

THOUSANDS OF BASEBALL FANS HAVE TURNED FROM DIAMOND TO GOLF COURSES

AMERICANS TIRED OF BEING MERE SPECTATORS; THEY NOW GO OUT AND PLAY GOLF

Over Million Indulge in the Scottish Pastime. Professional Baseball Players Now Haunt Links

WE ARE rapidly becoming a nation of recreationists, and where a few years ago we were content to sit in the bleachers and grandstand and pay to watch others play, we now prefer to do our own playing. It may cost a trifle more, but it pays better. Ask some of the baseball magnates, and if they are truthful they will tell you that many business and professional men who formerly were regular attendants at the ball park now tie themselves to the golf links.

The average boy would rather play ball than see others play, and that is just the attitude of thousands of men who once took their athletics in homeopathic doses. And men of 30 and 40, and even the youngsters of 50 and 60, are only boys who have grown up and found out that there is a game that they may play without harming themselves.

Baseball will always be our great national pastime. But it may be surprising news to many that the game which was despised and ridiculed in this country not more than a half decade ago today ranks next to baseball as the great recreation and sport of the American people. It may be news also to learn that there is more money invested in golf links in this country than there is in all the baseball parks in the United States. Golf courses now are numbered in the thousands.

Million Golfers in United States

Perhaps you will scoff at the statement that there are very nearly a million golfers who play the game between the two great seaboard and the Canadian and Mexican borders. Have you heard that there are twenty-odd municipalities in this country which support public links for those who care to play the game? Do you know that the finest and best public course in this country is situated inside the city limits of Philadelphia?

Philadelphia Has Great Municipal Course

It has taken Philadelphia 20 years to get its first public course, and it might be said in passing that this municipality is the last great city in the country to give what the small towns in Scotland gave their residents years ago. Those who have seen our new public course say that it is without doubt the finest golf course in this country owned by a community.

Many of the municipal courses are only nine holes in extent, but the Cobb's Creek is the full 18, laid out over a country that is rolling in character and supplied with numerous natural hazards, such as no other public course affords. It is not, furthermore, going to cost a Philadelphia man, woman or child a cent to play on it. And if you do not think that it is going to be popular, run out there some Saturday next month and judge for yourself.

This city today, through the Golf Association of Philadelphia, has a greater diversity of golfing events than any other golfing section in this country. It now contains 31 clubs, and in the Philadelphia district there are three or four new ones that have not yet been admitted to membership. For boys under 21 there is a junior championship. For the man who has reached the age of 55 years there is a tournament bearing the euphonious title of Ancient and Honorable. For the fathers and mothers and their sons and daughters there is a tourney.

Any golfer whose rating is not more than 19 strokes may compete for the men's local championship. And to make matters fair to the thousands of golfers whose ratings are much higher, the association has scheduled a tourney restricted to them. For men and women who like once in a while to play together as a team there is an event. Once a year all the golfers may get together for what is known as an association dinner match. This is held over two courses, in order to accommodate the crowd, and there are prizes offered for the good, bad and indifferent players. For those golfers who are obliged to remain in town in August there is a midsummer handicap. The only gold cup in this country is played for once a year at one of the local clubs. The present woman champion of this country is a Philadelphian.

Two Big Championships Here

Next to the championship events the two greatest golf events in America have as their prizes trophies offered by two Philadelphians. The middle of this month will witness more than a hundred women, representing more than 20 clubs, playing in an interclub event that lasts a month, and there is nothing comparable with it in the United States. The middle of May will see no fewer than 224 men from 16 clubs in a similar struggle, and it is by all odds the biggest thing of its kind staged in any community in America.

It costs the average nine-hole course in Philadelphia between \$2000 and \$4000 a year to care for its fairways and greens and the amount spent by the 18-hole courses runs from \$5000 to \$15,000 a year. There are hundreds of acres owned or leased by the local golf clubs which are valued at from \$1000 an acre up to \$10,000. The need bills of these clubs run into the thousands of dollars. The 20-odd professionals earn from \$1000 a year up to \$6000.

Spent Vast Sums on Golf

Philadelphians spend every year a small fortune on golf balls, which average in price from 40 cents up to 75. The amount spent annually by Philadelphia golfers for cartage to their golf courses would keep you and your family on easy street for the rest of your life. There are 30,000 golfers in Philadelphia, and fully half of them will buy one new club a year, and this means an expenditure of more than \$30,000 annually. There are more than a thousand boys who caddy for Philadelphians, and from May until November these youngsters on Saturdays and Sundays will each earn a dollar bill, and in the season these thousand youngsters will take out of the golfers' pockets and put into theirs the very comfortable sum of \$20,000.

If any one scoffs at golf just remember that it is a game for the young and old, the strong and the weak, the rich and the poor, the one game that is nowise hurtful, that takes you into the open, that wipes away the mental cobwebs, that is played over green fields and under blue skies, and that is far removed from the noise and smoke and dust of the city.

Baseball Fans Indulge Extensively in Golf

That golf is making vast inroads into the gate receipts at baseball in this city and in other municipalities is now an admitted fact by the magnates. Even the magnates and players themselves have come to see what a wonderful game it is. On the two Philadelphia major league clubs are numbers of golfers.

Back in the days of Delahanty and other great Philly players, the ball tossers would have scoffed at any member of the team who preferred golf to plinchee or the well-known products of the hop. But now it is different. Connie Mack is an ardent golfer. He plays whenever and wherever he gets the opportunity, and belongs to a local golf club. On the Athletics at the present time Joe Bush, Harry Davis, Rube Oldring and Jimmy Walsh play good games. Eddie Collins, John Coombs, Bob Shawkey and Chief Bender were splendid players, and often spent their mornings abroad on the links.

On the Phillies now are a number of good golfers. Bender is the best, but Killifer, Jack Adams, George Whitted, George Chalmers and Wilbur Good play creditable games.

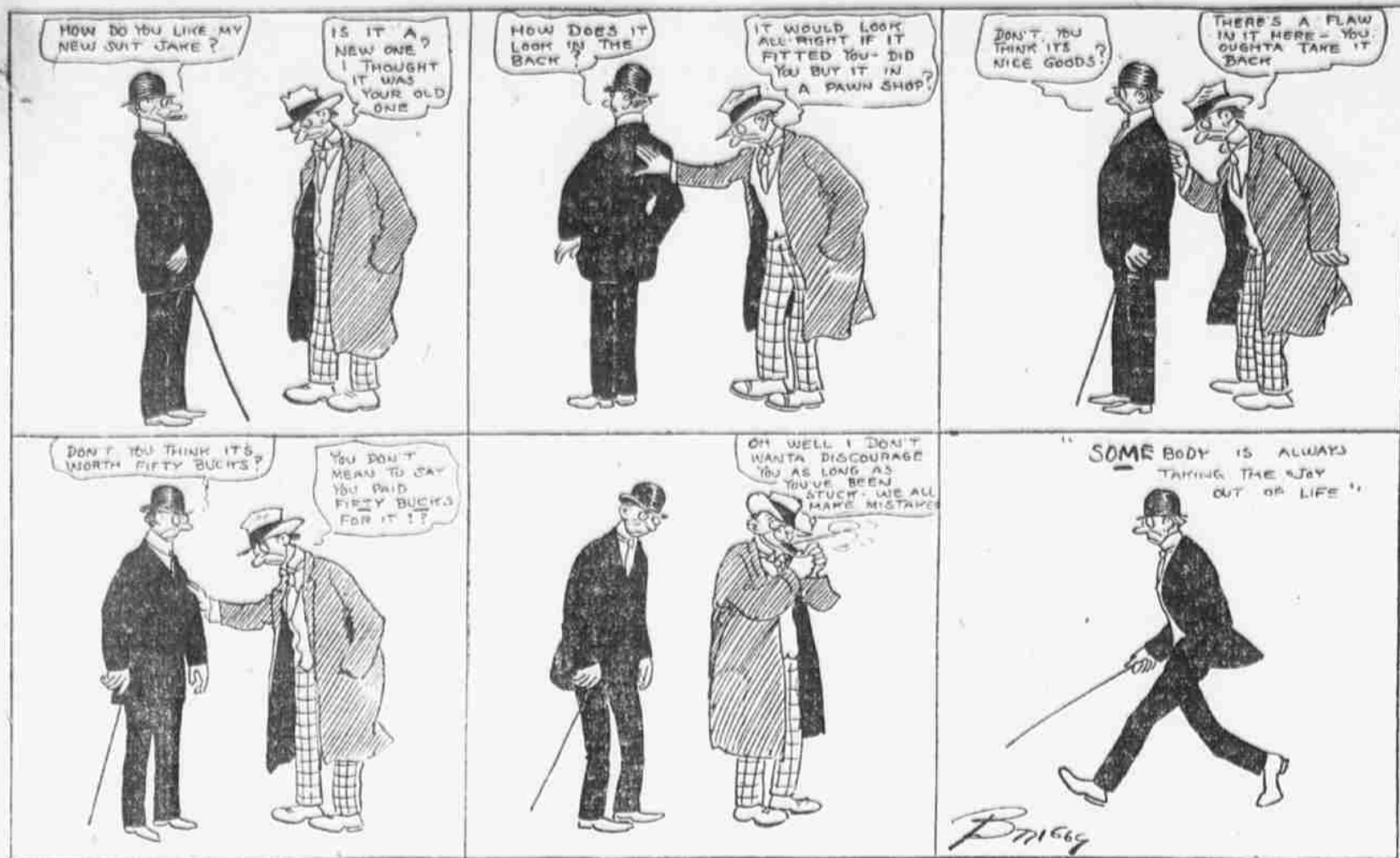
On every other club in the majors, too, can be found devotees of golf. Mathewson is good with the clubs and plays nearly every day during the summer.

It is evident from the way golf has taken hold of professional baseball players that they do not blame fans for not attending the games when they are able to get out and play themselves on the beautiful spring, summer and autumn afternoons.

Kid Elberfeld, now manager of the Chattanooga club, of the Southern Association, is playing true to form. He encouraged his young men Saturday to enter into a fist engagement with the Athletics' Yanigans after Sam Crane had been "beaten" and had retaliated by tossing his bat at the opposing twirler.

It is not generally believed in the boxing community that the fight now being waged by the Hearst newspapers against the ring game will result in a knockout, or even a point decision in their favor.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



ACADEMY BOYS RECEIVE TENNIS INSTRUCTIONS

Gibbons and Tilden Teach Friends' Central and Episcopal Players

SPORT BOOMING DAILY

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D

The tennis boom is daily gaining impetus in the schools. In fact, more of the intercollegiate schools have started instruction classes. Friends' Central was fortunate enough to get Paul W. Gibbons to act as coach. Gibbons meets the boys once each week to instruct them on footwork, strokes and generalship.

Last week Gibbons suggested that a volley board be put up in the gymnasium. Within three days the board was in place and the squad of 30 candidates are now practicing daily at the school. The speed with which Friends' Central put this board up shows its great interest in the tennis movement. Last Friday, Gibbons and William T. Tilden, 2d, gave a talk on strokes, with illustrations of the various methods. The board proved of great value.

Episcopal Academy has started an instruction class, having secured William T. Tilden, 2d, to explain the rudiments of the game, and follow these with a series of talks on various strokes, and court position. He will also go once a week to the school practice and work with the boys.

Episcopal has an exceptionally strong team in the intercollegiate league this year and bids fair to dispute the claim to the title with Penn Charter. The following schools now receive coaching under this junior development plan: Germantown Academy, Germantown High School, Frankford High, Friends' Central, West Philadelphia High and Episcopal. The co-operation of these schools is most welcome and we sincerely thank them for it.

GRIDIRON PLAYER SPURNS COLLEGE TO TAKE BRIDE

H. A. Hunter, After Secret Engagement, Weds Miss Roseine Massett

Friends and teammates of H. Allen Hunter, stalwart center of the Vincome football team, since the season closed last fall have wondered why he rejected a half dozen offers to go to college. Hunter stands six feet three inches and weighs 292 pounds. His friends said he would have been a wonder in college ranks had he only seized one of the many opportunities.

After more than four months of wondering the secret is out. It was first heard around the headquarters of the Vincome Club, 524 street, north of Market, last night. Hunter has been quietly engaged for some time, and last Thursday was married. She who in the future will be the athlete's guiding star is, or was, Miss Roseine May Massett, 3222 North 22d street, this city. The couple were married in the home of the bride by the Rev. E. W. Powell, D. D.

Hunter has been a fixture on the Vincome eleven for six years and was never known to call for a time out. Last Thanksgiving Day he played the entire second half against Vetric with several small bones broken in his foot. He is a rugged type of football player and many critics claim him to be the best club pivot in Philadelphia.

New Johns Hopkins Coach

BALTIMORE, Md., April 4.—Frank Brumback has been made head coach of the Johns Hopkins football squad. He succeeds Charles Brickley, who returned to Harvard.

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YOU CAN'T TELL BALL PLAYER BY HIS CITIZEN'S CLOTHES

Shakespeare Booted One When He Said "The Apparel Oft Proclaims the Man"

By GRANTLAND RICE

"THE apparel oft proclaims the man," wrote Shakespeare. This line was peddled before baseball was known.

In baseball neither the apparel nor the demeanor of the field proclaims the man as he is known in the game. And so the noncombatant is often puzzled by the queer suits in affairs.

A Case in Point

Here is a case in point: While we were at a Southern training camp this spring a visitor who knew very little about baseball came up to the room one night. While he was there one of the players dropped in for a short fanning bout. He had a big chew of tobacco in his mouth, a cap pulled over one eye and a fine output of profanity in his general conversation.

After the athlete had left the visitor remarked: "Say, I'd hate to umpire a game with that fellow in it. I guess he is one of the tough type that would bite off an ear if things didn't go to suit him."

He was surprised to hear that the player in question was one of the most pleasant-mannered entries in the game, had never been put off the field, rarely protested a decision and was never on the hunt for any sort of trouble. It was over his head.

Another Shock

In the course of the evening two other men dropped in, but the visitor failed to catch their names. They were both fashionably dressed, yet without any touch of flashiness.

In conversation they were quiet, pleasant, nonaggressive in argument and well versed on the general topics of the day. They talked very little baseball. Their diction was without a flaw. There was a certain dignity in the bearing of both that was distinctive.

The visitor was surprised to hear they were ball players. "Umpiring," he said after they had left, "must be pretty easy now with men of that sort in the game. Who were they?"

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WASHINGTON, April 4.—With the District Commissioners and prominent citizens throwing the first balls down the alleys, the Atlantic Coast Bowling Association opened its second annual tournament here last night.

No singles or doubles were run off last night, only five-men teams contesting. Departmental team No. 2 got into the lead at the start, bowling two games in 906. Its first game, 518, was the best of the evening. The Diamond team whose total was 968, made the first game in 509. Potomac Savings Bank rolled 473 and 479; Departmental team No. 1, 459 and 490; and Washington Loan and Trust Company, 455 and 480.

O'Donnell Arrives at Purdue

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 4.—Leo O'Donnell, new minor and football coach for Purdue, has arrived here.

MACK YANIGANS TO PLAY TENNESSEE COLLEGE NINE

Richardson Pitches Well—Stellbauer Shows Ability With Bat

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., April 4.—The Athletics Yanigans will spend another day here, their opponents this afternoon being the University of Tennessee.

Richardson was given a chance yesterday to face the Maryville college team for the entire game and the big right-hander looked better in the last five innings than he did in the early part of the game, when the college boys got four of their five hits. Before the game Ira Thomas coached Richardson for half an hour, and the big chap showed the benefit of the instructions which he received.

Ira may decide to let another one of his twirlers go the entire route against the university boys this afternoon. Stellbauer, who has looked well on the training trip this spring, did his best batting of the year with a triple, a double, a single and a base on balls in five times up yesterday.

Northeast Gets Soccer Trophy

Northeast High has been presented with the soccer trophy for winning the Scholastic League championship last year.

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