

ST. LOUIS STILL HAS A SHOWING

May Get in Among Leaders in American League Yet but Record Heretofore makes Fans Skeptical

By JOHN B. FOSTER

New York, Aug. 11.—Ever since the St. Louis Browns departed from New York, their last Eastern trip, they have been cutting in on the lead of the Yankees, Detroit and Washington.

St. Louis has done this before and then fallen down. For that reason, any fresh spurt they make now is viewed with skepticism. Earlier this year they took a start that looked most promising. They began to hit together and the loyalty which the players showed to Sisler made it seem as if the Browns would be as much a contender in the fight as New York or Detroit. Washington at that time had not even begun to loom.

Then the Browns crumpled for a variety of reasons. Injured players had much to do with, and the pitchers did not come up to expectations. Some objected to the manner in which Sisler handled his team, but they always do that to any manager when his club falls off after a spurt.

St. Louis slipped as low as sixth place. The team acted as if it was out of sorts and those who had hoped most for it became despondent.

The Yanks walloped the Browns severely on the last visit of St. Louis to the big city. And then one of those reactions set in which have been common in the American League all season and which have made it impossible to figure whether there is any such thing as the so-called form. That is one of the reasons why the American League race is so tight. Let a team catch another just right and it wins a series, only to lose in the next one if the conditions happen to be reversed.

No one can keep track of that kind of baseball but it's the best in the world, so it does not matter whether one can keep track or not.

After losing to New York the Browns won from Washington and Philadelphia. They captured six games out of nine. Apparently that gave them heart again. They went home and lost two out of three to Boston, then defeated the Yanks three out of four, which was gaining with a vengeance, and topped that off by winning five straight from Washington. On form, it would be said to be practically impossible for a team like Washington to drop five straight to a team like St. Louis. But there is no form.

Then on Thursday the Browns turned around and doped both ends of a doubleheader to the lowly Athletics. Again, there is no form.

The result of the Browns' crusading since they went home has been a run of almost 700 baseball. In a league where the leader ranks only 570, this is good enough to win—if it can be kept up.

The Browns have put themselves back in the race by their recent play. If by chance, they should win another series, they would be bidding for the top and St. Louis would be pennant crazy. But those two games Thursday with Philadelphia prove that there's still room for skepticism.

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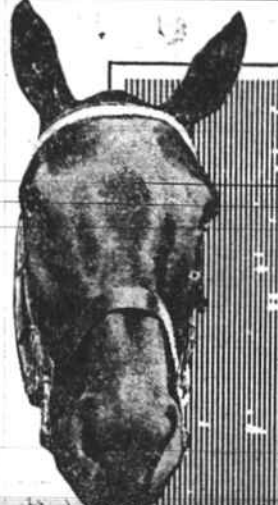
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Major League Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Saturday's Scores			
Philadelphia, 4; Pittsburgh, 16.			
Philadelphia, 9; Pittsburgh, 7.			
Boston, 6; Chicago, 11.			
Boston, 6; Chicago, 2.			
Brooklyn, 1; St. Louis, 5.			
New York, 4; Cincinnati, 2.			
Sunday's Scores			
New York, 1; Cincinnati, 5.			
New York, 2; Cincinnati, 4.			
Brooklyn, 8; St. Louis, 4.			
Brooklyn, 6; St. Louis, 5.			
Standing of Teams			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	69	38	.645
Pittsburgh	59	44	.572
Chicago	58	48	.547
Brooklyn	58	50	.537
Cincinnati	58	53	.524
St. Louis	45	62	.420
Philadelphia	40	64	.384
Boston	39	67	.367

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Saturday's Scores			
Chicago, 8; Washington, 2.			
Chicago, 5; Washington, 8.			
Detroit, 3; Boston, 2.			
Cleveland, 1; New York, 5.			
St. Louis, 4; Philadelphia, 1.			
Sunday's Scores			
Cleveland, 7; New York, 1.			
Chicago, 2; Washington, 4.			
Detroit, 13; Boston, 7.			
St. Louis, 10; Philadelphia, 8.			
Standing of Teams			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	52	48	.563
Detroit	51	47	.565
Washington	50	49	.550
St. Louis	56	51	.523
Chicago	51	56	.477
Cleveland	52	57	.477
Boston	45	62	.421
Philadelphia	46	63	.422

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FIRPO'S LIKELY TO BE DROPPED

Won't Have Trainer Who Won't Let Him Eat and Will Likely Finish Him With Poke in Belly.

By FAIR PLAY

New York, Aug. 11.—Alarming reports from Saratoga where Firpo is preparing for his battle with Harry Wills. The wild bull wants his fodder frequently and in plentiful quantities. He has no idea of the virtues of dieting and inclines to those rich viands that titillate the palate and add huge rolls of ebopoint to the mid-section.

Luis is surrounded by a band of yes-men, according to all accounts and refuses to tolerate the presence of a mentor like Jimmy DeForrest who would prescribe food for him and make him stick to it.

Tex Rickard built up Firpo very carefully and with a lot of skill. It looks now as though the promoters were prepared to let him fall with equal suddenness.

Firpo has not been an easy man to handle and since the coming encounter on Boyle's Thirty Acres promises—from the sale of tickets thus far—to be a clean-up this time seems as good as any to let Firpo pass out of the picture.

Of course, he may club Wills into submission, but what is going to happen to him if Wills gets to him first with one of those stomach pile-drivers is plenty.

The sad part of it is, from Firpo's standpoint, that a good trainer and a skilled coach could take Luis in hand and probably make of him the most formidable fighter that ever stood in a ring.

In other words, it is good for our heavyweight prestige that Firpo is an Argentinian instead of a Finn.

What those Finnish trainers would make of Luis may be left to the imagination.

There is a negro middleweight hailing from Providence named Jack Green, who will bear watching. The writer saw him stoving Vic Clifford away the other night with the shortest kind of right hook. The blow did not travel

more than six inches. That is championship hitting. Green battles with Bobby Michaels in Jersey tonight and Bobby sure wants to watch out.

Leo Flynn seems to think all he has to do when one of his men is about to do battle is to scare the opponent before he gets into the ring. Thereupon all one of his fighters has to do is to move his arms and the battle is won. He pulled superstitious stuff upon George Godfrey and now he is sending out rumors of stuff showing why and how Bartley Madden will be lucky if he remains awake more than a round or two in the ring with Jack Renault on Monday night.

LUMBER BUSINESS BRISK

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Some men look so cheap they give themselves away.

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