

NEWS of SPORT

LEFTY GROVE HAS CHANCE TO BEAT HURLING RECORD OF JOE WOOD AT PRESENT CLIP

(Philadelphia Bulletin)

Tom Long, who was a great short-stop at the University of Montana before he came east to study law, suggests that Robert Moses Grove, of the Athletics has an opportunity to establish a major league pitching record this season.

"Even his wonderful performances to date must be bettered in future games to establish a new record," says Tom, "yet there is always a chance that Lefty will come through. "Up until now Grove has won fifteen games and lost two—an average of .882. It is a safe bet that he'll work in at least twenty more games this season. Should he win nineteen and lose only one, then we'll have a new record."

A mighty feat to ask of any pitcher, though Grove must prove himself a Herculean twirler indeed to better the mark set by Joseph Wood back in 1912.

Pitching for the Boston Red Sox, Smokey Joe won thirty four games and lost five for an average of .872. Since then the highest average registered was made by Tom Hughes, pitching for the Boston Braves in 1916, who won sixteen and lost three for a mark of .842, and duplicated by Emil Yde for the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1924.

Of course, these statistics concern only modern base ball and you have nothing in common with marks established before the formation of the major leagues. Otherwise one could not very well forget the 1875 performance of A. G. Spalding, pitching for the Boston National Association team, when he won fifty seven, lost four and tied three for the remarkable percentage of .934.

Grove—or any one else—expects to beat Spalding's mark in this day and age of the rabbit ball but there is still hope that the big southpaw will better the 1912 performance of Smokey Joe Wood.

Grove A Workhorse

Inasmuch as Grove is a glutton for work along with being a wonderful twirler, he seems to be the only pitcher

in the big tent today who looks as if he might approach a lot of other records than have stood the test of time.

For instance there is one set by Big Ed Walsh back in 1908 for the Chicago White Sox, when he worked in 66 games, just 9 short of Bill White's old mark of 75 made for Cincinnati in 1879.

Jack Chesboro, hurling for the New York Highlanders in 1904, set the modern highwater mark for victories in a season at 41. This was 19 games less than Charlie Radmournie won for Providence in 1884.

Old Grover Cleveland Alexander still holds the record he set for the Phillies in 1916 by pitching 38 complete games. The closest approach to that was in 1926 when George E. Uhle worked 32 complete games for the Cleveland Indians.

There is page after page of these pitchers records that could be commented upon but those are the essential ones that Grove need worry his head about right now.

And though he probably would like to gain the strike out record for all time set at 3,497 by Walter Johnson for the Washington Senators between 1907 and 1927, there is little desire on his part to give eight bases on balls in a single inning as did Bill Gray, also a Senator twirler, pitching the second game against Chicago on August 28, 1909.

Nor does he ever want to beat the record of 39 made by Vic Willis, of the Boston Braves in 1909, for games lost during a season.

Another Tilden?

For the past few years critics have recognized in Frank Shields, one of the Wimbledon finalists, the makings of a great tennis champion.

Technically he has been perfect. His strokes are polished and his court generalship has left nothing to be desired. His only fault was his possible lack of confidence in himself.

Now that he has again proved his mastery over Jean Borotra, one of France's outstanding musketeers, all

HORNSBY IS ABOUT TO GO SOMEWHERE

New York, July 7—Rogers Hornsby is playing his last season as second baseman of the Cubs. Reports have reached the headquarters of the New York Baseball club that Chicago has the inside track at St. Paul for the services of Jack Saltzgraver, the young keystone king of the Saints. The price the Cubs will have to pay for Hornsby's successor is \$50,000. Hornsby cost the St. Louis Cardinals \$500 and he was one of the best buys ever recorded.

Saltzgraver is a slugger. He hits them often and far. Five scouts have been trailing him all season. Evidently the Yankees who own the St. Paul team of which Bob Connery is president, are paying no attention to Saltzgraver, for nothing has been heard from Joe McCarthy about getting this young fellow, who is the talk of the Association.

Robins May Get Him

Brooklyn, so stories from the West say, has entered the bidding for this player. The Browns have a man looking him over, but the belief is that if the Yankees are not in the market for him Saltzgraver will go to Chicago before the season is ended.

What will become of Hornsby is a problem. Some thing that if the recruit is purchased from St. Paul Hornsby will take his post at first for the remainder of his baseball career. He is hitting as well as ever, but he just can't get the balls that are rifled through the infield.

Saltzgraver is a youngster picked up in Oklahoma City two years ago by Connery himself. He has made great strides in his profession. Connery says he will be the keystone king of the country in two years, and \$50,000 is the price set for his services.

Three Scouts

Three scouts have been used by the Cubs in getting a line on Saltzgraver. If he has a weakness the Chicago owner will know all about it. The fact that the Cubs in their home stay were only able to hold their own with the Giants who were traveling has led to belief that steps will be taken at once to speed up the Cubs.

Wilson is a disappointment, but he is a natural hitter. He is expected to hit as he hit in the old days, but Hack is not getting younger. Grimm is too slow and the observers Jose no time in telling the management that the Cubs are several steps too slow all around to win the flag. Good pitching is wasted because the balls are driven through the infield.

IS PREPARING FOR ANOTHER LONG FLIGHT

London, England, July 6—The London Daily Herald this morning says that Amy Johnson, British aviatrix, who made a solo flight to Australia, is now preparing for a trip across Europe and Asia to Tokyo.

future foe should find him extremely difficult to defeat.

Shields' career reminds one very much of Big Bill Tilden, acknowledged the greatest tennis master of all time. Tilden for years proved he had everything technically necessary for a great champion but he could not develop a winning complex.

Suddenly he found himself. He started to win and nothing stopped him until increasing age robbed him of his speed.

Shields, too, has been a late starter. Should he defeat Wood at Wimbledon he soon may dethrone Henri Cochet as the recognized tennis king of the world.

SOVIET ECONOMIC POLICY REMAINS UNCHANGED

Moscow, July 7—Soviet officials expressed astonishment today that a portion of the foreign Press interpreted Stalin's pronouncement on changes in the industrial system as a revolutionary alteration of the Soviet system. They claimed there was nothing in the speech to alter the basic aim and principles of the Soviet economic policy or the Five-Year-Plan, but that it represents a far-reaching effort to rationalize production.

Stalin's proposals, they said, were intended to introduce sound business methods, firstly, through simplification of the structure and administration of the State trusts—namely, reduction in their size and abandonment of the commission form of management; and secondly, through stimulating personal incentive and a sense of responsibility in the individual worker, opening the path of advancement to better living conditions for the most willing and capable.

Soviet officials denied any compromise with capitalism, but on the contrary the proposals were devised to perfect the productive personnel and technique to complete more quickly the process of industrialization, the basis of a real Socialist state.

They expressed hope that the tremendous authority of Stalin's words would intensify realization of policies previously announced.

London, July 7—London afternoon papers unanimously interpreted Stalin's speech on the new economic policies in Russia as an abandonment of basic Communist principles in favor of Capitalistic methods and a confession that the Five-Year-Plan had failed.

The Evening News warned that Russia's potential menace "now has become deadly with the discarding of Communism," contending that the rest of the world could afford to laugh as Marxist and Leninist Communism ruled.

The Evening Standard hailed "the death knell of the Five-Year Plan and a tardy confession of gigantic failure." "Stalin, the Man of Steel, is bent," said the Star, "and with him the system which he supported. The old Communist order changeth."

COULD NOT IGNORE THE PROPERTIES

(New York Sun)

The man and the woman who ignored conventions in the days of New Amsterdam, were likely to find the authorities at their door. The annals of the old city record that on February 13, 1666, one Omfrie Cley was haled into the Mayor's Court by Sheriff Anthony, one of the vigilant watchers of that period.

It appeared from the sheriff's averments that Omfrie Cley kept a "very unruly house" in that he was living with a woman in a relationship not born of holy matrimony. The righteous sheriff asked that Cley be deprived of "drawing drink" and be required "to depart this town."

In answer to the charges made against him, Cley said that as long as he had lived with the woman "there hath bene but twice quarrel at his house & further that he hath taken the said Woman for his wife." But he apparently felt quite huffy about the matter, for he offered "to depart from hence with the first open Wether."

The court gave him until the end of the next month (March) "to depart this Towne" and directed that he give security for his appearance before the court of assizes, this in the event that he stay longer than the time stipulated.

You might like to know, without riding a horse, that the human body contains about five hundred muscles.

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