

SPORTING NEWS

OLD TIME BASEBALL TEAM
HAD GREATEST WIN RECORD

In 1869 and 1870 Won Sixty-five Games With one Tie--Providence in 1884 Set Big League Record With Twenty Straight Victories--Giants Held a Record of Eighteen in 1904.

The recent performance of the Giants, following as it did a long series of defeats, gains a prominent place among the famous winning streaks of modern big league clubs, says The Buffalo Evening News. The greatest string of consecutive victories of them all, however, goes back to the very beginning of professional baseball. It was on the 14th of June 1870, when the winning streak of the Cincinnati Red Stockings, which had lasted through a year and a half, was finally broken in a close game at Brooklyn, with the Athletics. The score of the contest was, Brooklyn 8, Cincinnati 7. The game went into the eleventh inning, when the Reds put two runs over the pan and seemingly had victory in their grasp. In their half the Athletics scored three runs and ended the Redland bunch's long run without a defeat. Incidentally, it was in this pastime that the first double play in baseball history was pulled off. George Wright, the Cincinnati shortstop, started the play when Brooklyn had men on first and second, with nobody out. Wright got a pop fly on the behind and throw to Waterman at third and the latter propelled the pellet to Sweasy at second, retiring both Brooklyn runners.

Turned Professionals.

The Red Stockings turned professional in 1869 and started their season by defeating the Cincinnati Great Westerns. They then started out on tour, defeating the Fort Wayne club 8-8, the Buffalo Giants 4-3, the Cleveland Forest Citys 25-6, the Rochester Alerts 18-9, the Troy Haymakers 28-31, the Albany Nationals 49-8, the Springfield Mass. Mutuals 86-5, the Boston Lowells 29-4, the Boston Tri-Mountains 40-12, Harvard 30-11, Brooklyn Mutuals 4-2, Brooklyn Athletics 30-11, Brooklyn Eckfords 24-5, Philadelphia Athletics 27-18, Philadelphia Keystone 40-30, Baltimore Marylands 47-7, Washington Nationals 24-8, Washington Olympics 16-5, Rockford Forest City 34-13 and 15-14, Milwaukee Cream Citys 35-7, Portsmouth Riversides 30-7, New Orleans Southern, at Cincinnati, 35-3, and other famous

clubs. After a string of thirty-nine straight victories, all very much one-sided with the exception of one game with Rockford, the Red Stockings received a visit on their own grounds from the Lansingburg, N.Y. Union--afterwards the Troy Haymakers--and were played to a 17-17 tie. This drawn battle was the only break in the Cincinnati winning streak until the Reds were defeated in Brooklyn the following year. During the remainder of the 1869 season the Reds made a trip to the Pacific Coast, stopping at St. Louis to defeat the Unions 70-9 and the San Pires 31-24. Four games were played in San Francisco and on the return trip the Reds bested clubs at Omaha, Nebraska City, Quincy and Indianapolis.

Defeat New Orleans.

In 1870 the victory-flushed Red Stockings started the season with a southern junket, defeating the best clubs of New Orleans and stopping at Memphis to administer a 100-2 defeat to the Orientals. After several games at home the Reds started another eastern invasion and the winning streak cracked at Brooklyn. When the Athletics got their number the Reds had won sixty-five games, with one tie, had travelled nearly twelve thousand miles and had made 2,395 runs as against 574 by their opponents.

The major league winning streak record was set up in 1884 by the Providence club, which annexed twenty straight games. Frank Bancroft, now business manager of the Cincinnati Reds, was the pilot of the Providence aggregation. The modern record was set up by the Giants in 1904, when they won eighteen consecutive contests, in the National League, while the American League record was established by the White Sox in 1906, when the "hitless wonders" made it nineteen straight.

SORT OF STARTLED.

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BIG MATCHED
RACE AT HALIFAX
NEXT WEDNESDAY

Rex Heart Against Bob Mac--Former has never Raced on Maritime Provinces track before

The Acadian Recorder has the following on the matched race to take place in Halifax next week:

Halifax will have a big race next Wednesday, June 21, when the match for \$500 a side takes place between Rex Heart, 2:14, of Halifax, and Bob Maci 2:13, of Cape Breton. These horses were matched to race on the ice last season, but owing to weather conditions the race was transferred to the track. \$500 was posted with N. Doherty of the Prince George Hotel, Halifax, to bind the match and the balance of \$500 is to be posted twenty-four hours before the race.

New Record in Provinces.

Rex Heart has never raced in the provinces, having been bought at the New York sale by Frank Boutillier. He won the 2:35 class in straight heats over the half-mile track at Napoleon, Ohio, in 1912, in 2:20, 2:23, 2:21; he did likewise in the 2:30 class at Montpelier, Ohio, in 2:20, 2:22, 2:20, and scored a similar victory at Hillsdale, Michigan, in 2:22, 2:20, 2:20. He lost his first heat in the 2:20 class at Wausau, Ohio, and then won in 1:19, 2:19, 2:19. His best race that year was over the half-mile, against Adrian, Mich., when he finished third in the first three heats in 2:17, and then won the race with a sixth heat in 2:15. He got his record the following year at the half-mile track at Rockport, Ohio, when after being seventh in the first heat, he won the next three in 2:14, 2:14, 2:14.

On Grand Circuit

He was then sold to Captain Shaw, who took him to the Grand Circuit, and he raced on the fast mile tracks. He finished fourth, fourth, third at Cleveland, with Del Ray winning in 2:04, 2:04, 2:03. At Pittsburgh he was fourth, fifth, fourth, with Del Ray winning the first two heats in 2:07, 2:07; Frank Bogash Jr. winning the third in 2:05. His owner did not race him in 1914, but started him again at Cleveland last year, where he was fourth in a second heat to Bingen Polster in 2:03, and at Detroit he won the third heat in 2:12, with Hal Connor winning the

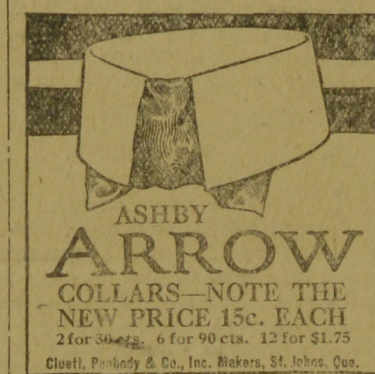
first in 2:11, and Clara Walker the race in 2:15, 2:13, 2:13.

From the Islands.

Bob Mac is P. E. Island bred, a consistent race performer, with his record made over the half-mile track of the provinces. He won his first race at Sydney two years ago in the 3:00 class, defeating a splendid field in 2:30, 2:32, 2:34. He entered the list at Sydney the second year, when he took a record in 2:27, being defeated by Tom Commodore; later in the year winning at Sydney from such horses as Nick R. Dan Paine, Walter H. Dominion D. Nellie K and Tom Commodore in 2:24, and took a record of 2:22 at Sydney in October. He had raced at the Halifax exhibition, but was beaten by Alice Hal and Miss A'cyon in 2:18, 2:19, 2:18, 2:18. Last season he took a record of 2:18 at Glace Bay in a match race with Harry L. and at Halifax he astonished the horse men by winning the 2:15 class in straight heats from Coquette, Bingen the Great and Hilda S in 2:14, 2:15, 2:16, and four days later defeated Tommy Cotter, Dan Paine, A Game of Chance, Miss A'cyon and Lily Patch in 2:14, 2:17, 2:13, the last being the fastest heat ever made by a provincial-bred horse on a provincial track. He easily won both his races at Charlottetown against such horses as Princess Etta, Miss A'cyon, Dixie Girl, Dr Sharper and Oakley. He won his first heat at Chatham in 2:15, but A Game of Chance won the next three in 2:13, 2:13, 2:15. He later turned the tables on a Game of Chances at St. John in a five-heat race.

WELSH-LEONARD BOUT
HAS BEEN CALLED OFF

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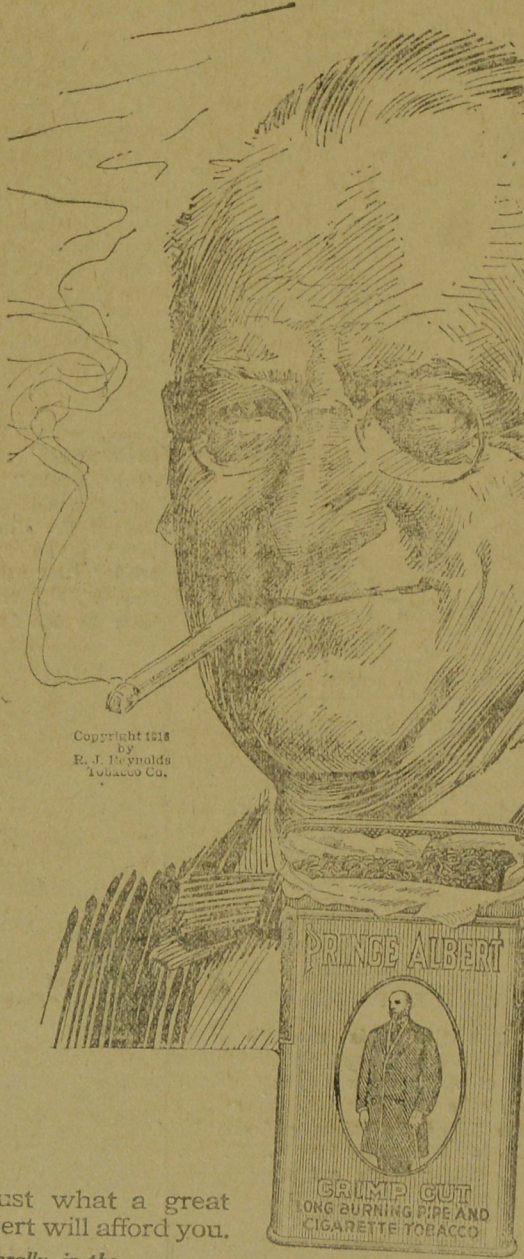
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