

NEW YORK CITY, MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1911.

RUCKER TO PITCH FIRST GAME AGAINST GIANTS--DUNCAN STARS AT GOLF

WE WILL NEVER PLAY THIS DOUBLE HEADER

Rain Put a Stop to the Game in St. Louis and Team Is Now Coming East.

BY THOMAS S. RICE.

TOUGH, indeed, was the luck of the Brooklyn ball team in St. Louis yesterday, when it was not able to play either game of the double-header which had become necessary because of the time of the day before.

Grand Record on the Road. The showing of the Superbas since they left this City of Homes and departed westward via St. Louis is one of which any team could be proud.

Nearly Tied St. Louis. The necessary cancelling of the double header in St. Louis yesterday was especially severe shock. The Superbas were a bit of content that they had won from Pittsburgh, although Brooklyn had not previously won a game in Pittsburgh this season.

About Dahlen's Contract. His team has been going well for the past month or six weeks, but considerable surprise was expressed by many Brooklyn fans when it was reported that Bill Dahlen had been signed to manage the Superbas for the next four years.

Prospects Are Pretty Fair. Had Brooklyn's luck been reasonable this year Dahlen might have pulled the Superbas through with half their games won, which would have been a somewhat respectable showing, but the team has had its troubles.

Brooklyn's Batting Improves a Little. The Superbas are still hitting around .255, which is three points better than that of the work as well as the first half of the season the batting mark of the team has been advancing.

Stark and Daubert in .300 Class. For the first time in many moons Brooklyn has two regulars who are hitting better than .300.

KNOCKS AND BOOSTS.

The record of the New York Giants on the road this trip has been seventeen games won and four lost. They are playing in Pittsburgh today.

It was another theft-like game for the Giants when they beat Chicago by 5 to 0 yesterday. J. Doyle and Hoffman stole a run each.

The Giants have to win but three of their remaining twelve games, and if Chicago wins all of its remaining seven, in order for said Giants to land the much coveted pennant.

Baseball is beginning to drag wearily now except in the games played by the Giants, and the attendance is suffering all over the big leagues.

The game in Brooklyn with the Giants on Wednesday next will be the first time the Greater New York fans have seen their young friends since they played Brooklyn to a tie at the Polo Grounds on September 2.

No, you can't get tickets for the world's series yet. Wait awhile. Judging from his file of holding the Cubs to six hits and no runs yesterday Rube Marquard is still able to sit up and take nourishment.

BROOKLYN MEN SIGN; RUCKER PLAYS WEDNESDAY

SIX of the present Superba team have signed contracts for 1912. The first six of their signatures to such documents were Tooley and Higgins, and this morning Secretary Ebbs announced that Cy Barger, Johnny Hummel, Bob Coulson and Dolly Stark also had got into line.

CONNIE MACK'S MEN A HARD-HITTING TEAM

AFTER all is said and done, it will have to be admitted that the Philadelphia Athletics are a great hitting team. The cork-core ball and weak pitching have been advanced as the reason for the average of .295, which the Athletics now have.

Smith's Batting Low, but Useful. J. Carlisle (Red) Smith, our new third sacker, has a weak batting average, he being allowed only .227 by the unofficial statisticians, but J. Carlisle (Red) is a great deal more useful with the stick than his figures indicate.

Otto Miller Doing Better. Otto Miller boogied his average last week from .212 to .229, which was not half bad for one week. He gets better the more he is worked and would have been kept almost constantly on the bench.

Giants Stationary, Athletics Advance. A sign of the times last week was that the Giants remained stationary in batting, having the same mark of .270 last Friday that they had on the previous Friday.

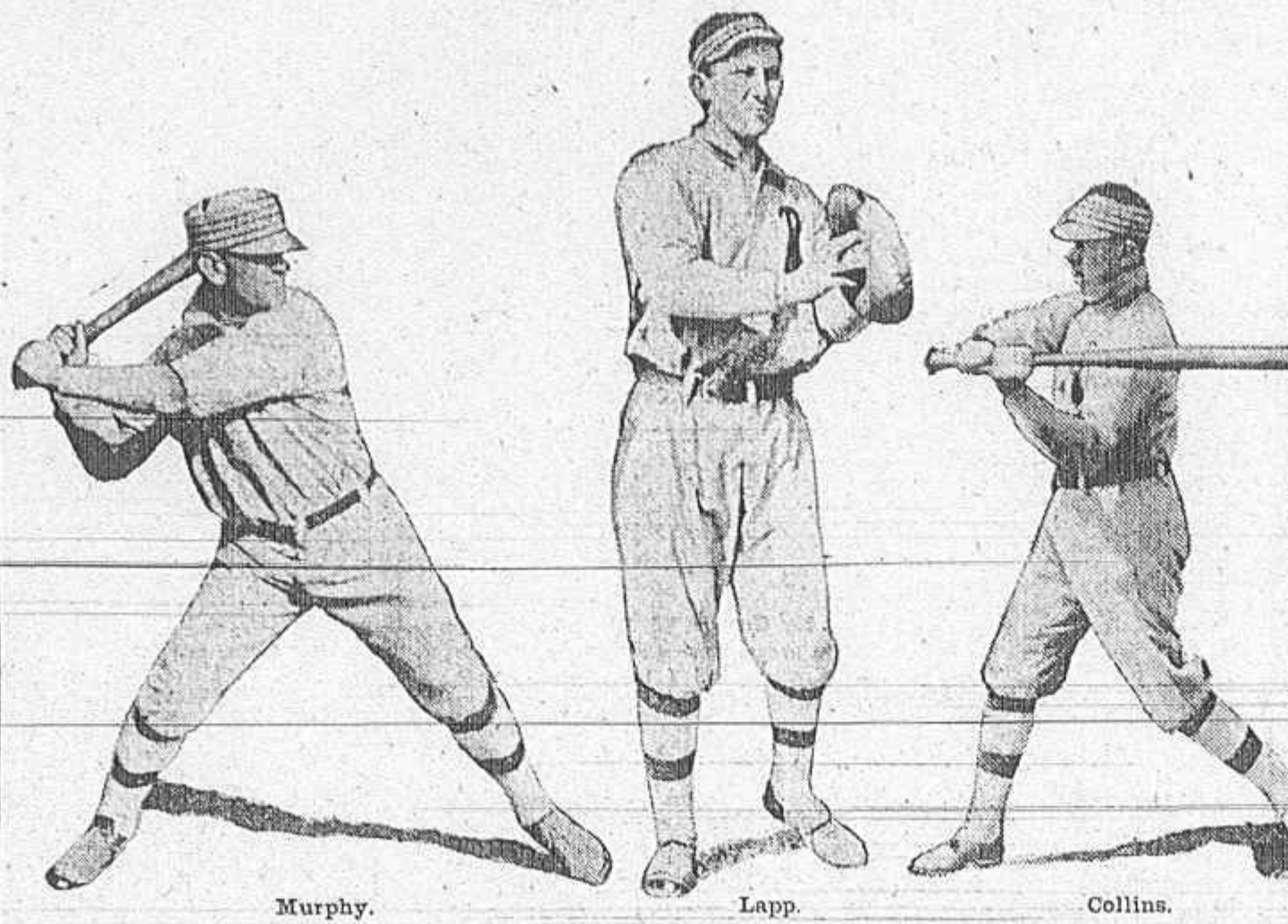
Gently Panning Chase. New York fans are gently panning Chase for being too easy on his job in his role as manager of the New York Yankees.

Central Has Clean Slate. After three previous laudable attempts to capture the baseball championship of the Sunday School Athletic League, the nine of the Central Presbyterian Church this season went through the schedule with a clean slate.

Records of the Big Leagues. NATIONAL. CLUBS. NEW YORK. CHICAGO. CINCINNATI. PITTSBURGH. PHILADELPHIA. ST. LOUIS. BROOKLYN. DETROIT. WASHINGTON.

Results Yesterday. NEW YORK, 1; CHICAGO, 0. BROOKLYN vs. ST. LOUIS, P.M. Cincinnati vs. Boston, T.M. Games Tomorrow. NEW YORK at PHILADELPHIA. CINCINNATI at ST. LOUIS.

MEN WHOM THE GIANTS' PITCHERS FEAR



Scholastic Athletics

Fumbling played a prominent part in some of the big college games played Saturday, so drawing a line on the well-trained eleven, the scholastic teams here with the Poly Prep-Commercial game did not do so badly for their initial contest.

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RAIN DOES NOT STOP HILL-AND-DALE RUNNERS

Many Events Held by Long-Distance Men Notwithstanding the Weather. Cross country runners were out in large number yesterday in preparation for the Fall hill and dale campaign, despite the weather.

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DUNCAN LOSES GOLF MATCH, BUT IS INDIVIDUAL STAR

Isaac Mackie and Herbert Strong Defeat Aberdeen Visitor and Jack Mackie by Perfect Team Work.

George Duncan is a Scotchman, long and rangy of build and a phenomenal golfer. For the past few weeks he has been playing in exhibition best ball matches with the leading professionals of this country, and has invariably come out at the top.

Halved First Five Holes. The afternoon round opened with five halved holes, Duncan playing spectacular golf. At the sixth Strong came to the fore and won the hole with a fifteen-foot putt for 4.

Mackie and Strong Fitted in Perfectly. It was a case of two heads being better than one, for Isaac Mackie and Strong fitted in perfectly together, individually they made many mistakes, but never combined, so that one or the other was able to either equal or better the score of Duncan.

There was a special prize for the best individual medal score of the afternoon match and Jack Mackie was the victor. There was also a special prize for the best putting, Duncan was much the best, having a 70 to his credit.

There were the scores of the day: MORNING ROUND. Strong and Mackie 4-5 3-4 3-4 4-3. Duncan and J. Mackie 3-5 3-4 4-3 4-3. Strong and I. Mackie 3-4 4-5 4-5 3-7 7-1. Duncan 4-4 3-4 4-5 4-5 3-7 7-1.

PUTTS AND DRIVES. A Victory Worth While. In spite of the absence of Jerome D. Travers, the Metropolitan champion, the M. C. A. was able to muster a well-balanced and brilliant team for the purpose of winning back the Lesley Cup.

White and Hicks Won Uphill Match. Five down and only six to play, Gardner White and W. L. Hicks made a great uphill fight in the double match on the first day of the Lesley Cup tournament.

Lesley Cup Has Retiring Disposition. The Lesley Cup is a decidedly handsome trophy and the one most sought after by all American golfers.

Entries Close Tomorrow. The entries for the Nassau tournament close tomorrow night at the Hotel Hedger, at the club.

Very Serious, Indeed. Speaking of taking the game of golf too seriously, listen to this: James Douglas, writing in a British paper, says: "It must be admitted that the conscientious golfer finds it hard to reconcile his duty to golf with his duty to his wife and family."

Baseball Notes. Wolfenbarger, pitcher for Lowell, Mass., which won the New England League pennant, had one fine record down East this season. He won 28 games and lost 5.

Behind the Scenes with Boxers. The showing of George Bush, when he meets Jack Denning for ten rounds tomorrow will be worth noting. Bush is credited with winning fourteen fights in the field.

Other Things. Brags--There are still other things that money even in this dollar-chasing age. Wags--Good! That's just what I'm looking for. Let's grab them and form a trust.

Brags--But I was referring to such things as a clear conscience and self-respect. Wags--Doesn't matter at all. It will read all the better in the prospectus when we come to sell the stock--Life.