



SPORT



DETROIT SCRIBE'S DISCOVERIES ON WHAT MAKES A PITCHER

Intelligence, Will and Ambition are Characteristics of Good Ones—Great Arm an Asset.

(By H. G. Salsinger)
BOSTON, Mass., July 24—What has become of the pitching sensations of the first two months of the major league season?

Well, they are still around and about but not as prominent as they were at the start of the pennant races.

Whitehead of the White Sox, Tamulis of the Yankees, Wilshire of the Athletics and Sullivan of the Tigers were the main sensations in the American League, while the National League offered Castleman of the Giants and Blanton of the Pirates as the leading headliners.

For a time it looked as if Whitehead would go on forever but when reverses set in he began losing as regularly as he had been winning. Tamulis and Wilshire are still long on the winning side while Sullivan is struggling to create a winning percentage.

It will be some time before Castleman breaks down to a .500 percentage, while Blanton is not far from there, but his setbacks are due mainly to appendix trouble.

A newspaper reporter asked Mickey Cochrane about pitchers the other day. Why are there not more good ones? Why are only a few clubs even fairly equipped with pitchers. Why don't more develop?

The answers to all these questions can be summed up simply in—lack of ambition.

Most of the pitchers fail because they lack control. They have no control because they do not work enough. They fail to do these things because they have little, if any, ambition.

Each year dozens of pitchers come up to the major leagues. They have size and strength and stamina. Most of them have good arms and some of them have what look to be great arms. But not one out of every 12 stays. They blame this and they blame that, but the real reason they do not stay is because they lack the necessary ambition.

Tommy Bridges is an example of what a pitcher with ambition can do. Bridges is very light in weight and he lacks stamina, but if you could transplant the spirit, the ambition and the power of Bridges you could develop any one of a dozen giants into great pitchers each year.

Bridges has what the vast majority of them lack. He has intelligence, a strong will and ambition. He substitutes these for size, strength and stamina.

Alvin Crowder is another example of what ambition and concentration can do. Crowder is one of the most intelligent pitchers in the game. Give him the arm of and of the 30 or 40 pitchers who are turned back each year and Crowder would win from 30 to 35 games in either major league.

Swimmer From Catalina Swim

LOS ANGELES, July 24—An attempted 47-mile swim from Santa Catalina Island to Santa Monica by Paul Chotteau, French marathon swimmer, ended in failure when strong undercurrents caught him and swept him northward toward Malibu Beach. After battling the undercurrent for more than an hour, the swimmer, almost exhausted, was pulled aboard the convey boat about eight miles off-shore. Chotteau, who plunged into the surf at the island Saturday night, reported he was forced to fight off two sharks when he was about 15 miles from Catalina Island.

Sharks infested his course and men with rifles were on guard in boats to protect him.

Singin' Sam, who is rusticated on his Indiana ranch, is a problem to his press agent who recently wrote to Sam to learn what he was doing that was exciting. "It's too hot out here to do anything exciting", was Sam's laconic reply.

Crowder does not have a great deal of stuff. It was pitched out of him at Washington where he was either in the box or in the bull pen every day of the season. But he knows what to do with a base ball, where to pitch it and how to pitch it.

There are a few more like Crowder in the American League. Wesley Farrell is one, Ted Lyons is another, Sam Jones and Mel Harder are two others. All are smart pitchers. Harder has more stuff than the others but they have more expert experience than Harder.

In base ball you frequently hear it said of a pitcher:

"He's got a good arm."

That is only one part of it. They frequently come up with "great arms" but they carry them right back again. There is nothing behind the arms, no thought, no control, no ambition.

Whitehead, Tamulis, Wilshire, Sullivan, Castleman and Blanton looked like good world beaters in the first two months of the season but they still have a long way to go before they become established. Two months do not make a season and one season does not make a career. Two or three of them may be cast in the first class of pitchers but not all of them. It depends on how well they pitch themselves out of their slumps and all of them have already discovered that you cannot go right on winning games month after month. You will set down for stretches and that is the test of a pitcher.

BIG MONEY OUTLAYS FOR PLAYERS

Cubs Cutting Out High Priced Stars—Many Veterans Dropped

CHICAGO, July 24—That big Wrigley bankroll, which used to be dangled in front of club owners as bait for their high priced ball players, has a tight rubber band around it.

The Chicago Cubs, once the milk and honey boys of base ball, are strictly on their own these days with orders to hustle and make good or prepare themselves for the axe.

For a club has been shaken up completely from the front office down to the batboy within less than a year, the Cubs have been doing remarkably well. Riding a tide of eight straight victories, Charlie Grimm's youngsters were trailing the leading New York Giants by seven games, with hopes of winning the pennant yet.

The failure of Chuck Klein to produce undoubtedly caused owner Philip K. Wrigley to jerk back his big bank roll and announce that henceforth the Cubs would build up from the bottom with young players. Klein was purchased for approximately \$100,000 from the Phillies and paid off with a .301 batting average, playing 15 games. When that happened and owner Wrigley discovered—somewhat to his surprise—the Cubs were losing instead of making money, he altered his policy and opened a campaign to sell, trade or release most parts of the old Cub machine.

William Murray Walker, long a prominent shareholder, elevated to the club presidency following the death of William L. Veeck, was one of the first to leave, resigning in October. Since then, players have left so quickly by devious routes, that of last year's regulars only pitchers Bill Lee, Lon Warneke, and Charlie Root, Catcher Gabby Hartnett, Second Baseman Bill Herman, Shortstop Bill Jurgess and Klein remain. Elwood English, Stanley Hack, Augie Galan, Tut Satinback, and young Phil Cavarretta, now regarded as one of the most promising first basemen, also stayed, but their activity came in utility roles last season.

Among the former greats who left since the close of last season's campaign are Kiki Cuyler, Guy Bush, Pat Malone, Riggs Stephenson, Babe Herman, Jim Weaver, and Bud Tinning. Grimm also retired as an active player in favor of Cavarretta.

Grimm still has his troubles and the crowds at Wrigley Field this season have been comparatively small, but he believes he has a championship team in the making.

MIXING GOV'T AND SPORT

DRESDEN, July 24—The winning team in a tennis tournament here was disqualified by a Nazi official because its members showed "insufficient comprehension of national socialism" in a political discussion with an official after the match.

C. N. R. REVENUES
The gross revenues of the all-inclusive Canadian National Railways System for the week ending July 14th, 1935, was \$3,306,396, as compared with \$3,282,912 for the corresponding period for 1934, an increase of \$23,484.

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BERMUDA TO PLAY M'GILL AT CRICKET

Special Visit by West Indians, Play this Afternoon—Cricket Taken Very Seriously in that Country.

MONTREAL, July 24—The cricket game to be played on the McGill Campus today between the Bermuda Athletic Association and McGill C. C. will commence at 1:30 p.m. This will be one of three matches. Play will be continued to a fairly late hour in order to give Montreal cricket supporters the opportunity of seeing the visitors. Included in the team are several who visited Canada in 1930. Montreal put out a very strong team for the game, which was played on the Campus. The game ended in a draw. Cricket is taken very seriously in Bermuda, the all-colored team of Bermuda is exceptionally strong, often visiting New York, where they always give a very good account of themselves. There is some change in the personnel of the team which is now touring the Eastern States, Ontario and Quebec.

The McGill Club are relying upon their own players for their game on Thursday.

The M.A.A.A. have issued invitations to players of other clubs for the games of Friday and Saturday. Both these games will be all day games. A great effort is being made to send a team to Bermuda at the end of September, the competition of the team is yet very indefinite. It is proposed to send twelve players, six representing Ontario with the remainder from Quebec.

SPORT BRIEFS

YONKERS, N. Y., July 24—Racing over a muddy course, Arden Farms Sir Quest won the Katonah Purse, fourth and feature number at Empire City this afternoon, just lasting to finish a head in front of Alvin Untermyer's Galloglass at the finish of the five and one-half furlong dash. A. A. Baroni's Malmalson took third.

Stepping right out at the break, Sir Quest was put to his best by Jockey Wimmer to hold the fast-closing Galloglass off. Malmalson, which had forced the early pace, did not relish the sticky going and fell back to third. The winner, opening at 4 to 5, closed at 11 to 10. His time was 1:08 3/5.

ALTOONA, Pa., July 24—Fourteen of the leading automobile racers of the country will be entered in the 100-mile national auto racing championship at the Altoona-Tyrone Speedway, July 27. Due to the large list of entries, qualifying time trials will be held on July 26 to eliminate all but 14 of the contestants.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24—Hawaiian and California public course golf stars left here today for the annual public course championship at Indianapolis. Arthur Armstrong, Hawaii, runner-up last year, is among the entrants in this year's grind.

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NOTED GOLFING EVENT TO BE HELD AT JASPER PARK SEPT. 1

Western Canada's Big Event Planned For—Began 9 Years Ago

MONTREAL, Quebec, July 24—With the announcement of Jasper National Park golf week from September 1 to 7 inclusive, comes one of the golf events of the year in Western Canada, the 10th Annual Totem Pole Trophy Tournament at Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta, according to Joseph Van Wyck, General Manager of Hotels for the Canadian National Railways.

During this golf week the best amateurs strive for the honor of winning the Silver Totem Pole and other prizes which are awarded for men and women players in competition. The Jasper Park course becomes doubly attractive during this period, states Mr. Van Wyck, for, since its inception nine years ago, Jasper Golf Week has been an institution of growing importance in the activities of golfers, players from all parts of Canada, the United States and other countries taking part in the competitions.

This Jasper Park Autumn Tournament is now well established as an attractive golfing vacation, said Mr. Van Wyck, and makes Jasper Park Lodge the social mecca of the west during that period. The golf course, of recognized championship calibre and one of the world's great courses, is maintained to a very high standard, with watered fairways and velvet greens. During the tournament week a dinner dance, with Gene Fogarty's orchestra in attendance, will be held each evening to augment the season's regular performances and adjoining the Lodge are tennis courts and swimming pool. Many other diversions, such as riding, hiking, mountain climbing, motoring, hunting and fishing may be enjoyed in the surrounding mountain territory.

"With all these attractions, plus special all-inclusive rail rates, and the skill of a particularly fine orchestra which broadcasts on an international hook-up, we expect a record attendance at Jasper Park Lodge for this meet," added Mr. Van Wyck.

Soccer Teams Ordered Off Field By Referee

TORONTO, July 24—Third game of the Dominion Football Association, Ontario, final between Toronto Scottish and Toronto Consols was called last night with the score 3-3 and 21 minutes to play. No decision on the game was available from Ontario Football Association officials but it is believed Scottish will meet Falconbridge in the next round by virtue of their win and draw in the first two games of the series.

After two unsuccessful efforts to get the game started again, Referee

Ballplayers Prefer Travel by Railway

"Not once, to the best of my knowledge, has a ballplayer been hurt in a railroad accident. Moreover we have never missed a scheduled game because of a railroad delay. We would be foolish, therefore, to say nothing of being ungrateful, if we were to switch from railroads for our travel." In this way William Harridge, President of the American League, summed up the reasons why baseball teams in the big leagues have refused to adopt airplanes and other modes of travel for their jumps instead of continuing to travel by rail. The suggestion had been made to Mr. Harridge, says the Canadian National Railways Magazine, that if airplanes were used for transport, cities farther apart could be induced to put teams in the big leagues.

French Swim Star Forced To Quit Water Grind

SANTA MONICA, Calif., July 24—After more than 22 hours in the water Paul Chotteau, French swimmer and World War aviator, early today was forced to abandon his attempted swim from Catalina Island to Santa Monica.

The swimmer, almost within reach of his goal, was caught in a heavy cross current and carried back out to sea. Fighting valiantly against the tide, Chotteau was carried several miles beyond Santa Monica but was unable to reach the shore.

Exhausted, Chotteau was rushed to a hospital here, where he was given emergency treatment. His condition was not critical, it was said.

No immediate statement was forthcoming from Chotteau as to whether he would again attempt the 33-mile swim.

ACADEMY OF MEDICINE
Dr. B. L. Coley, associate surgeon at the New York Hospital for the Ruptured and Crippled, will be the next Academy of Medicine speaker over WAAC and the Columbia network on Thursday, August 1, from 1:15 to 1:30 P. M. A. S. T. Dr. Coley's subject will be "Rupture, a Common Disabling Affliction".

McArthur ordered both teams from the field. The dispute arose over a goal scored by McLean of Scottish, which the referee allowed after consulting the linemen. He had whistled Scottish for an infringement on the score but Scottish protested and McArthur reversed his decision. The disputed goal tied the score at 3-3 after feverish play forced by Consols who faced elimination if they lost or draw.

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