

THEIR ONE BEST GAME

AS VIEWED BY MODERN PITCHING STARS BY BILLY EVANS

Written Especially for This Paper by the Famous American League Umpire.

WALTER JOHNSON'S record since joining the American League fairly teams with wonderful pitching performances. Shut-outs alone are credited to Johnson, extra inning victories are numerous, and low hit games are the rule with him rather than the exception. On a number of occasions he has been denied the honor of breaking into the list of no hit twirlers by a fluke safety late in the game. Games in which he has whiffed eight or more men have been rather common.

It is only natural then, that Walter should regard a game he pitched against the Athletics on the opening day of the 1919 season as one of the very best feats of his truly remarkable career. The contest was staged on April 14 at Washington. The fact that it was the opening game, the Athletics the attraction, and Johnson scheduled to pitch, caused an overflow crowd to fill the old park in that city. Only this overflow crowd kept Johnson from pitching a no hit game. He beat the Athletics 3 to 0. The one hit of the game—Frank Baker—was credited as a double, although on a clear field it would have been the

simplest kind of an out for Zeb Milan. It was agreed that a hit into the crowd should go for two bases. An ordinary fly ball, that would have been an easy out except for the crowd, fell among the fans, just out of Milan's reach, despite a desperate effort on his part to pluck it out of the crowd.

That was the only hit of the game. In the other innings it was usually the one, two, three order. None of the men who faced Walter went out on strikes. For the opening game of the year, against a team of batters like the Athletics, it was indeed a great pitching feat. On September 25, 1918, near the close of the season, Johnson beat St. Louis by a 3 to 0 score, allowing only one hit and striking out eleven men. On August 16, 1912, he beat Chicago 4 to 0, allowing only one hit, the rankiest kind of a scratch by Ruth. This game was Johnson's 14th consecutive win, which would have made it all the more remarkable had not Ruth got away with a fluke single. (Copyright, 1919, by the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.)

WILBUR SMITH RELEASED. Minneapolis, Minn., March 1.—Catcher Wilbur Smith, for five years with the Minneapolis American association baseball club, has been released to St. Joseph, Mo., of the Western league.

CLUB LEADERS PLAN THEIR TRIP

Will Visit Towns in the Proposed Rio Grande Association This Week.

THE Rio Grande Baseball association will get away to a flying start this week. Three of the club leaders, McCloskey, Atkins and Branden, had a long talk this morning and arrangements for the trip around the Rio Grande, Wednesday morning, were about completed.

Bill Hurley, the manager whom McCloskey had been trying to get from the Saskatoon club of the old Western Canada league, was heard from by wire, declaring that he is ready to cast his lot with the league here and asking for further details. McCloskey will wire him the required details tonight and ask him to come here at once, as Hurley is an experienced organizer and will prove of much assistance in getting the league going.

Jack Atkins is after a Chicago man to act as business manager of the Phoenix club for him and an answer from the windy city man is expected any time now.

Hugh Harbin, the local baseball player who has been in the Texas league for the past two years, left Sunday for Galveston to join that club and get in shape for the coming season.

That the Rio Grande Baseball association is making a good impression far away from this part of the country is evident from a letter received today from Edmonton, Alberta. "Deacon" White, manager of the Edmonton team in the Western Canada league last year, is the writer. He says in part: "I have played nearly all the Edmonton team for this season and the rest of the clubs have done the same with the best players. It looks as though the Rio Grande association ought to be as big a success as was the Western Canada league before this war blocked up and your managers should be able to pick up a swell lot of players from the surplus material of the Northwestern league because there are absolutely no other leagues in this part of the country. I wish the Union association, Western Tri-State and Western Canada leagues all being inoperative. Every club in the Northwestern has at least 20 players. Where will the surplus go? I am now trying to get in touch with Bill Hurley, who is still in his home-stead in the baseball colony near Elk Point. The railroad is not in there yet and the telephones have not yet been extended that far so Bill is rather out of the world. However, I have written strongly urging him to take McCloskey's offer of a berth as manager in the association and believe he will accept. If he does, you can take it from me that Bill will have a team that will be in the race all the time for he stands awfully well with the managers in the Northwestern league and will likely gather his team from the surplus there. You can count on Bill having a team of pretty near class B caliber for a class D league, so warn the other managers not to interfere upon that point as already won. Give my regards to 'Honest John' and tell him that I wish the new league every success."

INTERCLUB BOWLING MATCH SCHEDULED SATURDAY, NOT HELD. The return match of the interclub bowling series between the Wigwam and Cactus trappers did not take place Saturday night, as had been arranged. The Cactus bowlers announced that they could not secure the use of the alley for the game on Friday night except Friday and that happens to be the night when the Wigwam men are busy with their own league fixtures. The Wigwam men declare that they will trundle, having won the match on the Wigwam alleys, are perfectly willing to refrain from taking any more chances.

WHITE SOX WIN EASILY FROM SALT LAKE TEAM. San Jose, Cal., March 1.—Buck Weaver's two bagger, following two singles, gave the Chicago Americans two runs in the first inning Sunday, in an exhibition game with the Salt Lake team of the Coast league. Chicago won easily, 5 to 2.

Score: R. H. E. Chicago..... 5 5 0 Salt Lake..... 2 8 1 Batteries: Chicago, Scoggin, Scott and Schalk; Salt Lake, C. Williams, Haha and Lynn.

BIG CROWD WILL SEE THE GIBBONS-MCGOORTY FIGHT (Continued from Page 6) whether Gibbons was really ill when he met McGoorty in the Garden a couple of years ago, or whether it was Mike's insane fear of McGoorty's wallop that made him show up so poorly that night. Tommy W. Jab, who is now superintending McGoorty's affairs is confident that a \$15,000 house will witness the contest.

KILBANE AND WILLIAMS SIGN. Philadelphia, Pa., March 1.—John Kilbane, featherweight champion, and "Kid" Williams, nanterweight champion, will fight six rounds here the night of March 11. It is a card which will make 122 pounds, ring-side, and each will receive \$500, or the privilege of 25 percent of the gate receipts.

SENATORS START SOUTH. Washington, D. C., March 1.—Members of the Washington American baseball squad left here Sunday for the spring training grounds at Charlottesville, Va.

TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS IN QUARTERMASTER'S CORPS. Washington, D. C., March 1.—Army orders have been issued as follows: Lieut. Col. Richmond McA. Schofield, quartermaster corps, will proceed to Boston, Mass., on business pertaining to the quartermaster corps. Lieut. Col. George Montgomery, ordnance department, will visit Camp Pat on business pertaining to the operations of the ordnance department. Capt. Howard C. Hobbs, 37th infantry, for duty with the organized militia of the District of Columbia, as inspector instructor, and will report to the chief, division of militia affairs, war department. Capt. Frank H. Long, quartermaster corps, is assigned to the 1st company, coast artillery corps. Capt. Thomas L. Smith, general staff, detailed in the quartermaster corps, will report to the quartermaster general of the army for assignment for duty. First Lieut. Royden E. Hebe, 27th infantry, is transferred to the 8th infantry. Additional Second Lieut. William E. Burr, 24th field artillery, is assigned to his present regiment as a second lieutenant. Leaves absence: First Lieut. Herbert A. Dargue, signal corps, three months. Lieut. Col. Frank G. Mauldin, coast artillery corps, ordered to report to commanding officer, coast defense of San Francisco, for duty. Lieut. Pierre C. Stevens, quartermaster corps, ordered to Governor's Island, N. Y., and report to Col. John V. White, coast artillery corps, president of army retiring board, for examination. Capt. William L. Murray, coast artillery corps, detailed for service in quartermaster corps. The Capt. Frank S. Long, quartermaster corps, relieved. Second Lieut. Walter W. Yauzmeister, coast artillery corps, aviator student, announced as on duty.

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