

NEWS of SPORT

UNCLE ROBBIE THINKS ROBINS WILL BE AT TOP AT END OF 1931 SEASON

(Boston Traveller)

"Sure, we'll win the pennant if these Braves are as kind to us as they are to the Cincinnati Reds," chuckled Wilbert Robinson, rotund raconteur of the Robins, as he helped himself to a small fistful of Beechnut augmented by a slice of Star. "Only for Bill McKechnie, and his gang, we'd be right up there now," he continued as he started to masticate the "fruit cake," as he calls his favorite brands of chewing tobacco. "But the way we're going now, they can't treat us as rough as they did the first series. They nearly broke my hear, not to mention Ol' Daz and Mooney Miller. However everything evens up so they tell me and that's why we should do all right for the balance of the season."

Learned Lesson

"Our pitchin' is okay; there isn't a singer in the bunch. Not one of them knows that song 'I want to be in Tennessee.' They know better. They know what became of the last feller that sang that song; he went to Chattanooga and stayed there. Ol' Daz is going great, too. He's not throwin' to first base any more while there's a feller lammin' it from third to home. He learned his lesson from the Cardinals."

"Our boys ain't hittin' as well as they can. It would be just too bad if they did. We'd be so far out in front, they'd have to call off the race right now. I expect to see Ol' Babe, Lefty O'Doul, and Johnny Frederick break out in a rash of extra base hits any day now. And I hope its today."

"We got quite a second baseman in this Mickey Finn. He's won quite a few ball games for us with his fielding and hitting. He's a regular 'micskey finn', which means a knock-out anyway. Ol' Mickey ain't much of a talker, but he certainly is a ball player. And they tell me he is pretty fair with his hands and I can't mean pickin' up grounders with them, either. He certainly has developed quite a punch at that bat."

"Ol' Babe has started to hit the ball. For a time he thought they were ringin' in a couple of old 'rockets' on him. He was swingin' just as hard as he ever did, so he says, but the ball was just goin' up in the air to

the second baseman. He made me laugh one day when he called for the ball to inspect it; he thought it was taped."

"I mind the time in the good old days in the New England league, when a good hitting club would come into town the boys would stick the apples in the ice chest the night before. We'd get a run by playing the old army game, while the heavy hitters would be breakin' their hands, and bats, tryin' to hit the frozen apple out of the ball park, but would be just poppin' 'em up to the infield all afternoon. Those were the happy days!"

Ride The Ball

"I agree with McGraw that the new ball has brought the game back to its former science; although that's about the only thing Mack and I have agreed on lately. And we were such good pals—once."

"Regardless of how much dynamite has been removed from the pill, we have a few boys that certainly can give it a ride. Take ol' Del at first base; ol' Lombardi, the catcher; ol' Babe in rightfield; ol' Lefty in leftfield; ol' John Frederick in centerfield, and ol' Glenn Wright, our shortstop and captain. There's some boys as can ride the ball for distance. It's just a case of 'Walking My Baby Back Home' when they get a hold of it."

"Our pitchers ain't doin' bad at all. There's ol' Bill Clark, who is called Bill because his name is Watson. Ol' Bill is doin' a nice job of pitchin'. And I don't mean plausibly. He sure showed the Giants something or maybe he didn't, according to the way you want to look at it. They didn't get a run off him, so I guess that means something. Anyway, they look pretty good to me."

Jupiter Pluvius having held sway over the baseball destinies of Boston for the past several days, the Tribe is indulging in a little community singing to the effect they would like to have the rain go away and come some other washing day, or something like that. At any rate, Bill McKechnie and his battling Boston are hopeful they can get in a few games with the Robins who are boo-bob-bobbing along pretty well of late.

Four single games are listed with the Flatbush Fusiliers in four days, unless rain washes out a couple of them as it did the two scheduled with the Giants. All the Giants took away from here was a hotel bill to show for their two days' stay.

SPORTING BITS

Davis Cup Player

London, Eng., July 29—S. F. Perry, father of Fred Perry, sensational 21-year-old British Davis Cup tennis player, yesterday announced his son would sail for the United States Saturday to compete in the United States national championships at Forest Hills, Long Island, September 5 to 12.

The elder Perry, a Labor member of Parliament, in announcing his son's departure said:

"I am very proud of Fred's display and am determined he shall have every opportunity to develop his game."

Perry made the announcement while waiting at the station to greet his son and the other members of the British Davis Cup squad returning from an unsuccessful set-to with France in the challenge round.

May Turn

Paris, July 29—Henri Cochet, the world's ranking amateur tennis player who almost single-handed turned back the bill of Great Britain for the Davis Cup in the challenge round completed Sunday, will decide within a fortnight whether he will turn professional, friends said today.

LEFTY O'DOUL A BRIGHT LIGHT FOR ROBINS

New York, July 28—You just can't keep a good man down! Take Frank O'Doul—Lefty to you—for example. He was hitting something like .250 for the first three weeks of the season and there were those who said that O'Doul's reign as one of the leading hitters in the National League was to be curtailed by the new ball.

And until three weeks ago it appeared as if the prophets of the grandstand were correct. But since that O'Doul has demonstrated that he still is in the running for the 1931 National League batting honors.

Work Outstanding

In his last eight games, the former Philadelphia star who came to Brooklyn last winter, has rapped out 23 hits in 3 times at home to move among the leading hitters in his circuit. What is more impressive, he made all of the hits against St. Louis and Chicago, and it was his work that enabled the Brooklyn Robins to win five of the eight games against the teams considered as their most formidable rivals for National League pennant.

O'Doul's recent spurt has enabled him to boost his batting average to more than the .335 mark. If he can continue his spurt for two or three more days he will gain a position among the five leading hitters in the league.

REPORT BIG SNAKE SEEN

Miami, Fla., July 29—Two Miami-ians came in from the Everglades recently with a report they had seen a huge snake at least 15 feet long, 10 inches in diameter, which looked like a log lying across the road. Experts believed it was a Gopher snake, but the discoveries temporarily called it "Glade Snake."

SUN FRIES EGGS ON STORE ROOF

Silver Creek, N. Y., July 29—During the recent heat wave an argument started in a Silver Creek furniture store as to whether the temperature was high enough to fry an egg. A skillet was found and greased, and with several outsiders drafted to witness the affair, the egg was fried on the roof of the company's warehouse.

The "liquidation in rye" referred to in market reports ain't what it used to be.

Spain seemed to get along better when it ducked politics and concentrated on bullfights.

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BABE RUTH IS AGAIN LEADING IN BIG HEAP

Chicago, Illinois, July 28—Thirteen weeks of work this season have had no noticeable effect on Babe Ruth's big frame, and he again was the leading batsman of the American League, according to semi official figures which include Thursday's games.

The Babe peeled 11 hits in 32 times at bat last week and boosted his average two points to .387, enabling him to regain the top position from young Eddie Morgan of Cleveland. Morgan slipped to third place, behind Al Simmons the Philadelphia siege gun, who gained 14 points to .375.

Gehrig Busy

Lou Gehrig was no threat to Ruth, but he was in sole possession of four individual leaderships. He banged out far more home runs and led with 30; had batted home 102 runs; had 251 total bases and had scored 96 times himself.

Simmons led in hits with 142 and had an even dozen triples for another leadership, while Earl Webb, of Boston, was miles out in front in hitting for two bases with 43 doubles. Ben Chapman, another Yankee outfielder had an even greater margin in base stealing, his collection of thefts having reached 37.

Following Ruth and Simmons in the individual race were: Morgan, Cleveland, .374; Webb, Boston, .368; Goslin, St. Louis, .355; Gehrig, New York, .352; West, Washington, .352; Averill, Cleveland, .343; Dickey, New York, .39; Cochrane, Philadelphia, .35.

Lost 5 Points

Cleveland lost five points from its team batting average, but its mark of .295 was good enough to retain the lead, with the Yankees a point back. The Athletics fielding at a .978 gait led in team defence effort, with Washington four points back. The St. Louis Browns had clicked off 96 double plays and led Cleveland by two.

The pitching situation was the same old story. Lefty Grove was credited with another victory, giving him 20 for the season against two defeats. George Earnshaw, Grove's righthanded aid, also won another decision and had 16 and five defeats, while Rube Walberg gave Mr. Mack three more triumphs, to bring his standing to 15 victories and five defeats. Earnshaw still was the leading striker-out, with 116 victims in 29 games.

LIVES SIMPLE LIFE AFTER HE GETS FORTUNE

Tiffin, Ohio, July 29—Bennett F. Smith, an inmate of the Seneca county infirmary, refused to leave "home" after inheriting a \$22,032.88 fortune. Since he became "wealthy," Smith has paid the infirmary \$20 a month for board and room. He lives as simply as the other inmates.

TOWN PUT SBOYS IN BED EARLY

Eaton Rapids, Michigan, July 29—At the behest of a large number of citizens, the city council has revived the 9 o'clock curfew ordinance here. All males who are not 16 years old must have their girls home, bid them good night and reach their homes before the deadline, the ordinance provides.

What makes us despair for China is that she carries on at war without borrowing which seems hardly civilized.

It is also a regrettable fact that barking dogs seldom die.

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