

LARRY GARDNER VS MILTON STOCK—WORK AHEAD FOR TENNIS RANKING COMMITTEE

GARDNER, OF BOSTON, OUTRANKS STOCK IN POISE AND EXPERIENCE

But Philly Youngster Has Set the Pace for All Third Basemen Since He Became Regular—Red Sox Players' Batting Feared—Slowed Down in Fielding

Third base has played a most important part in many of the great world's series battles. Two of the men whose playing was largely instrumental in turning the tide in a baseball classic are members of the Red Sox and Phillies today, although it is doubtful if one of them, Bobby Byrne, will get into the series except as a pinch hitter or in a utility role.

Stock Certain to Be At Third During World's Series

Before Byrne was injured it seemed certain that these two men, who had previously starred in a world's series, would compete against each other. But Stock, given a chance to play regularly, has done so well that he is now considered the first choice for the position.

In comparing the third basemen for the coming series the consensus of opinion has it that the Phillies are outclassed. But there is nothing really farther from the case.

Gardner's world's series experience in 1912 may be a great help to him in the coming battle, but a real high-class ball player goes just as well in a series of this sort as in the regular playing season, and Gardner's greater experience will be of no great value after the first few innings of the opening battle.

There is no denying that Gardner is a strong, evenly balanced player, but there is also no denying the fact that he has slowed down a great deal since 1912. Increasing weight has had a great deal to do with this, but it must also be remembered that Gardner, like Byrne, is no longer a youngster so far as baseball is concerned, and for this reason the youth and dash of Stock must be taken into consideration.

Larry Gardner's Eye Will Be on That Right Field Wall

The Red Sox third baseman is likely to be a dangerous man in the Philly field, as he is one of the few good field hitters in the Boston line-up, but as a general thing, he is not to be feared a great deal on the offense. His base running has fallen off to such an extent that he can no longer be rated as even a fair man on the path.

In the field Gardner has also slowed up in a measure. This line of reasoning is not based on the fact that his average is poorer or that he has made many more errors, but from observation. It has been pointed out that Gardner's ability to cut in behind the pitchers for slow grounders would alone give him the preference over either Stock or Byrne, but as a matter of fact the failure of Gardner in this very department is keeping Janvrin, a better hitter than Scott, out of the line-up. Janvrin is a great hitter but only a fair fielder, and is outclassed by Scott in coming in for these slow bounders.

Carrigan realized that he must overcome the shortcoming of Gardner since his slowing down and bolstered the fielding at the expense of the offense.

Stock Has Led All Third Sackers Since He Replaced Byrne

It is impossible for anybody to forecast just what Stock will do in the coming series, but it is certain that no third baseman has played better than he has since replacing Byrne. If he continues at the same clip, Larry Gardner will not come up to the Stock standard.

Past performances and failures with other teams have little to do with world's series playing, and the fact that McGraw decided that Stock would not do as a third baseman will in no way handicap him, because Lobert, who was wanted so badly by the Glants, has failed to fill the bill over a long stretch of games, giving McGraw's judgment a severe jolt.

The Mackmen and fans throughout the country were sure that the bunch of misfit Stallings had welded into a championship team, could not hope to compare with the greatest machine in the game, and this was one of the main causes for the shock last October. It would be a great help to the Phillies if the Red Sox would take the critic's word for it and hold Stock cheaply.

The Pitchers Who Are Expected to Make a Monkey of Stock

Stock is to be a mark for the terrific speed of Shore, Leonard and Ruth, and he will be equally easy for the crafty Wood and Foster—at least, that is the way it is being doped out. But the robust batting average of Stock, made just when it was needed most, convinces local fans that it shall be otherwise. It is safe to say that the left handers on the Red Sox staff do not far outclass the star port-siders of the National League, and Stock has found left-handed pitching particularly easy.

There are many more graceful performers around third base than Stock, but there are few who have his wonderful hands. Stock is a third baseman by nature. He has abnormally large and powerful hands, and these give him the edge on any other man in the game, barring "Runt" Walsh, when it comes to handling hard-hit balls.

Gardner Has Balance and Experience on Philly Player

In other fielding departments Stock measures up to the standard. He is not quite so strong as Byrne in fielding bunts or in getting started after the ball, but he has a good arm, a cool head and a lot of nerve. On the bases he is so far superior to Gardner that there is no room for comparison, but as base running, except in the point of taking extra bases on hits, is not likely to play an important part in any world's series, this advantage will avail Stock but little.

All things considered, and taking the men as they finished up the season, physically and in playing ability, Gardner has nothing but balance and experience on Stock. There is a chance of Stock "blowing up," but Gardner is sure to be consistent if nothing else.

It Was a Substitute Who Won for White Sox Against Cubs

Back in 1906 George Rohe, a substitute third baseman, was sent into the game when Lee Tannehill was injured, and this led, never a star before or after, won the series for the White Sox against the Cubs in the greatest baseball upset ever known in a world's series, not even excepting the downfall of the Mackmen last season.

Rohe went into the regular line-up late in the season, just as Stock did this season, and played wonderful ball right on through the remainder of the regular season and in the world's championship. History sometimes repeats, and there are many who believe that the game and fighting little Stock will more than uphold his end in the coming series with the Red Sox.

Of all the former Philly managers in the history of the club, who are now living, there was but one who sent Manager Moran his congratulations. This one was Arthur Irwin, who wrote the Philly leader as follows: "Congratulations. You have done what the rest of us could not do as a manager, that is, won the National League championship for Philadelphia."

McCready to Handle Press Arrangements Again

The Philly officials made a wise move when they placed the press arrangements in the hands of Joe McCready, who has taken care of this department in previous world's series in this city. One of the features of every world's series here has been the able manner in which McCready took care of the visiting newspapermen. To the general public this looks like a simple task, but it is such a large undertaking that in other cities it has been badly handled in most cases.

Chicago won the Federal League pennant by winning the second game of a double-header from Pittsburgh on the last day of the season. Pittsburgh, which led the league after winning the first game, finished in third place by dropping the second; St. Louis finished one point behind Chicago. Four points separated the three teams.

William H. Humphreys, president of the Panama-Pacific Exposition Sports Committee, is on his way East to secure the consent of the owners and league heads to take the winner of the world's series to the coast to play a series of games with an all-star aggregation. It is likely the request will be turned down if the Phillies win.

WHEN A PHILLY NEEDS A FRIEND



WILLIAM JOHNSTON TO BE RANKED AS PREMIER RACQUET WIELDER

National Champion Had Better Success on Courts Than Any Other Player—McLoughlin and Williams Probably Will Come Second and Third

Despite the fact that National Champion William M. Johnston, by his defeats of Maurice A. McLoughlin, R. Norris Williams, Ed. and Karl H. Behr, ranked first, second and third among the lawn tennis players of the land, clearly established his right to lead the 1916 ranking list, there is bound to be a raft of criticism directed at the friendless Ranking Committee after the list is published.

Last year a precedent was established when the national champion was ranked below the man he defeated in the final of the national. "Why?" was the question asked, "should McLoughlin be placed ahead of the wearer of the national crown?" McLoughlin's victories over Wilding and Brooks, together with Williams' defeats at the hands of the same men, were the real reasons. And the Ranking Committee was perfectly right, for the California Comet, after the high tension he reached in the international championships, relaxed, and was an easy victim for Williams in the national.

The same thing happened to Williams, who, following his victory over McLoughlin, lost to Church in the intercollegiate, and the same thing happened to Johnston this year after his well-sustained effort in the national event. Three days after gaining the topmost position in the American lawn tennis Johnston lost to Williams in the East vs. West matches, and more recently to McLoughlin.

As there were no international matches this year, the job of the Ranking Committee in leaving out its work is to use, first, the national championship, and second, performance previous to the championship. The main question is: Do Johnston's victories over Behr, at 3-6, 6-3, 6-2, 7-5, and over Williams at 6-7, 6-4, 6-7, 6-2, 6-2, and over McLoughlin, at 1-6, 6-0, 7-5, 10-8 (this second set being the only one set that McLoughlin ever lost), offset his defeat by McLoughlin in the American final at San Francisco; by Niles, at Longwood; by Pell, at Southampton, and by Byford, at Chicago, previous to the championship?

What happened after Johnston won the singles title, and with Griffin the doubles title, should be a closed book to the Ranking Committee, for after a strenuous preliminary campaign, and an even more strenuous 10 days of championship battles, it was nothing more or less than natural that Johnston should suffer a let-down. There is no question in the minds of critics and close students of the game that on the last few days of the Forest Hills event Johnston could have beaten any tennis player in the world.

At the time the tennis season really closed, as far as important tournaments were concerned, Johnston had clearly demonstrated his superiority over the leading players in the land, and his victories over McLoughlin, Williams and Behr, gained when they would do the most good at when they were of the greatest importance, certainly offset his earlier defeats in tournaments where nothing was at stake but the honor of winning.

Fortunately there were no international matches this year to further complicate matters. The Davis Cup matches last year were of greater importance to this country than the national championship, and McLoughlin clearly demonstrated when he defeated Brooks at 7-5, 6-3, 6-3, and Wilding at 6-2, 3-6, 6-5, 6-2, two men who defeated Williams, that he was the greatest tennis player in the world. How could the American public consistently hail "Mac" as the greatest in the world, and still hail Williams as the best in the land?

The real question that faces the Ranking Committee this year is, Who shall be

LOCAL GOLFERS ANXIOUS TO SEE TRAVERS AND OUMET MEET HERE

Disappointed That Two Stars Did Not Clash at Merion. Fownes' Great Stymie Shot Sensation of Leslie Cup Meeting

Local golf fans had everything in the way of matches between the stars last week at Merion, that they have been pining for, except the one big one which the whole country is hoping for before the season ends, and that is a little go between Jerry Travers and Francis Oumet. These two famous players both performed before large galleries, but did not come together. Local promoters have not yet given up hope of staging the big match in this city, and a sincere effort will be made to get the two stars together before the month is over.

Neither would make any definite promise as to an exact date, but were fairly willing to meet. Although there was a goodly array of gallery cops to keep the crowd back, the guards were powerless to handle the chickens. Going to the third green, a pullet in white insisted on strutting about on the green. Travers could not play until Fownes had shooed it away.

Jerry started off against Fownes just like all other players not in the Big Fifteen. He sliced his drive and likewise topped it. It went some 40 feet with a great swishing and howdy-do. Travers promptly took his iron to the next hole, but got up his nerve again to use the wood on the fifth. After that he had little trouble.

The difference in the number of clubs the stars use is worthy of note. Harry Vardon insists that it is the exact number. Travers only carried eight, three of which are wooden, and one a putter. Oumet and Fownes carry a forest of sticks. Fownes carries six wooden clubs and innumerable irons.

Fownes made the welkin ring with shouts when he faced a dead stymie on the 15th. Travers' ball was on the lip of the cup. Fownes took his nibble-pip and the ball was gobbled up in the cup without hitting anything. He had put a back-splint on the ball to make it stay down. It was by far the most sensational shot of the tourney and the applause lasted the rest of the day.

Both Fownes and Travers pulled a shot that brought prolonged yelping and claps from the gallery. On the 11th Fownes poked down a pitch shot which stood up not three feet from the pin. Travers dropped his cigarette, and in a cloud of smoke pleasantly dropped his ball between the other ball and the hole for a neat stymie. This is not being done except in the best circles.

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Clarke Honored by Council. PITTSBURGH, Oct. 4.—A resolution expressing appreciation for the services to the city of Fred C. Clarke, retiring manager of the Pirates, has been drawn up by Councilman Robert Garland and will be presented to the Council at its session tomorrow. The resolution has been signed by all the members of the Council and the City Controller.

Awnings Taken Down. Awnings stored, repaired during winter for re-hanging in spring; nominal charge. Bernard McCurdy, 100 N. 9TH STREET, Filbert 2313.

Series Detail at Keith's. Arrangements have been made by the management of B. F. Keith's Theatre to receive by direct wire the complete details of all games of the world's series in this city and in Boston between the Phillies and the Red Sox. Every play will be accurately described and read from the stage during the progress of each game.

The Columbus Winners

Three hundred and eighty-seven trotters and pacers were entered and eligible to start at the two weeks' racing at the Columbus Grand Circuit meeting. Of the number, 186 faced the starter during the first week and 188 the second week, a total of 208 horses, 175 trotters and 10 pacers. Of the number, 42 trotters and 65 pacers won a portion of the money the first week, and 39 trotters and 36 pacers shared in the winning the second week, a total of 71 trotters and 69 pacers for the meeting.

North Philadelphia Bazaar

The North Philadelphia Horse Bazaar, formerly located at 2711 North Broad street, has moved to 211 21 North Broad street, and will open the new place with a big inaugural sale tomorrow. William C. Sawyer, proprietor, will be assisted by Frank E. Logan, well known in Philadelphia.

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