

SPORTS



"YOU CAN TELL THE WORLD I'LL MAKE 50 HOMERS"

How They Stand

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pc.
New York	69	50	.580
Washington	70	53	.569
Detroit	65	55	.542
St. Louis	62	59	.512
Cleveland	55	66	.454
Boston	55	67	.451
Philadelphia	55	67	.451
Chicago	51	68	.436

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pc.
New York	75	45	.625
Pittsburgh	70	49	.588
Brooklyn	69	52	.570
Chicago	64	54	.542
Cincinnati	63	60	.512
St. Louis	50	70	.417
Philadelphia	44	74	.373
Boston	44	75	.370

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE			
	W.	L.	Pc.
Baltimore	94	35	.729
Toronto	83	53	.610
Rochester	67	63	.496
Buffalo	64	66	.492
Newark	63	71	.470
Syracuse	59	70	.453
Reading	51	74	.408
Jersey City	43	87	.330

Bambino is Shooting At 60 Circuit Blows For Season, One More than His Record.



By Billy Evans.
 "How many home runs are you going to make this year, Babe?" Recently I put that question to the game's greatest slugger, George Herman Ruth.
 "The day previous in a game at Cleveland he had put two over the right field wall, bringing his season's total to 38. He missed a third round the same game by a matter of inches.
 "Pretty hard to say, but I am going to keep on swinging and there is always a chance to make a homer when you have your cuts at the ball," replied the Babe.
 "There is nothing new in that statement, you always take a healthy swing.
 "I am interviewing you, Babe, and want to know how many home runs you are going to make."
 "Well, you can tell the world that I will make at least 50," answered Ruth.
May Break Record.
 "Then you think you have a chance to break your record of 59 home runs made in 1922?" I ventured.
 "If the opposing twirlers had pitched to me this year, instead of intentionally walking me so often, I believe I would be pretty well on to a new record at this time," said Ruth.
 "A close race like we are having in the American League is going to handicap my chances of equaling or breaking my record of 59.
 "I guess it is wisdom to pass a slugger in the pinch, where a long hit may win the game. Our pitchers do it, so it is only natural opposing twirlers should work the same way on me.
 "I feel that I am meeting the ball much better this year than last. My July record of 32 home runs, one better than I ever made in any other month of play in the majors, is proof of it.
Biggest Month of Career.
 "Perhaps it is too big a task, but I am shooting at 60 home runs and am positive that I will make at least 50."
 Unquestionably, Ruth's ability to make home runs has made him the biggest card in baseball. Recently in a Monday game at Chicago, always a bad day, Ruth drew 33,000 to the White Sox park.
 The fans like the batter who packs a punch, far more than the scientific hitter. If ever a guy packed a hitting punch, it's Babe Ruth. It will be decidedly interesting to watch his work down the home stretch in quest of 60 home runs, one better than his high mark.
 The Babe is noted for doing the unexpected. He may break a record that the experts predicted would stand for all time.

PITCHERS MAKE BIG MISTAKE

Jack Coombs Considers Fast Ball is Their Best Asset.

The "fast one" has always been considered a pitcher's one best bet in baseball, says Billy Evans. Just at present the fast ball isn't getting such a big play from the major league pitchers. Most of them have gone in for the freak strike and the curve, to the exclusion of the fast ball. It's a mistake. During the college season I met Jack Coombs, former star big league pitcher, at Boston. Jack is now coaching Williams College and his team was to play Harvard. "How is the pitching, Bill?" was one of the first questions he asked.
 "Not so good," I replied. "Most of the pitchers are using the knuckle ball, fade away and other new fangled styles much more than the fast one." Coombs, when at the top of his game, boasted a great fast ball. He also had a good curve and change of pace. That was the extent of his stuff, yet he ranks as one of the game's greatest pitchers. His reply interested me greatly. "Looks as if the fast ball is dying out. I have seen a dozen games so far this year and really I haven't seen a pitcher with a good fast ball." Coombs thinks the major league pitchers are making a great mistake in not resorting to the use of the fast ball. He regards it not only as a pitcher's greatest asset but his best threat.
 The lively ball is perhaps responsible for the falling off in the use of the fast ball. Believing that fast ball pitching was made to order for the lively ball, and the slugging tactics now in vogue, the pitchers began to slow up, experimenting with freak deliveries. Unquestionably the fast one will travel farther if properly hit than a slow ball. Likewise a constant diet of fast ball pitching would be fatal. There must be a mixture of stuff. However, the pitcher with a real fast ball need not have any great worry about the batting strength of the opposition. It is an accepted theory in baseball that you cannot hit what you can't see. Batters so describe the fast ball of certain pitchers.
 Walter Johnson and Dazzy Vance can be cited in favor of the efficiency of the fast ball. Vance, using a fast one almost exclusively, is the strikeout king of the National League, the big winner in that organization. Johnson, after 18 campaigns, is still going great and regards his fast ball as his one best bet. Let us have more fast ball pitching. The fans like the pitcher with plenty of smoke. They pack a strikeout punch.

THRILLING FINISHES FEATURE MONTAGUE RACES YESTERDAY

Excellent Weather and a Good Track Favored.—Over Two Thousand In Attendance.

The much postponed Montague races were held under almost perfect weather conditions. The track was in excellent shape, in fact the horses considered it better than at any time in its history. Over two thousand people were in attendance and had the races been pulled off the first day the management are confident that there would have been double that number. The racing as predicted was of the hardest possible kind, every race being split up and two of them being five heat affairs. The last heat of the 2:40 trot being pulled off at 7:30. Many of the favorites were the closest and most sensational of the kind, and a few accidents that happily did not result in injury added to the excitement. Several delays occurred to breaks in harness, bikes and lost shoes and the large fields also contributed to difficulties in scoring, and the spit-up heats were the factors that kept the race from being a real good one. Those who could stay it out got their money's worth and a great deal more.
 The three races on the program were a 2:22 trot, 2:40 trot and a 2:25 pace. Owing to the late hour the report was received only a brief mention can be made of each.
2:22 Trot
 This had five trotters as starters and was a great race, the horses winning heats and the race going to five heats, with all the finishes close. Mr. John McDonald of Southport was the winner of first and second moneys, with Baby Todd and Radiant, Glenora taking one heat from them and being the runner up in two others. This race was one of the best of the day.
2:40 Trot
 This was a race of surprises and Stella Todd won the first heat, looked like one, two, three for her when Silver Todd was piloted a heat by his owner and trainer H. C. Hooper and one eased up, Stella being second, then the new owner Mr. Ings got up and also won a heat. X Ray who went a really good and consistent race through out, (being three times second) landed second position right on Silver Todd's wheel, Stella Todd third, Jack Todd fourth. In the fourth heat The Pup owned and driven by Mr. C. H. Benoit trotted right to the front and remained there till the finish; X Ray second, Stella Todd third, and Silver Todd fourth. In the fifth heat only heat

L. of C. And Torontos At S'side Tomorrow Evening

The final game of the Prince Edward Island Baseball League will be played in Summerside on Friday evening when the League of Cross team meet the Torontos. This game will be something of a deciding factor in the League due to the fact that if the Charlottetownians succeed in winning from the Torontos the championship is clinched for the Abegweits, but if the former wins the fixture the League becomes a tie between them and the Abegweits.
 The L. of C. boys are leaving tomorrow with the determination, at least winning this, the most important game.

FIRPO IS BECOMING MORE ADEPT WITH LEFT

Giant Negro Sparring Partner States that The South American Boxer Is Improving Rapidly.



LUIS FIRPO
 SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Aug. 27.—Bill Tate, sparring partner instructor extraordinary to Saratoga, says as a matter of fact, Firpo has got to travel some to be as effective as Dempsey is with his left poke.
 It is the first letter in the fistic alphabet, yet Tate insists that his man is going to left hand Willie in submission if that is true, then I'll say right now that the fight between Dempsey and Firpo for the championship of the world will be the most desperate in all the history of fighting men.
 I sat in a little rowboat last night on Saratoga Lake. Big Bill Tate acted as mahout and seher with his unquestioned knowledge of high time fighting. Bill went to shell swifty, flying across the big work on the Bull.
 Tate is a giant negro with a soft

crossing voice that is so easy to hear when he puts on the tut-tut mantle. Firpo has taken to Bill and his teachings with the simple resignation of a farm boy. The Wild Bull is doing what he has been told to do and he and Tate spend many an hour practicing the star delivery and execution of a left-hand lead and execution of a left-hand head and they walk along the road between training lines.
 Jimmy D. Forest was the first man who tried to teach Firpo the importance of a left hand—a good left hand. He pictured to Firpo via the translator's route the effects of Dempsey's outpunch—clouts on victims. He was shown pictures of Carpenter and other great challengers browsing on the canvas, praying to the Dempsey left hook. Yet Firpo did not see me drink in the knowledge. He had his own eye and he insisted that it was best. We all knew it wasn't and poor Jim, faithful and painstaking, saw many three-hour hours of schooling Firpo to get a good left hand in the chop. He went up like a skyrock in the minute he was bled hard. He forgot De Forest's constant pleading to "use your left."
 Now things are different. Firpo must have thought it all out when he went home. De Forest's warning that he must learn to use a left hand has sunk in and Tate is finding him an apt, hungry student of the manly art of cultivating the best left hand in the business. With Dempsey's marvelous port gun to use as a model, I do believe that Firpo has got to travel some to be as effective as Dempsey is with his left poke.
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THE MEET LABOR DAY

The Abegweit Athletic grounds and track are the mecca of local athletes these evenings getting in to shape for the field and track meet scheduled for Labor Day, Sept. 1st.
 This coming meet has every promise of being one of the best held here in years as a goodly number of entries have already been received from the neighboring provinces, including a large contingent of athletes from H. M. S. Calcutta which is due to arrive here on Friday. As the complete entry list is well filled a great afternoon's sport is anticipated.

Epinaud's Stride 25 Feet Long



EPINAUD
 SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Aug. 27.—One reason why American turfmen are beginning to fear Epinaud the visiting turf champion of France, is that he has the longest stride of any known thorough bred.
 Actual measurements have shown that Epinaud's stride is a fraction better than 25 feet. No other great runner known to the turf can show a stride to match this.
 Epinaud's present stride is better even than was Man o' War's when the great American horse was running at the top of his brilliant form.
 Horsemen say that Man o' War's maximum stride was 24 feet 9 inches. These were his figures when he broke all time records in winning the Lawrence Realization Stakes several years ago.
 Epinaud is one of the longest horses for his height ever to be seen in action in this country. In this respect he is the freak of the turf.
 Nevertheless Epinaud is capable of great speed and his abnormally long strides enable him to cover plenty of ground with each bound.

One For Mr. King

"I don't see why you are having so much trouble getting reliable servants," complained Brown. "I'm not having any more trouble than the Ottawa Government," retorted his wife.
Originals for Sale
 "Robinson Crusoe's gun" has fetched \$1,250 at a London auction. Since collectors fall for that sort of thing, how about auctioning off (1) original looking-glass used by Alice in Wonderland; (2) genuine cheese manufactured by the Swiss Family Robinson; (3) hypodermic set used by Sherlock Holmes, and (4) the possession of the family of Dr. Watson; (4) wooden leg, the identical wooden leg worn by Long John Silver in "Treasure Island?"
Raising the Ante.
 She—"A penny for your thoughts."
 Mr. Staylate—"I was thinking of going."
 Her father (at head of stairs)—"Give him half a dollar, Viola—it's worth it!"
 A lot of people who agree the show window really belong on the bargain counter.

Race Horses for Sale

One of the best Stables of Race Horses in Eastern Canada is now on the Market for Sale, including Peter Verde, 7 years old 2.14 1-4, by Peter Gale; The Exposer 9 Years Old, 2.09-1-4, Canadian Champion Eligible to the 2.21 Mixed, by The Exponent; Wiltawah, 4 Years Old, by Ettawah; Wilfrid Scott 4 yrs by Peter Scott, the Pup by Mayor Todd; Zae Baughman, by Worth.
 Also Sulkies, Harness and Blankets.
 Apply C. H. BENOIT, 100 Water St. or P. O. Box 1

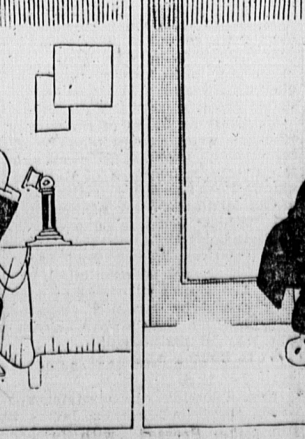
Prince of Wales' Horse Ran First

WINDSOR, Aug. 27.—Irish Frieze, a three year old by Irish Marine Vestment, one of the young horses recently imported for the Prince of Wales' establishment in Alberta, the "E.P." ranch, won his first start at Brighthouse Park, Vancouver, according to word received here by Judge Francis Nelson. He did not make an impression by his looks, but had speed enough to run the first half mile of his race in 48.25 and finish the five fur longs pulled up in 1:02, five lengths in front of the second horse, Irish Frieze ran in the name of Fred Johnson, of Calgary, who has leased him for the racing season.

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—By GEO. McMANUS

MARITIME TENNIS MEET POSTPONED
 (Canadian Press)
 SACKVILLE, Aug. 27.—The Maritime tennis champions between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick champions, scheduled for Sackville, N. B., today, have been postponed until tomorrow owing to the rain.