

Can Williams Bat 400?

By WHITNEY MARTIN
NEW YORK (AP) — We've always been a stand-patter where baseball playing rules are concerned, figuring that if we ever have to go to the big for 20 years for double parking or something we'd like to be able to understand the game when we get out.

However, we aren't so sure that the scoring rules couldn't be improved upon, as a few of them don't make much sense right now.

One concerns the number of official at-bats necessary to qualify for a league batting championship. It is 400 right now, and there was much speculation this season as to whether Ted Williams would reach that total.

TOO MANY WALKS
There could be years when a hitter of Williams' class could be robbed of a championship because, being such a threat at the plate, he would be walked so often he never would get his 400 at-bats.

Such a situation could be prevented by adding bases on balls and sacrifice hits to the official at-bats. That is, count all appearances at the plate, and set a minimum for such appearances. A total of 500 might be about right. Another change we would like to see involve the sacrifice fly rule that has been in and out of the book periodically since 1908.

Why should a batter be credited with a sacrifice when he isn't trying to sacrifice? He's swinging away trying to get a hit that's all. If he doesn't get the hit but manages to fly out so that a run scores on the play he isn't charged with a time at bat.

Abolition of the sacrifice fly might make a difference of five or six points to some hitters. It helped four players bat .300 this year. But the point is they weren't sacrificing anything.

FAULTY RULES
The rule crediting the batter with a base hit when the ball strikes a base runner, who is automatically out, is another that doesn't make much sense.

Nine times out of 10 the ball would have been gobbled up by an infielder had it not hit the runner, who often dallies in front of the ball to confuse the fielder, and inadvertently gets hit with it. Why give the batter a hit on what would have been an easy out, or even a double play?

Earned-run averages of pitchers can be misleading, but a lot of fans put considerable stock in the figures. It is conceivable that a pitcher could be nicked for 10 runs and yet not be charged with an earned run.

A relieving pitcher, no matter how many runs he allows, isn't charged with earned runs if the side should have been retired before he got in there. He has nothing to lose from his era standpoint.

Just doesn't seem logical, that's all.

Lorraine Crapp Breaks Four World Records At Swim Meet

MELBOURNE (Reuters) — Swimming fast in cold water "to get the race over," Lorraine Crapp, 18-year-old Australian swimming star Saturday broke four world records during a 440-yard race at a meet in the North Sydney Olympic pool.

She said afterwards that she was surprised at her figures. "I just went for a swim," she said, "but found the water so cold I decided I had got to go fast and get the race over." She added that she thinks she could improve on her times.

The records eclipsed were all set by herself.

New times, with old figures in parentheses, were:
200 metres — Two minutes, 18.5 seconds (2:19.3)

220 yards — Two minutes, 19.1 seconds (2:20.5)

400 yards — Four minutes, 46.6 seconds (4:52.4)

Miss Crapp finished nearly a pool length 55 yards ahead of her nearest rival.

Miss Crapp broke another record in a later event. Timed over 100 metres during her stage of a 440-yard team race, she was clocked in one minute, 3.2 seconds. World record for 100 metres

is one minute, four seconds, set last April by Cockie Gastelaars of The Netherlands.

Another Australian Olympic hope, world mile champion John Landy, missed the final Australian Olympic trials in Melbourne as he is resting an injured leg.

He said he would decide after a week's trial running whether the injured tendons were sufficiently recovered to allow him to compete in the Nov. 22 Games.

During Saturday's trial Jim Bailey won the 1,500 metres in three minutes, 44.4 seconds, which is four-fifths of a second faster than the Olympic record.



SOUNDS WONDERFUL

"What sounds wonderful?" "Well—I hear the complete Star Weekly is coming out in Tabloid form."

"You mean the Rotogravure Picture section?" "No—that's already in Tabloid form. I mean the whole paper is to be in compact tabloid form—all pages ten and a half by fourteen inches."

"Oh I see—the magazine section too." "Yes and that's not all, they tell me the Star Weekly is going to be new in many ways. New and modern make-up—New type that's easier to read—exciting and colorful."

"My—that does sound wonderful. When will we get it?" "Out October 29th I believe."

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Football Scores

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BIG FOUR
Toronto 26 Ottawa 37
Hamilton 14 Montreal 82
ORFU
Kitchener 20 Sarnia 28
INTERCOLLEGIATE
McGill 6 Queen's 1
Western 19 Varsity 21

WIFU
Saskatchewan 25 B.C. 22
Calgary 25 Winnipeg 17

U. S. College
East
Boston College 32 Rutgers 0
Columbia 26 Harvard 20
Holy Cross 7 Dartmouth 7...
Navy 13 Cincinnati 7
Pennsylvania 14 Brown 7
Princeton 26 Colgate 20
Syracuse 7 Army 0
Villanova 27 Boston University 13
Virginia 24 Lehigh 12
Yale 25 Cornell 7

South
Arkansas 32 Texas 14
Florida 21 Vanderbilt 7
Georgia Tech 28 Auburn 7
Kentucky 14 Louisiana State 0
Mississippi State 19 Ark State 9
North Carolina 34 Maryland 6
Pittsburgh 27 Duke 14
Southern Methodist 14 Rice 13
Tennessee 24 Alabama 0
Texas A-M 7 Texas Christian 6
Tulane 10 Mississippi 3
Virginia Tech 46 Richmond 14
Wake Forest 14 Florida State 14
West Virginia 20 William Mary 13

Midwest
Colorado 52 Iowa State 0
Houston 13 Oklahoma A-M 0
Indian 19 Nebraska 14
Iowa 34 Hawaii 0
Michigan 34 Northwestern 20
Michigan State 47 Notre Dame 14
Minnesota 16 Illinois 13
Missouri 20 Kansas State 6
North Carolina State 20 Dayton 0
Wyoming 30 Utah 20

Dodgers Beaten

6-1 By Japanese

TOKYO (AP) — Brooklyn Dodgers were beaten 6-1 Sunday by perhaps the strongest Japanese baseball team ever assembled. The Japan All-Stars, nearly all .300-plus hitters, knocked Don

Football Standings

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BIG FOUR
W L F A Pts.
Montreal 10 2 437 270 20
Hamilton 6 6 318 354 12
Ottawa 5 7 279 325 10
Toronto 3 9 271 356 6

WIFU
W L F A Pts.
Edmonton 10 4 304 189 20
Sask. 9 5 301 243 18
Winnipeg 8 7 282 228 16
B.C. 6 9 238 307 12
Calgary 3 10 200 35 6

ORFU
W L F A Pts.
Kitchener 7 2 236 118 14
Toronto 7 3 204 149 14
Sarnia 5 4 181 195 10
London 2 7 98 171 4
x-Rochester 0 5 60 140 0
x-Dropped from league.

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Oklahoma 34 Kansas 12
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Syracuse 7 Army 0
Villanova 27 Boston University 13
Virginia 24 Lehigh 12
Yale 25 Cornell 7

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Arkansas 32 Texas 14
Florida 21 Vanderbilt 7
Georgia Tech 28 Auburn 7
Kentucky 14 Louisiana State 0
Mississippi State 19 Ark State 9
North Carolina 34 Maryland 6
Pittsburgh 27 Duke 14
Southern Methodist 14 Rice 13
Tennessee 24 Alabama 0
Texas A-M 7 Texas Christian 6
Tulane 10 Mississippi 3
Virginia Tech 46 Richmond 14
Wake Forest 14 Florida State 14
West Virginia 20 William Mary 13

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