

Sport in Brief

CONNIE MACK TALKS ABOUT BASEBALL

With his scouts now combing the college diamonds, Connie Mack expects to have a bumper crop of rah-rah pitchers report to him this summer as he goes about rebuilding the ruins of the world's champions of a few seasons ago.

Sitting as straight as an old Indian brave, his vest open and his right thumb in the top pocket, the lean leader of the A's talked about young pitchers all over the East and Midwest with a knowledge that was surprising in its volume.

Connie, despite his 73 years, has a memory like an encyclopedia. He spoke about the 1890 days when he caught for Buffalo with the same fresh note that he recalled a report about Emory Dickman of Buffalo, now hurling for Washington and Lee. He compared Dan Brouthers and Babe Ruth, and said the Babe had it on every distance hitter who ever played.

"He didn't have a weakness," said Connie. "We might fool him on a certain pitch one day and the next he would clout it into the stands."

He was in a reminiscent mood speaking before the faculty, student body and guests and took many of his auditors back to the days of the grandfathers. He described the various teams on which he played and then rated the clubs he thought best.

Three teams stand out in his estimation as the best clubs of all times. The famous Orioles of Baltimore under Ned Hanlon, the Cubs of the days of 1905 and later under Frank Chance and the Athletics of 1911-14.

He said he regarded Rube Waddell as the greatest lefthander of all time. And this without the high esteem in which he holds Lefty Grove. No one, he said, can take away the hitting honors from Babe Ruth, and likewise he recognized, in his day, many fine catchers, but Mickey Cochrane embodied the virtues and ability of all of them and still has something more.

Ty Cobb, a former Detroit star, was given the palm of the best all-around player he had seen in his 73 years of baseball. To please the crowd he, upon request, demonstrated the famous programme signal system. Connie

Around the Big League Circuit

National League

At Pittsburgh—	R. H. E.
Boston	4 9 0
Pittsburg	3 9 1
Batteries—MacFayden, Reis and Lopez; Swift and Todd.	

At Chicago—	R. H. E.
New York	3 5 0
Chicago	0 3 1
Batteries—Schumacher and Mancuso; Davis, Root and Hartnett.	

At St. Louis—	R. H. E.
Brooklyn	3 9 0
St. Louis	7 12 2
Batteries—Ernshaw and Berres; Parmelee and Davis.	

American League

At Washington—	R. H. E.
St. Louis	4 7 3
Washington	7 8 0
Batteries—Knott, Van Atta and Hensley; Newsom and Bolton.	

At Philadelphia—	R. H. E.
Detroit	7 11 3
Philadelphia	11 14 1
Batteries—Sorrell, Lawson, Kimsey and Cochrane; Ross, Dietrich and Moss.	

At New York—	R. H. E.
Chicago	1 15 1
New York	11 15 0
Batteries—Phelps, Evans and Sewell; Ruffing and Glenn.	

At Boston—	R. H. E.
Cleveland	2 10 0
Boston	6 10 2
Batteries—Allen, Winegarner and Sullivan; W. Ferrell and Berg.	

spoke for more than an hour and then answered questions of all.

"It was all a misunderstanding on both sides," he said. "One that never should have come up. I had to sell those players. Who wants to see a great ball player? They're too few today. But baseball is business. The fans who complained the loudest are those who stayed away from Shibe park. So many of them stayed away that we couldn't make ends meet."

The team that will make big money in baseball today is the "surprise" team, Connie said, "one that will come up from nowhere and finish one-two-three."

After more than half a century in the game, one of the oddities that still puzzles Mack is that a player may be a star in one league, and may not be able to earn his oats in another.

"Johnson couldn't do a thing for us, and so went sent him to Montreal. The next day he hurled a 1-hit shutout. Then we sent Benton and Matusa to Albany. They did some fine relief hurling against Cleveland and other hard-hitting teams, yet they've been knocked out of the International on almost every appearance.

The A's pilot says that radio broadcast of their home games has helped the attendance this season, but he doubted whether it would if the club was up in the first division.

He expects a big crop of college pitchers to report in September because, he said: "I like college pitchers; they take coaching more readily and develop faster."

A hick town is the place where the school teacher is not coming back next year because she flunked a prominent citizen's dull son.

NET CHAMPION TELLS VALUE OF GOOD VOLLEY

Net Players Should Put Force Behind the Volley

(By WILMER ALLISON)

PHILADELPHIA, June 3—The Volley is not a tentative shot. It cannot be made timidly. It must be given as one would make a smashing thump to the jaw. Hit your volleys.

In reality the volley is executed with a short jab. To get power into a blow in boxing, you must get behind it. The same thing is true in tennis. When volleying be sure the V formed by the thumb and forefinger is behind the racket and not on top, else you would lose the real force of the blow. Hit it in front of you and almost at arms length. And take a good whack at it!

The important thing to remember in volleying is this: Never let your racket head get below the level of your wrist.

How near the net should the good volleyer be? That is impossible to say. It depends on many factors, such as the surface of the court, what shot you have followed in, and so on. As to broad rule, advance to about seven feet from the net as your opponent hits, and then if you are not lobbed, move in closer and meet the ball.

Shots Should Be Mixed

If you play for pleasure, and most of us do, you will find it much more pleasant to play tennis with the idea of going in to volley at the first opportunity. When you have served, and your opponent's return strikes six feet short of the baseline, hit it and go in. If he has an outstanding weakness such as a poor backhand, hit it to his backhand and advance to the net.

If he has no outstanding weakness, hit it down the centre and go in. Make it a point not to hit the same type of ball each time you go to the net. Hit a fast one the first time, a high soft one the next time and a chop another time. Also, deliberately hit one short occasionally when going in. He will be back on his heels expecting a deep shot and will be caught by surprise. At best, he will have to hit up to you.

Of course, you will not always win the point by playing a net game. No one does. But the chances are you will win the larger number of them, and probably more than if you had hung around the baseline. Anyway, you have certainly had more fun.

Doubles Hint Given

When you have to volley from around your ankles, unless your opponent is out of court, volley directly down the centre and deep. Theoretically there is no such thing as a paper."

MOODY TALKS OF SITUATION IN TENNIS

LOS ANGELES, June 4—In a tennis match there is a "situation" in almost every rally. It is what makes the game so much fun to play. Sometimes, however, there will be a situation which will be a dominant feature of a match.

As an illustration of this, I recall one of the most thrilling an intriguing matches that I have ever seen—one between Bill Tilden and Henri Crochet on the centre court at Wimbledon some years ago. Curiously enough, had both players been less experienced in the game of tennis, the outcome probably would have been different.

The severity, the length and the placement of his drives, which were passing the net at a low trajectory, allowing only the smallest of margin of safety, put Tilden in the lead.

Then came a break in his game, but not until the match was about his. He had only a few more points to win. Crochet, quick to see his opportunity, used the momentary uncertainty of Tilden's game as a means for approach to the net, where he was always in his element.

Strangely enough, it was here that the great store of experience that belonged to Tilden failed him when he could have made the most use of it, because of the fact that he knew he couldn't lose.

We knew he couldn't, too. But it was a time when confidence was not as well as wariness. The subsequent winning of this match by Crochet was recorded as one of the great upsets in Wimbledon tennis, and one of the most mysterious.

defensive volley, but actually the volley down the centre is a fine defense for a difficult volleying position.

Of course you can try a stop volley, but I would advise this only in sheer desperation, when you don't give a hang, or just as a sort of insult to an already fading adversary. You can't beat the average player on a stop volley.

In doubles always hit the first volley down the middle of your opponent's court. It is the opening move in doubles from which most any play can be developed. The first volley is the hardest, and by hitting it down the centre you leave yourself the greatest margin of safety. Also you draw both of your opponents to the centre of their court, leaving their alleys unprotected.

The rancher beckoned to his foreman: "Jake, I wish you'd ride into town and get the correct time."

"But I ain't got no watch!"

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FIRST SACKERS PACK HEAVIER PUNCH TODAY

NEW YORK, June 4—Maybe the American League first basemen possess a heavier punch at the plate than the guardians of the initial sack in the Frick circuit, but for plunking out base hits the National Leaguers have been doing a surprisingly grand job. Six of them are hitting well over the .300 mark and as a group they have an average of .315.

Not many regulars are hitting that high in either circuit, which is a tribute to the first basemen's fine work of the first five weeks. This is emphasized when it is remembered that the initial sack was probably the most uncertain spot on the diamond before the spring sessions got under way. Three rookies now have cornerer regular berths at first base, a high percentage.

Rookie Johnny Mize of the Cardinals should be commended not only because he has proved to be the prize comeback of the present season, but because he has supplanted Ripper Collins, one of the leading home run hitters of the past five years. Mize has a .319 average, and more than half of his safe drives have been for extra bases. He is very tall and has one of the most graceful swings anyone would care to see.

It seems that Bill Terry is out to better his life-time batting average in what may be his last year as an active player. Manager Bill, who with Sam Leslie, is sharing the Giants' first base duties, is up around the .500 mark despite his creaking legs.

Phil Cavarretta, the Cubs' rookie flash of last season, is one of the two regulars who are under the .300 line. Being a second-year man, it might be expected that he would go into a tail-spin, but so far he is still the same steady, reliable youngster who manages to hit around the .280 figure and turn in a first-class performance in the field.

BODY IDENTIFIED

HALIFAX, June 4—The body of a woman washed up on the shore of Halifax harbor today was identified by Salvation Army officers as Mrs. Sarah Crocker, 64. She had been acting strangely for some time, they said. One daughter, believed to be in Yarmouth, N. S., survives.

ESTATE VALUED AT \$169,585

SUMMERSIDE, P.E.I., June 4—The value of the estate of the late Rt. Rev. Msgr. Daniel J. Gillis, Indian River, was set at \$169,585 by probate. Msgr. Gillis bequeathed \$72,000 for charitable purposes and the remainder of his estate to 32 residuary legatees, each of whom will receive about \$1,700.

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Territory covered will include that between all stations. Fort William, Ont., Armstrong, Ont., and East in Canada, also from stations in said territory to stations in Canada west thereof. From all stations in Canadian territory to Detroit, Port Huron, and Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Buffalo, Suspension Bridge, Fort Covington, Helena, Bombay, Massena, and Rousespoint, N.Y., Norton Mills, Island Pond, Highgate Springs and Newport, Vt., Lowellton, Houlton, Fort Fair-

field and Vanceboro. (From New Brunswick) Maine and intermediate stations in the United States.

Holiday fares will be based on first class fare and one-third or coach class fare and one-third for the round trip. First class tickets will be valid in sleeping or parlor cars on payment of extra charge for accommodation furnished in such cars. Tickets good going Monday, June 22, until 2 p.m. Standard time, Tuesday, June 23, with return to leave destination not later than midnight, Standard time, Wednesday, June 24, and limited to continuous passage in both directions.

ACCEPTS RESIGNATION

AMHERST, N. S., June 4—The School Board accepted the resignation of Miss Elizabeth McKnight at a meeting here. Miss McKnight has been a capable member of the staff for many years. Supervisor R. B. Curry announced the closing date of the senior high school as June 19 and that of the junior high June 26.

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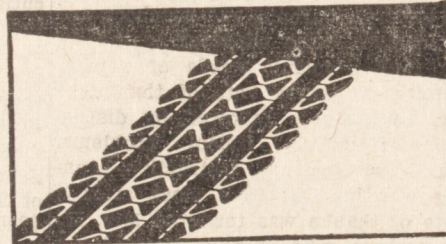
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