

BATSMEN NOW TAKE LESS OF A CHANCE

In Old Days Pitchers Would Go to Extremes to Secure Advantage.

IS MUCH DIFFERENT NOW

EVEN WITH THE CHANGE IN METHOD THE BATTER IS STILL IN DANGER—BATTERS FEAR BEING INJURED.

When Frank Chance, manager of the Chicago Nationals, was struck on the head by a ball bunted by Pitcher Gaspar of Cincinnati recently it recalled the fact that many star baseball players have lost their effectiveness through being hit by thrown balls.

That more batsmen are not injured by being hit by pitched balls speaks well for the skill of the present day pitcher. In the old days the pitcher would not infrequently let one go straight at the batter's head in order to drive him away from the plate. Such a proceeding is rare nowadays. Working the edges of the plate seems to have proved more effective. Nevertheless the fire the batter faces is dangerous.

One of the worst cases of head hitting was that of Hugh Jennings, now manager of the Detroit club, by Amos Rusie. Jennings, with Baltimore then, was noted for his close hugging of the plate and his willingness to accept a base by being hit by the pitcher. He relied upon his quickness of eye to minimize the effect of the blow. Rusie had a wide, jumping curve ball. Jennings was willing to turn his shoulder, accept a deflecting blow or let it hit his shirt front or the slick of his knickerbockers. He could do this with pitchers of average curve, but Rusie's curve was so sharp in the break and too fast for him to avoid. Jennings stood close and got one full in the head. He fell flat. For four days his life was despaired of, but a powerful constitution pulled him through, though he never was the same nervy man again at the plate, and it was months before he could play.

Jennings, by the way, is an extremely durable person. While at Cornell he dived face first against the concrete bottom of an empty swimming tank. The man is a marvel of vitality and energy. He sustained two shocks that would have killed the average man, yet he is as full of energy today as a dynamo.

Roderick Wallace, the famous infielder of the Browns, had his batting efficiency seriously and permanently impaired twelve years ago when he was hit in the head by a ball thrown by "Chick" Fraser, who was then with the Louisville club. Wallace was knocked flat, and it was many days before he went to the min. A constitution of iron enabled him to withstand the shock, but he never was quite the same hitter afterward.

Dan Hoffman, the center fielder of the Browns, was the victim of a fearful blow at the hands of Jesse Tannehill, then with Boston, some years ago. Hoffman was at the time deemed the most promising young player in the American league. He was having his first season, and a brilliant one it was. One day he made a triple, a double and a single against Tannehill in three trips to the plate. The fourth time up Tannehill hit him a terrific blow over the right eye. It almost killed the trained and muscular young athlete. Hoffman lay as if dead, and it was four days before he recovered consciousness. Then his nerves were ruined. From 170 pounds he declined to 128. He could not sleep or eat for six months, and the following season he had to get along as best he could with only one eye. Hoffman says that it has taken him six years to get back his full strength. He has never been able to hit left handed pitchers since the day he was hurt. Now, six years after, Hoffman is at the mercy of the average left handed pitcher.

Johnnie Lush, the star pitcher of the Cardinals, was hit by Andy Conkey on the neck and all but killed. His neck has never been straight since that time, and for years his health was seriously impaired.

Roger Bresnahan was hit and severely hurt by Jack Taylor in 1904. For a long time after this injury Bresnahan wore a semi-mask that protected the exposed side of his head against the pitcher.

Hundreds of lesser lights have been hit and injured to a degree less serious than those mentioned. It all goes to show that baseball is not without its great dangers, especially to men at the bat. Most of the injuries on the field have come about through collisions between fielders, such as the one that cost the life of "Hub" Collins. Collins' fatal collision was with Harry Stovey at Boston many years ago.

Batted balls injure very few players, though the way men hit them about in practice would often make one wonder that accidents are not more frequent. The most notable accident of this sort was when Schriver of Pittsburgh hit William Hart of the same club on the chin with a ball batted in practice. The drive shattered Hart's jaw. It was wired up again. Hart is now fifty years old and is rated high among the pitchers of the Southern League.

Stomach Deterioration
An operation for the removal of the stomach, in a Chicago hospital recently, promoted discussion among the surgeons whether the stomach could be removed if the patient became too fat. Before the discussion was closed out, the patient had died. It demonstrated that could not be when the stomach was removed.

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Addie Joss of the Cleveland Americans



DAVIS IS ATHLETICS' STANDBY

Mack's First Backer One of Best Players and Field Generals.

There is just one individual of Mack persuasion, not even excepting the incomparable Eddie Collins, whom the Philadelphia American league team cannot spare without irreparable loss.

That man is Harry Davis, Mack's captain, who today is one of the best all around first basemen in the fast set. Hal Chase of New York is sprier and younger in years than Davis, but for actual good to a team Davis is the king of all fast basemen in the big show.

The oldest man on the team, Davis is today one of its leading pacemakers in batting and run getting, while, in addition, he is the whip of the club.

Davis' worth to the Athletics cannot be found in the batting and fielding statistics issued each year by President Johnson. His value does not end in driving a brother Mackman home with a base hit, although he performs this office as much as anybody else on the team.

It was Davis who aided Mack in tutoring the young players into stars and

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	48	28	.632
New York	43	31	.581
Pittsburgh	39	32	.549
Cincinnati	40	37	.519
Philadelphia	36	38	.486
St. Louis	34	44	.436
Brooklyn	33	44	.429
Boston	30	49	.380

AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	52	24	.684
New York	46	31	.597
Boston	46	32	.590
Detroit	44	36	.550
Cleveland	33	39	.458
Chicago	31	45	.408
Washington	30	47	.390
St. Louis	23	51	.311

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Minneapolis	62	32	.660
St. Paul	53	38	.582
Toledo	51	38	.573
Kansas City	42	42	.500
Columbus	39	46	.459
Milwaukee	38	49	.437
Indianapolis	36	54	.400
Louisville	32	54	.372

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

National League.
New York 5; Cincinnati 0.
Philadelphia 6; St. Louis 3.
Chicago 6-7; Brooklyn 0-4.

American League.
Detroit 1; Washington 0.

American Association.
Milwaukee 1-5; Indianapolis 0-6 (1st game 10 innings.)
Toledo 1-0; Minneapolis 0-5. (1st game 13 innings.)
Columbus 3-5; St. Paul 2-1 (1st game 12 innings.)
Kansas City-Louisville—Rain.

GAMES TODAY.

National League.
New York at Cincinnati.
Brooklyn at Chicago.
Boston at Pittsburgh.
Philadelphia at St. Louis.

American League.
St. Louis at New York.
Cleveland at Washington.
Detroit at Boston.
Chicago at Philadelphia.

American Association.
Minneapolis at Toledo.
Milwaukee at Indianapolis.
Kansas City at Louisville.
St. Paul at Columbus.

First English Book on Sport.

The first book on sport ever printed in the English language was a rhymed treatise called the "Boke of St. Albans," its author being a woman, Dame Juliana Berners. Its second edition was printed by Wynkyn de Worde in 1496. A descendant of her family, Lord Berners, was the translator of Froissart's "Chronicles." It is true that old manuscripts existed, such as the "Venerie de Twey" of the time of Edward II., but it was Dame Juliana who was the real ancestress of sporting literature in England, for she also composed an essay on hawking and another on "Fishing With an Angle," the last being of such excellence that Isaac Walton himself did take a hint from its pages.

Banks in Mexico.

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A LITTLE HISTORY ATTACHED TO WAGNER'S OLD GLOVE.

Ever see the old glove which Honus Wagner wears on his big left hand? No? Well, here it is. Many another would be ashamed of it, but not the only Honus. Wagner would not part with it for love or money. There is history to the glove. Wagner himself has forgotten just when he got it, but he thinks it



WAGNER'S GLOVE.

was back about 1902. Honus knows that Herman Long, once the greatest of all shortstops, then playing with the Boston team, gave him the glove. It is a fact that Long always used a glove with a big hole in the center of it. He would buy a new glove and at once cut it to pieces, leaving an open spot in the center about twice the size of a baseball.

Long handed over one of his old gloves to Wagner. It suited him, and he has used it ever since. The glove now is a worn-out relic, but Honus hangs to it like grim death. He figures it would be the worst luck in the world for him to lose it.

Fans have time and again watched Wagner take that glove off his big left hand and throw it down toward third base. And they could always see the hole in it, for it is too big not to be noticed. Time and again it has been asked why Wagner doesn't buy a new glove.

You ask Hanes that question and he will only say that he has no money to pay for one. But back of that there is the one fact that remains always prominent. Wagner is just as superstitious or sentimental as any other ball player, and he has always felt that the Herman Long glove has brought him luck. That's why he hangs on to it. It is worn to a frazzle. There is nothing to it but the bare edges. The center is all worn away, and Wagner grabs those hard line drives really with the bare hand.

The better part of the pitching for Connie Mack's club was done by four men, Plank, Bender, Krause and Morgan, and they are doing the same thing this year. Four or five regular men on any team would be worth double as much as a string of nine or ten men with only one or two of them in first class pitching condition.

Too many pitchers are a hindrance instead of a help. If Crotte, Wood and Wolter had been in shape to help out Arellanes last season the pitching staff of the Red Sox would not have been the weakest in the American League. But the wildness of Wood, the injury to Crotte and the bad start that Wolter got in the spring handicapped the team so heavily that Arellanes was forced to do pretty nearly half the pitching for his team.

Managers and owners both are beginning to realize the folly of keeping five or six ablebodied men upon the bench while the bulk of the work is left to a couple of good men and a lot of second stringers. Traveling is expensive, and salaries today are at a pretty high figure. If the work could be got out of five men the saving both in traveling expenses, salary and general efficiency would be considerable and owners would be willing to tack a snug slice on to the compensation of the five dependable men who could go in and do their regular stunts.

LONG TRIP IN LAUNCH.

Chicago Woman and Son Travel 6,312 Miles in Great Cruise.

A remarkable river, ocean, canal and lake motorboat journey was concluded recently when the Catherine M., a thirty-five foot cruising launch, carrying Ralph M. Pearson and his mother, Mrs. Kate Pearson, came into dock in Chicago river.

May 3, 1909, the boat started from the spot at which she docked and completed the cruise down the Mississippi to the Atlantic, along the Gulf coast, north along the Atlantic coast, up the Hudson, through the Erie canal, across Lakes Erie and Huron, through the strait of Mackinac and up Lake Michigan to the river—6,312 miles.

Will Row for the Championship.

Ernest Barry, the English champion,

is left England for South Africa,

whence he will travel to the Zambezi,

where on Aug. 18 he will row Arnest

for the world's sculling championship.

Barry was in splendid shape when he

left England and very confident of

making a good race for the title. He

is a fine oarsman and has created new

records on the Thames during his

training for the forthcoming trial.

Throw a ray pills and strong cathartics

which are violent in action, and always have on hand

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Peppermint,

the guaranteed remedy for

all stomach trouble.

Years of experience have given me

the right to use the term EXPERT

as applied to Watch and Jewelry

Repairing.

FRED KENNEDY,

New Jeweler.

526 Main.

SMALL PITCHING STAFFS CARRIED

Modern Managers Rely on Fewer, But More Reliable Slab Artists.

IDLENESS IS INJURIOUS

FOOLISH TO HAVE MANY TWIRLERS WHILE THE MAJORITY OF THEM SIT ON THE BENCH—FOLLY IS REALIZED.

That long pitching strings are no longer necessary and that four or five dependable men are worth two or three times that number of ordinary twirlers is a fact.