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Baseball Lore

You may be crazy about baseball, you may be able to rattle off the batting averages of every player in the major leagues, you may know all there is to know about every team from the Cards to "Dem Bums", but it's ten to one you don't know how the game started.

In colonial times, Americans played a game called "Rounders", a game that was similar in many respects to the present day baseball. Because of this similarity, "Rounders" was originally believed to be the first form of baseball, but it is now generally conceded that baseball started from a strictly American game named "One Old Cat", "Two Old Cat" or "Three Old Cat" and so on meaning the number of bases the batsmen had to touch before regaining home-plate.

From this crude method of "bat the ball, run and score", developed the game of "Town Ball" in which teams competed against other teams. The first Town Ball Club was organized in 1833 in Philadelphia and in 1839, from the rudiments of "Town Ball", Col. Abner Doubleday devised and named the game of baseball.

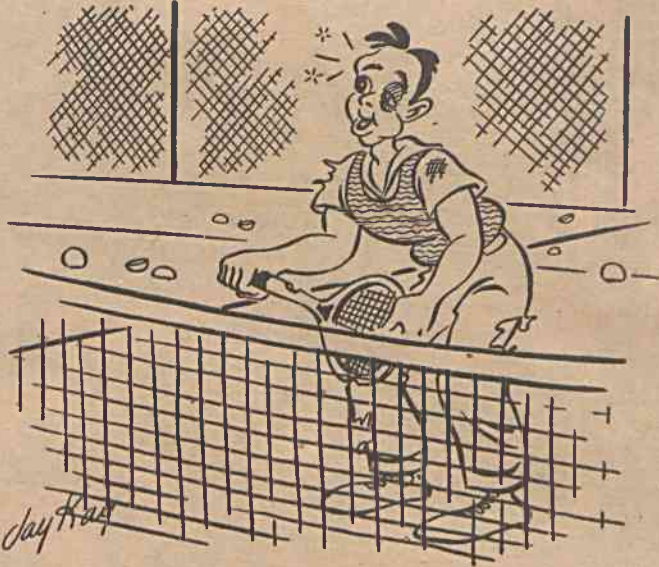
At the time Col. Doubleday laid down his rules for baseball, the ball was larger than now and the pitcher was required to toss the ball or pitch with an underhand swing as in softball. No gloves were used and an ax handle made a perfectly suitable bat. But while the rules and equipment have changed with the times, Doubleday's fixture of base locations and distances between bases has never been changed.

Today, baseball, the American national game, is rapidly conquering the world. In Canada, it is becoming more popular every year. Cuba has its professional team, and we all know what is happening in Mexico. It is played by the Japanese, the Chinese, and Filipinos. American soldiers in World Wars one and two spread baseball everywhere. Baseball may turn out to be better propaganda than anything our statesmen can devise.

But regardless of what it does for world policy, it's still plenty of fun to watch—So pass the pop bottles, Mister, and let's see a game of "Three Old Cat."

Employees And Their Families Can Learn To Swim At Sapphire

All employees and their families are cordially invited and urged to attend swimming classes taught daily at Camp Sapphire. Swimming can afford many hours of pleasure and safety for you and your family. Ecustans from ages 6 to 60 are welcome. Parents, come—bring your youngsters! Watch them learn—or better still, be a student and learn together. The beginners classes are daily, except Saturday and Sunday, from 11 a. m. to 12 and from 3 p. m. to 4.



"NICE FOREHAND YOU'VE GOT THERE, MISS SMITH."

Batting Averages

"Footsie" Case and Rick Orr, of Machine Room, are now leading in batting averages in the inter-departmental baseball league. The complete list is shown below:

CONTROL-MAINTENANCE

Player	AB	H	Pct.
White, B.	7	3	.428
Byrd	26	10	.384
Corn	17	6	.352
Morris, C.	17	6	.352
Thomas	6	2	.333
Sexton	17	5	.294
Gilreath	26	7	.269
Dorn	20	4	.200
Sams	10	2	.200
Vance	15	3	.200
Head, R.	10	2	.200
DeBrabant	5	1	.200
Edens	5	1	.200
Nicholson	6	1	.166
Rigdon	6	1	.150
Wilbur	20	3	.150
Rhodes	3	0	.000
Jennings	1	0	.000
Orr	2	0	.000
Bradburn	1	0	.000

MACHINE ROOM

Player	AB	H	Pct.
Case	31	15	.483
Orr	27	13	.481
Head, R.	18	7	.388
Gregory	24	8	.333
Suttles	22	7	.318
White, E.	23	7	.304
Fisher	19	5	.263
Miller	24	6	.250
Pace	15	3	.200
McCurry	31	6	.193
Pickelsimer	9	0	.000

CHAMPAGNE

Player	AB	H	Pct.
O'Dell	4	2	.500
Riddle	26	9	.346
Dockens	16	5	.312
Taylor, M.	20	5	.250
Landreth	12	3	.250
Carter	14	4	.285
Misenheimer, H.	22	5	.227
Wilkie	19	4	.210
Clayton	26	5	.192
Taylor, O.	12	2	.166
Misenheimer, W.	13	2	.153
Drake, T.	20	3	.150

PULP MILL

Player	AB	H	Pct.
Russell	3	2	.666
Alexander	20	9	.450
Meixell	3	1	.333
Whitesides	3	1	.333
Merrill	28	9	.321
Allison	25	6	.240
Morris, R.	23	5	.217
Holt	15	3	.200
Lindley	5	1	.200
Bradley	15	3	.200
Bullock	16	3	.187
Cagle	14	2	.143
Loftis	15	2	.133
Newbury	16	2	.125
Wilson	3	0	.000
Drake, F.	4	0	.000

Tommy—How did you get that swollen nose?
Timmy: I bent down to smell a brose in my garden.
Tommy: There's no "b" in rose.
Timmy: There was in this one.

The easy way out of an assignment can be the easy way out of success.

Ecusta To Play Martel Mills Here Saturday Afternoon At 3:30 O'clock

Second Half Is Now In Progress

Inter-departmental baseball managers voted affirmatively at a meeting on Thursday, July 18th., to extend play through a second half of two rounds. It was also agreed that the winner of the first alf play a three-game series with the winner of the second half.

The decision to continue play resulted from a demand of the majority of players on all teams. The present schedule proved insufficient to all concerned. The continuation of play will in no way affect the winner of the champion-

Expecting Tough Game. Locals Have Split Four Games This Month

The Ecusta baseball team in the Western North Carolina Industrial league will play the improved Martel Mills team here Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in a regular scheduled league game.

These two teams have played once before on the visitor's field and Grover Suttles held them to one run, while his Ecusta teammates collected 20 runs. The game Saturday, however, promises to be a close one, since the Martel Mills outfit has won its most recent games from other teams in the Industrial league.

Manager Alexander announced this week that two men have been added to the local club in an effort to increase the batting power of the team. "Knuckle-Ball" Morris, one of the leading hitters in the inter-departmental league, will probably take over the centerfield position, and "Footsie" Case will most likely be substituted for Rick Orr, who was injured in the Beacon game.

During the past month, the Ecusta ball club has split four games, winning from Enka in the Big Fourth of July home-game by the score of 6 to 0, and from Canton on the previous Saturday, 7 to 2, and losing to Enka, 7 to 1 and to Beacon Mills, 5 to 2.

Should the locals win Saturday and the Beacon team lose to Hazelwood, the league-leaders, the Ecusta team will again be in second place in the league.

ship since it was agreed at first that the winner of most games in the three round play would be declared the champions of Ecusta.

Second Half Schedule

July 31—Control vs. Pulp Mill.
Aug. 1—Machine Room vs. Champagne.
Aug. 7—Machine Room vs. Pulp Mill.
Aug. 8—Control vs. Champagne.
Aug. 14—Machine Room vs. Control.
Aug 15 — Champagne vs. Pulp Mill.
Aug. 21—Control vs. Pulp Mill.
Aug. 22—Machine Room vs. Champagne.
Aug. 28—Machine Room vs. Control.
Aug. 29 — Champagne vs. Pulp Mill.
Sept. 4—Machine Room vs. Pulp Mill.
Sept. 5—Control vs. Champagne.