

# CHICAGO HAS 5,000 POLICEMEN-ATHLETES

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TRACTION TEST OF ARMS



LEG LIFT TEST

service law the Chicago police, fire and stationary engineers' departments now have a standing eligible list, the number of names running up into the hundreds. Hence neither Chief of Police Shippey nor Fire Marshal Horan are ever worried about securing good, sturdy men. They are always on hand ready to report for duty at a moment's notice.

Scarcely a month passes but that new themes of work are suggested to the civil service commission, tried out and either accepted or rejected. It was the civil service body which gave the impetus to the move for an ideal police force and which eventually resulted in the formation of Chicago's famous "beauty squad" of coppers under the direction of Maj. Boudet, a soldier who has seen service in the Cuban campaign in the Spanish-American war.

Maj. Boudet and his "beauty squad" head the list of Chicago policemen—ideals and the force is proud of them. The beauty squad pays more attention to soldierly tactics than other sections

## BEST PITCHERS IN BIG LEAGUES

DONOVAN CAPTURES FIRST HONOR IN AMERICAN FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR.

### UNIQUE RECORD HELD BY JOSS

Mathewson Loses Twirling Leadership in National Organization to Reulbach of the Cubs—Good Record of Maddox of the Pittsburghs—Other Box Artists Finishing High.

"Wild Bill" Donovan of the Detroit Tigers was the premier pitcher of the American league. He has proved his right to the title with 20 victories out of 27 games, his greatest achievement being when he held the White Sox to two hits in the deciding game of the pennant race.

This was the one game that proved that "Bill" was the Donovan of 1907, when he also carried everything before him. Had Donovan lost, his laurels would have needed fixing up, but "Wild Bill" was right on the job in a pinch and proved himself the wonder of two seasons.

Addie Joss, the Cleveland pitcher, had the distinction of winning 24 out of 36 games, while he also officiated in one tie game, making 37 battles for the Clevelander, and the "Slat" can well be termed a champion. Addie was a tower of strength to the Cleveland club this season and his work was far better than at any other time in his career. Joss had the unique record of being the only pitcher in the major leagues to have participated in a no-hit, one, two, three, four and five hit games. This has never been performed by any pitcher in the minor leagues for several seasons and will stand as a record for some time to come.

Where would the White Sox have landed but for Ed Walsh. This young man has been a tower of strength to Chicago. He has le Hans Wagner of the Chicago team. Furthermore, he alone kept the White Sox in the running. The Sox would never have been dangerous but for Walsh, and many fear that the grind he was forced to go through towards the end of the season will injure his strength for 1909. It will be interesting to note what form he will show next season.

Of the first six pitchers in the race for the honors, "Cy" Young looms high with 21 victories in 33 games. The veteran of 20 years' campaign in the majors still has something on the youngsters, and is fighting it out with the stars of to-day for the honors. In the 36 games worked by Joss he only passed 30 men, a phenomenal record for effectiveness, and this has been the "Slat's" strongest forte. Eddie Walsh leads in strikeouts, owing to the large number of games that he has worked, but "Rube" Waddell has the best average for the season.

In looking over the records for the season, it is noticed that there were 263 games played where the teams were held down to five and less hits per game. Of this number, there were 101 five-hit games, 44 four-hit games, 44 three-hit games, 18 two-hit games, 6 one-hit games and four no-hit battles.

In shutouts, Ed Walsh led all the twirlers with 12 to his credit, while he also lost six blank-slate games. In this respect, he divides the honors with "Long" Tom Hughes of the Washingtons.

Christy Mathewson, who has led the old league all season in the pitching table, not only lost the championship by his defeat at the hands of "Miner" Brown at New York last Thursday, but he also lost the leadership to Reulbach of the Cubs.

Mathewson has few, if any, equals in the pitching line; and, although Reulbach is on top with a percentage of .774, having won 24 out of 31 games, to Matty belongs the credit of having practically kept the Giants up in the race by his wonderful pitching.

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