

Nail-Studded Bats Latest Trick to Boost Distance Clouting in the Majors

PLAYERS FOUND EVADING RULES TO AID HITTING

52 Nails Discovered in One
War Club Examined by
Umpire.

LIVELY BALL HAS RIVAL

Catchers Say Some Bludgeons
Being Used Are Cause of
Hefty Slugging.

By BILLY EVANS

The lively ball is the very latest thing in baseball.

For several years most of the hard hitting has been charged against the so-called lively ball.

Now there comes the question as to whether or not the bat is playing a part.

Major league catchers are of the belief that the bat is doing its bit toward helping along the slugging that now features.

Here is the latest rumor that is going the rounds relative to the increased hitting.

Favorite Bats Are Spiked

Major league players have their favorite bats. In order to preserve these favorites bats it has been the custom for years with players to drive a few small nails or tacks into the bat where it showed signs of splitting.

Although the rules say that the bat shall be entirely of wood, little attention has ever been paid to the custom of driving a few nails into a favorite bat in order to preserve it.

It is a well-known fact that the hardest hit bats come into contact with the bat at a point from six to twelve inches from the end of the bat.

52 Nails Found in One

Some player evidently got the idea that it would be a clever stunt to stud the bat with nails at the favorite point of contact. Only a week or so ago, I ruled out a bat that had fifty-two nails driven into the bat close to the end.

It is said that the practice has become general in both big leagues. It is easy to picture how much impetus such a studDED area would give to a ball that was properly hit.

While umpires never essay to play the role of detective, the catchers are all beginning to watch the bats closely, and I understand any number of bats have recently been ruled out in both major leagues.

It wouldn't be at all surprising if some definite action was taken against this dishonest practice by both leagues and the umpires given orders to throw out all bats that contained even a single nail.

SISLER DETECTS FAINT FLUTTER OF A PENNANT

George and Other Browns Confident of First American Loop Flag.

By United News

PHILADELPHIA, July 22.—Although Sisler, leader of the American League in most departments of the game, bears the first faint phantom flutters of the first pennant that has flapped from a St. Louis flag-pole in thirty-four years.

Sisler predicts the Browns will beat out the Yanks, Tigers, Indians and White Sox for this season's banner, which would be the first major league pennant ever won by St. Louis.

George said the whole club felt the same confidence. Then he explained that the Browns are a game and a half ahead of the Yanks now, almost as far ahead as they were when they came East. Their lead then was two games.

Further, Sisler called attention to the fact that the Browns have only one more short road trip this season, play many of their remaining games against the weaker clubs, and the majority of their remaining games at home.

ROUSH CASE DEADLOCKED

Although Player Is Reinstated, He Demands Original Terms.

CINCINNATI, July 22.—Although a dispatch from Oakland City, Ind., Roush's home, states that the Cincinnati outfielder has been reinstated by Judge Landis, the complexion of the case remains almost unchanged, as Roush is still holding out for the \$18,000 a year that he originally demanded.

The Cincinnati club has not retracted from the terms of \$15,000 a year offered Roush. The Red star said positively that he would not play unless his demands were met.

It is said that Commissioner Landis strongly commanded the Cincinnati club for its determined stand on the salary question.

City Colored Net Finals

Price and Brown are the semi-final matches of the city tennis tournament being conducted by the Colored Y. M. C. A. Price eliminating Cable, 6-3, 6-1, 6-3, and Brown defeating Hawkins, 6-2, 6-3, 6-6. The final match was to be played today. The winner of the meet will go to the national colored tournament at Philadelphia.

Another for the Sox

SEATTLE, Wash., July 22.—Frank G. "Stubby" Mack, young right-hander of the Seattle club, has been sold to the White Sox for cash and players amounting to \$50,000, the club announced Friday.

HOMER AND DOUBLE

By United News

NEW YORK, July 22.—Ty Cobb, the poor old guy, had another of his feeble days at bat in the game which the Tigers lost to the Yanks Friday. All he made was a Homer with two men on base and a double.

Two hits for six bases in four times up for a feeble afternoon's batting average of .300.

The poor old guy.



Lew Hopes to Win With Body Punch

COLORED BOXERS END WORK Gans and Blackburn Close Hard Training ing For Monday Scrap.

Panama Joe Gans, colored middle-weight champion, and Jack Blackburn, formerly of this city but now of Chicago, closed their hard training here today for their ten-round bout at Tomlinson Hall Monday night.

It will be the headliner of an all-star colored card being staged by the colored Knights Templars. One Round Bess and others will appear in the prelum bouts.

Jack Blackburn, though a veteran, has displayed ability to go the route in recent matches and he is expected to give the hard hitting Gans a hard scrap.

Howard Wiggin will referee the main go Monday. The first bout will start at 8:15 o'clock.

INDEPENDENT AND AMATEUR BALL

The Seal Fast baseball club will play the Barge Builders Sunday. All players are expected to be at the end of the S. Meridian car line at 1 o'clock, Sunday. Gans and the Seal Fast address 2005 W. Michigan St., or call Bonington 2005.

The Riverside A. S. will play the T. M. S. club at Riverside Sunday, 10 at 3:30. Hackelman or Schmitz will be on the mound for the Riversides.

The Indianapolis Stars, a colored team, will play Fayette Sunday. All players are expected to be at the 10th and Senate Ave. at 10:30, Sunday morning.

For games address William Thomas, 857 Edgerton Ave. or call Kenwood 1715.

Fans were expected to flock out in huge numbers to see the teams battle, for Harry Clark's men have been doing a little sprinting recently that has put the old vinegar in the Brewer followers.

The locals grabbed three out of four from the Louisville Colonels in the series that closed yesterday and new attendance records are promised during the games starting with the Indians today.

Manager Hendricks was uncertain about his pitching selection for this afternoon's conflict, but it was thought Pug Cavet would draw the assignment.

Following the series here the Indians will visit Minneapolis and St. Paul before returning home.

TRIBE INVADES MILWAUKEE FOR FURIOUS SERIES

Indians Tangle With Brewers, Who Have Been Enjoying Run of Wins.

By Times Special

MILWAUKEE, July 22.—Jack Hendricks' Indians, slightly embarrassed by six successive defeats, were here today to open a series with the Brewers.

The Indians team drew a bye in Friday's play and went to the semi-finals.

LOCALS IN SEMI-FINALS

Bastian-Burdick Meet Chicago Pair In
Inter-City Net Tourney.

CLEVELAND, July 22.—The semi-finals in the inter-city doubles championship tennis meet were to be played today. Indianapolis, with its clay court champions, Bastian and Burdick, was to meet Chicago, and New York was to play Pittsburgh.

New York, Chicago and Pittsburgh won Friday over the Ohio teams, Cleveland, Toledo and Columbus, respectively.

Garland and McElroy represent Pittsburgh, Hardy and Voshell represent New York, and Haynes and Squier are the Chicago pair.

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CLEVELAND IN FOURTH PLACE AFTER RAMPAGE

Spokemen Win Twelve Straight
and Surge Ahead of
Ty's Tigers.

CARDS ON GIANTS' HEELS

St. Louis Within Half Game of
New York in National
League Race.

The rampaging Red Men of Tris Speaker's Cleveland Tribe captured fourth position in the American League standing when they won their twelfth consecutive battle 1 to 0 from the Senators in Washington, Friday, stretching their winning streak to a length far beyond any other winning mark in the big leagues this season.

The Cleveland Indians in two weeks have raised themselves from a percentage of .435 to .511.

The Tigers declined to fifth position, by losing to the Yanks in New York, 7 to 5. The Browns, beat the Athletics in Philadelphia, 10 to 2 and retained the lead. The White Sox in third, are just half a game ahead of Cleveland. The Chicago team lost to the Red Sox in Boston, 8 to 7.

The breathless pace which the Cardinals are forcing in the National League was too much for the Giants and they lost a step with Friday's defeat at the hands of the Reds in Cincinnati, 5 to 3.

As the Cardinals won from the Braves with a six-run rally in the eighth inning, the St. Louis team advanced to within less than half a game of a tie with the New Yorkers.

GEORGES PICKS EASY ONE

Carpenter to Meet Battling Siki, Sen-
galais Heavyweight.

PARIS, July 22.—Georges Carpenter agreed today to accept the challenge of Battling Siki, the Senegalese heavyweight. They will fight for a purse of 300,000 francs, two-thirds to the winner, on a date to be decided later.

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Mrs. Jones Chicago Champ

CHICAGO, July 22.—Mrs. Melvin Jones, the Olympia fielder star, won the woman's championship of Chicago for the third time Friday, defeating Mrs. Fred C. Letts of Onondaga, 3 up at the seventeenth hole.

Chicago Fire Laddies Win

NEW YORK, July 22.—The Chicago firemen baseball team defeated the New York fire fighters again Friday, 10 to 9, giving the Windy City the series.

The Indians had a big inning again, it being the fifth, when five runs went over the plate on hits and walks.

The Indians fought hard to emerge from their slump, but Nick Carter pitched careful ball and was placed on easy street by the batting of his mates.

Two of the Tribe's three runs were scored on circuit drives, Krueger and Brown getting homers. Zwilling, former Indian, hit a Homer for the Blues.

Former Indians had much to do with the locals' victory, Carter, Lutzke and Zwilling having been Tribe players in days gone by. Lutzke got a double and single when hits means runs.

A change in the Tribe line-up was necessitated when Rehig was banned for protesting a decision.

Brown was shifted to left field, Whelan moved over to center and Furcell went to right.

Manager Hendricks was discouraged over the set-back here, but gave it as his opinion that it was a temporary slump and that it will take only one victory to get the club back into a winning stride.

TILDEN, WILLIAMS MEET

Great Stars in Finals of Longwood
Net Tournament.

BROOKLINE, Mass., July 22.—William Tilden and R. Norris Williams were to meet today in the finals of the Longwood bowl tennis tournament.

Hammer vs. Leonard

CHICAGO, July 22.—Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, Friday was matched to meet Ever Hammer of Chicago in a ten-round contest at Michigan City, Ind., Aug. 6.

In Friday's play Tilden defeated L. B. Rice of Boston, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. Williams won his way to the finals by winning from Wallace Johnson of Philadelphia, 7-5, 7-5, 6-2.

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J. W. CONEY,
Superintendent.

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