

The DAILY NEWS
SPORTS

Tom Meany Names Greatest Pitchers in Ball History

Tom Meany has written another book—"Baseball's Greatest Pitchers." A Brooklyn boy who covered the Dodgers, Yankees and Giants at one time or another while on the sports staffs of New York newspapers, Meany not only has seen most of the characters included in the tale of "Baseball's Greatest Pitchers," but he can call practically all of them his friends.

The life stories of these greatest pitchers are generously spiced with personal experiences and other rarely told or previously untold sidelights.

Baseball's Greatest Pitchers

Those listed alphabetically, "Baseball's Greatest Pitchers" are as follows: Old Pete Alexander, Fred Blackwell, Dizzy Dean, Red Faber, Bob Feller, Lefty Gomez, Hughie Grimes, Lefty Grove, White Hoyt, Carl Hubbell, Larry Jansen, Walter Johnson, Bob Lemon, Ted Lyons, Christy Mathewson, Joe McGinnity, Hal Newhouser, Herb Pennock, Eddie Plank, Vic Raschi, Dazzy Vance, Rube Waddell, Ed Walsh, Buckie Walters, and, of course, Cy Young.

In his preface, Meany admits that he had trouble eliminating a number of others—fellows like Chief Bender, Red Ruffing, Mel Harder, Eddie Cicotte, Sam Jones, Joe Wood, Paul Derringer, Earl Whitehill, Jack Quinn, Bobo Newsom, Carl Mays, Urban Shocker, Stan Coveleski, George Uhlen and Rube Marquard.

Unlike most "greatest" authors, Meany has not ignored the present generation. The last time we looked, Blackwell, Feller, Jansen, Lemon, Newhouser and Raschi were still pitching in the majors.

Considering Ball. In making his selections, the author took the lively ball into consideration. With the exception of Young and McGinnity, who began pitching in the middle 1890's, all have worked in this century. Because men like Kid Nichols, Horse Radbourne and Amos Rusie toiled chiefly in the 19th century, they were omitted.

It was not possible for the grandstand and bleached crowds of today to see some of the mound greats of the distant past walk to the rubber and fire their stiff past astonished hitters. As for Cy Young, Walter Johnson, Christy Mathewson and a few others can be no more than names in the record book.

Eilers Are Still Winning Games

Although travel-weary and bruised, Vancouver Eilers Senior basketball team managed to win their first game after return home to Vancouver following their recent trip to Prince Rupert. The won a close 51 to 46 victory over Alberni Athletics at the King Edward gym in Vancouver.

According to a Vancouver newspaper, the next time the Eilers plan a trip north it will not be in mid-winter.

On the way here, the Eilers were grounded for two days at Ocean Falls and had to abandon their airplane for steamer. Then they come on here to have two of their star players injured in the series with the local all-star Co-op Challengers.

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BIRD-BANDING STARTS—In co-operation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Society, a bird-banding program at Coote's Paradise Marsh near Hamilton, Ont., has been begun by the Hamilton Botanical Gardens. Gulls, terns, herons, all ducks and, possibly, swans will be included. Shown is James Law of the Garden staff releasing the first banded duck. (CP PHOTO)

on the ALLEYS

With the MIXED BOWLING LEAGUE. R. Tubb conquered last week's bowling meet with a high single in the men's division with score of 299, while B. Kaines took high three game honors with 727. In the ladies' division, A. Whatman was high all around with 291 for a single and 706 for a three-game total.

In team play, Pushovers and Canadian General Electric tied for single high score of 1263. Wallace's took high three with 3458.

Results. A Division—Cook's Jewellers 4, Canada Life 4, Pushovers 3, Hill's Shoe 3, Great West 3, Wallace's 2, Shenton's 2, Canadian General Electric 1, Cantels 2, Penguin Hobby 1, Fashion, Headpinners. B Division—Red Devils 4, P.R. Plumbing 4, Miller Bay 4, Sons of Norway 3, 383 Cabs 3, Booth One 2, B.C. Packers 2, Conrad Seals 1, Van's 1, Pioneer Market, Rupert Butchers, Hi-Golds.

League Standings. A Division—Fashion 10, Pushovers 9, Cook's 16, Canada Life 14, Shenton's 13, Canadian General Electric 12, Hill's 11, Wallace's 10, Cantels 9, Penguin Hobby 8, Fashion 7, Headpinners 6.

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BLACKWOOD on Bridge

By EASLEY BLACKWOOD. 'Slam Bidding And Joint Count' Book Offers Timely Tips for Lively Players

This hand is taken from an excellent book, "Slam Bidding and Point Count" by Charles J. Solomon and Bennett L. Disbrow. The bidding is as given in the book.

North dealer. North: S-K Q 9, H-7 6 5 2, D-K J 6, C-K J 5. South: S-A J, H-K Q 10 8 7 4 3, D-A, C-A Q 6.

The bidding. South: 1 H, 2 H, 3 C, 4 H, 5 C, 6 H, 7 H. North: 2 NT, 4 H, 5 H, Pass.

Observes Eightieth Birthday

An old-time resident and well-known plasterer here is having his 80th birthday today and if it wasn't for my arthritis, I'd still be out there working," says William G. Smith, 1041 Sixth Avenue East, who retired only a few years ago.

Mr. Smith is really a pioneer tradesman of the city, and today looks upon the old and prominent buildings here with a smile of satisfaction. They're still standing up well and he's had a hand in their construction.

First job in Prince Rupert was plastering the city's original hospital, built in 1912. He had been working at the Port Simpson Hospital, then, as an orderly, but had learned his trade in the "old school" at his home in London.

After the hospital came such buildings as the city's churches, the Court House, Booth Memorial High School and still prominent residential homes.

The pioneer left Blackheath, London, in 1891 and came to work on an Ontario farm at the age of 19. Two years and seven months later he returned for a holiday, "but I stayed only a couple of months—liked Canada too well."

On his return he soon proceeded westward to seek a less severe winter climate and arrived at Port Simpson.

Mr. Smith went overseas again, this time in the uniform of the 72nd Searfoths during the First World War. In England he met his bride, Alice, who followed after the war. The two were married here in 1923.

Two children are both in this area. Eldest daughter, Mrs. Frank Froese, lives in Terrace, while Miss Dorothy Smith, second daughter, is employed in the city.

What does Mr. Smith think of Prince Rupert? "Only place I'd ever want to live. And believe me, this town's going places—there's a big future ahead. I've always thought so."

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TIMES IN ARGENTINA (Continued from page 4) which to fall back in these difficult times—wool.

DANGEROUS HABIT. VANCOUVER.—Use of sleeping pills is becoming a problem in Vancouver, said a physician who prefers to remain anonymous. He said "these are dangerous, even though not habit-forming."

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