

Hitters Finding The Range In City Baseball League

After being held in check by the pitchers in the early games of the city baseball league, it would appear from the outcome of recent games that the hitters are coming into their own and getting more wood on the balls with more regularity. For example in the two games played last week we saw no less than 40 hits come bouncing off the bats of three teams in 15 innings of baseball. This is a far cry from early games when the pitchers were having a pretty easy time of it tossing two and three hitters, shut-outs and striking out batters by the dozen.

When he came in from Safters, Calif., he unloaded 22 trunks of track and racing equipment, 11 jog carts and 11 racing skulks. The office operation began immediately. Everyday O'Brien's aides draw up a chart-type training schedule for each horse, detailing what he has to do, when, and there is space for notes on how he does it.

"O'Brien foregoes one bit of routine that is considered essential around a harness track—the afternoon nap. O'Brien goes from 5:30 a.m. until midnight, getting 7-8 hours sleep, but that's all I'd take even if I wasn't working."

After the first few games of the schedule we were beginning to wonder if the hitters were ever going to start finding the range. It was so bad at times that even a line drive single brought murmurs of admiration from the few fans that have become the stands and most of the hits were of the scratch variety.

Apparently it was Tom MacFarlane's Stars who got the ball rolling on Sunday when they milled Summerside. The Stars kept it up on Tuesday by belting the Flyers 13-2 and Thursday night, under the lights the Flyers came into their own whipping the Dodgers under an assault of 14 hits. The Dodgers didn't do too badly either getting 10 hits in a losing cause.

Scattered among the 40 blows this week were three home runs one triple and a handful of doubles. We will likely see many more home runs and doubles before the season is over but we are quick to bet that there won't be too many triples hit. Just the other day we were telling a fellow that we thought there wouldn't be more than 2 or 3 triples hit all year.

The reason is that Memorial Field just isn't built for triples and any baseball man will tell you that a triple is the hardest hit to get anyway. We mentioned that we thought any triple hit around here would either be a high fly ball that was misjudged by an outfielder or a long liner into deep straight-away centre field. As it turned out Earl MacKinnon's blast Thursday night was a little of both. It was a long liner into left and it was misjudged by an outfielder.

As versatile Charlie Ryan said the other night the outfielding up to date hasn't been anything like it was last year. Balls are falling in for hits that we think would have been routine outs last season. The reason may be that the coaches are as yet a little unsettled in their outfield selections and it may pick up after a game or two.

While we are on the subject of Thursday's game we might mention something that we meant to say some time ago. It has appeared to us that there are a few players that seem to believe that in order to prove themselves, top flight competitors they have to constantly yap at the umpire over any and all calls. This is a myth and it just isn't so. In fact players who are continually embroiled in arguments with the plate umpire or the base judges soon become known not as great competitors, in the minds of the fans, but nothing more than soreheads. Then too, they are working against themselves by running a certain parallel to the boy who cried "wolf."

Umpires often err, proving they are human, but they are wrong as many times as some of our best players think they also have nerves and are almost certain to be set on edge by the same voices whining about some things either from the dugout or ballfield inasmuch as we were active in the baseball world that our present umpires Don Whelan and John Gehrke were pretty reasonable fellows and will listen to you if you have a beef with some foundation. But the constant hecklers usually get a frosty reception even when they have something to say. This is, perhaps, not the way it should be but it is understandable and the hecklers are partly responsible for it.

Joey O'Brien could outlisten a sphinx. But perhaps when you win \$121,660 driving a harness

Long Win Skien Brought To End
LONDON (AP) — The longest victory streak in tennis — maybe the longest in sports — has come to an end.
Warsaw radio announced Monday that Iwona Jędrzejowska has been beaten in Stalingrad in the Polish national women's singles championship for the first time in 23 years.
Jędrzejowska, runner-up to Dorothy Round for the Wimbledon championship in 1927, lost to an opponent identified in the broadcast only as Ryszewska, 7-5, 2-6, 6-4.



LOU CAN DREAM, CAN'T HE? "If I had these three, I'd be all right," sighs Lou Boudreau, right manager of the tail-end Kansas City Athletics, as he chats with a trio of baseball immortals, all former Athletics. They were in Kansas City for ceremonies in connection with the selection of a second member of the A's "Hall of Fame." The old-timers are, left to right: Mickey Cochrane, Jimmy Foxx and Bob "Lefty" Grove, who was named to the "Hall of Fame."

TIPS ON GOLFING

Timing Comes With Practice

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You can come to a better understanding of your problems in golf by making a few comparisons between club-swinging and other activities. The golfers who enjoy the game are those who recognize that the physical process involved in making a successful swing is quite different from any physical process they have ever performed in any other activity.



Furthermore, you can establish but a limited amount of control and timing in your swing when it is dominated by your right side. On the other hand, left-side leadership places no limit on the timing and left you can acquire through patient practice.

A similar distinction can be made about timing and feel in golf and other activities. In baseball or tennis timing and feel can be perfected to a great extent simply by concentrating on timing and feel without much consideration for the various positions and movements to be executed. Just the reverse is true in golf. By making sure that you are executing the proper positions and movements or using the proper muscles to dominate in your swing you can approximate and eventually perfect the timing and feel of your physical process.

For example, when your backswing and downswing are dominated by your left side they are more likely to be smooth and efficient. When dominated by your right side your movements will be hurried, uneven and inconsistent.

Canadians Win Pre-Bisley Shoot

BISLEY, England (CP) — A four-man Canadian team won the overseas team trophy Saturday in a pre-Bisley shoot for small-bore rifles at 50 and 100 yards. Leading the Canadian team was Lieut. E. L. Warner of Lennoxville, Que., with a score of 397 out of a possible 400.

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Cover bottom of large enameled pan with aluminum foil. Add 1 teaspoon soda to each quart of water, heat to boiling. Immerse silver so it touches foil. Tarnish disappears quickly. Rinse thoroughly and dry with soft cloth. For a high luster, polish with a thin paste of soda and milk applied with soft cloth.



Accuses Dale Long Of Trying To Be Babe Ruth

NEW YORK (AP) — Pittsburgh manager Bobby Bragan Saturday put the rap on his star hitter, Dale Long, accusing the first baseman of trying to be Babe Ruth and being responsible for the Pirates' recent tailspin. "If Dale Long would stop trying to be Babe Ruth and start being Dale Long again, we'd be all right," the Pittsburgh skipper said, trying to explain the Bucs' fall from first place in the national League to fifth.

Players To Ask Military Service Pension Credit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Major league baseball owners will be asked to give players pension credit for military service during the past five years, Commissioner Ford Frick announced Monday. Frick said his recommendation agreed to at a meeting of the major league executive council and pension committee, will be submitted to the 16 club owners at a meeting in August.

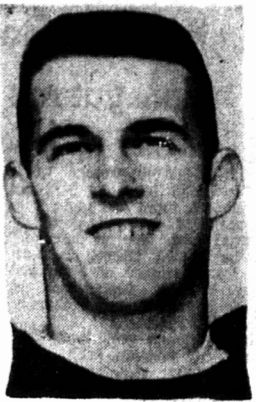
Charles Segar, executive secretary to Frick, said approval was anticipated. Baseball players who entered military service since Sept. 30, 1951, have not received any credit for it toward their pensions. At present, they are eligible for pensions at age 50 starting at \$50 a month for one playing year up to \$100 for 10 years.

Remember When

By THE CANADIAN PRESS
Harry Cooper of Chicago won the Canadian Open golf championship 20 years ago today at Ottawa. His 72-hole score was 290, three strokes better than Al Watrous of Birmingham, Ala., the runner-up. Cooper repeated his triumph in Toronto in 1937.

L. L. All-Star Count Delayed

MONTREAL (CP) — Makeup of an International League all-star team won't be known for another day or two. League headquarters said Monday that the roster, to have been disclosed today, is being held up by the counting of a heavy Columbus vote.



HOLDOUT

Although he's only 23, Nayland Menz says he has retired from Argonauts and maybe from football following a salary dispute with the Toronto club. The young Toronto backfielder, seen above, said there was "considerable" difference between what he was offered for 1956 and what he wanted. If Nayland makes his retirement stick, it's possible that his replacement as offensive back could be his younger brother, Bart. Two years younger, just as fast and somewhat heavier, Bart is currently working out in the Argonaut Rookie Clinic for homebrews, which will run for three weeks.

NATO AIR SHOW
NUERNBERG, Germany (AP) A crowd of 100,000 watched an air show at Fuerth airport here Sunday at which fliers from North Atlantic Treaty nations demonstrated their speed and prowess in the air. The Soviet Union was invited to take part but none of the Russian planes were put on display. Three officials from the Soviet Embassy in Bonn attended the show.

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Red China Has "Fighting Chance" For Gold Medals

HONG KONG (AP) — Communist China has a "fighting chance" to pick off a medal or two at the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne, says the committee preparing the Reds' first team. Writing in the Peiping Peoples Daily, the committee said China's top hopes for medals rest in weight lifting, women's track and field events and men's swimming. The committee said the Communists would field teams in track and field, swimming, football, basketball, gymnastics, weightlifting and marksmanship.

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