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WORLD OF BASEBALL MARVELS AT LATEST COUP OF H. JENNINGS

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The baseball world is awaking to the fact that once more shrewd little Hughie Jennings has put one over.

Hughie's 1911 feat of chier merit seems destined to stand as the real coup of the year.

Reference is, of course, to the manufac-ture of a first-base-man out of a man who has been known for years to big-league fame as an artistic performer at third and second—Jim Delahanty.

The fortunes of the Tigers seemed desperate, when Gainer was hurt and Ness failed to fill the bill. Hughie thought it over one afternoon when the Tigers had an off day. Delahanty had been ill all season and his second base play was far below his usual standard. The club really lacked two fielders.

Hughie came out of his brown study and met a newspaper man to whom he confided the statement that Delahanty was a first-base-man. Del himself heard of it the next afternoon. But he has been a first-base-man ever since. And he has been one of the most important coups in the machinery which bids fair to deliver to Detroit's keeping a fourth American league pennant.

Of course, it took time for Hughie to work out his ideas. Undoubtedly it was a lucky thing that the Tigers had accumulated their amazing lead, when the change became necessary. But Hughie had confidence in Delahanty and Jimel showed that the confidence wasn't misplaced.

His first few games at first were, of course, a bit ragged. But Jim is a real ball player, as Hughie Jennings was himself, when he made the same change in position. In a couple of weeks, Jim was capering about that bag as if he had never played anywhere else. Low throws, high throws and good throws were all the same to him. He learned to stick his gloved hand out into the path of the runner and to change his feet with all the agility of a dancing master.

And his hitting, which Jennings had so wanted to conserve for his team, never suffered by the change.

RIGHT NOW DELAHANTY IS ONE OF THE MOST SERVICEABLE PARTS OF THE TIGER MACHINE. With men on bases, the crowd now expects Jim to hit with infallibility. His work during the series with the Athletics was little short of the marvelous. Nor has he slumped with the departure of the Tigers' most dangerous foes.

Yesterday he either batted in or scored in person five of Detroit's six runs, and a hit and a run of his made the other tally possible.

Three times—on every occasion with two out—Jimel faced Eddie Cicotte and whanged the ball to spots where the fielders were not. And every time he hit, somebody was waiting to score.

If one's admiration is compelled by the audacity of the change which Jennings made in his lineup, how much more must one pay credit to the man who, given the responsibility of so desperate a hope, came through and delivered the goods.

The world never realized how great a player Delahanty was, until he joined

the Tigers, and his present batting spirit only still further emphasizes the rejuvenation of a man who, until he came to Detroit, had been traded about from team to team until his value to any club was questioned, despite only still further emphasizes the ball ability.

With Boston, St. Louis and Washington, Jimel was an umpire-batter and an "Indian."

When he came to Detroit, he realized that there at least, would be his chance to be with a winning club.

He initially pledged himself to cut out all rowdy work on the field and to so take care of himself off the field as to bring to his club his very best efforts.

To curb his inclination to war with the arbitrators, he rigidly bound himself not only to quit all field arguments but also to go farther than this and to have absolutely no speech whatever with the judges of play.

For nearly two years, Jim might have been deaf and dumb, so far as field arguments were concerned.

The genial gentlemen who announce decisions in the American league might as well have been hitching posts, for all the notice Jim Delahanty took of them.

Of late Jim has won enough confidence in his converted self to exchange at times the greetings of the day with

the judges of play. Two or three times he has even allowed himself to speak to his mates in tones of criticism of the work of the arbitrators. But he has yet to make a direct kick on a decision since becoming a Tiger, and he means to continue this remarkable record.

Furthermore, there is a third party to the Jennings-Delahanty coup. It is Little Charlie O'Leary who, when Jimel was switched from second to first, went in at the keystone sack and has played rattling good ball from the very first.

There may be some second-sackers who can cover more ground than Charlie does, but anybody who names one can get an argument right here in Detroit. Charlie took some time to strike his stride at bat, but, during his team's last home stand, he has been doing some of the most approved pinch-hitting.

O'Leary's exhibition of Sunday will linger long in the memory of those who saw it. Every time he faced Cicotte, the down-river Frenchman put two strikes on him with neatness and dispatch. The first time he followed these with four balls and Charles paraded.

On the next three occasions the little Tiger picked out the ball intended for the final whiff, and spanked it into right field, twice for singles and once for a triple.

This paper has often maintained that O'Leary was the best man in the American league, sentenced to bench duty with the regular team on the field. O'Leary's demonstration of the truth of this statement, has been ample as, indeed, it has always been, whether his assignment has been at second base, third or shortstop position.

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would be ready to play in a week. Del is. It is true, nearly ready now. But is Hughie going to break up his present combination to let in another player, even though that player happens to be the most sensational juvenile of the year? Not on your life!

So long as the Tigers continue to win consistently—by this it isn't necessarily inferred that they are going to take every game played either—the present combination will remain. In case, however, that an opening appears for Gainer, he will be ready now at any time. Undoubtedly Delahanty is in better shape to second base than was when Hughie made the change.

He has taken on some of the weight he lost during his illness of the spring, and would have no trouble accomodating himself to his old job.

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Ex-Augusta Vets of '05 Hold Reunion At Park

On the Bennett Park surface on Sunday, there cowered three athletes who figured in the most epoch-making baseball deal of the American league's history.

Ty Cobb was in his usual place in center field for the Tigers. Eddie Cicotte was pitching for the Red Sox. Clyde Engle was playing second base.

All three played on the Augusta, Ga., club of the South Atlantic league in 1905. They played the positions which they occupied on the field, Sunday. The deal to which reference was made was the one which brought Ty Cobb to the Tigers.

Cicotte went to the Augusta training camp with the Tigers that spring. Augusta wanted ground rent in shape of a pitcher and Armour left Cicotte there, with the agreement that, at the end of the season, Detroit was either to take Eddie back, or have the pick of the Augusta club for \$750.

Cicotte pitched well. Engle and Cobb were the team's batting and fielding stars. When the time came for Armour to make his final selection, he deliberated long. Engle was a certainty as a right good ball player. Cobb was a gambler—a brilliant, erratic youngster whose tremendous speed was alternately a source of delight and disgust, as he used it.

But Bill Armour—give him credit—was a gambler and took the gambler's chance.

Eddie eventually worked his way into big-league ball, and is a most valuable man. But Cobb came to Detroit and pennants have followed in his wake. Cicotte too is with the big show and the three get together now and then, and discuss the old days at Augusta.

But Detroit bugs shudder every time they recall how close they were to falling heir to Engle, instead of Cobb.

GOLFERS TURNING TO DETROIT'S BIG TOURNEY

Western Championship Play, Opening Saturday, July 22,

Brings Out All the Cracks.

Indications Point To the Classiest Field That Will Clash in America This Year.

Detroit golf will reach its high water mark Saturday, July 22, and the days following, when the annual tournament of the Western Golf association will be played on the courses of the Detroit Golf club near Palmer Park. The championship event will bring together what will very possibly be the biggest field of high class golfers that has ever competed in America.

This condition is due to the fact that the tournament is international in character, which will bring here George S. Lyon and other crack Canadian players, and that it will include practically every other player of high repute west of the Atlantic seaboard. National Champion W. C. Fowles, Jr., ex-National Champion Eben Byers and others will be here, as well as Chandler Egan and R. A. Gardner, both national title-holders, Lyon, Canadian and Olympic champion, and so many others of practically the same reputation and class that it is almost impossible to name them.

Last year at Minikahda the entry list was 162. Chairman Frederick H. Holt has very little doubt that it will be larger this year, and will not be at all surprised if it goes over the 200 mark. There will be about 20 entries from each of the Detroit clubs.

The first big event of the gathering will be the Olympic contest on Saturday, July 22. The entry list for this event includes a dozen four-man teams, by far the largest number on record. Of high local interest are the Detroit City Golf league team and the Michigan Golf association four. These have not yet been definitely selected, but will be made up from the following: City Champion J. B. Schiolden, Guy A. Miller and Ray Dennen of the Golf club; ex-State Champion J. D. Standish, Jr., State Champion H. L. Lee, Wiley Carrhart, J. T. McMillan, and J. S. Sweeney of the Country club; ex-State Champion J. T. Wylie of Saginaw, Wm. Alden Smith, Jr., ex-State Champion Phil Stanton, and W. D. Handley of Grand Rapids.

The favorite for the event will doubtless be the W. G. A. team of ex-champions, composed of Mason Phelps, "Chick" Evans, Chandler Egan and Ned Sawyer, with Warren K. Wood as alternate.

Play for the title opens Monday, at 8 a.m. and the finals will be reached Saturday.

A large variety of play has been arranged in addition to the regular championship play. This will be, of course, open to the losing players in the big competition.

A series of entertainments has been arranged by the local committee, for each evening of the week.

Browns Want a Soldier.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 17.—If Uncle Sam consents to sell the release, Geo. J. Curry, of the army, instead of receiving \$18 a month will be paid \$200 by the St. Louis American league club as a pitcher. The contract has been signed pending negotiations with the war department.

GRAND CIRCUIT AT KAZOO.

250 Men Enter Events and Stakes Range From \$1,000 to \$10,000.

KALAMAZOO, Mich., July 17.—The Grand Circuit harness meet is on in this city this week. More than 250 horses are entered and the stakes range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Well Yes, For Athletics. Can it be? Can it be? O-OH! Can it be that our teams are only fourth of July champions? says the Philadelphia Telegraph.

Short Lengths

Old Sam, of Toledo, won the Taft cup for the kiddy boats.

De Orleau was the swimming champion of the Detroit river Saturday.

Jack Johnson is talking of a long tour of the far east, under the management of Hugh McIntosh.

Fifteen bugs sum up \$2,000 or lose their ball club, which, though up in the race, hasn't been drawing flies.

The Athletics have found a team they can beat, a lucky thing for them they jumped to St. Louis from Detroit instead of to Chicago.

The yachtsmen are gathering at Put-in-Bay for the annual Interlake regatta.

Hersz and Miller of the Boston Nationals have struck for more pay. Both seem to have grievances.

One Voyle Davis rode a motorbike from Frisco to New York in less than 22 days.

Lundstrom, the Tiger farmhand, is batting ninth on the Saginaw list. He won't do well.

Caldwell, of New York, and Jackson, of Buffalo, won the Lower Lakes championship from McMillan of Detroit, in the finals of the tourney of that organization at the Country club.

MACK'S CASTOFFS DO WELL FOR THE NAPS

Cleveland has a liking for former Athletics, Jackson, Butcher and Barr all having been formerly on Connie Mack's payroll. The last to be added to the list is Catcher Stephen O'Neill, whom Connie bought from Elmira two years ago. O'Neill has been catching this year for Jess Burkett's Worcester team in the New England league. He is a good catcher and a hard hitter.

What the Box Scores Demonstrate to the Fan

The latest figures show that Ty Cobb leads both leagues in hitting, base running, base stealing, getting hits for extra bases and scoring runs.

Those White Sox, ex-hitter wonders, are proving to be the best little ninth-inning raliers in the American League, coming from behind and licking the Senators to change his feet with all the agility of a dancing master.

Draw near and listen: Ty Cobb didn't break into the summary of yesterday's game for a single starting act and got only one miserable single. Which is more to be remarked about than if he had won the game by his individual playing.

Curry, a trolley league twirler, passed eleven Athletes in six innings, while Indian Bender struck out ten men, Philadelphia winning 8 to 4.

Austin, Wallace and Criss participated in that "Unusually Unique" affair, a triple play.

This young Mr. Gregg of the Naps can't lose for winning. And please see how the Napless Naps have been mounting in the percentage "Co-low."

Herzog prefers farming to racing with the Rustlers. He played on a real ball team once and cannot accustom himself to the change.

Frank Chance, apparently out of the game for good, is having all kinds of trouble finding a substitute. Vic Saier is the latest to suffer by comparison.

What is this morning's bid for those eminent Andalusians, O'Toole and Kelly? A million dollars and twenty-eight cents?

PICK OF TRACK TO RACE TODAY

Chief Interest in This Afternoon's Events at Windsor Course Centers On Edenwold Stakes.

Interest in today's program at the Windsor race track centers in the fourth race, the Edenwold stakes, for two-year-olds. The distance is five furlongs and the purse \$1,200. The following speedy ones are entered: Moissant, 111; Gold Blade, 114; Vestibule, 108; and Wild Weed, 100. Belmont entry: Mad River, 103.

Edenwold is the name of the stock farm owned by Walter O. Palmer, secretary of the Windsor Fair grounds and Driving Park association, and the stake race is put on as a mark of honor to him. The entries comprise some of the best horses at the track and an exceptionally good race is anticipated. There will be six other good ones.

Meridian proved a surprise in the Frontier handicap, on Saturday, the opening day. Zeus, the favorite, was played heavily, but Meridian had no trouble in landing first money. Meridian was cleverly ridden by Jockey Koerner and had things pretty much his own way throughout the race.

Summers saved his life by getting his gloved hand in front of his face and proceeding to throw Summers off for second time a bit low.

Little Jerry McCarthy is a pleasant variety in the mascot line, after an experience with the monstrosity that accompanied the Athletics.

Chief Summers is right good now. His fourth game is the best he has twirled in the last year, and only Lewis hopped a shutout.

Summers and Cicotte are about the only knuckle-ball artists left in the game, one strongly to the spit ball in the last year.

Cobb is resting up a bit after his exertions in the series with the Athletics. The Peach gave himself a terrible banging and can afford to take it easy just now.

Gardner bounced several of his shins in each game, but they were hard chances. The change from second to third is a tough one for any player to make.

A Tip for Scouts. CHICAGO, July 17.—Pitcher Neilson of the Holly Family team, in the National Catholic Junior league, is wondering how soon he will be receiving offers from the big leagues as the result of his performance yesterday in pitching a no-hitter game, striking out 17 men.

Six Get Catcher. DUBUQUE, Iowa, July 17.—Catcher Kreitz of the Dubuque Three-leafs will report in a few days to Charles Comiskey of the American league.

Oh Yes! Don't Forget! With the Harlem track closed to racing, Chicago sports look forward to the Gotch-Hackenschmidt match Labor day.

Meridian Wins Trip to Europe By His Victory In Frontier

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