7
Kallio, Des M.	15	10	4	133	27	1.83	97	38	69
Rose, S. C.	6	2	3	47	11	2.12	47	10	16
Gregory, Lin.	13	9	2	102	25	2.21	95	29	35
Boehler, Den.	18	9	5	145	38	2.36	122	35	100
Zink, Lin.	6	0	2	19	5	2.37	20	17	12
Grant, Des M.	8	4	0	25	7	2.43	20	15	9
C. Baker, Wich.	18	7	7	131	36	2.49	126	38	78
Mapel, Jop.	15	6	1	70	20	2.57	63	17	24
Koestner, Wich.	17	8	6	134	41	2.75	114	55	52
Thompson, Om.	16	7	5	113	35	2.79	129	18	19
Gaspar, S. C.	14	9	4	113	35	2.79	115	29	38
Merz, Oma.	16	9	6	125	39	2.81	120	25	51
Grover, S. C.	17	6	4	114	36	2.84	117	34	62
O'Toole, Oma.	17	8	6	122	39	2.88	110	42	59
Berger, Des M.	16	7	5	108	36	3.00	93	36	44
Hovlik, St. J.	23	9	9	136	46	3.04	110	69	90
Graham, St. J.	11	1	4	61	21	3.10	47	27	21
Halla, Lin.	13	5	6	101	35	3.12	110	24	23
Hall, Jop.	21	8	7	111	39	3.16	115	39	24
East, Lin.	16	8	7	117	42	3.23	116	42	60
Currie, Oma.	15	6	7	114	41	3.24	92	64	72
Manser, Den.	14	3	6	88	32	3.28	99	22	34
Labate, Jop.	2	0	1	11	4	3.28	12	2	4
O'Doul, Des M.	9	5	2	64	24	3.38	53	19	27
Powell, St. J.	17	3	3	63	24	3.43	62	20	28
Brem'hoff, S. C.	13	2	4	63	25	3.57	72	26	30
Lyons, Wich.	17	4	11	112	45	3.62	119	40	62
Smithson, Den.	15	6	7	109	45	3.72	108	63	56
R. Wright, S. J.	12	2	9	79	33	3.76	75	27	22
Gardinier, Lin.	15	9	6	103	48	4.19	99	66	62
Tedesco, S. C.	12	4	7	63	30	4.28	67	28	26
Nabors, Den.	8	2	4	41	20	4.39	41	32	23
Green, Den.	2	0	2	14	7	4.50	22	5	6
Barham, Oma.	3	1	2	24	12	4.50	31	13	13
Clemons, Wich.	15	0	8	62	33	4.79	67	32	22
Norman, Wich.	12	0	2	41	25	5.49	51	24	10
Hartman, Den.	6	0	1	20	13	5.85	24	5	6
Loeschen, Oma.	4	1	0	14	10	6.43	16	18	6
Irion, Jop.	2	0	1	7	6	7.71	14	3	1

National League

TEAM BATTING.

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	SB.	Pct.
Philadelphia	50	1659	228	444	76	33	.268
New York	50	1652	221	426	54	49	.258
Cincinnati	61	2026	227	514	47	68	.253
Brooklyn	49	1633	164	397	47	36	.243
Chicago	59	1912	248	460	82	54	.241
Boston	47	1550	152	361	60	35	.233
St. Louis	54	1766	184	408	57	45	.231
Pittsburgh	52	1667	167	377	64	51	.226

TEAM FIELDING.

	W.	L.	T.	DP.	PO.	A.	E.	Pct.
St. Louis	28	25	1	43	1466	790	65	.972
Philadelphia	31	19	0	37	1355	684	75	.965
Brooklyn	19	28	2	36	1315	626	79	.961
New York	32	17	1	26	1362	629	77	.962
Cincinnati	28	33	0	48	1616	762	99	.960
Pittsburgh	18	33	1	47	1364	665	84	.960
Boston	20	26	1	34	1280	656	82	.959
Chicago	32	27	0	41	1563	727	101	.957

INDIVIDUAL BATTING.

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	SH.	SB.	Pct.
Clarke, Cincinnati	23	44	5	16	0	2	.364
Prendergast, Chi.	16	11	1	4	0	0	.364
Cruise, St. L.	53	183	24	64	7	10	.350
Plough, Cincinnati	49	179	29	61	5	6	.341
Jack Smith, St. L.	44	136	23	46	4	3	.338
Hendrix, Chicago	18	27	5	9	0	0	.333
Fischer, Pittsburgh	36	101	13	33	2	6	.327
Burns, New York	50	193	37	63	2	12	.326
Griffith, Cincinnati	30	59	11	19	1	0	.322
Hornsby, St. Louis	49	169	33	53	5	5	.314
Zimmerman, N. Y.	48	195	25	61	6	6	.313
Grimes, Pittsburgh	16	32	2	10	1	1	.313
Whitted, Phila.	46	180	28	55	13	4	.306
Kauff, New York	50	181	31	55	4	6	.304
Groh, Cincinnati	61	225	38	68	2	7	.302
Wheat, Brooklyn	37	133	15	40	2	1	.301
Rawlings, Boston	25	60	6	18	1	0	.300

PITCHING RECORDS.

	G.	W.	L.	IP.	ER.	Av. PG.	H.	BB.	SO.
Mid'ton, N. Y.	6	1	0	14	2	1.29	10	2	3
Schupp, N. Y.	11	8	0	95	17	1.61	64	27	60
And'son, N. Y.	13	7	4	91	17	1.68	78	17	40
Mayer, Phil.	10	4	2	58	11	1.71	51	12	27
Jacobs, Pitts.	13	3	5	72	14	1.75	57	21	24
Benton, N. Y.	9	4	4	62	12	1.75	[illegible]	8	26
Ames, St. L.	20	7	4	101	22	1.96	[illegible]	33	38
Vaughn, Chi.	14	8	5	113	25	1.99	102	26	76
Mead's, St. L.	15	6	3	96	22	2.16	85	33	24
Alex'der, Phil.	15	11	4	131	32	2.20	108	20	81
Sallee, N. Y.	9	3	4	54	13	2.21	50	5	21
Evans, Pitts.	1	0	1	4	1	2.25	3	3	0
Allen, Bos.	10	1	6	39	10	2.30	40	17	18
Pfeffer, Brook	9	4	6	78	20	2.30	71	12	42
Carlson, Pitts.	13	3	3	54	14	2.32	[illegible]	16	27
Tesreau, N. Y.	10	6	1	68	18	2.39	48	19	27
Cadore, Brook.	14	5	5	93	26	2.39	71	28	36
Pren'g'st, Chi.	15	2	2	45	12	2.40	45	10	24
Rixey, Phil.	14	9	5	101	27	2.40	98	31	42
Doak, St. L.	14	5	5	92	25	2.45	71	34	41
Eller, Cin.	20	2	2	58	16	2.48	44	17	27
Seaton, Chi.	11	3	3	56	16	2.57	41	20	21
Regan, Cin.	7	2	3	47	14	2.68	50	8	8
Toney, Cin.	16	9	7	124	41	2.75	118	35	50
Aldr'ge, Chi.	14	5	3	55	17	2.78	39	16	18
Perritt, N. Y.	10	4	2	55	17	2.78	46	22	36
Douglas, Chi.	17	6	6	96	30	2.82	84	5	49
Lav'der, Phil.	9	4	3	53	17	2.94	42	16	23
Reulbach, Bos.	3	0	1	15	5	3.00	12	9	6
Cooper, Pitts.	14	5	2	94	32	3.05	97	37	35
O'chger, Phil.	14	3	6	76	26	3.06	74	23	41
Dem'ree, Chi.	14	3	3	64	22	3.10	56	22	17
H'man, St. L.	8	0	1	28	8	3.12	20	8	8
Barnes, Bos.	19	4	5	85	30	3.18	69	23	29
Sch'der, Cin.	17	6	9	113	40	3.21	112	53	35
Tyler, Bos.	12	4	5	81	29	3.22	68	24	37
Dell, Brook.	13	0	2	39	14	3.23	31	21	18
Rudolph, Bos.	14	5	7	100	36	3.24	93	21	37
C.M'chell, Cin.	13	6	7	76	28	3.31	74	14	33
Ruether, Chi.	6	2	0	27	7	3.33	23	11	17
Steele, Pitts.	13	1	3	47	18	3.43	42	22	21
Ragan, Bos.	8	0	3	44	17	3.47	42	9	12
Grimes, Pitts.	15	3	8	92	36	3.52	77	34	26
M'rq'd, Brook.	11	4	2	53	21	3.56	61	16	33
Pack'd, St. L.	11	2	0	36	15	3.75	28	7	14
Hendrix, Chi.	13	3	4	55	23	3.76	51	20	21
Coombs, B'k'n	12	5	4	62	26	3.77	64	23	21
Watson, St. L.	20	6	7	78	33	3.81	78	28	21
Smith, N. Y.	6	0	2	14	6	3.86	13	2	8
Cheney, B'k'n	12	0	5	53	23	3.91	53	22	30
F.M'ler, Pitts.	16	3	7	76	33	3.91	79	32	40
Nehf, Bos.	11	4	1	45	21	4.20	41	14	19
S.Sm'h, B'k'n	12	1	4	47	22	4.21	60	18	14
Ring, Cin.	10	3	2	57	28	4.50	56	24	19
Mam'x, Pitts.	10	1	6	57	31	4.90	61	33	17

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