

Who Says Miracles Never Happen? Marty O'Toole's Batting Over .300

Two Old Tar Babies Drop from View; Byron Seeks Cause for Belligerency

Jack Johnson Driven Out of Musical Umps Figures Perhaps America by Mann Act Warrants, While Langford Goes Via the K. O. Route.

By RINGSIDE.
Chicago, July 7.—Two "tar babies" have disappeared from the squared-circle calcium in different ways. Take Jack Johnson. The former heavyweight champ isn't heard of often in this country now, but over in Spain he's one of the leading citizens of the peaceful old town of Barcelona.

The applause of the multitudes as Jack, gaudily attired in a yellow, swirled with a sickle, is just as sweet to the ears of the big snake-bitten that fateful day when Jess Willard's fist stretched him at full length under the hot blaze of the Havana sun.

Jack and his wife appear at the best cafes and drive up and down the broad avenues, bowing right and left to admiring neighbors.

By JACK VEOICK.
New York, July 7.—Bill Byron, the more or less musical arbiter, has been the center of several rattlin' good bouts on the National league fringe line this season, chief of which was the fracas at Cincinnati, when Jawn McGraw bounced his fist off Bill's chinpiece.

Bill ought to know something about the why's and wherefores of troubles on the diamond, but so far he hasn't come through with a plausible explanation. He said recently that he figured the outcropping of disorder this year was due to an invasion of "battle microbes" from the firing lines in Europe. Mebbe Bill feels that way about it because most of the bombshells have dropped in his vicinity, and of course no one could expect him to suggest that the umpires are at fault.

But there is one thing Bill has overlooked—the fact that hotly contested rounds in the big leagues have much to do with the temper of the players.

Bill Gets Peevish.
Bill's trouble with the manager of the Giants was the outcome of several minor disputes over decisions on the field of play. The Giants kept getting back at Bill and finally, according to reports, Byron got his dander up and said some things that didn't pertain to the grand old game at all.

Since the opening of the season the Giants, highly touted as pennant winners, have found that they will have to fight for the old rag. They are not going to have walkway, by any means, and they have accepted the situation, with the result that they are fighting for every game and every decision that looks close.

In the American league the situation is much the same, for the Red Sox are not finding the road as smooth as they did last season and the opposition is greasing the tracks for them. Babe Ruth's trouble with Brick Owens in Boston would probably never have happened if the Sox had been keeping along in front, instead of trailing the Chicago bunch.

Bad Ball Clubs Kick.
And so it goes from season to season. The ball club that is going bad makes trouble for the umpires, and the club that is breezing along, winning the share of its games, is as peaceable as a humble bee in a honeysuckle. Look at the Giants last fall! They didn't have a single argument of note with an umpire while they were piling up that string of twenty-six straight victories. They merely went along, playing wonderful base ball and winning their games without the sign of a dispute. They forgot all about the umpires because they were winning, and they didn't need an alibi.

But a club with the fighting spirit of the Giants in a rut and let an umpire face a lot of close decisions in an afternoon and the first thing you know something will bust loose. It will be either a conversational bomb or a flying fist that will try for a bull's-eye on the poor ump's. It never fails.

The writer isn't taking up the umpires' side of it because of a belief that the umpires are perfect, for that is several knots off the true course. No umpire is perfect. They all make mistakes, just as the players make their errors. But the umpires are not out there fighting to win a ball game. They are simply there to judge the play and keep the peace and keeping the peace often necessitates a fight. If you don't believe it, ask Uncle Sam about the kaiser.

Quimet to Meet Evans.
The calling off of the national amateur golf tournament, which was to have been held at Pittsburgh this year, was a big disappointment in many ways. One of the hopes of those who have the interest of golf at heart was that Chick Evans and Francis Quimet could meet in this event, for it was figured a certainty that Quimet would be reinstated in time to participate.

But those who wanted to see Evans and Quimet match their skill on the links will not be disappointed, for the Boston boy, it will be remembered, has already accepted an invitation to participate in the western amateur tournament and in this fixture he will run into the Chicago star.

Should these two meet in the final round the match will be highly interesting. Quimet is a better man with the iron clubs than Evans, but Chick evens it up with his wonderful approach shot and his putting ability. If they meet the match will probably give the golf historians something interesting to write about.

Boxer Soon to Enlist; May Battle His Own Kin
Albert Fisher, known to Syracuse fight fans as Al Fisher, a native of Vienna, Austria, and a soldier of fortune, is soon to transfer his fighting from the squared circle to the firing line.

Fisher took out his first citizenship papers, and will enlist in the United States army following two fights which he has scheduled in Jamestown and Oil City, Pa.

Fisher came to the United States to seek his fortune when a boy. He has traveled over a large part of the country, but has made his home in Syracuse for several years, where he has engaged in numerous boxing bouts at the Arena.

GOWDY QUILTS BRAVES AND JOINS REGIMENT—Hank Gowdy, catcher of the Boston Braves and hero of the world's series of 1914 against the Athletics, has quit base ball and is en route to join the Ohio National Guard in Georgia.



FRANK GOWDY

Gossip Heard Among the Amateur Warriors

At Plattsburgh, Neb., Hays, who used to pitch for the Brandeis, is burling excellent ball.

George Clark, supervisor of the municipal umpires, is again able to attend to his duties.

A classy battle is looked for at Schuyler, Neb., today, when the Beaslines mix with the country town lads.

The Murphy Did Its played two games on July 4. One at Blair, Neb., and the other at Geneva, Neb.

Hereafter the standings of the Union Pacific leagues will be chronicled on Mondays with the other leagues.

Old man George Kennedy tapped one for two bags at Griggs, Neb., that bagged the game for the Armours.

Bill Fox is slipping by like a regular Hank O'Day handling the indicator in the Greater Omaha league.

Whether winning or losing "Hubby" Hoffmann, manager of the National Cash Registers, wears a smile.

Although Baumgardner of the Dahlman Knights breezed fifteen of the Brodegaard Crowns, he is also a classy fielder.

Left Fielder Knapp is the heavy gent with the billy for Griggs, Neb. He generally hits in with two singles every game.

Last Sunday Peter McGuire of the Te-Be-Croes struck out fifteen of the Holmes Whites and allowed only five hits for the Te-Be-Croes.

Swanson, McAndrews and Mofensen were the heavy boys with the pole for the Ramblers last Sunday. Each one looked a pair of his.

At Kinking Haves of the Woodmen of the World proved to have the goods. He only allowed the Stags three hits and struck out ten.

In eleven innings the C. B. Devoil Vectors only collected five hits off of the shoots of the Ramblers.

Only one hit is all the Polish Merchants were able to hammer out of the puzzers up the natives when they pulled off a double play, Tarry to Wemmer to Gigg.

Behan was the chief hitmith for the Brodegaard Crowns against the Dahlman Knights. He played three to remote corners of the lot.

According to Feltman of the Walnut Hill Merchants, the Townsends will lose another game if they mix with the Merchants this afternoon.

Behind the platter Buddy Pates is still shutting the boys off when they attempt to piffle. He is with the National Cash Registers.

Teams out in the state wishing a good umpire are requested to call John Gondolick at Douglas 274, or write him at 316 South Fifteenth.

Sunny, who used to grab the pills behind the crockery for the Merchants, is now associated with the Polish Merchants in the same position.

Evidently Hillard Morarty had a rather jonsome time last Sunday. The big score showed him two times at bat and balance of record blanks.

Cogan, the irrepressible leader of the Bedoes, says with confidence that the Stags will lose another this afternoon when they bump the Bedoes.

Both Edward Lawler and George Kennedy, old veterans, are making the young boys dizzy with their sensational fielding and heavy hitting.

On sack one Wolcott is fielding like a champion for the C. B. Devoil Vectors. He has developed many apparent errors into sensational put-outs.

Newford, a new animal around these parts, now pitching for the B. & H. camp, Modern Woodmen, is some kinker. He whiffed eighteen last Sunday.

Not Bacon and Eggs but Bacon and Morarty hold down the rightfield for the Carter Lake club last Sunday. Morarty played six innings and Bacon three.

Last Sunday the Burgess-Nash troupe settled in to finish the season with five games, two to two. They will bump each other at Griggswood again today.

Behind the stick and with the stick West of the Alpha camp, Woodmen of the World, was the king bee against the Stags. He nailed three hits, one for three bags.

Hunter and Eiler are a pair of little power-hits to beat in fielding and they are especially good with the willow. They are connected with the National Cash Registers.

In his initial argument of the season and his first time at bat last Sunday for W. O. W., Walter Overman, an old timer, slugged his way for two bags which counted the first tally.

The managers of the American league are expected to finish the season with five teams in order that one team could be afforded an opportunity to go out of town every Sunday.

To date the J. B. Roots and T. M. Rogalls have not convinced the official tabulator which team won their initial conflict of the season. The umpire's report filed with George Grievs, supervisor of the many ump's, shows that the T. M. Rogalls won the game in question with the Roots by the score of 14 to 12. When the official tabulator of the standings questioned the manager of the Rogalls with reference to the Root game, he claimed it, but according to Roots he puts out a different line when conversing with them.

AMATEURS SURVIVE FIRST DRAFT SCORE

Only Two Many Umps and Two Players Slated for Trenches if Reported Draft Numbers Are Correct.

BY FRANK QUIGLEY.
If those draft numbers reported last week are correct amateur baseball has survived the first call of the draft and did not lose such a great number of its athletes. One many ump and two players have reported that they held the correct numbers to heed the call. Last Sunday a few of the local sandloters fell out with Mr. Harmony, who had been reigning supreme for some time and as a result a couple of barkers stopped the paws of the offensive athletes. Said athletes were punished and said punishment will probably teach the others that the association will not tolerate roydism.

Last week the directors of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association held a lively session. Many important matters were handled with lightning like rapidity and also conscience and accurately because the majority concerned hit the homeward trail happy as a kid at a circus. Commissioner Hummel refused to change his decision relative to the Reber-Lacey fuss so the directors decided after a heated argument to allow Reber to play with the Walter G. Clarks.

During the Holmes White Sox debate Bernard Probst took a couple of swings at Umpire Miller during the J. B. Roots-Florists battle, was laid on the shelf for Commissioner Hummel to decide.

Closes Gates to Teams.
The officer in charge at Miller park closed the gates on these two teams in the seventh round when the score was 4 to 3 in favor of the Florists because the teams had been unusually quarrelsome during the entire seven innings. The game was ordered replayed.

Because Marty Flanagan had not secured his release in writing from Manager Jordan of the Omaha Crocker company, although he had received same verbally, the Stags protested their game with the Alpha Camp, W. O. W. A motion was made and unanimously passed that the contest stand as played provided, however, that Flanagan obtained a written release and filed same with President Isaacson, otherwise the game is to be replayed.

Players McGowan and Christenson were allowed to the Omaha Grain Exchange. Dennis O'Brien and Henry Rosenblum to the Western Union. Walter Overman to the Alpha Camp, W. O. W., Carl Boyer to the Omaha Bicycle Indians, Fred Borg-hoff to the Townsends, Chuch T. Mahoney to the Sample-Harts and G. E. Bishop and Walter Rainey to the Frank Deweys.

Being suspicious that the Townsends simply signed up Bunny Toland, Class A kinker of merit, to ice the Class B championship for them in event they won the pennant of the American league, the directors rejected his contract.

Stanley Skupa, who is still the property of the Sample-Harts, twirled last Sunday for the Krajceks against the Modern Woodmen, winning by one point. Because he is ineligible to play with the Krajceks the contest was ordered replayed.

A new law was passed in substance that hereafter any team or teams that do not play on the diamonds designated by the schedule committee of the Omaha Amateur Base Ball association, the teams at fault will be credited with a defeat, regardless of the outcome of the fuss.

A motion was made and passed that Frank Quigley, who has been recognized as the official tabulator, but never officially appointed, be appointed official tabulator of the standings of the various leagues. Any team or teams that finds their standing as chronicled in The Bee incorrect are advised to immediately notify the writer so same may be adjusted.

To Check Contracts.
Patrick Boyle, Joseph Wavrin and William Ammons were appointed by President Isaacson to check up on the contracts on file by the teams of the association and notify the managers at fault to release all the players signed over twelve, the limit allowed after July 15.

The big game of the day in amateur circles will be pulled off at Council Bluffs this afternoon when the Armours from Porkvinsky tangle with the Ramblers at Athletic park. These two squads are practically tied for first place, although the Ramblers have a higher percentage by virtue of the fact that they have played one game more. Each team has lost three games to date. In a way both teams are tie with the Melady Mavericks for first place. So far the Mavericks have played eleven and lost three; the Armours ten and lost three. This struggle will undoubtedly be a ripping thriller from the gong until the curtain. Potach, the elongated Rambler kinker, will push em across the crockery, and Chief Kennedy will rely on Duddy Andy Graves to mow em down for the Packersville boys.

In Omaha the most talked of wrangle is the Alpha Camp, W. O. W., Krajceks game, billed for Thirty-second and Dewey avenue, at 3:30 p. m. This wrangle will be a peach-erino. Dode Hubatka will curl them for the Krajceks and Hayes will bend them for the W. O. W.

Two double headers are on the bill of fare. Walter G. Clarks against the Carter Lake club at Carter lake, and Murphy Did Its against Omaha Crocker at Elmwood park, west diamond.

Bee Wants-Advs Produce Results.

Milwaukee Club Magnate Not to Reduce Salaries

President Timme of the Milwaukee club is out with a statement that no Milwaukee players have had their salaries cut and that no cuts will be made in spite of the statement that reductions in association salaries were in order by resolution of the club owners.

Giants Sign Ad Swigler, Star Penn College Pitcher
The New York Giants have signed Ad Swigler, star pitcher of Penn college, but because of vacation work that he has undertaken he will not report until September.

Western League

Table with columns: TEAM, W, L, D, P, O, A, E, Pct. Lists statistics for various teams including Omaha, Lincoln, and others.

PITCHING RECORDS

Table with columns: PITCHER, TEAM, W, L, IP, ERA, etc. Lists top pitchers and their performance metrics.

TEAM BATTING

Table with columns: TEAM, AB, R, H, SH, SB, Pct. Lists batting statistics for various teams.

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

Table with columns: PLAYER, TEAM, AB, R, H, SH, SB, Pct. Lists individual player batting statistics.

O'TOOLE REALIZES LONG AMBITION

For First Time in His Life Marty Hits .300; Earl Smith Continues to Lead Western.

Earl Smith, Omaha's star outfielder, who has been added to the St. Louis Browns for \$5,000, slipped a bit last week, but continues to hold the lead in Western league batting. Earl's average dropped from .374 to .352, but he still has a ten-point margin over Tex Jones of Wichita, who ranks second in league hitting. Smith also is the leading run-getter with fifty-four tallies made and he is tied with Hank Butcher of Denver for home run honors. Each has made eight circuit clouts. Smith leads in triples with one and he has made seven teen doubles. He has a big lead in total bases, having made 157 on all hits.

Marty O'Toole has achieved the ambition of a life time. Marty is hitting over .300. Ever since he started to play ball the sorrel-topped hurler has aspired to earn a place within the charmed circle. At last he has accomplished the trick.

O'Toole is hitting .311. Marty Krug is hitting .307. Smith, O'Toole and Ben Shaw are only .300 hitters. Ben Shaw has dropped to .279, while Morrie Schick is hitting .276. Big Bill Bradley made the drop of the week. Big Bill fell off to .274. Shag Thompson and Tony Brotten both are hitting .263, while Phil Cooney is an even ten points lower. Burg fell below the .250 mark, hitting .248.

Shag Thompson lost his lead in stolen bases. Shaw has swiped twenty-three bases, while Cochran of Joplin has him one better, having captured twenty-four.

Table with columns: PLAYER, TEAM, AB, R, H, SH, SB, Pct. Lists statistics for various players in the Western League.

National League

Table with columns: TEAM, W, L, D, P, O, A, E, Pct. Lists statistics for various teams in the National League.

Table with columns: PITCHER, TEAM, W, L, IP, ERA, etc. Lists top pitchers and their performance metrics in the National League.

Amateur Games Today

- Te-Be-Croes against Polish Merchants, Melady's meadow, 3:30 p. m.
- Armours against Ramblers, Athletic park, 3:30 p. m.
- Holmes White Sox against C. B. Devoil Vectors, Holmes park, 3:30 p. m.
- CITY LEAGUE
- Murphy Did Its against Omaha Crocker Company, Elmwood park, west diamond, 3:30 p. m., double-header.
- Carter Lake club against Walter G. Clarks, Carter lake diamond, double-header, 1:30 p. m.
- AMERICAN LEAGUE
- Townsends against Walnut Hill Merchants, Fontenay park, 3:30 p. m.
- Omaha Bicycle Indians against National Cash Registers, Lakeside park, 3:30 p. m.
- METROPOLITAN LEAGUE
- Krajceks against Alpha Camp, W. O. W., Thirty-second street and Dewey avenue, 3:30 p. m.
- Stags against Beaslines, Miller park, 3:30 p. m.
- Western Union against B. & M. Camp, Modern Woodmen, Fontenay park, 1:30 p. m.
- BOOSTER LEAGUE
- Brodegaard Crowns against Trimble Bros., Elmwood park, east diamond, 3:30 p. m.
- Samuels Harts against Benson Merchants, Miller park, 1:30 p. m.
- Graham Ice Cream Company against Frank Dewey, Thirty-second street and Dewey avenue, 1:30 p. m.
- Dahlman Knights against Dreher Bros., same place as above, 1:30 p. m.
- INTERCITY LEAGUE
- Trimble Bros. Juniors against Montclair, Riverview park, 3:30 p. m.
- World-Herald Newsboys against T. M. Rogalls, Riverview park, 3:30 p. m.
- Newsboys against Griggswood, Montclair, Riverview park, 3:30 p. m.
- Department Store, Twenty-fifth and W. streets, 3:30 p. m.
- J. B. Roots against Tomenaks.
- INDEPENDENT GAMES
- Brandeis Stores, at David City, Neb.
- Burgess-Nash, at Griggswood, Ia.
- Holmes White Sox, at Schuyler, Neb.
- Omaha K. C. Exchange, at Tuttle, Neb.
- Knights of Columbus league, two games, same place as above, 3:30 p. m.
- Stags against Dewey avenue.