

Billy Evans Says—

(Evans is "pinch-hitting" for Stirrups today.)
That a club is no stronger than its substitutes has long been an accepted theory in baseball.
First string strength is most essential but no major league ball club can hope to play a schedule of 154 games without having some of its regulars forced out of the line-up because of injuries.

Three substitutes have played a prominent part in the showing of the New York Americans to date. They are Gazella, Severed and Paschal.

Dugan Injured

First an injury to Joe Dugan, star third-sacker, put him on the bench. Mike Gazella, former All-American football star at Lafayette, took his place. It was asking a great deal of Mike to fill Joe's shoes but he did.

With him holding down the third corner the Yankees proceeded to win sixteen straight. No manager will change his lineup while it's winning, so the brilliant Dugan continued on the bench long after he was able to play.

When injuries put Catchers Collins and Bengough out of it, Manager Higgins took the veteran Hank Severed over the waiver route from Washington.

With Severed doing the catching the Yankees won nine in a row before Hank caught a losing ball game.

And while the New Yorkers missed Bob Meusel terribly, Ben Paschal made a most acceptable substitute.

VALUABLE PLAYER QUESTION

Already the American League players are discussing who will be voted the most valuable player in the organization this year.

Roger Peckinpah received the honor last season, and it proved something of a jinx.

In the world series, every time Peck made an error it proved costly, and he was unfortunate enough to be picked as the "goat" of the classic.

"Buddy" Myer, recruit shortstop, has doubled with Peck at the position most of this year. Only recently waivers were asked on the most valuable player of 1925. New York claimed him, but the waivers were later withdrawn.

It is going to be a pretty tough job to name the most valuable player this year. In previous seasons there have been only a few outstanding players. This year there are many.

PITCHING REFORMS

A dearth of pitching material in the majors and unfavorable reports from the scouts as to minor league material, has caused an agitation for pitching reforms that will help the twirlers.

The suggestion has been made to both major leagues that the pitching distance be reduced from the present length to fifty-five feet.

The thought is that the shorter distance will make the speed and the curves of the pitchers all the more puzzling.

I have discussed this feature with a number of the best pitchers in the National and American League and all of them are rather loth to make the experiment.

NOT KEEN FOR IT

Recently I talked the matter over with President Johnson of the American League and he is not keen for the reform.

"I am afraid the pitcher would be placed in constant danger from battered balls if working at the 55-foot distance," explained President Johnson. "With the lively ball, the pitcher hasn't much chance to protect himself on sharp hits that come directly at him."

The very next day a line drive broke the right thumb of Pitcher Blankenship of the Chicago White Sox. He will probably be out for the rest of the season. Pitcher Ted Lyons, who relieved him, also was injured in the same game by a battered ball.

I fear shortening the distance would be courting great danger for the pitchers, with no definite assurance that it would cut down the slugging.

Amateur Baseball Saturday

Capital City League
Polk Milk vs Ft. Harrison, at Ft. Harrison
vs. Fairbanks-Morse, at Rhodes No. 1.
Fraternal League
Grotto vs. De Moly, at Brookside
No. 1.
Link-Belt vs. Rockwood Manufacturing, at Willard No. 1.
Printers vs. East End Milk, at Riverdale No. 2.
Cooperative League
Thomas, Madden vs. John J. Madden, at Garfield No. 3 (transferred from Spades No. 1).
Riverside No. 3 (transferred from Spades No. 1).
Atkins vs. Dean Bros., at Garfield No. 2.
Keyless, Lock vs. Roberts Milk, at Jamison No. 1.

Independent and Amateur Baseball

Martin-Parrys will play at Lebanon Sunday. Game called at 2:30 p. m. Team and friends will meet at 1:30 p. m. at Avenue and Washington St. at 12 noon.

The Tarier A. A. will play the Louden A. A. at Garfield No. 2 at 3 p. m. Sunday. The Tarier will like to schedule games with the city teams, at 2:30 p. m. and 3:30 p. m. The Tarier have sixteen out of seventeen games played this season.

RUSSELL WINS ON FOUL

By Times Special

BRIDGEPORT, Ind., Aug. 13.—The Bridgeport team in without a game for the first time since the team was organized. Fred Bradt at Main 0203.

The Mars Hill A. A. will play the Newman Grays at Mars Hill Sunday at 3 p. m. All Mars Hill players should be at the ground at 9 a. m. Sunday.

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CHAMPS IN RING TONIGHT

La Barba and Rosenberg in Ten-Round Bouts at Cubs' Ball Park.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Interest in boxing circles were mounting here today as the fans prepared to journey to the Cubs' park tonight and watch two world's champions in action. No titles will be at stake, however, because the boxers will not weigh in at championship figures.

Charley (Phil) Rosengren, king of the bantam division, is slated to go ten rounds with Joey Sanger of Milwaukee. In view of the fact that the champion's next opponent will probably be Bud Taylor, Terre Haute, Ind., Rosenberg is anxious to put the Milwaukee lad away in quick order. Unless he vanquishes Sanger in true championship style, the gate receipts for a Taylor-Rosengren go would be slim.

The other titleholder on tonight's card is Fidel La Barba, the Pacific Coast midget wearing the flyweight crown. La Barba's rival tonight will be Emil Paluso. Paluso hails from Salt Lake City and is regarded as a dangerous contender.

Leo Wax, welterweight champion of Australia, will meet Clyde Hull in a ten-round bout, and "Spug" Myers of Idaho will clash with Russell Loyer of Fargo, N. D., in another ten-round.

SEMI-FINALS

Bell Eliminated in National Junior Tennis.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Aug. 13.—Julius Seligson, chunky New York junior tennis player, who eliminated the ranking star of the year, Berkeley Bell of Austin, Texas, Thursday, was to meet Bobby Seller of San Francisco, today in a semi-final match.

Emmett Pace, Chicago, was to meet John Doe, Santa Monica, Calif., in the other half of the draw.

Pace won from Ben Gorcheinoff, Los Angeles, Thursday, while Doe beat Bob Muehlein, San Diego. Seller defeated Don Strachan, Philadelphia, in a hotly contested match.

Baseball Calendar

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

W.	L.	Pct.
7	42	.59
7	44	.617
6	49	.607
5	53	.496
4	49	.430
2	54	.346

NATIONAL LEAGUE

W.	L.	Pct.
6	49	.523
6	52	.514
5	54	.375

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6	49	.523
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5	53	.407

GAMES TODAY

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

INDIANAPOLIS at Kansas City, 1 p. m.

Columbus at Minneapolis, 1 p. m.

Louisville at Milwaukee, 1 p. m.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia at Boston, 1 p. m.

New York at Washington, (Only games scheduled.)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago, 1 p. m.

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Milwaukee vs. Cincinnati, 1 p. m.

St. Paul vs. Indianapolis, 1 p. m.