

# The Sport Page Everybody Reads

## BASEBALL FREAK PLAYS ARE VERY COMMON

### Babe Ruth Tells About Some Queer Situations He has Seen and Also Heard About

BY BABE RUTH.  
Baseball's Greatest Player.

Sometimes I think baseball is like a freak show. They say there's nothing new under the sun, but that's about them during the World Series. One of them happened in an exhibition game with the White Sox on the way North last spring and the other happened in a game with the Braves.

As I remember it, somebody hit a fly to Ross Young with a man on third. Young made a quick throw to the plate, and the man on third who had started to go home after the catch, beat it back, seeing he couldn't score. The catcher, however, made a quick throw to third and the runner was chased back and forth.

The play wound up by Young, who started the play, making a double play at the plate. That, I think, was one for the old loose-leaf ledger.

The champ freak play of them all I think, was the one made by Frank Snyder against the Braves. There were, I think, two men on the bases. Whatever it was, the man nearest home started for the plate, but was thrown out. The man behind him came running around the bases and was only four or five feet in the rear when Snyder tagged the first man out, the second man also sliding into the plate, and with a double action just like a repeating rifle Snyder came up with the ball after tagging the first man and with the same motion tagged out the second man. I never knew of a catcher doing this before.

I haven't figured in any real plays myself but I like to dig

around a bit and have collected the dope I'm handing you now. With this idea of freak plays in mind I buzzed around and tried to find out just how that phrase, "Tinker to Evers to Chance" started.

I got it straight from Johnny Evers. He, Joe Tinker, and Frank Chance were a great double play combination, maybe the greatest there ever was in the game. But the phrase, "Tinker to Evers to Chance" didn't really start through that. It was like this:

One day a ball was hit a little over toward where Tinker was playing. Evers came over to field it. It hit him on the shoulder bounded over to Tinker and he scooped the ball to Evers, who made the put-out at second and shot the ball over to Chance for a double play.

Out of all the crowd only one newspaperman, Evers says, really was wise to the play. Everybody thought it was an honest-to-goodness double play.

The truth of the matter is, according to Evers, that that double play was just an accident. From that you get the saying "Tinker to Evers to Chance."

Evers tells me that one of the greatest plays he ever made was also an accident. He was fielding a fast drive once and the ball took a bad hop and crawled under his shoulder and over and down to his back into Tinker's hands. The ball hit Tinker's shoulder, bounded back to Evers and the man was thrown out at first.

I suppose some of these things seem incredible, but they've happened. They don't always break into print in the newspapers and because baseball is a kind of freak show, with a lot of circus stunts happening even without the crowd knowing it, I'm setting them down here.

Some time I'll tell you a few more.

### Greb to Defend Title June 27th

(Canadian Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 23.—Harry Greb, middleweight boxing champion of the world, has agreed to defend his title at the milk fund show here June 27, against any opponent selected by the committee in charge.

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Chicago	3	2	6.00	Chicago	4	2	6.67
Boston	3	2	6.00	Cincinnati	4	2	6.67
Cleveland	2	2	5.00	Brooklyn	3	2	6.00
New York	3	3	5.00	Pittsburgh	3	4	4.29
Philadelphia	2	4	3.33	St. Louis	2	5	2.86
Washington	2	4	3.33	Boston	2	5	2.86
St. Louis	1	5	1.67	Philadelphia	0	3	0.00

Yesterday's games not included.

## Going Strong



Everett Scott

By starting off the 1924 season in his regular post at shortstop for the Yankees, Everett Scott, baseball's "iron man," now has stretched to 1,140 his streak of consecutive played games that stands out as one of the most remarkable achievements of the game. Scott began his record breaking string on June 20, 1916, while he was with the Boston Red Sox, so that this year he is entering the ninth season which figures in his performance.

Scott has had several narrow escapes from breaking his long string but fortune, in the form of rain or taxicabs, always has been in his favor. In reality his streak is much longer than the figures show, for they do not include exhibition and world's series games.

The previous record for playing in consecutive games was made by George B. Pinckney of the Brooklyn club, of the American Association and the National League, who played in 577 games.

## Sporting Comment

### "CASEY AGAIN"

For the second time this year Casey Stengel centered to the plate yesterday, and the cheers arose again for the Mudville hero transplanted from Giant rainment to he doubt and hiss of the Braves. The unknown author of the immortal Casey at the bat could have chanted an other verse.

There was ease in Casey's manner  
As he centered to the plate,  
There was calm in all his actions  
As he scratched his old bald pate,  
And he heard again the cheering from a gone and distant day,  
With the fans all calling Casey  
In that same old-fashioned way.

One time it was the Giant crowd,  
This time the Beantown crew,  
And Stengel leaned upon the ball  
Like Casey didn't do.

THIS IS THE AMATEUR'S YEAR

Owing to a pact made over a quarter of a century ago by the members of an Athletic League of Nations, every fourth year is specially devoted to amateur sport.

This is the year, and it is not too much to ask, it seems, that the sport loving public of Canada give their full support, says the Montreal Star, particularly during the summer months, to the many amateur athletic meets which have been scheduled and will be held all over the Dominion from now on.

This does not mean that professional sport need be entirely neglected, but professional sport, after all, is an amusement business the same as theatrical enterprise, for the financial benefit of a few, and during the next few months amateur sport should get the preference in the matter of moral and financial support.

Canadian amateur athletic reputation is at stake and much money is yet needed to send the right number of champions under proper conditions to the world-wide competition in Paris. Part of the money collected at the gates of the amateur athletic exhibitions, to be held from now till the end of August, will be needed to swell the fund for the expenses of Canada's amateur representatives for France to its necessary proportion.

The promoters of these meets and entertainments receive no financial benefit whatever from them.

This is the summer that "Pat" Mulqueen, chairman of the Canadian Olympic Committee, and "Billy" Findlay, president of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, rule the sporting roost of the Dominion. The amateur entertainments, and the races, the boxing matches and the trials of strength, they and their enthusiastic and devoted assistants will provide for the public, will be well worth seeing.

Professional sport entertainments are always with us; Olympic trials are rare. Let us, therefore, support the latter with all the energy and money we can afford to spend.

THE LIMIT

The golf bug, and the baseball kind,  
Just now will hit their stride;  
The tennis "nut" and many more  
Will lift their heads in pride.  
They're bad enough, but stop a bit  
The guy who knocks 'em flat  
Is he who tries to beat the gang  
And wear the first Straw Hat.

## DAN HOWLEY



Dan Howley

Despite the fact that no help came from the Major league clubs notably Detroit, Manager Howley has rounded out a strong team to represent Toronto in the International League, and although he declines to make any predictions, he has no hesitation in saying that the present squad is far better than that which wore the Toronto colors last summer. Howley can be depended on to do his part under any circumstances.

## THE WAKE

Mr. Mulligan was lying upon his death bed. Mrs. Mulligan was seated at his side, giving what small consolation she could offer in the circumstances.

"Sure, and Mike," said she, "is there anything I cud do fer yez before you lave us?"

"Margaret, me darlint," said he, "I think I smell the odor of roastin' pork. I believe I cud eat a bit of it."

"I'm sorry, Mike," said she, "but I can't cut into that pork roast; we're savin' it for the wake."

## HOOF PRINTS

There is a strong probability of a two day's harness race meeting at Charlottetown in connection with the Old Home Week celebration, July 14th to 19th.

St. Stephen, N. B., is the latest city on the lookout for a free-for-all pacer to race against the community owned John R. Braiden, Dan Hedgewood, Chesley H. Searey, etc.

Fred Cameron well known local horseman has four head, including Dan Hedgewood, 2,044 at Woodstock. The track is reported as drying up and the horses are getting slow miles.

Several stables which took part in the Bay State Circuit last year this season going on the Grand Circuit. This includes Harry Brusie who has Bill Sharpey in his charge.

The Canadian National Trotting Association have rescinded their celebrated rule 49 which allowed a horse, racing at betless meetings, to win without acquiring a record. There was a big kick in Ontario, so now they must take their record. The idea was to combat times oppression, which is said to be very prevalent up there.

The slow win races are making the horses more valuable to American buyers. Last year there were 6,000 horses campaigned at trotting meets in America. The aforesaid number is almost double that of runners campaigned.

Big purses are the order of the day and the 1/2 mile tracks are out-going the mile ovals; \$5,000 and \$10,000 purses being common in Ohio and Michigan.

Several new tracks have been constructed this year, including one at Amherst, which is likely to stage a Provincial Exhibition this fall. Amherst is already the home of the Winter Fair.

Local horsemen expect to get on the park track the first week in May. Yesterday's rain cleared off nearly all the snow and caretaker Arling is ready to go to work as soon as conditions warrant.

The local warrior, Brenton H. 18 1/2 will be prepared for his fifth campaign this year. He looks as fit as ever and undoubtedly will have several summaries.

## LOCAL BOXERS AFTER WRIGHT AND SAUNDERS

William Collins of Charlottetown, welterweight, 139 lbs., would like to box Jack Wright at Charlottetown for the welterweight championship of Prince Edward Island on any date after May 10th.

Bernard McLoskey, 178 lbs., would like to have a bout with J. A. Saunders.

If these men were to be matched to box the same evening, the fans would have a chance to see some real good boxing as our Charlottetown boys are our Charlottetown boys and would like to extend the services to outpoint the Summer-side exponents.

## BIG LEAGUES

(Canadian Press)

American League  
Boston 4-9-2  
New York 13-45-2  
Batteries-Ehmk, Furr, Howe and O'Neill, P. Brock and Bengough  
At Philadelphia  
Washington 4-9-8  
Philadelphia 6-11-0  
Batteries-Marberry, Speece and Ruel; Harrgrave, Helmach, Harris and Perkins  
At Cleveland  
Detroit 5-12-0  
Cleveland 6-13-0  
Batteries-Cole, Pillette and Brasler; Uhle and Sewell  
At St. Louis  
Chicago 5-12-3  
St. Louis 9-16-0  
Batteries-Lyons, Leverette and Cronso; Danforth, Pruett and Severeid  
National League, At Chicago  
St. Louis 1-1  
Chicago 12-13  
Batteries-Pfeffer, North, Stuart and Vick; Keon and Hartnett  
At Boston  
Philadelphia 2-9-2  
Boston 3-13-0  
Batteries-Roach and Heffice; McNamara, Stricker and O'Neil, 15 innings.  
International, At Jersey City  
Buffalo 16-20-1  
Jersey City 2-7-0  
Batteries-Biemiller and McAvoy; Barnhardt, Lepant and Freitag.

Longset, 2,064 will be allowed to stint several mares before being put into active training. This horse which is superbly bred, sound and handsome by a sensational sire, should beget speed.

## BASKET-BALL TO-NIGHT AT Y. M. C. A.

Starting at 7:30 sharp basket ball will be going strong on the Gym floor. A record crowd is expected because competition is very keen between those teams.

The All-Comers will match their ability against the Victorias a new team in the league which were substituted in place of the Business College Team which dropped out. This game gets away at 7:30.

At 8:15 the Summerside girls will have another game with the Charlottetown team. This will be their third game between those teams the first being won by Charlottetown and the other played in Summerside was won by the home team. So tonight settles all disputes.

The third game between the West Kent School team and the France of Wales College team will be the most interesting by far, neither of those teams have lost a game so far and when they meet tonight enthusiasm will be high for the rooters of both teams will be there to cheer for their respective team.

There will be no delays and the players are asked to kindly be on time as the games will start sharp on time.

## 'BOWLING

### L. OF C. ALLEYS

An exciting game took place on the L. O. C. alleys last night between the Live Wires and Independents, the Live Wires won out by 46 pins.

INDEPENDENTS  
Joe McIsaac ..... 132 83 165  
S. DeRoche ..... 171 165 185  
Jim Dougherty ..... 122 126 91  
Ray Steele ..... 189 115 130  
Joe Burns ..... 148 163 209  
Total-2194. 762 652 780

LIVE WIRES  
R. Galbath ..... 104 157 207  
V. Monaghan ..... 142 144 173  
W. Larier ..... 235 124 117  
D. McKenzie ..... 144 137 151  
J. McInnis ..... 130 145 130  
Total-2241. 755 707 779

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE  
The Hopefuls easily defeated the C. B. C's last night with 271 pins to spare. The bowling on the average was good. Miss E. Harris had both the highest single and total.

Tonight, Swastikas and Hunkles, C. B. C's.  
A. Wisner ..... 92 119 118

The game was umpired by B. Dix. It takes Mary McInnis to put them over the plate.

Lefty Corish can certainly hit them.  
Edna McInnis was on base every time.

L. Spencer ..... 36 103 110  
G. McKie ..... 107 94 87  
M. McEwen ..... 93 125 145  
M. MacInnis ..... 145 88 91  
Total-1539. 472 616 551

HOPEFULS  
D. Coffin ..... 159 105 118  
S. MacGregor ..... 122 146 120  
F. MacDonald ..... 107 125 146  
M. Ling ..... 36 88 87  
E. Harris ..... 123 171 152  
Total-1810. 552 635 623

CHURCH LEAGUE "Y" ALLEYS  
Last night the St. Peters defeated the St. Pauls by a margin of 43 pins.

Both teams did some very creditable rolling and the totals were high.

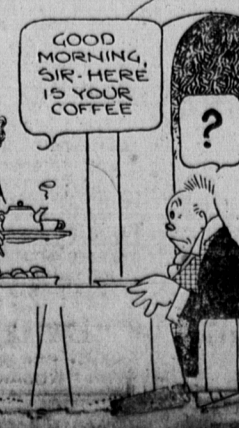
W. A. Smith had the highest single making 215 while Carl Milford had honors for highest total with 594 pins.

Tonight the St. James and Baptists.

Following are the results:  
St. Pauls:  
H. S. McLeod ..... 160 181 133  
J. Carmody ..... 157 173 164  
B. VanDerstine ..... 136 200 167  
Hopkins ..... 126 156 120  
Cox ..... 142 133 172  
Total ..... 2330

St. Peters:  
Vingcombe ..... 107 107 136  
Milford ..... 181 211 202  
Acorn ..... 170 69 111  
Day ..... 154 207 145  
Smith ..... 200 215 158  
Total ..... 2773  
Majority for St. Peters, 43 pins.

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