

BRINGING UP FATHER



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MIDDLE PATCH GUARDIANS ARE ALWAYS STARS

Heaviest Punch of Many Ball Clubs Concentrated in Center Field: American Leads the National.

Team	Offensive Strength	Defensive Strength	Total
Cleveland	301	325	626
Chicago	317	336	653
Washington	304	322	626
Pittsburgh	308	317	625
St. Louis	301	314	615
Philadelphia	312	320	632
New York	308	310	618

By HUGH S. FULLERTON.

Does a ball player hit better playing in center field than in either of the wing positions, or do managers select center fielders for their ability to hit? Why is it we find the heaviest punch of the great majority of ball clubs concentrated in center field? Is it that right and left fielders are specialists, chosen to play those positions because of ability to go either to right or left better than the other way, or are the center fielders chosen because they can come in, go out, and travel to right or left with equal speed? If this is true, why do center fielders hit better than either left or right fielders, or is it all an accident? We must take these things into consideration when we study the center fielders. Seemingly they are little more important than either of the other positions, and that only because they get more chances. The chances are, in fact, easier in the average than those of either right or left fielder because the balls they catch are neither sliced nor pulled and have much less curve on them.

I would like to discover why the hitters are concentrated in center field and there is nothing in the game that shows that they should be, nor is anything, so far as I can see, in the playing of the game that goes to make a center fielder a better hitter unless it can be that right or left fielders are more liable to play sun fields, which, of course, would hurt their eyes.

Felsch Coming Strong.
The fact remains that the heavy artillery of almost all clubs is located in center field: Cobb, Speaker, Felsch, Milan, in the American and Roush and Carey in the National. There is not a weak hitter among all the centerfield probabilities with the possible exception of Cy Williams of the Phils, whose weaknesses are just being uncovered.

It is a great fight for the leadership in the American league between Cobb, Speaker and Felsch. Cobb, of course, holding his lead and Speaker and Felsch, hardy managing to retain the advantage over the Chicago youngster, who appears bound within a season or two to pass one or both in ability. Felsch, although outbid by both his great rivals, gains a considerable number of points because he is a right handed hitter (the rarest of all great hitters), and he is coming while both the others are nearing the turning points of their careers.

Milan, already slipping back point by point, holds fourth place by a comfortable lead, with Strunk, now of Boston, barely managing to keep ahead of Smith of St. Louis, who is coming along fast. Walker, with his wonderful throwing ability and his fielding speed, keeps Philadelphia up, and New York runs last and with few chances of improving its figures.

The first four American leaguers are closely bunched in the dope and the second four rank rather close together, so that there is little chance that any pennant will be decided in center field.

Roush Holds Lead.
Only one of the National league clubs deserves to rank with the first four American leaguers, and that is because of the great ability revealed by Roush, who is becoming one of the really great ball players. Even when compelled to figure Neale as part of the center fielding assets of Cincinnati the Reds lead the National league by a comfortable majority and we find Pittsburgh a safe and sound second, due to the speed of Carey.

In figuring Carey I would not advise anyone to calculate him as strong in batting as his last year's record would indicate. Of course the National league players say that anyone who can see ought to hit in the National—but some don't, and the pitching will be better this season than it was last. Carey is a wonderful fielder, a great man on the bases, but he is not the hitter the figures of last season lead one to think.

While the Cubs again make a rather bad showing in the center field figures, they are improving there because Paskert certainly is a better man for them than was Williams. This is not saying Williams will be a bad man for the Phils. He cannot hit—incurably a bad hitter in spite of his promise of greatness when he

Today's Sport Calendar

Shooting—United North and South amateur handicap target tournament opens at Parkhurst, N. C.
Bowling—Annual tournament of North-west International Bowling Congress opens at Spokane.
Baseball—Boston Americans against Brooklyn Nationals, at Mobile, Cleveland Americans against New York Nationals, at New Orleans, Boston Nationals against New York Americans, at Spartanburg, S. C., Detroit Americans against Cincinnati Nationals, at Tulsa, Okla.
Boxing—National A. A. U. championships, at Boston, Harry Greb against Jack McCarson, 15 rounds, at Toledo, Jack Dempsey against Bob Dwyer, 10 rounds, at St. Louis, Jabez White against Benny Valger, 12 rounds, at Baltimore.

first broke in, but his fault with the Cubs was a weak arm—and weak arms do not count much on the short Philadelphia field. Moran, for some reason, has an idea he can get good results from Williams. If he does not hit, Williams, when he first broke in, gave promise of being a great star, but four managers have tried to cure his batting faults and surrendered it as an impossible job. At that Moran is the best manager to handle Williams he ever has had and such things have happened.

As to Kauff.

The loss of Kauff is not as hard a blow to the Giants as some think. Of course we are compelled to cut the figures because neither Wilhoit nor Young figures as high just now as Kauff did, neither have they the Broadway temperament that went to spoil Benny. St. Louis we find very much improved in the outfield, and you must not figure that the great showing of the Cardinal outfield last season was a false form, that is a great trio and they have reserve strength not to be despised.

I admit frankly that I am adding points to each of the Cardinal outfielders in firm belief that Hendricks will get more out of them than they showed—that he will teach them base ball, especially on the offensive, they did not know.

Altogether the center fielding situation in the two leagues is the healthiest it has been in a long time. In the next article we will figure the right fielders; weaker by far in attack, but essential, and thus complete the study of the regular positions. (Copyrighted, 1918, by the Bell Syndicate, Inc.)

Townsend's Lose.

The Daily News ball club won its third straight game yesterday, defeating the Townsends, 7 to 4. Bernstein's pitching held the Townsends safe. He whiffed 14. Peterson was the star slugger, with three hits, one double which swept the bases.

Brilliant Assemblage in Paris Celebrates War Date

Paris, April 7.—A brilliant assemblage, including French officials and diplomats and Americans yesterday celebrated the anniversary of America's entry into the war in the magnificent festival of the Hotel Deville.

Stephen Pichon, foreign minister Jules Cambon, the head of the American department of the French government, and Georges Leygues, minister of marine represented the French government. Ambassador William Graves Sharp, Secretary of War Baker, General Tasker H. Bliss, Chief of Staff of the American army, and a considerable number of American naval and army officers were present.

Adrien Mithouard, president of the municipal council of Paris, and M. Raux, prefect of police of Paris, speaking in behalf of the city, paid tributes to the patriotic and unselfish motives which actuated America's intervention in the war. After this M. Pichon spoke for the government.

Ambassador Sharp in replying, thanked the city authorities and the representatives of the government for the demonstration.

License of Another Concern Revoked by Food Body

Another Nebraska concern has had its license revoked by the food administration for failure to sell substitutes with wheat flour. The Farmers' Co-operative company of Scribner is put out of business for the next 30 days. On May 6 the company may apply for reinstatement.

With the Bowlers

Team	Score	Score	Score
Huntington	111	109	616
Ernie Holmes	128	116	447
W. J. Miransky	183	161	344
Y. Hathaway	149	135	284
Totals	788	762	2325
Munner	141	139	280
Kranda	166	164	330
Sperry	159	169	328
Sizewick	182	139	321
Hay	195	135	330
Totals	712	714	2254
BEN HUIE'S COLTS.			
C. Backman	126	138	264
Hallcock	143	129	272
Knoski	144	139	283
Straw	124	124	248
Totals	708	717	2254
STYLIATIS			
Ruvos	139	134	273
Clark	157	146	303
Levine	146	165	311
Stendberg	139	145	284
Totals	701	750	2431
Schneider	171	164	335
Totals	803	749	2215
UNION OUTFITTING CO.			
Jamison	142	130	272
Lavine	141	130	271
Henson	123	130	253
Braunman	131	135	266
Bergelle	106	123	229
Totals	703	714	2251
HARLEY DAVIDSON			
Pederson	177	167	344
O. Hamer	128	116	244
Radford	158	124	282
Hughes	136	137	273
P. Hamer	124	137	261
Totals	703	673	2251
PETE LOCK'S			
Moyna	167	150	317
Crayne	168	130	298
Laing	133	125	258
Germann	137	144	281
Alex	147	158	305
Totals	752	687	2251

STOCKMEN WANT MONEY TO CHECK TUBERCULOSIS

Experts in Cattle Raising and Marketing Attend Session to Discuss Control of the Plague.

Washington Bureau of the Omaha Bee, 1311 G Street, Washington, April 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The hearing of the Sloan amendment to the agricultural appropriation bill relating to tuberculosis in live stock, and approximately \$500,000 for purposes of control and suppression together with indemnifying features, was held tonight in the rooms of the committee on agriculture, the members of the house committee being present and the following interested persons:

E. Z. Russell, Omaha; W. S. Moscrip, member of the sanitary board Lake Elmo; James I. Gibson, Des Moines, state veterinarian; Dean A. F. Woods, M. D., agricultural college; Dr. Northrup, Indiana; Everett Brown, president Chicago Live Stock exchange; Chicago; W. A. Cochel, professor animal husbandry; William W. Wright, Springfield, Ill., superintendent division of animal husbandry; Dr. Muesselman, state veterinarian, Indiana; Dr. John R. Mohler, chief of the bureau of animal industry.

Favor an Indemnity.

Representative Sloan, after a brief statement of the purpose of the hearing, presented the gentlemen named above, who spoke on particular phases of the question, and in some cases, starting arguments in favor of the government's entering into the tuberculosis campaign, and assuming the leadership with the various states, cities, sanitary and livestock boards and associations of the country.

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M'ADOO CALLS ON U. S. TO HALT HUN LUST FOR POWER

Philadelphia, April 7.—The soul of America is uplifted; she knows her duty and will not be afraid to perform it," exclaimed Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, at the conclusion of one of the four ringing speeches he made here today in opening the Liberty bond campaign in the Philadelphia federal reserve district. Mr. McAdoo was the central figure in a celebration in which the patriotic spirit ran high.

The secretary made his first speech at a luncheon in which he told his hearers that it is idle to talk of peace until America has achieved a victory for the principles for which she fights.

Germany, he said is the champion of lust and dominion, and literally seeks to enslave the world.

"Send Me Some Funny Papers" Is Appeal of Omaha Sammy

"Send me some funny papers!" That's the burden of the S. O. S. call of Paul D. Kinney to an uncle in Omaha. Young Kinney is a son of Omaha, a machinist by trade, who served part of his apprenticeship in the Union Pacific shops here and is now serving Uncle Sam "somewhere at sea" as machinist's mate on the cruiser Pittsburgh. "We are doing our bit," he says, "to make the kaiser eat out of our hand and like it." No mention of where or how, but just enough to keep uncle guessing. As the letter used up 36 days on the way, "somewhere at sea" must be considerable distance from home. The "funnies" are headed in that direction.

Victor Berger Burned in Effigy by Wisconsin Men

Janesville, Wis., April 7.—Victor Berger, socialist aspirant for the nomination for United States senatorship, was burned in effigy in Edgerton tonight after more than 1,000 citizens had paraded the streets bearing banners in which the name of Berger was prominent. Berger adherents were threatened with tar and feathers, but were saved from violence by the intercession of the leaders.

Bond Drive in Eustis.

Eustis, Neb., April 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Without any ostentation or parades or other patriotic movement, the first day's drive in the sale of the third Liberty day bond netted \$4,650. Local Chairman L. P. Sorenson is optimistic and sanguine that Eustis will romp in under the wire with an oversubscription. Four-minute men are doing excellent work in spreading Liberty loan gossip and the reading of late war bulletins at the movie theater on Tuesday, Saturday and Sundays is stimulating great interest among those who can afford to purchase bonds.

Fifty Thousand in Line, Says Col. Hersey

At least 50,000 people took part in the parade Saturday, in the opinion of Colonel Hersey, commander at Fort Omaha. "There were at least 50,000," declared the colonel. "When Omaha does a thing it certainly is done right. I expected something big when this parade was announced, but the reality far exceeded my expectations. It was a thrilling sight."

Brogan Says Board All Favors Commerce High

"Why does the proposition for school bonds omit specific mention of the object for which they are asked—namely, construction of the Commercial High?" asks a taxpayer in a letter.

Official Arrives in Omaha To Inspect Meat for Army

Lieutenant H. Johnson is in Omaha from the army quartermaster's corps in Chicago, Ill., to take charge of the meat inspection for all army contracts which are being filled by the packing houses on the South Side. Lieutenant Johnson is a practical man for the work to which he has been assigned as he has had first hand experience in the packing industry.

Cheers for Patriotic Mother and Her Child

Mrs. G. C. Thomason was the only woman in the parade who pushed an infant in a baby carriage. She was in the fraternal section. Many cheered this patriotic mother, who seemed quite unaware of the attention bestowed upon her.

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