

CONNIE MACK MAY BE FORCED TO SEND WALTER SCHANG BACK BEHIND THE BAT

SCHANG MAY HAVE TO BE USED BEHIND THE BAT TO DEVELOP YOUNG PITCHERS

Mack, However, Wishes to Use Wally in the Outfield in Order That He May Be in Line-up Every Day

MANAGER MACK, of the Athletics, says that what he needs most is a couple of catchers and that when he finds them he intends to shift Wally Schang to the outfield permanently.

Does Mack realize what a hard job it is to find capable catchers? No team can ever go very far without heady, clever catching unless it has a staff of veteran and experienced pitchers and even then the work of the hurlers suffers.

It was thought that young Carroll, the Tufts College recruit, might develop into a star before the start of the 1917 season, but Mack intimated before the team departed for the West that he will not do and probably will be playing elsewhere before the season closes.

Since 1909 there has not been a catcher who was strong enough to be considered a first or second string receiver who has not served in the minor leagues. Recruits from the college diamond and sand-lot have broken into the big show without professional experience and have made good in all other positions, but no young catcher has been able to earn a regular catching position without minor league experience.

Dope Was Wrong on Catching Marvel

"TUB" SPENCER, recognized as the greatest young catcher the game ever produced when he broke in with the Browns ten years ago, was supposed to have entered the big show right from Mercersburg Academy, but it was learned later that Spencer had played minor league ball under an assumed name prior to his graduation from Mercersburg.

Several managers have picked up catching recruits of unusual calibre whom they believed could be schooled on the bench, but none has ever amounted to anything until he was sent to a minor league for a year or two.

The great catchers in the game today have not become famous because of their clubbing ability or speed on bases; in fact, they seldom are of much value offensively. This catcher who is of great value is one who studies and knows the weakness of the batsmen, has a quick brain and a powerful throwing arm.

Headwork Makes the Receivers Great

BILL SULLIVAN, Lou Criger, Ira Thomas and several other great catchers of the past did their best work after their arms had started to weaken, because they invariably had the play figured out before it came off.

One would think that a schoolmaster of the Mack type would be able to teach a youngster all of these things on the bench much easier than he could be taught in a minor league, but Connie has never been able to do it.

Schlang Alone Came Directly to Majors

THE great Mack catchers of the past were in the minor leagues for a few years before Connie picked them up. Wally Schang is the lone exception. Schang played in Buffalo less than a full season when Mack drafted him.

The Mackmen have had no other catchers of merit since the organization of the American League. At the present time, Mack is dicker for two catchers in the minor leagues. Harry Davis recommended them. Davis feels certain that one will be a star.

Mack Built His Old Machine in Two Years

QUERIES have been received concerning the construction of the famous Mack machine and also on McGraw's connection with the famous Baltimore team of the middle 90s.

A number of fans want to know if John McGraw ever managed the famous Baltimore Orioles when they were winning pennants, as has been claimed. The answer to this is that the famous Orioles never won a pennant under any other manager than Ned Hanlon, who handled the team until the franchise was forfeited in order to cut the circuit from twelve clubs to eight.

Phillies Make No Gain on Dodgers in West

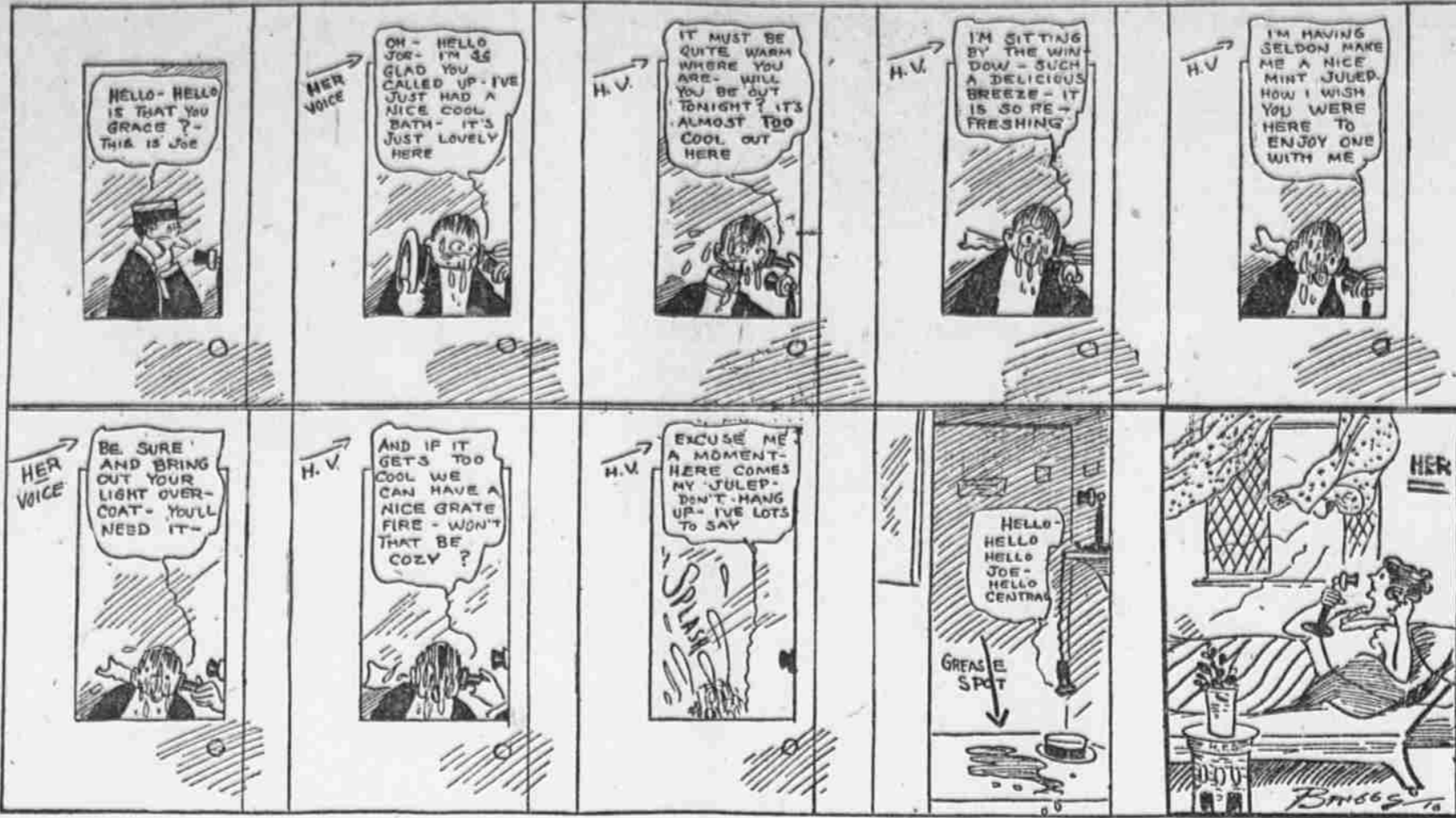
AS a result of yesterday's defeat in Pittsburgh, the Phillies returned home this morning in the same position as when they departed for the west—four games behind Brooklyn. It was thought that the champions would pick up a game or two on the Dodgers in the West and after the splendid start it seemed certain that such would be case, but the excellent finish made by the league leaders and the Phil's failure in Pittsburgh yesterday proved an unpleasant surprise to the champions.

The Phillies had little chance for a victory yesterday unless Moran's hurler had pitched a shut-out game, as young Al Mamaux had one of his good days. He had the champions at his mercy, and if he had not eased up after being given a large lead probably would have shut out the Phils.

At Demaree was batted to all parts of the field by the Pirates, while Mayer, who is loved him, also proved easy. For some strange reason the Pirates always found Demaree easy, despite the fact that Callahan has many right-handed hitters who usually are marks for a good curve ball, and Demaree when right has an excellent hook.

Manager Rowland, of the White Sox, refused to use Jack Ness on first base when right-handed hurlers were on the mound for the opposing team, preferring Jack Fournier. But an injury to the latter made it necessary to use Ness against the Tigers on Sunday. Rowland always has claimed that Ness could not hit right-handed pitchers, but in his first game against four star-batted hitters of Jennings's staff the former Pacific Coast League star made two singles, two doubles and a triple, a single-game record which has been surpassed only by Roger Hornsby, of the Cardinals, this season.

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LONGWOOD FIRST OF BIG CIRCUIT TENNIS TOURNEYS

Then Follows Play at Southampton, Seabright and Newport and Nationals

JAPANESE DUO ENTERED

The Longwood tourney, which was begun yesterday at Boston, is the first of the big circuit tennis events. Individual showings in this and the events to follow, Southampton, Seabright, Newport and the national championship, are what count most when the Ranking Committee of the U. S. N. L. T. A. gets busy late in the fall.

All doubts of McLoughlin's appearing in the national classic at Forest Hills were swept aside when the "Comet" and Ward Dawson qualified for the national doubles by winning the Pacific Coast event at Long Beach, Cal., recently.

Four of the eight teams which will represent several sections in the preliminaries at Chicago on August 15 have already been selected.

McLoughlin and Dawson won the Pacific Coast doubles; H. C. Breck and C. B. Doyle of Washington, the latter runner-up to Willis Davis for the national play court title, won the Middle Atlantic; Nat Emerson and Louis Hardy, of Memphis, won the Southern doubles, and Jack Cannon, Kansas City, and Albert Lindner, Chicago, won the Mississippi Valley. The Eastern and Northwestern doubles are now in progress at Longwood and Dallas, Tex.

The Northwesters scheduled to be played at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., July 29 and the Westerns at Onwentsia, Lake Forest, Ill., August 5, where the following week the preliminaries for the national title will be played.

The Japanese twain, Ichiji Kumagata and Hachiro Mikami, will play in all the events right up to and including the national championship. This week they will make a bid for the Eastern doubles title.

Kumagata owes his first or given name to the fact that he was the first born of his parents, "Ichiji" being literally first born. Mikami is the eighth child of a family of four girls and four boys. Hachiro means "eighth-fourth child" the eighth in point of birth and the fourth boy.

The first tournament this pair entered in the East was the New York State championship at Utica. Not knowing how to pronounce the "Japs" name, the Utica galleries and newspapermen called them "Ichie and Hasby" and these names are likely to stick.

And as "Maurie" is coming East for his eighth successive yearly invasion, it might be well to get his surname right. Don't say "McLocklin," as 99 out of 100 do. Say "McCollin."

VESPER NOT TO COMPETE IN THE DULUTH REGATTA

Seniors Fail to Make Time for the Championships in Trial

After weeks of strenuous training, the senior class crew of the Vesper Club failed to make the required time in its speed trial yesterday and consequently the crew will not be sent to Duluth to compete in the national championships, which will be held on August 11 and 12.

Heu of the eight a senior centipede will be sent west by the Vesper Club. It is expected that Kelly and his crew will win the quadruple scull, and this will necessitate only the taking of two other "heus." The late race no doubt will be William McCreary and "Red" Graf, who row low and No. 2, respectively, in the senior double.

Seka Breaks Stenton Golf Record

Joseph Seka, the young golf professional of the Browde Country Club, today demonstrated his golf ability when playing yesterday in a four ball match with the late Stenton course and Davidson he covered the new Stenton course in 72, which breaks his own previous record by two strokes.

Blue Serges German Dye BILLY MORAN 1103 ARCH ST. Open Evenings.

THE PASSING OF MATHEWSON BRINGS BACK MEMORIES TO VETERAN BASEBALL WRITER

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE Baseball Writer that day went to work with a feeling of heaviness and depression. Apparently some queer change had drifted across his philosophy, for on this day he had the feeling that he was an old man and that the machinery about him was out of order.

This was decidedly unusual. For baseball writers, whether they are 19 or 40, a rule work on in the morning of life. Their heads may be gray, but the spirit of the game, which knows only the spirit of youth, takes good enough care of their hearts.

No man could follow baseball year in and year out and ever grow old. Unless, possibly, he had to follow the Mackmen or the Reds or the Browns as they have been going in the past.

The Baseball Writer was beginning to find that his work came harder and harder. He couldn't understand it, because physically he felt as well as ever. He was still under forty, and he apparently should have been in his prime with 15 or 20 years left.

And then he began to look back over his career. He recalled the day he broke into the big league, just 17 years ago. He was assigned to the Giants and he had been with them ever since. He recalled, too, a certain big blond youngster that had started just about that time. His name was Christy Mathewson, and the Baseball Writer remembered predicting at the time that the Giants had landed what looked to be a promising recruit.

No Longer Dreary Tale of Defeat At this point the Baseball Writer began to recall just how much of his copy had been made up of dreary tales of defeat. When the big pitcher once got going there was no longer a dreary and daily tale of defeat to relate. There was inspiration and cheerful copy at last. He recalled how, in 1901, with a bum ball club around him, Matty had won 20 out of 37 games. These victories helped a lot in the compilation of daily logs. And there was the pennant year of 1903. Pittsburgh that year had a grand ball club—a pennant winning machine, with Wagner at his best—a ball club good enough to romp in year beat the dreaded Pirates seven times out of seven starts, rolling them back with ease. Those were all great games to write. He was doing much better work because Mathewson's success was making his copy easy and was giving him a big feature to handle about twice a week. Matty that year won 39 games and lost but 13. That meant at least 30 stories that he took great pleasure in giving his paper.

And the next year, 1904, Matty won 33 games and lost only 12, and by his great pitching gave the Giants their first pennant in over a decade. That was the year the Baseball Writer fairly reveled in his copy, because he always had a hero to lead the drama and who was more than making good.

Athletic Hitters Baffled And then came 1905. That year Matty won 31 out of 40 games. 17 years ago were sent against the hard-hitting Athletics, with Sox Seybold, Ossie Schreck, Harry Davis, Lave Cross, Topsy Hartzel and others who could hit. But the Baseball Writer had no fear of the result. "Matty," he recalls writing at the time, "will make them look sick." There still remained in his memory those three games that Matty worked; the fast ball, the fade-away, the perfect control—the final word in perfect pitching.

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the Cubs and the misjudged fly that brought defeat to Matty's overworked and weary arm. And then there were the flag-winning campaigns of 1911, 1912 and 1913, wherein the Old Master won 75 games, still more than holding his own against the field as he made copy easy along the way.

In 1914 and 1915 there were those who said that Matty was slipping. But the Baseball Writer didn't believe it. It was one of those things that couldn't be. It was precisely the same thing as saying that the world was coming to an end.

So the Baseball Writer remained cheerful and bided his time, waiting for the man he began with 16 years ago to get started again—waiting for the hero to re-enter the plot.

In the meanwhile there were others to write about. Not Matty, of course, but fairly good substitutes against the day of Matty's return. Mathewson through? He was willing to admit that John D. Rockefeller might be down to his last kopeck, but the other was too much of a joke to be considered. All he needed was a little time, and then the same old Matty would be back again with about the same old stuff.

OSBORNE-SWAYNE SPRING SURPRISE WINNING DOUBLES

Defeat of Tilden and Coffin, the Champions, Was Unexpected Result

FIVE SETS ARE PLAYED

NORRISTOWN, Pa., July 25.—Percy R. Osborne and Norman W. Swayne became doubles champions of the Schuylkill Valley by defeating William T. Tilden, 2d, and Roy Coffin, the title holders, in a strenuously contested match, 6-4, 1-6, 9-7, 4-6, 8-3, in the postponed final round of the tournament on the courts of the Plymouth Country Club yesterday.

The result was in the nature of an upset, as the majority of those in the gallery expected a rather easy victory for the titleholders. The first warning of the change in champions came in the first set, when Osborne and Swayne began to display team work of a high order. Tilden and Coffin captured the first three games with such ease that a short and decisive victory was predicted. Then followed a change of form.

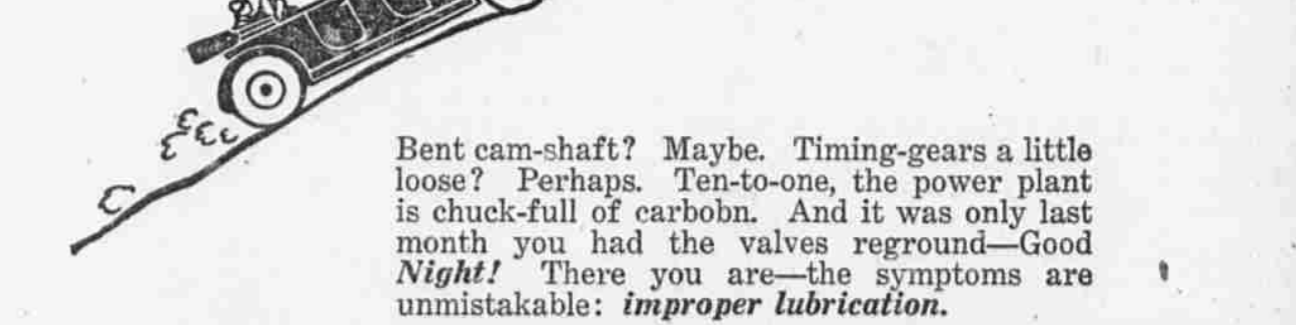
Osborne and Swayne braced and won the next trio of games with unexpected dispatch and followed up their advantage by running out the set.

Tilden and Coffin had little opposition in the second set, dropping only one game, which, as it happened, was lost with Tilden serving. Both Swayne and Osborne were able to handle the Cuyward man's service with apparent ease. Tilden had 14 service games and out of that number the winning pair captured six.

The third set furnished the best tennis of the day. Tilden and Coffin tried hard to follow up their victory of the second set, but Swayne and Osborne improved in their team work. The titleholders were worried by the lobbing tactics of their opponents, and a period of wildness followed.



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EVENING LEDGER MOVIES DO YOU THINK IT IS MEET, HUGH, TO PULL THEM IN THAT WAY?

