## Sisler Was Great in College Before He Joined Majors

### Had Grand Batting Average of .543 at Michigan University.

It was in the spring of 1915, at Ann Arbor, Mich., that two young southpaw hurlers were engaged in a pitchers battle. George Sisler of Michigan and Ernie Koob o fthe Kalamazoo Normal were the principals in a pitchers duel that will be remembered by the students when they reach the grandfather period.

The game lasted fifteen innings and no runs were scored by either team. Koob held the batsmen of Michigan to a pair of singles and fanned thirteen batsmen. Sisler didn't pitch the entire game. At the end of the fifth he was shifted to the outfield and made the only hits registered off the southpaw curves of Ernie Koob. In the five innings he pitched no hits were made and twelve batsmen struck out. The recount of the game tells that of the sixty-seven balls pitched by Sisler fifty-seven were strikes.

This was one of the early events in the career of two college lads who, in later years, were teammates on the St. Louis Browns. Koob stuck to the pitching game, and Sisler, who possessed infinitely more skill than Koob, when it came to pitching a baseball, cut the pitching game to bat his way to fame adn fortune, which he is doing today with phenomenal success.

**SISLER MADE BATTING A SPECIALTY.**

When the now famous Sisler signed a contract he was slated as a pitching possibility, but showed batting ability which overshadowed his value as a hurler, at least so thought the management of the St. Louis club and to make it stronger this college-bred athlete demonstrated that he could play first base a little better than the average big league first sacker.

The St. Louis management couldn't make a mistake in playing Sisler in almost any position, but, at that, there was lost to the game a hurler whose southpaw curves would have dimmed the wonderful records of a Morris, a Ramsay or a Kilroy if fate had destined him to follow the pitching game.

That another Killian, Breitenstein or a Noodles Hahn was ushered into big league baseball was the verdict of the fans after George Sisler pitched his first full game against the Cleveland team July 3, 1915, allowing but seven singles and whiffing nine batsmen and it was the opinion of the experts who saw the left-handed recruit work and give a demonstration of curve pitching that he had stuff equal to any southpaw the game ever had.

**ONE OF GREATEST COLLEGE PLAYERS.**

It is doubtful if ever a college campus produced a greater ball player and hurler than George Sisler, and his work from 1913 until 1915 was of such a nature that every scout in the land had lines out for him. Sisler won fame in college circles with the stick as well as being a pitcher of rare ability. An idea prevails that college hurlers are as a rule weak opposition, that the average college batsman swings at everything offered by the hurler who possesses a good curve.

This incident will give an insight as to how puzzling Sisler's curves were and what splendid control he had. In a game against the University of Syracuse in the spring of 1915, when that school had the best baseball aggregation in its history, Sisler struck out 20 batsmen in a game that went 13 innings. The remarkable feature about his work was the fact that on the most of the players who fanned the strikes were called. Invariably the first batsman up in every inning was called out on strikes, without even taking his bat off his shoulder, so completely did the benders sent through by Sisler deceive them.

Sisler made many wonderful records while pitching to college batsmen. Sisler didn't pitch more than twenty games while with the Michigan team and many of these were only part games. As far as can be ascertained, only thirty hits were made off his delivery. Sisler has a record of striking out fifteen batsmen in succession. It happened this way:

**WONDERFUL RECORD AS STRIKE-OUT KING.**

In a game he was called in to finish the last two innings, six men fanned in a row. In the next game Sisler began with the first inning and until the end of the third round not a man touched the ball, nine striking out. This brand of pitching was too good and he was sent to the outfield, and this incident explains why George Sisler wasn't used more in the role of hurler while at Michigan. With him on the mound it took all the competition out of the game.

With the bat Sisler was in a class by himself, for no college hurler had anything to deceive the Ohio lad. He had a batting average of .543 for his entire career at Michigan, and the remarkable feature about his stick work was that in only two games did he fail to make a hit, and his career at Michigan extended from 1913 to 1915. Of course, college pitchers couldn't do much against a wonder like Sisler, but the hurlers in the big show haven't had much more success in deceiving the batting eye of this great batsman.

Like many other left-handed hurlers who were converted into fielders because of their wonderful ability to hit the ball, and who, as a rule, became great batsmen, Sisler has proved no exception to the traditions of the past, and his name is linked with such famous pitcher-batsmen as Elmer Smith, Cy Seymour, Jesse Burkett, Mike Tiernan, George Van Haltren, Billy George, Mike Donlin and Babe Ruth.

### Tennis Official Hurt

CHICAGO, March 3.—Harry S. Knox, former president of the South Side Tennis Club, and of the Chicago Tennis Association, and H. Castleman, his secretary, were severely injured in an automobile accident. Mr. Knox had both arms broken. He was to have played Thursday night in the indoor city tennis tournament at the Coliseum.

## Officials Chosen for A. A. U. Gymnastic Meet

Officials for the first Indiana A. A. U. gymnastic tournament to be conducted at the Normal College Saturday night, has been announced by Emil Rath, director of the meet. Dr. C. B. Sputh will referee and the judges are Dr. W. A. Ocker, Stanley Burroughs, George Lipps, Fred W. Hall, Ernest Hoelscher, Curt Toll and Joseph Weismueller. For the city championship in dancing in connection with the tournament the judges will be Miss Gertrude Hacker, Miss Ada B. Crozier, Miss Gladys Seiler and Mrs. Kate Steichmann.

Entrants for the city A. A. U. dancing championship include Norma Koster, Margaret Marbey, Vera Schulmeyer, Elsa Swartz and Agnes Search of the Athenaeum gym; Ruth Belew, Dorothy Hook and Eleanor Marschke of the Hoosier Athletic Club, Regina Christian, Florence Fox, Gretchen Mueller and Lillian Mueller of the South Side Turners and Esther Hoebner and Theresa Prinz of the Normal College.

### N. D. Spring Card

NOTRE DAME, Ind., March 3.—Notre Dame baseball nine will travel into Kentucky on a spring training trip of eight days during the Easter vacation. The training trip schedule follows:

April 15, St. Mary's College at St. Mary's, Ky.; April 17, St. Mary's College at St. Mary's, Ky.; April 18, University of Louisville at Louisville, Ky.; April 19, Georgetown College at Georgetown, Ky.; April 20, University of Kentucky at Lexington, Ky.; April 21, St. Xavier's College at Cincinnati; April 22, University of Dayton at Dayton.

### Brown With Hav

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill., March 3.—The Havollnes baseball club has completed arrangements to start the season of 1922. Mordecai Brown of the Chicago Cubs of 1907 to 1910, will be at the helm and himself intends to pitch in several battles.

### College Net Results

Syracuse University, 29; Creighton, 20.
Dennison, 52; Miami, 45.
Ohio Wesleyan, 45; Kenyon, 22.

## A. A. C. Has Team Entered in Gary Boxing Tourney

GARY, Ind., March 3.—Entries for the A. A. U. boxing carnival which will be held here March 9, 10 and 11, closed Thursday night with more than 100 entrants, it was announced.

According to the entry lists full teams will participate from the Hoosier Athletic Club of Indianapolis, Culver Ind.; Hyde Park, Y. M. C. A., Swedish American A. C., Chicago Hebrew Institute, Western Electric, Greek Athletic Club Arcade gym, and Ferretti gym of Chicago and Notre Dame University. There are also a number of unattached entries listed. Gary will have eighteen or twenty men on its team.

The contests will all be three two-minute rounds. In case of draw an additional round may be added.

## Monmouth Beats Knox in Title Net Contest

MONMOUTH, Ill., March 3.—Monmouth College basketball team won the title of the I. I. A. C. here by defeating Knox College, 26 to 19. Albro, Knox's star, failed to cage a single basket. Monmouth's stellar performers were Smiley and Lew Wallace.

## Greensburg Throws New Ball League Out of Gear

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., March 3.—Doubt was expressed by several officials here yesterday concerning the future of the Southern Indiana baseball league, which was formed here several months ago. The present situation has been brought about by the action taken by directors of the Greensburg Eagles baseball club, which have withdrawn the application of the club for membership in the league.

William H Isley, president of the proposed league, received the decisions yesterday of the Greensburg club managers and announced a meeting would be called if the eight teams that have entered the organization. Batesville has indicated that it would not remain in the league unless the Greensburg team was a member.

In withdrawing from the league the managers of the Eagles team stated that they believed the team would have a more successful season as an independent organization than as a member of a small league.

**ATHLETE VOGEL HONORED.**

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., March 3.—Otto Vogel, all-star athlete, has been awarded a cup offered to the Illinois letter man making the highest scholastic average for the first semester. H. B. Tabor was second.

## Central of Evansville Girls' Team Undefeated

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 3.—Central High School of this city claims one of the best girl's basket-ball teams in the State. The team has not been defeated this season, which is thought to be record no other girls' team has equalled. By comparitive scores the local team seems to have the edge on some of the strongest girls' clubs in the State. Brownsburg was defeated by Monrovia and Monrovia was beaten by Garfield. Central H. S has won two contests from Garfield. If there are any other undefeated quiffis in the State the Evansville team is very anxious to meet them. John O. Chewning, principal of Central, is in direct charge and games can be arranged through him.


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