

# SUNDAY BASEBALL PUT UNDER THE BAN

NEW YORKERS WHO TRIED TO  
PLAY "CATCH" ARRESTED  
BY THE POLICE

Those poor New Yorkers. Las Vegas has it on them in respect to baseball. The latter can play "catch" on their vacant lots on Sunday. Here is what happened to the baseballists in New York Sunday, according to the World of Monday morning.

Baseball? It was a dangerous game yesterday, the day being the Sabbath and the game being very sinful, according to the law. More than 200 twirlers of the ball and pounders of the mitt and wielders of the bat—not to mention less privileged participants—must be in court this morning to answer for the deeds done on the Sabbath.

They were advised yesterday that the magistrates would expect them. They were advised by those very serious looking documents which policemen sometimes deliver called summonses.

As reported in the World yesterday orders went forth a few days ago that the back alley leagues would have to abide by the Sunday law. Yesterday was appointed the day on which the crusade should begin.

Inspector Sweeney assigned four policemen from the East One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street station to take note of Harlem baseball exploits. The four proceeded to Olympic field at One Hundred and Thirty-sixth street and Fifth avenue, a place conducted by the McMahon brothers.

The Smart Set team was battling with the Lincoln Giants, both colored aggregations, and an intensely interested crowd was looking on and making a noise. A play by a Giant had just been greeted uproariously when in came the bluecoats, with their full assortment of summonses. First thing the Giants knew the Smart Setters were receiving papers commanding them to appear in the Harlem police court at 9 a. m. Monday morning. And before the Giants could get over the surprise, they were getting similar documents.

Then more summonses were served on the numerous score card peddlers. Altogether, including the venders, the players and the substitutes, 40 were ordered to court.

The police say the score-card is just a substitute for an admission ticket. At a quarter a piece the score-cards bring in much money.

The Metropolitans and the New Brunswicks were engaged in diamond combat at Lenox Oval, when two policemen appeared and delivered 41 summonses. When the blue-coats pushed in spectators jeered at them.

"Hey, you!" somebody yelled. "Why d'you butt in on a decent game like this? Go and catch the Rosenthal murderers!"

The Sudnya baseball views of Magistrate McQuaid, who will hear the cases today, are unknown to the baseball players, who wonder what he will do. Some magistrates fine ball players; others discharge them.

At a game between the Emeralds and the Royal Giants on the Catholic Protectors grounds in the Bronx Patrolman Zankel served summonses on the players and managers. Then he withdrew and the game continued to its end.

In Brooklyn 150 summonses were served. The Fifth avenue precinct did the banner business, with 40 summonses.

The Brooklyn method differed from that in Harlem. In Brooklyn summonses were given to patrolmen on post, and they were instructed to serve them on any persons playing ball.

A number of "amateur" baseball games were played on Staten Island yesterday and were not interfered with by the police.

Las Vegas Daily Optic, Las Vegas, NV

Saturday, August 3, 1912, Page 6, Column 4