

SPORTS

Who's Worth Most, Cobb Or Johnson?

The most valuable to a ball club is the pitcher of the Walter Johnson variety, or a great infielder of the Napoleon League brand or a sensation of the Ty Cobb variety? The question was put to each member of the club in a recent meeting, the question was put to the managers it is a certainty that the pitcher or infielder will be given the preference over the outfielder.

Hughes Johnson was asked one day if he would trade Ty Johnson for Walter Johnson. Without the Johnsons would he agree to such a trade on even terms, as he considers Johnson more valuable to his team than Walter Johnson. Here is the way Johnson might win 25 or 30 games for his club by his great pitching. Cobb will win an equal number because of his great hitting and wonderful base running; incidentally he will win a few games by his sensational fielding. He also considers Johnson a far more delicate proposition than Cobb. Let Johnson suffer an injury to his arm that hurts his effectiveness, as Johnson, and he has lost practically all his value. Let Cobb suffer a similar injury to his arm and he will still be a great asset to the club. He will still be able to win many games by his fine fielding and base running, and his very best because of his weak pitching arm. An injury to a pitcher's arm often ruins his effectiveness, as he is not his right strike on the rubber, he must be in the best of his health. An injury to one of Cobb's legs while he is in the fielding would mean the passing of a Tyrus Cobb.

There is surely some sense to the argument as advanced by the sorrel-topped leader of the Tigers.

Countie Mack, the fussy leader of the Athletics, while coinciding almost entirely with Hughie Jennings' view on the matter, has one belief that differs with that of Hughie. Mack thinks a pitcher of the Johnson type is far more valuable to a second division or losing team, than Cobb would be. He also believes that Cobb is of more value to a winning or first division club than Johnson. Here is the way Countie puts it:

"As a rule a second division team is generally a bit shy on pitching. The opposition is usually able to make four, five or six runs a day on the average off its pitchers. On such teams men like Cobb do not show to advantage as they do on a winning club. One, two and three runs are often enough to win a game with a club that has a good staff of pitchers. With such a club, Cobb's frequent dashes that net a run, play the deciding part in the game.

"A fair club with a star pitcher is always hard to beat, as is proved when Johnson is on the mound for Washington. That club with the big Swede doing the twirling, is one of the toughest aggregations to trim in the American League," according to the wise Countie. "Fans always like to see Johnson perform; he is a far greater card on a losing team than Cobb, consequently he is a much better money getter, which is something every losing club is generally a trifle slow on."

It is a pretty hard matter to decide one way or the other, although it is certain that Jimmy McAleer wouldn't object in the least to a Ty Cobb, if he didn't have to give up a Walter Johnson to acquire him, while Jennings would welcome Walter Johnson with open arms, if his coming wouldn't mean the passing of a Tyrus Cobb.

lina Association for a ban on the spit ball in that league.

Wonder if the league directors would know a spit ball if they saw one of them mixed up in a couple of ins and outs?

And the spit ball will continue to be moistened in the Carolina League just as long as there is a sufficient crop of slippery elm.

What would the turpentine trust do if this was cut out of baseball? It would ruin the demand for rosin. Think of it!—Lynchburg Advance.

Just joking Mikey. Lave Cross takes this spit ball business seriously.

Bar Hudson is very anxious to meet Joe Turner here about the 22nd, and has written the sporting editor of the News asking if a date can be arranged. Turner is somewhere in Tennessee. He wrestled in Bristol last Monday night and lost to Anderson, the Englishman, on a foul. Reports from Bristol say that Anderson threw Turner off the mat, dislocating the shoulder of the mat artist who is so popular here. Knowing that he could do nothing with a dislocated shoulder and angry because of the rough tactics of the Englishman, Turner went back for the second heat and secured a full struggle on Anderson. The referee tug-of-war for a long time before he could break the hold. When he did make Turner "turn loose" the Englishman was almost unconscious. Joe said he wanted to give his opponent some of his own medicine.

Don't forget that basket ball game in the Y. M. C. A. tonight between the Wilmington five and the local quintet. It is for the championship of the Carolinas in the Y. M. C. A.'s and will be interesting from the first.

Clarence Beseley, the Vanderbilt pitching marvel of last season, who beat the University of Michigan by a 7 to 0 score and played ball with the Vinesse club in the Kitty League during the summer, has been drafted by the Terre Haute club in the Central League, and will report for practice with that club in a very few days. Beseley is a native of Aspen Hill, Tenn., and is a pitcher of unusual ability and promise.

He started out pitching for Brahan & Hughes School, and came to Vanderbilt from there with a good record behind him. At Vanderbilt he established his reputation of being about the best pitcher among the Southern colleges, and after school was over accepted an offer to play with Vinesse. He stood sixth from the top in pitching averages when the season closed, with eleven games won and six lost. He pitched three shut-out games and had an average of .647 for the season.

Big league ball players become famous for many fads, but it is safe to hazard the theory that Detroit is in possession of the only one who features candy-making as his pet sport, when off the ball ground.

"Chick" Lathers is the only amateur candy-maker in the big leagues and he's as proud of his candy as Ty Cobb is of his ability to drive a motor car.

"Chick" brought with him on the present trip a large box of what he terms "Vassar Creams." They made a tremendous hit with his mates, though they were so rich that two or three of the beneficiaries of the Lathers bounty, "Chick" made them himself and the players all agree that, on the first rainy day, they are going to rent a stove, provide "Chick" with some raw material and turn him loose, to replenish the supply, long since exhausted.

For the benefit of other candy-makers of the amateur order, the general public is let in on the Lathers receipt for Vassar creams.

"Make it just like you make fudge," says "Chick," only be sure that it boils only long enough to ball up in cold water. Set it outside to cool and, when it is thoroughly cold, start stirring it again. The more you stir it the better it is. Then flatten it down and cut

it up. Be sure that it is lying deep in the pan. It should be cut up into caramel sizes.—Detroit Times.

Since the present world's series of games began it has never yet been the fortune of any one club to get revenge for a defeat in this series. The Red Sox won the series from the Pirates in 1904, but the Bostonians haven't won a pennant since and the Pirates never got another chance at them. The Giants drubbed the Athletics in 1905, but the Giants were only second the next time the Athletics won their pennant, which was last year. The Cubs were lamed by the White Sox in 1906, but though the Cubs were in the world's series three times after that the Sox weren't their opponents. True, the Cubs drubbed the Sox in a series in 1909, but it was only a city series. The Detroiters are the only team that has had a chance to square accounts with a team that beat them for the world's championship, but they weren't equal to the occasion of re-vengeing themselves on the Cubs. The Pittsburghs won their pennant in 1909, but the Detroiters and not the Bostonians were their opponents.—New York Sun.

Umpires have been called "the backbone of baseball." Only once in the history of the game has one umpire been found guilty of crooked work, and that was many years ago, when the gambling element threatened to kill the game for all time. Nowadays, no matter how the fans may roast an umpire, nobody seriously believes that the official is dishonest. At the same time there are many ball players who will not admit that there ever was a first-class umpire.

Things have changed so much from the old days, when umpires were driven out of the game with shattered nerves caused by the actions of the players and narrow-minded fans, that one of the National League indicator handlers recently remarked: "Talk about the friendliness umpire is played on. The umpires have more friends today than the ball players have." So popular is the once "hated" job at the present day that President Thomas J. Lynch of the National League, in making up his staff for the coming season, had to turn down no less than sixty applications for the two vacancies on the staff. When President Lynch handled the indicator he was known as the king of umpires. His logic is that nerve will carry an umpire through any situation. "Umpiring never was and never will be a cinch," says Lynch. "You can't please everybody, and hence you please nobody. It's better now than in the old days, though, goodness knows, it will never be a fair job to umpire a ball game. I am not in favor of deathly peace and quiet on the field. I wouldn't give a cent for a manager who didn't object if a palpatory wrong decision was given against his team in a close game. The fans like life and activity on the field and admire the fighting spirit."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Last Basket Ball Game of The Season

Charlotte And Wilmington Y. M. C. A. Teams Will Contest To-night in Local Y. M. C. A. Gymnasium--Game Called at 8:30.

Wilmington wired that they would be here tonight without fail, so when the referee blows his whistle at 8:30 tonight in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium, the last basket ball game with an outside team, will be on for the present season. The two opposing quintets, will be the five representing Wilmington and Charlotte Y. M. C. A.'s. The outcome of the game is uncertain, but the way the local team will line up it will make them a very strong aggregation, and if it would have been possible for them to have played this season as they will have tonight, in all probability every game that has been played would have been victories. In most of the games this season, the team has played in a very weakened condition, but this will not be the case tonight, as the strongest team will be played. The game will be started with the following line-up: Crowell and Averett forwards, Allison center, Stewart and Alexander guards.

Wilmington has no weak team by any means and they will give the local boys all they are looking for. Their line-up will be: Stevens and E. Hines forwards, Grainger and Newkirk guards, Hugh Hines and Fillyaw centers.

The admission to the game will be 25c, and being the last game, a very large crowd will in all probability be on hand.

GREAT HORSES FOR JACKEY CLUB AT JAMESTOWN

Norfolk, Va., March 11.—When the spring race meet opens at the Jamestown Jockey Club track in this city on April 5th, the best horses in the country owned by the leading men of the turf will be entered for the three weeks of sport.

August Belmont, recognized wherever horse racing is known as one of the greatest lovers of the game in the world, will have fifteen horses at the local meet. Among the Belmont entries will be Field Mouse, Footprint, Practical and many other good racers owned by the millionaire turfman.

C. C. Smitherson will have a stable of fourteen at the local meet and the bunch will include such fast ones as High Private, Stinger and some others. E. J. Moyne will have a big string as he has made application for a number of stalls and has already shipped a carload of horses from Oakland.

Among the horses from Oakland, and J. R. Marquette, of New York, will be here with several good ones.

August Belmont, R. T. Wilson, jr., Samuel C. Hildreth, Richard F. Carman, Captain E. B. Sassatt and other influential turfmen will send their best horses to Norfolk, which in itself is a guarantee that the April meet will be a great success.

Officials of the Jamestown meet will be Ed. Cole and Frank Bryan, judges; Herman P. Conding, paddock judge; J. Horford Smith, clerk of scales; Fred W. Gerhardt, secretary; Mars Cassidy, starter; Marty Mahony, advance information, and Bob Levy manager.

CAROLINA LEAGUE IS LOOKING FOR TOWN

Rocky Mount, N. C., March 11.—Lovers of the national sport in this city are naturally asking questions about the Eastern Carolina League, and there is a good deal of interest being manifested in this city as to where the Wilmington franchise will be placed, while with the pessimists there is a doubt as to whether or not there will be any baseball, while the optimist and the sound reasoner can't do it out how the large mass of the fans in the several towns over the circuit can stand it, when the sap begins to run and there is no baseball. The great American game is too much a fixture in Eastern Carolina and while, as Mr. Bradley has said, "this league is run on sentiment," still none of this sentiment is dead, but instead the rank of sentimentalists are being added to with each season.

In the death of Mr. Lewis C. Levy, the president of the local association baseball in Rocky Mount, lost a most valued friend and advisor and the league as well lost an able director.

Rocky Mount has been represented at the league meetings and when the roll call for another season was read, this city answered that it was ready to play baseball and it is. Its representative voted for the league to remain intact and so far as the Railroaders are concerned, though having gone through a crushing blow in the death of its president, still this city wants to play ball and people here are anxiously awaiting the placing of the sixth franchise in the Eastern Carolina League.

Did Atlanta Mogul Have Axe to Grind?

New Orleans, March 11.—That several of the club owners who voted to revise part of the salary player limit clause, said to be unconstitutional, at recent meetings held by Southern League directors, had old scores to settle, is gradually becoming known, as alleged inside facts as to the real motives are finding their way to the fans and the result will probably raise a general howl around the Southern League circuit before long.

According to the gossip following the meeting, it seemed the determined attack made by President Baugh, of the Birmingham club, on the clause affecting the player-manager's salary being excluded from the salary limit, was simply a scheme originated by Mr. Heisman, of Atlanta.

The real motive for changing this particular clause, so the story goes, was to provide a ways and means to rid the Southern League of Billy Smith, former Atlanta manager, but now with Chattanooga. There was no way to get back at Smith open to Mr. Heisman, except by revising this section, and finding Mr. Baugh had a playing manager—Molesworth—Heisman also found a leader to carry on his fight.

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NEWS OF SPORTS

(By Terry Cleaton.)

News Basser, the North Carolina hero who went to Virginia and made out a splendid reputation and who was out with Washington, reported to manager Jimmy McAleer fit for work. He has kept himself in good condition all the winter and he's ready for the game that now. Bussey is only one of the North Carolina men who are to make good in the Majors.

Winn, the boy from Fayetteville, who with the Senators, has to be told to hold himself in check. He is a little small and his manager had to make him take things easier or he would have too much flesh.

Charlie Spain, a promising outfielder with the Nationals is limbering up in Atlanta. He has two uncles in Georgia who he has never seen, and expects to meet them before he leaves Atlanta.

Walter Johnson, the Charlotte whirlwind, who was dislocated in Bristol by Anderson, the Englishman, is expected to get revenge for the injury by putting a strange looking Anderson and checking the rotation of the team.

"Is he a senator?" asked an Atlanta fan, quick as a flash the Englishman replied: "No, he's the son of elected, but it will be several weeks before I know whether he's a regular Lorimer or not."

The National Commission hasn't decided the hooker matter yet and Dan Ryan will hold him.

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fool the opposing pitcher and catcher. "The next occasion on which the hit-and-run play was in order I was at the bat, and the manager, who was also a player, was on third. I thought that, to worry the pitcher, I would bluff with the old signal, and I slammed the bat down on the plate five or six times, feeling sure that the man on third would understand. The pitcher started grinning, since he knew the signal, and threw one about a mile high to the catcher. I stood and let the ball go by without pretending to hit it, when, to my astonishment, the manager on third came flying in toward him and I got the credit for a bone-head play.

"The only explanation was that the manager had forgotten the new signal and had responded to the old one that was discarded during the game. He realized what he had done just as he was reaching the plate and felt sorter cheap. 'That's one on me, Bill,' he said when he came to the bench, but the sporting writers didn't know and blew me up next day."

Lester to Meet Lang.
By Associated Press.
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