# BY SHIFTING PLAYERS TO AND FROM DISABILITY LIST STALLINGS BEATS LEAGUE RULING

#### BOSTON IS CARRYING 26 MEN, IN SPITE OF 21-PLAYER LIMIT RULE OF NATIONAL LEAGUE

Stallings' Team Is Overworking Ridiculous "Ineligible" List-Whitted's Terrific Home Run and Alexander's Pitching Give Phils Edge

WHEN the Boston Braves sent an entire second-string outfield into the game yesterday, without calling upon Eddie Fitzpatrick or Dick Egan, quite a few of the fans remarked that it was rather odd that Stallings could carry so many men and still be under the 21-player limit. The answer is the ridiculous National League 21-player limit rule, with its "ineligible" list,

At the present time the Braves are carrying 26 players, including two men whose contracts have not been promulgated, according to excellent advices. The men whose contracts have not been promulgated, according to rumor, are Rico, the third-string catcher, and Bailey, a college outfielder. We always had been under the impression that a contract must be promulgated within a certain length of time, but it cannot be so, as the Braves, with their new Harvard principles, surely would not deliberately break a rule.

The disability list would be fair for all if the teams would live up to it and place only crippled players on it, but the manner in which all teams are abusing the rule makes it absolutely worthless and the joke of baseball. An excellent example of the abuse of this rule can be gotten from the case of Jess Barnes, the young Boston hurler. Farnes was on the disability list, which is supposed to be for crippled players, until two days ago.

That Barnes was not really crippled was proved by his work against the Phillies yesterday. When Wilhoit and Connolly were placed on the disability list, Barnes was reinstated and was in such splendid shape that he gave Alexander a

Enforce the Rule or Abolish It

How much longer is the National League going to put up with this joke rule, which is not being lived up to by more than one club, the Cincinnati Reds. who have not had enough money so go out and buy players they need?

Boston's roster includes Pitchers Rudolph, Hughes, Barnes, Ragon, Tyler, Nehf, Ruelbach, Allen, Strand and James; Catchers Gowdy, Tragressor and Rico; Infielders Konetchy, Evers, Maranville, Smith, Egan and Fitzpatrick; Outfielders Magee, Connolly, Wilholt, Collins, Compton, Snodgrass and Balley. It is barely possible that the St. Louis Cardina's or Pirates could use one or two men being held by Stallings because the league tolerates this manipulation of the "ineligible" list, but they have a small chance of getting any of them.

As stated many times before, the object of the rule, aside from discouraging extravagance, was to prevent one team from holding as substitutes men who might be of value to another team. Just how well the rule is working out can be seen at a glance at the above list of 26 players. It is not fair to a team living up to the rules, and the lid might just as well be lifted now as later. It would make a better race in every way.

If the league believes that rule is a necessity, why not limit a team to one man on the disability list and not permit a team to place from three to five men on it and to cover up a few more by not promulgating their contracts?

Moran Did Well to Save Alexander for Braves

TT IS well that Manager Moran saved Alexander the Great for the opening game of the series against the Braves, in preference to sending him against the Dodgers in the eighth and ninth innings of Thursday's game in Brooklyn, though at the time it seemed as if it was the proper thing to do. Pitching two innings on Thursday probably would have taken away just enough of Alexander's effectiveness to have permitted the Braves to beat him yesterday, as young Jess Barnes surely gave the Philly wonder a great battle.

Barnes pitched invincible ball for 10 innings, the Phillies' lone run being due to Compton's fumble of Stock's single, which permitted Alexander to tally. The champions could not score again until George Whitted selected a sensational method to break up the game. Good, who replaced Cravath, had been retired in the Phillies' half of the 11th inning, when Whitted caught a fast ball just right and smashed it far over the right-field fence for a home run.

This mighty drive gave the Phillies a victory just when it seemed as if the two teams might battle until darkness without determining the winner. The drive was in keeping with the wonderful work Whitted has done throughout the season. This remarkable ball player, who is not gifted with the natural ability of some of the better press-agented players, is the greatest emergency man in the National League and the most valuable all-round outfielder in the National League, despite the fact that Zack Wheat, Max Carey, Dode Paskert, Gavvy Cravath and a few other stars also are outfielders.

Alexander Outpitched Barnes

THE game was strictly a pitchins duel between Alexander and Barnes, with the ■ Philly star having all the better of it, despite the ability of Barnes to prevent the Phils from earning a run until Whitted made his circuit drive. 'The Braves' only run in the 11 stirring innings was a home-run drive by Ed Konetchy, which was, to a certain extent, lucky. The big first baseman hit a ball which was several inches outside the plate and it was an ordinary double, but the wind caught the ball and just carried it to the top of the fence. The ball struck squarely on the top of the fence, but it bounded into Broad street.

Aside from this one inning, Boston never had a chance to score. During 11 innings only two men got beyond first base. They were Konetchy, when he hit his homer, and Barnes, who beat out an infield single and was compelled to take second when Alexander passed Evers with two men out in the ninth. It was a masterful exhibition of pitching by the Philly wonder.

The Phillies had several excellent chances to score on Barnes, but he always tightened up at the right time or was saved by his support, which was brilliant throughout, barring Compton's unfortunate slip, which sent the game into extra innings. Barnes had just been reinstated from the disability list, where he was supposedly recovering from a lame arm. If Stallings has any more lame-arm pitchers like Barnes, we sincerely hope they are not reinstated while the team is in

Brilliant Fielding Was a Feature

Both teams fielded brilliantly. There was just enough hitting and sensational fielding to make the fans forget that the pitchers really were the masters throughout the battle. Some of the plays were remarkable, the most noteworthy being catches by Whitted and Paskert off Eddie Collins. Whitted made a shoestring catch of a wicked line drive, while Paskert picked a sure triple off the centrefield wall.

The Philly infield also played smooth ball, and the champions should have been credited with another errorless game. Bert Niehoff was charged with an error on a play where it would have taken a miraculous effort to retire the runner: but aside from this one play, there was nothing that even resembled a miscue. Bill Killefer's throwing was another feature, the three Braves who tried to steal being retired by several feet.

For the Braves, Maranville easily was the star. He made several hair-raising stops of ground ball and amused the fans greatly with his unique method of catching fly balls. All told, Maranville had 10 chances, more than half of which were hard, but accepted them all cleanly.

Giants Afflicted With "Automobilitis"

NEW YORK writer believes that the slump of the Giants at home is due to A their constant automobile parties. He says:

"Monsieur Bentamin Kauff was quite a swatsman in 1914. That was before Le suffered from automobilitis in a malignant form. Last season the hit-killing germs began to infest his system, and Kauff didn't hit with as much success as in former years. This season Kauff, who has a new racing car, is hitting around .275.

"If Benny pushed his chariot in the garage tomorrow and refrained from automobiling until the end of the season, we'll guarantee that his batting average will jump well beyond the .300 mark in a few weeks-and stay there. And if McGraw enforced a rule prohibiting the Giants from riding in autos until the season is over, it's an absolute certainty that the batting power of the club would increase 15 to 20 points in a few weeks.

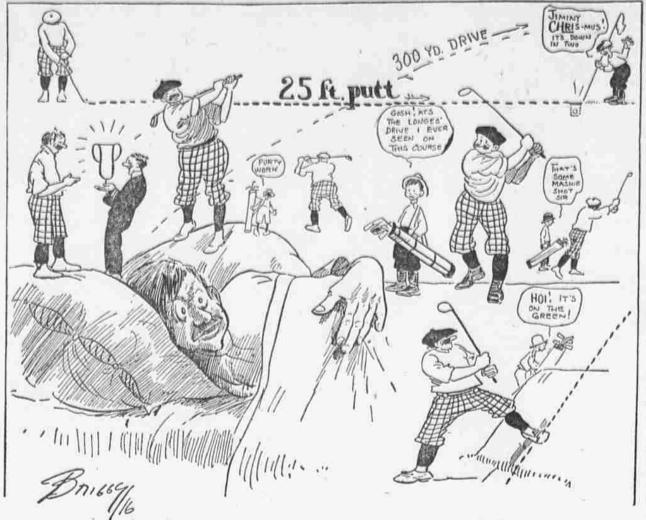
"Other ball players own autos, but they use them in moderation. The Giant players alone seem to be permitted to race around at any speed they wish and as often as they care. McGraw is lenient with them in this respect. So far he has seen no harm in it. But other managers have and most of them issued orders restraining their players from frisking around too much in the night air. They decided that fresh air was all right for a ball player when imbibed in the ordinary way, but concluded that it wasn't good for a player's eyesight when he plowed through it nightly at the rate of from 25 to 60 miles an hour,

"Of course, McGraw and his Giants may disagree with us in our opinion that joy-riding has put the at-home batting orbs of the men very much on the blink. But sooner or later Jawn is going to see the error of the joy-riding way, adopt rules barring it-and then watch the result."

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WHY GOLFERS CAN'T SLEEP



## EVENING LEDGER TRACK AND FIELD **GAMES ON TODAY**

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List of Events

MIDGET. 75-yard dash. 50-yard dash. JUNIOR. 100-yard dash. SENIOR. 100-yard dash. 220-yard dash. 440-yard run. Running broad Jump.

The first of the schoolboy athletic meets o be held weekly at Woodside Park under the auspices of the EVENING LEDGER took place today. The first event was called promptly at 1 p. m. and the pregram carried to a completion without a hitch. Many of the youngsters have been anxiously waiting for the opening of the EVENING LEDGER games and a good entry list was turned in.

A general invitation is extended to all boys to compete, as no entry fee is charged All that is required is for a youngster to satisfy the management that he is a bona fide student, and he can engage in any event for which he is qualified. Entries will be received up to noon of the day of the event, and those boys who are anxious to keep in good physical condition during the summer will have an opportunity to do so

In arranging the games the Evening Ledger and Woodside Park management have been actuated by a desire to help the schoolboys induige in their favorite pastimes under the most favorable conditions possible. It now remains with the boys to make the meets the success they deserve by ending in their entries in generous nu

All track events will be limited to 440 yards. This will enable the youngsters to taxation of their physical powers. Field events will be included in the program after the first two meets have been decided, and events will be added according to the inerest taken in the meets.

For the past week the cinder track has seen thoroughly rolled and put into excel-ent shape and fast time is expected from he boys. This will help the success of the neet, while the width of the track, 20 feet, asures the young athletes of plenty of

Herman Meyer, chairman Amateur Ath-tic Union Registration Committee, is enhusiastic over the outlook for the suof the games and urged all the boys to go o Woodside Park today and take part in the events. He has promised to canvass the recreation centres and bring

The games already have been indorsed by the Municipal Athletic League and Board of Education physical department, so there is little left to do but for the boys get together and make the games the

iccess they deserve.

Ten events were scheduled for the opening program today. Two dashes were set apart or the midget and junior classes, while

our were set apart for youngsters in the

STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER TO PLAY FOURTH ST. CLUB TODAY

Store Team to Clash With Aggregation of Ex-College Stars

Strawbridge & Clothier team will play the Fourth Street Club on the grounds, 63d and Walnut streets, today, at 3:30 o'clock. A great battle is predicted, as the Fourth Street Club has made a good record

#### HOME-RUN DRIVE HAS NOT DEFEATED ALEXANDER SINCE WAGNER'S LONG CLOUT IN 1913

Fewer Circuit Swats Made Off Grover Than Any Other Pitcher in Either of the Major Baseball Leagues

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER

prevented Alexander the Great from winning his 13th victory for 1916. An error by Pete Compton enabled the Phils to even the count, and Alexander held the Braves in check until George Whitted made his home-run drive, which gave the champlons a sensational victory. If Konetchy's homer had been the only run of the game, it would have been the first time in three years that Alexander had lost a game brough a circuit drive, the veteran Hans Wagner being the last National League player to beat the Philly marvel with a

ome run. Back in 1913 Wagner lifted the ball into the left-field bleachers for a homer with a runner on first, and defeated Alexander 2 to 1. While several players have found Alexander for circuit drives, none of the four-base walleps has caused the Philly star's defeat-since Wagner made his drive.

Field Small, Too

When one considers the size of the Philly field, it is really remarkable that so few home-run drives have been off Alexander. Tharley Herzog insists that it is impossible to take a full swing at Alexander's side-arm ball because the batter does not see it until it is upon him.

The manager of the Reds contends that the centre field bleachers have something to do with this, as it makes a background in which the ball is lost until it is half way up to the plate. Herzog does not explain, however, how it is that National League batsmen are unable to make circuit drives off Alexander on other fields.

The National League records show that there are fewer home-run drives made off Alexander the Great than any pitcher in the league, and if a careful search was made of the baseball files, we believe that t would be found that Alexander leads both eagues in this respect, with Eddie Plank as his only close rival.

Out for Record

Alexander is out to win 35 games, and judging by the way he is going, the Philiy marvel is likely to reach this mark. The Phillies have played 53 games to date and Alexander has registered 13 victories. As the schedule calls for 154 games and Alexander has not been overworked he is likely to make a great finish if the race is

To date Moran has called upon Alexander a relief twirler only once, but as the son wears on the Nebraskan probably will be given many chances to win games by working two or three innings in contests which the Phils manage to tle up along about the seventh or eighth inning.

Luddy Batting Well

Fred Luderus is back in his 1915 batting form and will soon be climbing into the ,300 lass. The failure of the slugging captain to hit in the early weeks of the race was a great handleap to the Phillies, as it hap-pened that Gavvy Cravath was in a slump at the same time and Dave Bancroft failed to hit as well as expected. Barring 1915 Luderus always has been a

slow starter. There apparently is no reason for the failure of Luddy to hit in the early part of the campaign, but he attributes it to the fact that he uses a heavier bat in the spring, so that he can get his stride and swing before he starts pulling the ball to the right side of the field. Luderus' reason for using the heavier bat is to prevent himself from pulling too much in midseason.

Until 1915, Luderus usually had an aver-age of about .200 for the first two months of the season. This was due to the fact that he could not hit into left field, but at the training camp last year he practiced hit-ting into left and was getting many base-hits because the opposing teams were play-ing for him as they had in the past. This year the opposing defense is sta-tioned very nearly in its natural posi-tion for Luderus, excepting when a left-handed pitcher is on the mound, and for this reason he has lost many hits on balls

which were going safe a year ago. Luderus is now swinging away in his natural manner and long drives have been a daily occurrence for two weeks. Op-

early part of the season, but they are now walking him intentionally whenever there is an open base with a runner in positi In the recent series in Brooklyn, the

odger pitchers passed the Philly captain intentionally three times, but on each occa-sion the strategy falled, as Dode Paskert came through with the pinch hit. So long as Paskert continues to club the ball, passing Luderus will not make the work any easier for opposing pitchers.

Lidderus' home-run drive off Pfeffer which was made with a wet ball and against the wind, was one of the longest hits we have ever seen, and his wallop against the centre-field wall yesterday was another terrific smash. Ludy will have the range of the right-field wall by the time the Phils return from the West, and probably will start after his 1915 home run record.

Jess Barnes, the Braves' young hurler, who gave Alexander such a tough battle, has wonderful control. No less than five times yesterday the first three balls he throw were called balls, but he always got threw were called balls, but he always got the next three over. The count was three and nothing on Bancroft in the third inning, but Barnes fanned the Philly shortstop. He but Barnes fanned the performance with Bancroft in breaking 66. repeated the performance with Bancroft in the 10th, but it looked as if Bancroft should have walked on that occasion.

Mac Smith

The fans could watch "Rabbit" Maranille every day, but his method of cong fly balls would still interest them day, but his method of catchms been said that Maranville's style is riginal, but such is not the case. Lave From, captain of the champion Athletics in Lave 1902 and 1905, had the same peculiar style of holding his hands below his waist in catching fly balls, but Lave always used a mitt and it did not look so odd.

Bill Killefer is throwing better every day. For a week or two opposing teams found it easy to pilfer bases on the Philly star, but he attributes this to his failure to cut loose. It was only natural for Killefer to be backward after such a long lay-off. He was holding back too much to get speed and direction to his pegs, but he is now let ting out and his arm feels better every

It was rumored that Manager Stallings would protest the game, alleging that Um-pire Byron erred in calling Snodgrass out in the 11th inning, but the Braves' said he could not protest if he wanted to, as the play was a matter of judgment on the part of the umpire and was not an infraction of the rules.

Scraps About Scrappers

ery a year ago. He placed himself in e stable with Pal Moore, who taught Me satched in the art of self-defense. What the place is the better boxer will natrated in the art had better boxer will natrated in the winds.

**Evening Ledger Decisions** of Ring Bouts Last Night

LINCOLN A. C.—Young Jack O'Brien de-feated Young Erne, Georgie Blackburn knocked out Jimmy Kearns in the fourth, Paddy Mauley won from Jimmy Bradies, Joe Corlin Stopped Charley Austin the Brst, Bobby Jeffries defeated Stoke O'Mara in five CAMBRIA A. C.—Buck Fleming won from Johnsy Nelson. Andy Burns best Eddle Cavanaugh. Tommy Gorman best Lee Flyan. Charley Boyle knocked out Andy Fotts in the second. Johnny Murgan defeated Eddle Relly. NEW YORK—Benny Lennard castly won from Vie Moran.

BALTIMORE—Jimmy McCabe defeated Jimmy Blute.

### TRAVERS' NIBLICK BRIGADE CAN SCATTER ENOUGH SAND TO PROTECT ENTIRE BORDER

"If They Need Any Trenches Dug," Says Open Champion, "I Can Gather a Detachment That Will Fortify Mexican Boundary Line"

> By GRANTLAND RICE In addition to trench duty, what army could stand up before a corps of enraged duffer brandishing niblicks as they rushed to the

at all; It was merely "weak batting" that led to the sprawl.

The Weather and Matty

what part the weather has played in Mathewson's career the last two years.

Last spring and summer brought the start of Matiry's trouble, and if you recall the details, the weather was cold and raw all through the first two months.

So the renowned wing started going badly for the first time in 15 years. This spring at Marlin, where the weather was fairly warm, Matty started back, But since arriving at home in April he has seen but little sunny weather, so he has had no chance to meet the decisive test. With warm weather to work in we have little doubt but that Matty would be back around the crest. He has proved on several occasions that he still packs the stuff. Two or three weeks of hot weather should return a definite answer.

Hot Weather and the Veteran

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The effect of hot weather on the veteran arm is beyond general belief. We re-member when the major circuit decided that Theodore Breitenstein was through-that

The great southpaw came South to New Orleans and starred for seven seasons with about as much stuff as he ever had as a Brown or a Red. The heat soon baked the kinks out of the arm that took on new life

The Niblick Brigade

Jerome D. Travers, open golf champion, shones us that he is thinking of organizing

So You Will Know If the visiting that isn't hitting the ball;
If it's popping 'em up for a simplified fall,
You can enter the dope of the day in a frame
That it's wonderful pitching that landed
the game.

If the visiting pitcher is there with the stuff, With a hop or a curve that is more than enough; Was it wonderful pitching that won! Not

. It would be interesting to know just what part the weather has played in

n a month or so. And Breit was supposed to have drifted back a good bit further

a Niblick brigade for Mexican duty.

"If they need any trenches dug," said
Jerry, "I think I can gather a detachment
headed by Hardy Baruch and Ralph Day
that will scatter enough sand to protect the
entire border. I won't need very many if I
can nick my own troon." can pick my own troop."

It isn't likely, of course, that Cleveland will land a pennant this year. But the point is that Cleveland, wherever she finishes, has earned an amazing amount of credit in a baseball way for furnishing the greatest surprise of the year. The one weakness of the Cleveland Clob was lack of available reserve material to withstand a run of injuries and accidents Such setbacks have wrecked Cleveland clubs in the past beyond any other entries and the Indians of 1918 are merely following tradition. But a club that can fish as gamely as Cleveland did for the first two months is hardly likely to break in two and catapuit downward, even with a morose Fate at work.

The Cleveland Situation

Or what chance would any Mekican brigade have against 1000 golfers who had just missed 2-foot putta?

Or against a thousand selected dubs who had just sliced their tee shots out of boundar. The massacre would be appalling.

The Case of the Phillies

As we were led to understand it by a number of insiders, the Phillies won a "duke championship" last year. Won, not through their own strength, but through opposing weakness.

The league was supposed to be consider, ably bolstered this season. But with no added strength tacked on, have you cheserved the Phils of late groping around the bottom or floundering eight or ten lengths back of the field? They are still good enough to win, which as a general propesition is about good enough.

The Ultimate Straw "In the fell clutch of circumstance," As Mr. Henley said, I rarely yelp or cry out loud Or bow my gory head.

But there are times ufy will caves in And I emit a squeal, And one of these is when I hit My mashie in the "heel!

It's a fairly good thing for the American League that the Tigers got that punk and pallid start through the first six weeks This sounds like an interesting possibility. Otherwise there wouldn't be any American League race now visible to the naked orb.

As for picking the winner since Alex Smith and J. J. McDermott abdicated their

thrones—well, how many were picking Francis Ouimet to win in 1913?

How many on the inside were tipping Walter Hagan for the 1914 crown? How many thought Jerry Travers had a chance last June at Baltusrol, when medal play never had been his strongest feature?

Picking the winner is a genial occupa-

tion, but it doesn't get any one very far,

In the British open the choice considered to three men—Vardon, Taylor and Braid. Among them they have wen if out of the last 22 championships. The outclass the field so far there is as considered.

Duncan, who has the brilliancy but not the steadiness to fight off this trio.

But in America there is no such limited thoice. Most of the pros upon this side

of the water are too busily engaged in

teaching the young and old idea how in shoot to have enough time to devote to practice or to competitive play. Hesca

while they have all their shots, their game

lack the steadiness under fire that only comes through constant competition. So no

one can figure in advance just what any

And there is always the old question of putting and the short game in general. Wonderful putting by Ouimet in 1912 and

by Hagan in 1914 put these two in front. Steady work upon the greens was a big factor in Travers' success.

In the first round Chick Evans was putting well, and finished with a 70. In

putting well, and finished with a 7c. In the afternoon, playing almost the same long game, his putting was off and he moved up to 80. Among the leaders you will notice only a slight difference from the tee or up to the greens. But sreund the greens, within from forty to three feet of the cup, the tale is told. Those who are not getting their putts are beaten from the start. Those who are will be 1—3—4—40

one of these will do.

Putting

be considered, except possibly

#### ODDS AGAINST AMATEURS IN NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

By GRANTLAND RICE

Picking the Winner

THERE are any number of interesting de-tails, possibilities, probabilities or side-ghts to be considered in connection with L tails, possibilities, probabilities or sidelights to be considered in connection with he open golf championship at Minnikahda, Minneapolis.

There are the cases, for one example, of MacDonald Smith and Gilbert Nich-olls. These are two of the most brilliant golfers that ever lifted a divot on American soil, yet neither ever has finished first n an open championship with the United States Golf Association title at stake. It is a queer turn that two such golfers, golfers who have played with such amazing ability, under tests almost as trying, never have yet been able to break through. Nicholls won the metropolitan open at

Mac Smith, a younger brother of the reduce table and reduced a special control of the records at Scarsdale two years ago, when his four rounds averaged below 70. It would be hard to find two greater golfers anywhere, yet the one title bot fought for hardest has been denied.

So it has happened that neither Mac Smith nor Gil Nicholls has been able to reach the United States Golf Association open at the top of his game. Either is more than capable of winning, but the field here is of such high calibre that no golfer, slightly below his best form, has a chance. Only those moving at top speed have a look in. And only those who are putting well have much of a chance. If luck falls on the greens where "they won't go down," there is no great hope for even the star.

The Amateur Chance

The odds this coming week now are against the amateur rulership that has harassed the pros for some seasons.

In the last three years two amateurs have finished first and another has finished sec-

Oulment won at Brookline in 1913; Evans

Oulment won at Brookline in 1913; Evans was one stroke behind in second place at Midlothian in 1914, and Travers won by one stroke at Baltusrol in 1915.

Travers will not defend his title this year, and it isn't likely that the amateurs will have any great chance of upholding their cost of the place of the cost of th fast clip unless Chick Evans happens to be at his best. Chick always is a formidable in a medal competition, and it may

be that he can carry on the amateur propa-

The Home Bred Defense

It has been six years now since a foreign-born professional has won the leading open feature of this well-bunkered land. Alex Smith struck the last blow for Scotia's

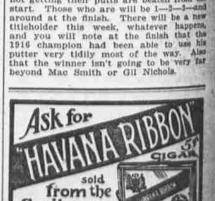
fame in 1910.

So the Foreign Legion will make an extra effort at Minnikahda to bring a return to the old days when the home breds yearly were rolled back down the hill.

They have a striking troop to enter with Gil Nichells, Mac Smith, Jim Barnes, Louis Tellier, Bob McDonald, George Sargent, Bob Simpson, Jock Hutchinson and a number of other notables. Any one of these is likely to strip a clip below 75 and hold this pace to the 72d hole. The home breds also have a formidable array to enter attached unto a formidable array to enter attached unto

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