

WHITE SOX MANAGER BELIEVES EDDIE COLLINS IS BETTER BALL PLAYER THAN TY COBB

ROWLAND SAYS HE WOULD NOT TRADE EDDIE COLLINS FOR WONDERFUL TY COBB

Former Mackman Greatest Player in Game, Despite Fact That Georgian Has Best Record, Opinion of Sox Manager

EARLY last season rumors drifted eastward that Manager Clarence Rowland, of the White Sox, and Eddie Collins, the peerless second baseman, were not on very good terms. There is nothing about a report of this sort when a team picked for the pennant starts to skid, but in this case nothing could be further from the truth. Rowland and Collins are great friends both on and off the field, and before a group of magnates, players and scribes at the American League meeting yesterday Rowland declared that the former Mackman was the greatest ball player he had ever seen.

The White Sox leader added that he would not trade Collins for Ty Cobb, placing the former above the "Georgia Peach," despite the better averages in most departments made by Cobb each season. In paying Collins this compliment Rowland says he does not underestimate the ability of Cobb, but that he knows it is impossible for a player to be of greater value than his second baseman.

Scribes pointed out the fact that Detroit seldom wins when the wonderful Cobb is out of the game and that Ty is individually responsible for a large percentage of the Tiger victories, but Rowland declared that Collins was the cause of a larger number of White Sox victories and was with a team which did not win so many.

Cobb, With Better Record, Is Not as Good as Collins, According to Rowland
"Ty Cobb may outhit Collins anywhere from 20 to 50 points a season, steal 15 more bases, lead Eddie in extra base hitting and runs scored, but withal he is not so good a ball player. Collins is the greatest defensive player in the game. He is not far behind Cobb offensively for team value and has a much better influence on the team.

"You never know a ball player until you are on the same club with him. Therefore, I believed Collins was slightly overrated when John McGraw picked him as the greatest player in the country, but now I heartily agree with the Giants' manager. If I were to be displaced tomorrow, with Collins my successor, my personal opinion as to his value could not change. There never was a greater hustler and there is no player in the game who knows more about it.

"Collins' disposition, on and off the field, is one of his greatest assets. He is always smoothing things over, encouraging the boys where a little sarcastic comment from a star would stir up discord, and is the most popular member of my team. I know Cobb is a marvel and do not underestimate his ability, but I would not trade Eddie Collins for the Georgian under any condition.

Managers Want Lumber Yard in Exchange for Toothpick

"Just how this Jackson-Maisel trade talk started I do not know. It probably started while I was on my way East, because I knew nothing about it until today. Not only is there no truth in the report, but I don't think it is right for any one to start such a rumor, particularly where there is no ground for it.

"Trouble is often stirred up in ball teams because of these trade talks, and it makes bad feeling between managers. No doubt the Yankees would like to have Jackson. With that right field bleacher so close, he would probably break a few home-run records, and playing on the same team with Baker in a field with a short right field, opposing pitchers would have many unpleasant afternoons.

"It is funny how much a fellow can learn in one season in the major league. In my short stay here I have found that fellow-managers and magnates are always willing to make a trade, but also have noticed that all they ever want is a lumber yard for a toothpick. The Sox look good enough to me. I did hope to get Baker, but I think placing Terry, my recruit from Los Angeles, at short and shifting Weaver to third will solve my infield problem. You can bet the Sox will be at the top, or close to it, if we get our share of the breaks."

Davies' Retirement a Blow to Mack

Manager Mack's statement in the Evening Ledger yesterday that he was in the field for a player, but that he really did not need one, was given a rude jar when a report was received from Boston that Lloyd Davies, the brilliant young outfielder, had decided to retire from the game. Davies had but few opportunities to prove his worth last year, illness keeping him on the bench most of the season, but he was regarded as a certainty in the outfield this year.

Davies was never really impressed with the life of a ball player and was playing the game merely to get enough money to enter business. He was voted by veterans as the most studious young man who ever played with the Mackmen and always carried a suitcase full of books on every trip. After the ball game Davies could always be found studying in his room until midnight. He was one of the cleanest living lads who ever broke into the game, and the Amherst collegian will be badly missed by the Mackmen.

The purchase of Pick from Jack Dunn was an excellent move on the part of Manager Mack. Pick had plenty of experience and is capable of playing better ball than any third baseman used by the Athletics last season. Pick may or may not develop into a star, but he will at least fill the bill until Mack has developed his youngsters.

Cleveland in the Limelight at Meeting

The final baseball meeting of the season was largely a Cleveland affair. Between announcing the name of the head of the syndicate which has purchased Charles Somers' interests and rumors of trades involving the Indians it was mainly a Cleveland day. J. C. Dunn, one of the largest contractors in the West, will, in all probability, be named as president, and Ban Johnson insists that he will be one of the most popular magnates in the game within a short time.

Dunn is entering baseball for the pleasure he can derive from it. He has too much money and, too many business interests at the present time to enter the game for monetary purposes. He is not a Clevelander, but declares he will give the sixth city a winner at any cost. One of the first moves he made was to attempt to secure Frank Baker, but Johnson informed him that the deal between Mack and New York had gone too far to be cancelled.

Johnson then assured Dunn that Cleveland could have Baker if the deal eventually fell through. When Baker went to the Highlanders, Dunn got in touch with Johnson and told him to buy him some ball players at any cost. Yesterday Johnson dickered with Manager Griffith, of Washington, for the veteran "Chick" Gandil and Joe Boehling, and it is likely both will be seen in Cleveland uniforms next season along with High, of the Yankees. Boehling will be a great help to the Indians who need pitchers badly, but it is doubtful if Gandil and High will be of much use.

They Are Always "Helping" New Magnates

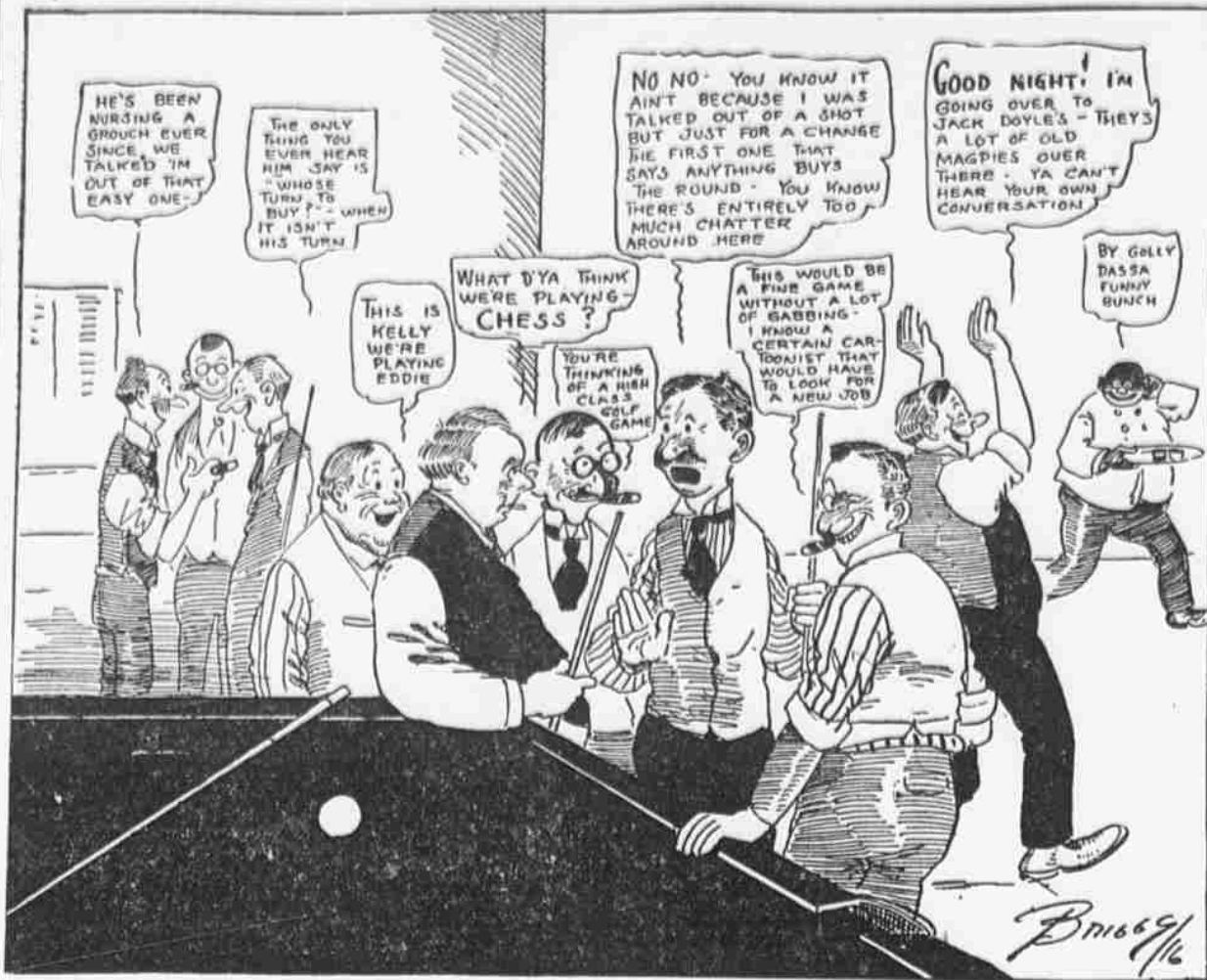
To prove that they were willing to "help" the new Cleveland owners, just as the American League "aided" them last year, Captain Huston and Colonel Ruppert, owners of the Yankees, agreed to take Ray Chapman, one of the best shortstops in the country, off their hands. They were willing to pay \$25,000 for Chapman's release, but Ban Johnson would not stand for this "high-way robbery" of the New York owners.

Huston and Ruppert are determined to have the pennant, and, if money can buy it, New York will fly its first American League championship flag. The Yankees look too strong now to allow a player of Chapman's calibre to be handed to them, even though the price offered was enormous. From an American League standpoint, Chapman is worth more in Cleveland than in New York, and Johnson realized it.

For once it looks as if Dave Fultz, president of the Players' Fraternity, had made a serious mistake in making such a fuss about the contract offered Jimmy Johnston, the Federal Leaguer who is holding out on Brooklyn. As a rule Fultz uses excellent judgment, this being one of the main reasons why the fraternity is growing so rapidly, but Johnston deserves no sympathy and will not get it, if the National Commission is forced to demand a show-down.

Clark Griffith tried to induce Ban Johnson to part with the veteran Terry Turner, of Cleveland, but failed. Griffith told Johnson he only wanted Turner for one season as a player, but would give him a position as coach after next season, which would prolong Turner's career in baseball. Johnson wants Turner in Cleveland for the same purpose.

KELLY—SILENTLY—IT CAN'T BE DONE



WORLD'S SERIES ARE PROOF OF BASEBALL CLEANLINESS

Quick Decisions in Blue Ribbon Events Cost Connie Mack More Than \$200,000—1912 Tilts Only Ones to Go Seven Games

By GRANTLAND RICE
Thoughts on a Cold Morning
The whisker is a slender thing, Much thinner than a feck of soap; Yet when the doggone razor's dull, It's thicker than a two-inch rope.

Speaking of Money
At the National League banquet Dudley Field Malone made the statement that in baseball honesty ruled the field of play; that proof of this could be found in the last world series, where the championship was closed out in five games and where over \$100,000 was turned back to ticket-holders.

To clinch this point, had it been necessary, Mr. Malone might have gone even further. In but one series—1912—has the championship gone to the seven-game limit. In the other five years, where a total of 35 games might have been played had hippodroming been in order, only 25 games have been used to decide the various winners. In these five series the championship has been decided in an average of five games, one more than the lowest possible limit.

In the ten unplayed games over \$500,000 has been turned back to the public. A sport that in five or six years turns back over \$500,000 to its supporters that it might have held by manipulation or trickery doesn't need any defense against the charge of crookedness. Six hundred thousand dollars speaks louder than the babble which led to the dismantlement of Babe Ruth.

Mack's Luck
Which reminds us again of the Unkempt Fate that has pursued Connie Mack. He not only had the distinction of losing money on a club that won four pennants in five years. That is something of a jolt itself.

But Connie's World Series fortune has been even harder. The club owners hardly begin to share in a World Series until four games have been played. Connie all told has been in five championship series. And in all this time he has split the big pot in but five games.

The Giants beat him 4 to 1 in 1906; he beat the Cubs 4 to 1 in 1910; the Giants, 4 to 1, in 1911; the Giants again, 4 to 1, in 1913; and the Braves beat him 4 straight in 1914.

Quick decisions through these five series cost Mack well over \$200,000. When they begin to break against you at various times an avalanche is as a feather in comparison. Connie, having emerged with his scalp, can probably figure that he is lucky.

At the rate things are going the only chance to remain an amateur in this country in the near future will be to carry an income of \$5,000 a year.

If the man who sells golf supplies is a professional, and the man who sells tennis supplies is a professional tennis player, then the man who sells plows or onion seed is a professional farmer.

Even Harder Than That
On the same basis any one who sells baseballs, bats or gloves or masks over the counter may be ruled as a professional ballplayer.

But some one is going to have a hard time making an old-fashioned scout, who is looking for talent, believe it.

To a Point of Order
Here is one for the Rules Committee to tackle. The Hon. William Klem, of Lakewood, and the National League de-

GOLF COURT IS INSTALLED ON ADELPHIA ROOF

300 Feet Above Street, Indoor Sport Nears Its "Place in Sun" AFFORDS GOOD PRACTICE

A golf court 300 feet above street level, in the roof garden of the Adelphia Hotel, is the most recent addition to the numerous indoor courts and links in Philadelphia. The court was opened recently on the 21st floor of the hotel, and enjoys the unique distinction of being the one place in the United States where the golfer can enjoy his game on top of a skyscraper.

Not until next winter will Manager Provan establish a regular indoor links on the roof of the tall hotel, and in the meantime the present court is considered as a stepping stone to large indoor courts. In the Adelphia court the customary driving tee and bull's-eye target afford the novice a handy place to practice and the veteran a chance to improve his game.

The court measures 25 by 50 feet and is the largest in Philadelphia, if not the entire country. It is laid out and maintained in the same way as the courts in the various department stores and at the Overbrook Country Club. The instructor in charge is Professor George Carruthers, of the North Hill Country Club. Carruthers is a Scot and, until five years ago, when he came to this country, had played the game in the vicinity of Edinburgh since the time when he was first able to wield a club.

Harry Lauder, the Highland comedian, now playing in this city, practiced nearly an hour on the Adelphia court yesterday. He remarked that it was just his style of play, as it "didn't require paying a caddy, there was no chasing around the landscape and no balls to buy and then lose immediately after."

Evening Ledger Five Lines
The Evening Telegraph basketball team defeated the Evening Ledger quintet by the score of 37 to 14 in the first of a three-game series played in the West Branch Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night.

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FUNGIT—3 SHIRT
Admission 50c and 50c

NEWS OF THE BOWLING ALLEYS

The Keystone section of weekly matches were marked by many upsets. Edward best Roosters two games, and Active, by winning three from Rangers, the tall-end team, the 1st Roosters for first place. Edward hung on to the season's high single, game team score, 302, in their last game. The individual scores in this feature last week are as follows: Mr. Coppe, 220; Shuet, 170; Storck, 204; Steier, 217, and Wagner, 170.



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EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—MARRIAGE AND MITTS GO WELL TOGETHER, WILLIE; WILLARD'S WIFE IS ONE OF HIS MANAGERS

