

# PLAYING

## the FIELD

With Billy Evans

ARE the major league magnates making a mistake as to the proper length of the spring training season?

A majority of the clubs spend about two months conditioning bat-

ttery in men and other players. Some a few weeks less, other a few weeks more.

Would it be possible to get the players in shape with a month's work, possibly six weeks of training as a limit for preparation?

The remarkable success that has greeted two pitchers so far this year would leave one to believe that the preliminary work was considerably overdone.

The twirlers I have in mind are Herb Pennock, veteran southpaw of the New York Yankees, and Flint Rhem, one of the most capable right-handers in the game.

**LATE START NO HANDICAP**  
LAST season Rhem won twenty games and lost only seven, his great work being largely instrumental in the winning of the pennant by the Cardinals. He worked in twenty complete games. No better proof could be offered as to his efficiency.

Herb Pennock won twenty-three games for the Yankees last season and played a prominent role in the winning of the American League pennant. His two superbly pitched games in the world series kept the classic from being a rout from a New York standpoint.

Naturally Herb Pennock and Flint Rhem, when it came to signing contracts for the 1927 season, had a figure or a set of terms in their heads considerably in excess of the amount of last year's salary. Neither the New York nor the St. Louis owners agreed with the two star pitchers on the amount they believed they were worth.

When spring training rolled around Herb Pennock was missing from the Yankees and Flint Rhem from the Cardinals.

**SET FAST PACE**  
THE New York club finally adjusted the salary dispute with Pennock and he reported several weeks late. Rhem's difference with the St. Louis club wasn't settled until the opening of the season and he didn't spend a day at the training camp at Avon Park, Fla.

When the Yankees broke camp at St. Petersburg, Fla., Pennock's condition naturally was considerably behind that of the other players. While the Yankees were barnstorming their way north, Pennock was left at the training camp to get the benefits of the Florida sunshine.

Herb Pennock and Flint Rhem, two star pitchers who did little or no spring training, have far outstripped most of the other hurlers who went through an intensive campaign of conditioning lasting from six to eight weeks.

It would seem there was food for thought for the magnates in the showing of Herb Pennock and Flint Rhem.

## Major League Comment

### GAMES OF WEDNESDAY

**By United Press**  
Joe Dugan of the New York Yankees, delivered a pinch single in the ninth inning to score Paschal with the run that defeated the Athletics, 2-1. The game had been a pitching duel between Rube Walberg and Myles Thomas. The former allowed only five hits while Thomas held the Athletics to six. Mark Koenig hit a home run in the first inning.

Slim Harriss settled down after early inning wildness and kept the Washington hits scattered, enabling Boston to even the series by winning, 6-1. Braxton and Marberry were unable to hold the Boston batsmen.

Jumbo Elliott allowed but four hits to the Boston Braves and Brooklyn won, 6-2. It was the seventh victory in eight games for the Dodgers. Herman hit a home run with two on in the first inning.

Four Detroit pitchers were pitched for 20 hits as Cleveland won, 14-1. Hudlin permitted Detroit but three blows. The 20 hits, the Indians batted out included seven doubles and two triples.

For the first time this season Lee Meadows, ace of the Pittsburgh Pirates pitching staff, went down to defeat. The bespectacled pitcher held Philadelphia to one hit for the first seven innings, but weakened and was relieved by Morrison. Philadelphia won out, 7-4. Leach hit a home run in the eighth inning.

## BASEBALL'S BIG FOUR

Neither Cobb nor Ruth could connect safely in four times at bat as the Yankees trimmed the Mackmen for the fourth successive time. Hornsby, en route West, was idle. Speaker got a single in five tries against Slim Harriss of the Red Sox.

	AB	H	Per.	Runs.
Cobb	130	54	.415	106
Hornsby	131	54	.412	106
Ruth	130	54	.415	106
Speaker	145	45	.310	98

# Indians Must Brace Shortly to Escape Falling Below .500 Mark

## BOXING FATALITY PROBED

Steve Adams, Mandell's Opponent, Succumbs—No State Action Likely.

**By United Press**  
KANSAS CITY, Kan., June 2.—A coroner's jury today was expected to decide whether Sammy Mandell, lightweight boxing champion, is to be held following the death of his opponent, Steve Adams, Wednesday night.

Adams, a young fighter from Chicago, was knocked down in the second round and died. He was found to have a broken neck. It is doubtful whether the State will take any action against Mandell. Word from Adams' relatives in Chicago will be a determining factor. A. J. Meliotti, county attorney said.

Mandell was arrested following the fight and released on \$5,000 bond.

### In Second Round

Death overcame the Chicago fighter in the second round of his scheduled ten-round exhibition with the champion. For one round he had stood and exchanged punches with Mandell.

Then in the second round Mandell unleashed a hard right to the solar plexus. Adams doubled and then toppled to the canvas.

The referee counted out the ten that marked end of the bout.

Adams' handlers went to the middle of the ring and there was a quick shout for a pulmotor. This was brought in but it was of no avail.

Doctors, summoned from the audience, pronounced the Chicagoan dead.

### Last Rites in Ring

The 2,500 spectators, who just a few minutes before had cheered as Adams slumped to the mat, stood silently as the Rev. J. P. McKenna climbed into the ring and administered the last rites. Mandell stood in his corner and his shoulders shook with sobs.

"I would have given the fight, my title, anything rather than have this happen," the Rockford (Ill.) boy said as he reached his dressing room.

He said the blow he delivered had not been out of the ordinary. He said it was a straight right to the mid-section and delivered with considerable force.

## BASEBALL CALENDAR

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

	Won.	Lost.	Per.
Toledo	24	12	.667
Indianapolis	23	13	.643
St. Paul	22	14	.611
St. Louis	21	15	.588
St. Mary	20	16	.558
St. Joseph	19	17	.529
St. Charles	18	18	.500
Columbus	16	20	.444

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.
N. York	27	17	.612
Chicago	27	17	.612
Pitt.	26	18	.590
St. Louis	25	19	.568
St. Paul	24	20	.545
St. Mary	23	21	.524
St. Joseph	22	22	.500
St. Charles	21	23	.478
Columbus	20	24	.455

### Games Today

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION**  
Indianapolis at Toledo.  
Columbus at Louisville.  
St. Paul at Milwaukee.  
Minneapolis at Kansas City.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
St. Louis at Washington.  
Cleveland at Philadelphia.  
Detroit at New York.  
Chicago at Boston.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh.  
New York at Cincinnati.  
(Only games scheduled.)

### Yesterday's Results

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION**  
Minneapolis ... 101 000 300—5 11 0  
Kansas City ... 110 053 018—1 3 1  
Wilson ... 000 000 000—0 6 1  
Shoemaker ... 000 000 000—0 6 1

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
New York ... 100 000 001—2 5 0  
Philadelphia ... 000 000 100—1 6 1  
Boston ... 000 000 000—0 6 1  
Cleveland ... 000 000 000—0 6 1

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Brooklyn ... 000 000 000—0 6 1  
Boston ... 000 000 100—3 5 2  
St. Paul ... 000 000 000—0 6 1  
St. Louis ... 000 000 000—0 6 1

### LOCALS MEET MATTOON

Indianapolis Big Four Nine to Tangle With Illinois Club.

Indianapolis Big Four baseball team will meet the Mattoon, Ill., Big Four team in a double-header at Penny Park, Saturday afternoon. The first game is scheduled to get under way at 1:45 p. m. Last weekend the local railroad nine scored a 9 to 1 victory over the Danville, Ill., team.

At present Indianapolis is in fourth place in the ten-team league of the Big Four. The standings:

	W.	L.	Pct.
Bellefontaine	6	0	1.000
Columbus	4	1	.800
Cincinnati	4	1	.800
Indianapolis	3	2	.600
Cleveland	3	3	.500

## League Leading Hens Easily Trim Tribe's Only Southpaw Hurler.

### FLORENCE HITS HOMER

Betzels Get Lone Marker, Toledo Scores Six.

**By Times Special**  
TOLEDO, Ohio, June 2.—Bruno Betzel's Indians were hanging above the .500 mark by a thread today as they prepared to tackle the league-leading Hens in the second conflict of the series at Swayne Field. The Hoosiers are a few jumps out of the A. A. second division, but unless they stage a winning counter attack shortly they are going to face the toboogan.

Catcher Florence poled a home run in the fourth inning for the Indians' lone marker.

The Hens had an extra-base hit spasm Wednesday and of their ten hits four were doubles and one was good for three sacks. Southpaw Schupp had been rested purposely to face the league pacemakers in the first of the series and the situation looks very bad for the Betzels with only right-handers left to use on the Tribe mound the remainder of the series.

The Hens started their business of run-making off Schupp in the second inning, when two markers were chalked up. All Hens except Pfeffer got in the hit column during the encounter.

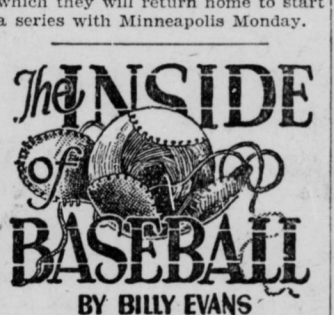
Roy Grimes solved Schupp for two doubles and the veteran Bobby Veach clouted a triple to show Feud's left-handed shoots held no terrors for him.

The few Tribe hits were distributed as follows: Florence, 2; Matthews, 1; Miller, 1. Total, 4.

The all-around performance of Fred Maguire was outstanding along with Pfeffer's pitching. The N. Y. Giants still have a string on Maguire.

Schupp cut loose two wild pitches that helped the Hen cause.

It was the first appearance of the Indians in Toledo this season and about 2,000 fans were present. The Tribe is here through Sunday, after which they will return home to start a series with Minneapolis Monday.



1. Who has the right to make the special ground rules required in a ball game?  
2. When ball is thrown into stands or players' bench is there any set rule governing such a play?  
3. When ball is suspended by the umpire because of rain, how long must he wait before calling the game off?  
4. Is an inning regarded as three or six outs?

**This Tells It**  
1. The home manager or captain. They must be acceptable to the visiting manager or captain. If the two are unable to agree, the umpire arbitrarily makes the rulings, by which they must abide.  
2. Runner or runners shall be entitled to advance two bases.  
3. He shall terminate the game at the end of 30 minutes if the resumption of play be not possible.  
4. An inning is regarded as three outs.

### College Baseball

**Games of Wednesday**  
Chicago, 8; Waseda University of Japan, 5.  
Princeton, 4; Springfield, 3.  
Michigan State, 4; Michigan, 1.  
Holy Cross, 1; Vermont, 1.

### NINE RECEIVE AWARDS

Indianapolis Athletics Rewarded for Work on Purdue Teams.

**By United Press**  
LAFAYETTE, Ind., June 2.—Nine Indianapolis athletes will be awarded with letters and numerals for work on Purdue University teams. Block letters are to be given Edwin Eickman and A. E. Rabe for varsity baseball, and Leon H. Hutton for varsity track.

T. L. Fritzen will receive a minor tennis award, while Glen Harneson and H. A. Hager will receive freshman baseball letters; K. P. Lange and E. J. Counselman, freshman track numerals, and C. M. Traylor, freshman golf numerals.

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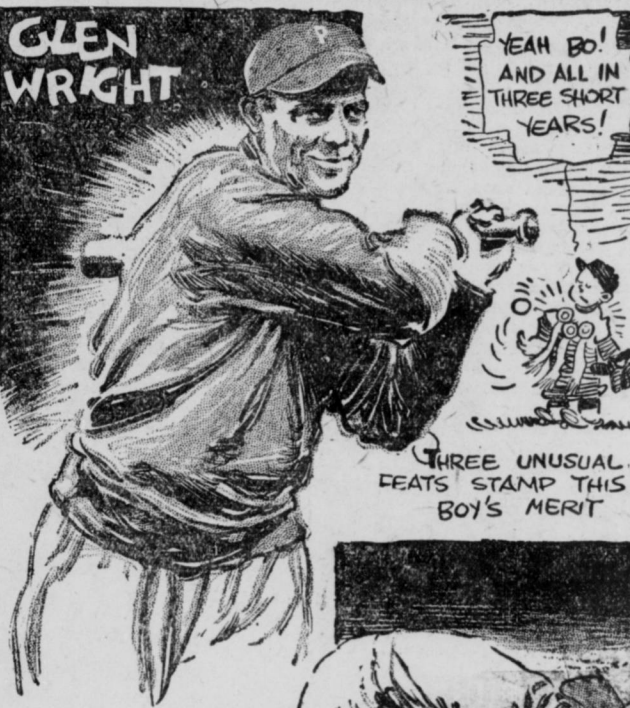
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BEST SHORTSTOP IN THE GAME IN THE OPINION OF MANY EXPERTS

Glen Wright, brilliant shortstop of the Pittsburgh Pirates, considered by many experts as the best in the game, has had a most unusual record in his brief career as a big leaguer. In his first year in the majors, the season of 1924, he established an unusual feat for a recruit, playing in every inning of the 153 games in which he took part.

Incidentally, in his first year as a big leaguer, he set a major league record for assists for a shortstop, handling 601 chances.

The American League record is 570, made by Terry Turner of Cleveland in 1906.

In his second year as a big leaguer, Wright joined the hall of fame in baseball by being one of the very few major league ball players to ever make a triple play unassisted.

## N. Y. GIANTS NEED EVEN BREAK TO STAY IN RACE

Lone Hope of East in National League Race Heads Into West for Circuit Swing.

**By United Press**  
NEW YORK, June 2.—Lone hope of the East in the National League pennant race, the New York Giants, are heading for a swing around the circuit against the strongest of their rivals.

With a pitching staff that is an uncertain quantity at best, a catching staff made up of one old man and a college boy and a line-up which changes with each whim of the "master mind" of John McGraw, the Giants are facing the task of beating the strong western clubs in their own line.

At the bottom of the first division and only three games ahead of the Brooklyn Robins at that, the Giants would seem to have scant prospects of improving their position in the West.

### Has College Catcher

So desperately was McGraw in need of a catcher for the western trip that he went cradling-matching and persuaded a red-headed Notre Dame junior, "Red Smith," to give up the pursuit of knowledge and start backstopping in a New York uniform.

The recent flop of Fred Fitzsimmons took all the joy out of the Giant's pitching prospects, although Bill Clarkson now appears ready for regular duty among the starting twirlers.

The New York line-up is something no man can foretell from day to day. Lindstrom wears a brace and cannot stoop for ground balls. Yet he is the only capable third baseman McGraw can find. Eddie Farrell, who led the league in batting and was a snappy shortstop during Travis Jackson's illness, cannot play the hot corner. McGraw doesn't like the combination of Jackson at third and Farrell at short.

### Come and Go

The outfielders come and go in the daily line-ups. Al Tyson is sick and Young Ott is an in-and-outer because of his inexperience.

One thing favors John McGraw—perhaps the club opens its western invasion at Cincinnati, where the tail-end Reds seem to be ready prey for any one who comes along.

Afterward the Giants must play twelve games against the Pirates, Cubs and Cardinals. Even if they make a clean sweep of the series with Cincinnati, the Giants need at

## Olympic Games Construction Is Showing Speed

Amsterdam Stadium Sure to Be Ready by '28.

**By United Press**  
AMSTERDAM, June 2.—Preparations for the Olympic games next year are proceeding apace.

The construction of the stadium is going on satisfactorily and there is every reason to believe the stadium will be ready in time for the games.

The cycling track has been finished, and the football field is in the final stages of being turfed.

The subways, through which the competitors will make their way to the different fields are ready, and the stands purely are completed.

The schedule of events for the 1928 Olympiad follows:  
Hockey, May 17 to 26; football, May 27 to June 15; weight lifting, July 25 and 26; track and field, July 29 to Aug. 5; fencing, July 29 to Aug. 11; wrestling, July 30 to Aug. 10; modern pentathlon, July 31 to Aug. 4; sailing, Aug. 2 to 9; rowing, Aug. 6 to 10; cycling (road racing), Aug. 11 to 13; cycling (track racing), Aug. 13 to 15; boxing, Aug. 14 to 17; riding, Aug. 18 to 20; gymnastics, Aug. 21 to 23; basketball and lacrosse, Aug. 24 to 26.

### Wednesday at Toledo

	AB	R	H	E	A
Yates, 3b	3	0	0	2	3
Mathews, cf	3	0	0	2	0
Lewis, lf	4	0	0	4	0
Russell, rf	4	0	0	0	0
Florence, c	4	1	2	5	1
Holke, 1b	3	0	0	8	0
Kochler, 2b	3	0	0	2	0
Muller, ss	3	0	1	0	4
Schupp, p	3	0	0	0	1
Totals	30	1	4	24	12

	AB	R	H	E	A
Cole, ss	4	0	1	5	4
Macuire, 2b	4	0	1	3	0
McBourneau, rf	3	2	1	3	0
Leach, lf	3	3	1	3	0
Grimes, 1b	3	3	3	9	1
Kochler, cf	3	0	0	2	0
Marriott, 3b	3	1	1	1	0
Schupp, p	3	0	0	0	0
Pfeffer, p	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	6	10	27	9

Indianapolis ... 000 100 000—1  
Toledo ... 020 101 024—6

Two-base hits—Grimes (2), Heving, Maguire. Three-base hit—Veach. Home run—Florence. Sacrifices—Matthews. Left on bases—Indianapolis 5; Toledo, 5.

Bases on balls—Off Pfeffer, 2; off Schupp, 3. Struck out—By Pfeffer, 3; by Schupp, 3. Wild pitches—Schupp (2). Passed ball—Florence. Umpires—Goetz and Johnson. Time—1:40.

### Fights and Fighters

**By United Press**  
OAKLAND, Cal.—"Dynamite" Murphy, featherweight, knocked out Frankie Killek in the fourth round.

**NEW YORK**—Jackie Fields, Los Angeles, 136, outpointed Joey Kaufman, Coney Island, 150 1/2.

**BATTLE CREEK**—Mickey Fedore, Pittsburgh, won the referee's decision over Alex Simms, Canton, Ohio, in the final bout of Battle Creek's first outdoor boxing show here Wednesday. Luis Carpenter, Toledo, beat Joe McKean, Detroit, in the ten-round semi-final.

## Tackles Masonry



Jerome Brady, Columbia University football star, is discovered laying bricks atop a New York skyscraper to keep in condition. Jerry is a member in good standing of the bricklayers' union.

### Aims to Make Democracy Safe for Umpires.

**By United Press**  
CHICAGO, June 2.—Assault on any umpire in organized baseball will result in suspension for a period of from 90 days to one year, Judge K. M. Landis, baseball commissioner, announced last Wednesday, reinstating Frank Brazil, Coast League player, who has been suspended for more than a month, following an assault upon Umpire Mel Eason.

### MANUAL BLANKS PREP

Lester Murray, Red Hurler, Holds Riverside Team to Three Hits.

Lester Murray, Manual High School pitcher, let Boys Prep down with five hits Wednesday afternoon at Prep Field and his teammates batted out an 8-to-0 victory over the Riverside team. Prep's infield crumbled in a hectic sixth inning batting spree and was responsible for four errors.

It was the Manualites last game. Laughlin and McCann starred with the willow for the winners. Score: Manual ... 012 005 000—8 16 3  
Prep ... 000 000 000—0 3 7  
Murray and Elrod, Meyer, Wilkins and Brown.

### TECH BEATS SHORTBRIDGE

Shortbridge High School tennis team suffered its first defeat of the season Wednesday afternoon on the Hawthorne courts when it bowed to Tech courtmen, 6 to 0. The Arsenalites made a clean sweep of the four singles and two doubles matches.

## JAPANESE NINE HERE SATURDAY

Waseda University to Meet Butler at Washington Park Diamond.

Butler University baseball team will meet the noted Waseda University nine of Japan at Washington Park Saturday. The visitors are on an American tour and have played the major portion of the eastern colleges. The Waseda team visited Indianapolis in 1921 and defeated Butler, 3 to 2.

The Japanese squad is to arrive in Indianapolis Friday evening. The coaches and players are to be greeted by a delegation of Butler officials and students.

Saturday morning the visitors will be escorted on a sight-seeing tour of the