

# EASY TO TAG MODERN BASE RUNNERS, SAYS JOHN EVERS

But When Jawn Gets Into American League and Sees Ty Cobb He May Change His Mind.

John Evers, recounting his experiences over 10 years or so as a second baseman in the National League remarks among other things that base runners in late years have not the cleanness of some of those who have passed, particularly when it comes to sliding into the holder waiting at the base to tag them.

"You wanted a list of men fast in the National League of ten years ago?" says the Hoosier. "I could give you 25 names for it, but of late that list of men has become a list of men who are fast in the National League, but not in the American League."

Reason No. 1 is because Ty is so fast.

Reason No. 2 is because Ty is the best slider in the game.

Reason No. 3 is because Ty thinks faster than any other player.

Reason No. 4, last, but by no means least, is because you never know just how Ty is coming into the bag.

Chapman says that time and again, if you keep the ball where you receive it after taking the throw from the catcher, you'll probably retire Ty more often than otherwise. Ray insists that when he takes a throw from the catcher in front of the bag and whirled around expecting Ty to try to come in behind, the peach will slide right in where the throw originally came, and vice versa.

Further remarks by Chappie regarding Cobb are that when Ty is trying for a bag the catcher naturally hurries his throw, with the result that often it isn't as good as it is in the case when another man is sliding. "I'd rather try to touch a man out who is trying to steal than do anything else,"

says the Cleveland shortstop. "Cobb worries me most."

Collins Ranks Next to Cobb. No. 2 on Chapman's list of artful sliders is Edward Frawbridge Collins of the White Sox, of the same school as Cobb, but not nearly so great in any respect. Expert Chapman acknowledges that Collins is a good deal when he comes sliding into the key-hole sack. "Next as much as Cobb, however," says Ray.

Chapman's third selection of hard men to tag is more or less of a surprise. Michael Joseph McNally, the kid pinch runner of the Boston Red Sox, Chapman cannot figure out why McNally is a hard man to touch when he hits the dirt, whether it is because Mike is fast and smart or just naturally clumsy going into the bag. "All I do know," says Ray, "is that Mike is a tough bird to touch."

Chapman and Roth probably are the fourth and fifth hardest men in the American League to tag when they are trying to steal. Ray being the faster of the two. He also is more brittle than Roth, who goes into the bag with the same vigor as he shows when taking a cut at the ball.

Cobb may be the hardest man in the American League to touch out when he is trying to steal, but he annually gets touched out offener than anybody else. Last year the Peach was beaten to his pifering destination on 34 occasions, and as he stole 55 bases his base running average was .611.

Cobb Too Fast for Schalk. Schalk, the best pegging backstop in the American League, if not in the country, flagged Cobb only once in 1917, in eight attempts. Ty apparently beat Ray in the psychology game. A war correspondent of the Tigers says that he went over his score book once and found that 40 per cent of the errors made by Detroit's opponents were on plays in which attempts were made to get the Peach.

Eddie Collins was a .706 base runner in 1917, getting away with 53 steals out of 77 tries. Severed turned Comiskey's high priced athlete back five times. Leslie Numamaker vetoed three attempts to pitter.

Mike McNally's percentage on the lanes was .429. He got away with three steals in seven opportunities.

Fifteen-Round Fights in Store for Kentucky Fans

Kentucky has sanctioned 15-round boxing bouts, with six-ounce gloves used. A commission of three men will be appointed to supervise all bouts held in the state.

# Indoor Sports :

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INDOOR SPORTS  
TRYING TO MAKE A LONG WINDED CUSTOMER BELIEVE THAT HE IS WELCOME ON A SATURDAY AT NOON.

## DOUGLAS BAIRD MAKES UNUSUAL PLEA TO BOARD

Douglas Baird, infielder of the St. Louis Cardinals, has been placed in Class 4 for the next army draft and thereby hangs a tale. When Doug appeared before his local draft board he testified that he had been married on October 19, 1917.

"Your marrying came too late for exemption," he was told.

"Yes, but I was engaged before the draft law went into effect," maintained Baird. "The law went into effect in May," said the board examiner. "How long before that were you engaged, and how can you prove it?" "A month before that," said Baird, "and I can prove it this way: I all happened because of a home run I made in a game in Pittsburgh last April. I ought to be sure of the date. I met the girl I married on the morn-

ing before the game and made an engagement to see her that evening.

"We had been friends a long time and I had asked her to marry me several times and that morning she said she would agree to it if I knocked a home run that afternoon. I don't know whether that was the real reason or not, but that afternoon I hit the hull sign and won a prize of \$50 and when I went out to the house that night I told her she had to make good and she said 'Yes.' That's enough to fix it in anybody's mind, isn't it?"

The draft board was so impressed that Doug was given deferred classification.

## Sam Langford Leaves for Panama to Enter League

Sam Langford, the Boston tar baby, is enroute to Panama, after spending some time in Chicago this winter. Langford and several others of the colored boxers, have a "league" among themselves, in order to get the matches they cannot secure with white fighters. Sam is going to Panama to stage a few bouts with other league members.

## RANKING VETS OF SIXTEEN BIG LEAGUE CLUBS

Max Carey has been with the Pirates longer than any of his present mates, now that Hans Wagner has passed into the discard. Max became a Buccaneer in 1910. Art Fletcher has been with the Giants since 1909. Wheat joined the Brooklyn club that year, and Tom Clark went to the Reds the same season. Dick Rudolph has been with the Boston team longer than any other of the present members, and yet he joined the Braves as late as 1913. Vaughn is the oldest of the Cubs in point of continuous service, and his career dates only from 1913. Bill Doak is the Cardinals' veteran, and he, too, started 1913.

In the American League, Terry Turner, of the Indians is the real old timer, his Cleveland career dating back to 1904. Ty Cobb joined the Detroit Tigers in 1905. Walter John-

son became a member of the Washington club in 1907. Caldwell joined the Yankees in 1910. Hooper allied himself with the Red Sox in 1909. John Collins became a member of the White Sox in 1910. Jimmy Austin went to the Browns in 1911 and Elmer Myer, who joined the Mackites as late as 1915 is the oldest man on the Athletics' roster, in point of service.

## San Francisco Club Signs John Hummel for Outfield

The San Francisco club announces the signing of the veteran John Hummel, with the idea of using him in the outfield. Last year Hummel played first base for Buffalo in the International League.

## What's in a Name?

The young man who formerly played in the Federal League under the name of Al Holt and who now is to get a chance with the Cleveland Indians, wishes it to be known that his right name is Alva W. Halt. We stop long enough to set him right. Halt or Holt, it matters little.

## RED CROSS WILL GET GOLF MONEY

Professionals to Hold Patriotic Tournaments Again This Year for Benefit of War Orphans.

Although nothing definite has been decided concerning the patriotic team matches under the auspices of the Professional Golfers association, there is little doubt but that the members of the association will approve the suggestion made by the president, Robert White. The idea is, of course, to stage these affairs for the benefit of the Red Cross, and the financial end should profit even more this year than last season, when something like \$3,000 was raised.

Aside from these tentative team matches between homebred "pros," British and Scotch professionals combined, and amateurs in both the eastern and western sections, the salaried golfers will probably arrange tournaments, "on their own hook," as was the case last year. During 1917 Gil Nichols, formerly located at the Great Lakes Golf club, and Alec Smith, the Wyckoff "pro," were paired together in about 15 matches, and were the means of raising a considerable sum for relief funds.

Walter Hansen, erstwhile national open titleholder, also did his share, generally with Jim Barnes as a partner. Barnes, however, will probably be out of the running in the east, as he expects to leave Florida for the Broadmoor County club, at Colorado Springs, about April 1. However, a worthy substitute may be found in the person of Jim Donaldson, who will take the berth at the Norwood Golf club within a short time. Jock Hutchinson and Bob McDonald are another pair to be depended on.

## Foot Ball Men No Good in Trenches, Says Scot Doctor

A prominent Glasgow physician says that foot ball players are not good men to put in the front line trenches, as their endurance is far less than that of the ordinary men from farm, desk or shop. He attributes this to the fact that the men have been "tuned" for grueling contests for so long that their nerves will not stand the strain of gunfire and constant watching. It is like teaming up a race horse with an artillery team," he says.

## "Ham" Patterson Is Wise Bird; Has Over Draft Team

Old Ham Patterson, manager of the Dallas club of the Texas league, pulled an unique stunt. He signed a team over the draft age. Patterson and "Doc" White own the club, the Texas metropolis and made money last year.

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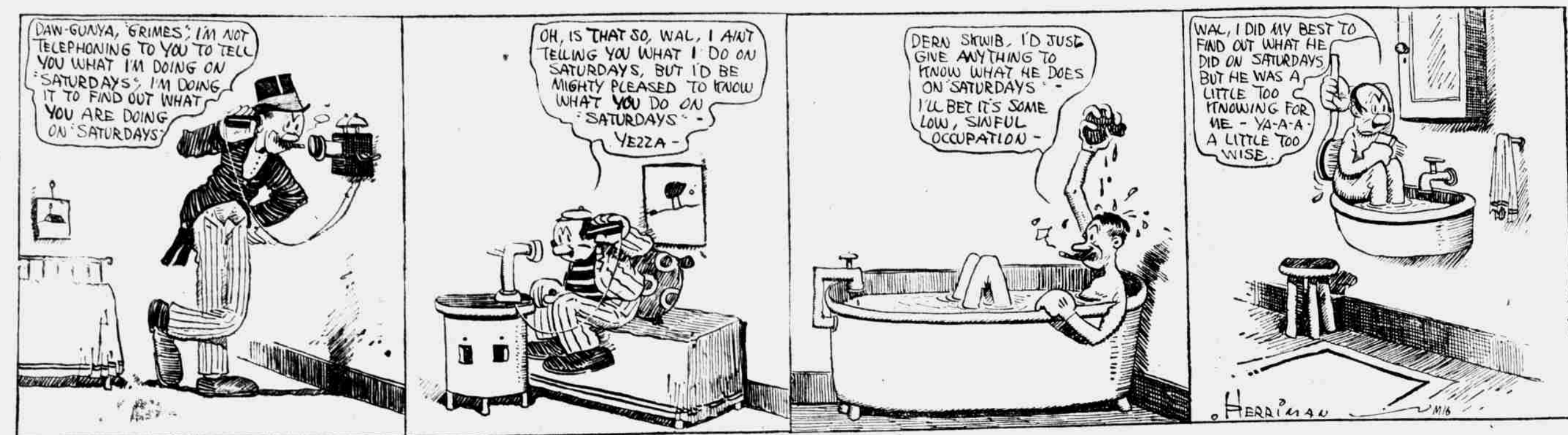
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Answer to Yesterday's  
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