

MORAN'S CHAMPIONS EXPECT BROOKLYN'S PITCHING STAFF TO CRACK IN HOME STRETCH

PHILLY PLAYERS THINK THAT ROBINSON IS MAKING SAME MISTAKE DOOIN MADE IN 1913

Champions Believe Pfeffer and Cheney, Brooklyn's Pitching Mainstays, Are Being Overworked and Will Crack Under Strain

WILBERT ROBINSON, manager of the league-leading Dodgers, making the same mistake Charley Dooin made in 1913? Despite the fact that Brooklyn is leading the National League race by five full games, members of the Phillies feel confident that the Dodgers will soon hit the toboggan and that they will go into the lead along about the end of the present month.

Wonderful pitching has been largely responsible for the grand work of the Dodgers to date, but the Philly players do not think that Robinson's hurlers can hold out much longer. They believe that Robinson is making the same mistake Charley Dooin made in 1913 and that as a result the pitching staff will be shot to pieces within a month. It is claimed by these Philly players that Ed Pfeffer and Larry Cheney are being overworked and that neither can stand the strain.

Back in 1913 the Phillies went off with a rush and early in July led the National League by 11 full games. It did not seem that there was a chance for any team to overhaul the Phils and the players were busy counting their world's series money when Charley Dooin suddenly lost his head and ruined the pitching staff.

With an 11-game lead Dooin could well afford to drop a game or two, so long as his wonderful staff of pitchers remained intact, but for some reason or other, Dooin was particularly adverse to dropping any games to New York and when the Giants batted Alexander from the mound in the first contest of a five-game series, Dooin immediately sent Tom Seaton, his other star, to relieve Alexander.

Predict Cracking of Brooklyn Pitchers

IT HAPPENED to be one of those days when the Giants were in a hitting mood and would have beaten any hurler, so Seaton also was driven from the mound. The following day Dooin started Alexander again and he was treated to another lacing and Dooin again sent Seaton to his relief. The result was that both Alexander and Seaton were killed off for the series and five straight games were lost.

Alexander and Seaton had been pitching wonderful ball, but had been worked too often and after this series both went to pieces for a few weeks. Instead of allowing his stars to rest until some other team had crawled up on even terms with the Phillies, Dooin sent Alexander and Seaton into the game day after day with the result that they went to pieces and within three weeks both were used up. Thirteen out of 15 games were lost, while the Giants were winning 14 out of 15, and the Phillies lost the lead.

The loss of the lead would not have hurt the Phils if Alexander and Seaton had not been overworked, but with the pitching staff shot to pieces the team lost steadily and was soon out of the running. If Dooin had nursed Alexander and Seaton, the two best pitchers in the National League at the time, the Phils would have won the pennant with many games to spare. The Philly players now claim that Manager Robinson is making the same mistake that the Dodgers will soon avoid.

They contend that Ed Pfeffer and Larry Cheney are being overworked by Robinson and that both will be of little use to the Dodgers in the closing days of the race when they will be badly needed. Pfeffer and Cheney are young and strong and it is possible that they will be able to stand the grind, but it is a fact that they are being sent to the mound more often than is necessary. Robinson appears to have lost sight of the fact that the season is only a little more than half over. Will they be able to stand the strain or will the 1913 season be repeated?

Phils Get Off to Good Start Against St. Louis

THE Phillies continue to win, but as Brooklyn also refuses to drop a game, the five-game lead of the Dodgers has not been cut down any. By winning the first game of the series with the Cardinals yesterday, the Phils captured their eighth victory out of eleven games played with the West, but as Brooklyn has won nine out of eleven, the champions have lost on the home stand.

"Chief" Bender pitched splendid ball yesterday, while the Phils came out of their batting slump. Willie Doak, always a troublesome man for the Champions, was driven from the mound, and is not likely to be sent back at the Phils again during the series. Unless Meadows has one of his good days, the Phils have an excellent chance to sweep the series from the Cardinals. If they do it is likely that a game or two will be picked up, as Kanthier and Mannaux are likely to trouble the Dodgers.

One of the most pleasing features of yesterday's game was the excellent batting of Luderus and Bancroft, two of Moran's dependables in 1915, who have been batting lightly throughout the season. Luderus got three hits, including a home-run into the left-field bleachers, while Bancroft made three singles out of four trips to the plate.

Unusual Condition Exists in American League

AN UNUSUAL condition exists in the American League, due to the fact that the Athletics have lost so many games. At the present time seven teams have won more games than they have lost, the Browns, in seventh place, having won 50 and lost 49 games. It is doubtful if any seventh-place team in the history of the game has had a percentage of over .500 at this time of the year before, and barring the Braves of 1914 none has had a chance to go from seventh to first in a month's time, as the Browns may this season.

Yesterday the Browns trimmed the Red Sox and captured their 13th consecutive victory. The defeat pulled the Red Sox out of first place, the White Sox taking the lead for the first time this year. The Browns apparently have at last struck their stride, and as the team is only seven and a half games behind the leaders, it is likely that Jones' team is going to make trouble for the White and Red Sox before the season is over.

The present Western trip apparently has put Washington out of the race. Not only have the Senators been losing steadily, but Walter Johnson appears to have gone to pieces as a result of overwork. The famous hurler has pitched poor ball on the trip, and has not been able to go to the mound so often as he did earlier in the year.

Cleveland's splendid showing, despite the crippled condition of the team, indicates that the Indians are going to be very much in the running when Speaker and Morton return to the game. The loss of the two best men on the team apparently has not slowed down Foh's team as much as was expected. The Indians are still within striking distance of the lead, and when Speaker and Morton get back in the game it would not be surprising if the Indians spurred.

Legal Battle Over Rights for Fulton

THERE promises to be a merry legal battle over the managerial rights to Fred Fulton, the bound framed candidate for the world's heavyweight championship. The first bomb in the warfare was touched off just a few days ago when word came out of the Twin Cities that Fulton had decided to cast his lot and trust his fortunes to the tender ministry of Frank Force, a former newspaper man of Minneapolis, and with whom Fulton was associated for a time in the early stages of his ring career.

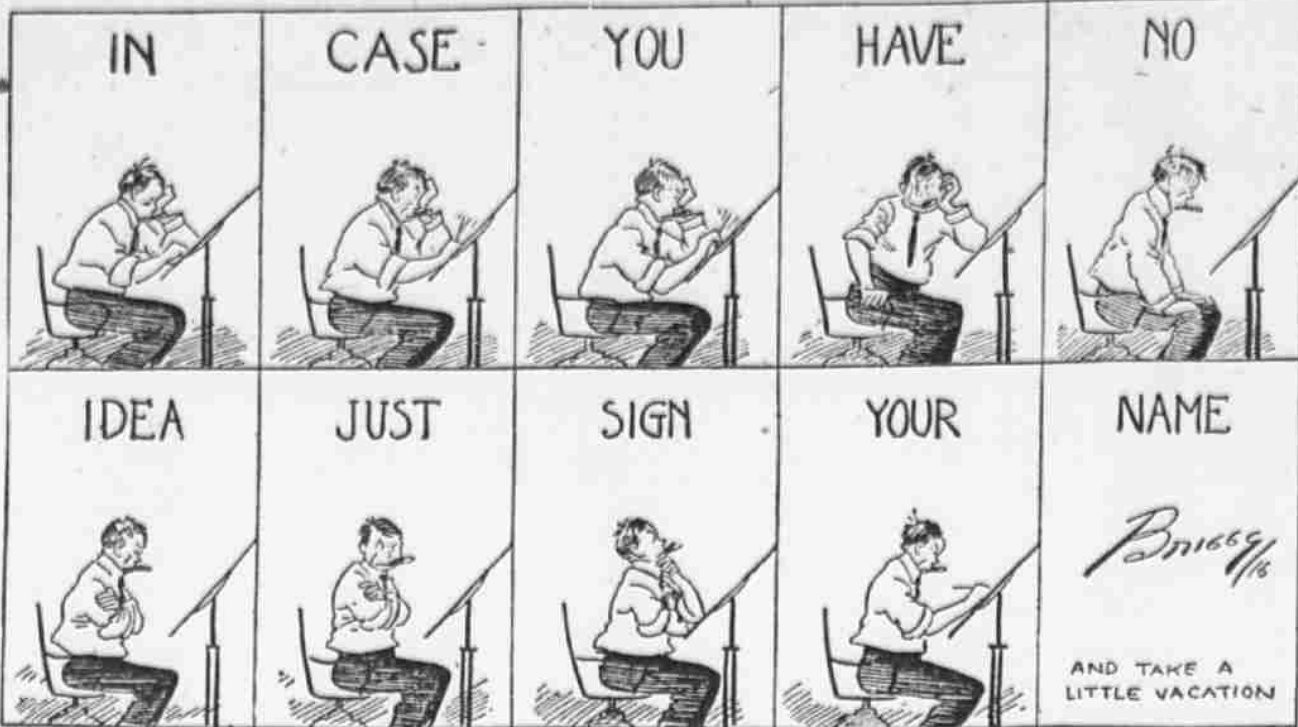
At the opening shot, Mike Collins, who has gone broke in his effort to pilot Fulton to a title match with Jess Willard, leaped for his first line of trenches, and fortified by a recent legally signed contract which he claims to have made with the Gopher giant, Collins gave reply that if Force and his associates in the scheme to pry Fulton and Collins apart hope to succeed in their effort they will have to go to the mat with him in the courts.

George Sisler had 19 of the 30 put-outs in the 10-inning game between the Browns and Red Sox yesterday. The Michigan wonder also had two hits, one of which figured in the scoring of the tying run, while his double in the ninth put Tobin in position to score the winning run.

Despite brilliant pitching by Joe Bush, the Athletics succeeded in dropping their fifteenth straight yesterday. Bush held the Indians to six hits, while the Mackmen got seven off Jim Bagby, but the Indians bunched their safeties, while Bagby kept the Athletics' hits well scattered.

"Tub" Spencer, the former Philly catcher, is coming back to the major leagues. The big catcher was purchased by Detroit and is due to join the Tigers in a few days. Spencer has been catching wonderful ball for Vernon, of the Pacific Coast League, and is likely to be first catcher for Detroit until Stange returns to the game.

IT HAPPENS WITH THE BEST REGULATED CARTOONIST



MASSIVE TENNIS TYRO OUTCLASSES TINY ADVERSARY

McQuister, Park Star, Wins First Match of Court Career

HALL PLAYS TWENTY SETS

"Bill" McQuister lives in the neighborhood of Strawberry Mansion and for about three months has been a prominent member of one of the many tennis clubs that use the public courts in Fairmount Park. He has been prominent physically, as well as socially, for he tips the beam at about 250 pounds.

He took up tennis to reduce, so he avers, and soon there came a day that was a red-letter one in his tennis career. On it he won his first match.

This auspicious day dawned just as any other day begins, with nothing to forecast the great event, the greatest in our hero's life. After doing his daily stunt at the office downtown, McQuister wandered out to Fairmount Park to see "what news was new." Some one was there ahead of him, presumably awaiting a match. This party was small in height and slight in build, and looked good to Bill. On the other hand, Bill looked good to the handsome stranger, who was heard to mutter under his breath: "The big stiff. I can make him look like 30 cents, or even less."

The challenge was issued, the racket spun and the match begun. A small army of the unemployed wandered over and formed a hollow rectangle, surrounding the court. Several park guards arrived to keep the army from trespassing over the lines.

Odds were given on the handsome stranger, who had the sympathy of the crowd. This encouraged, he began well, but once Bill warmed to his work there was no doubt as to what the ultimate result would be.

All good tennis players have days in which everything breaks just right, when everything tried is successful; and this was McQuister's day. If his opponent placed a full volley at his head, Bill put up his racket to save his face and back the ball would go, to some unprotected spot for a point. Everything was taken and the stranger outclassed.

The celebration lasted well into the evening. Twenty sets in one day is something of a mark. This was set up at the West Walnut Street Tennis Club recently by Glenn A. "Spick" Hall. And he won the majority of them, too. A few envious fellow club members have attempted to equal or better this record, but to date no one has been able to discover the secret of Hall's success. Most of them have dropped exhausted after completing only half that number.

Dodgers Get Shortstop From Denver

NEW YORK, Aug. 4.—The Dodgers have a new shortstop, but he will not be available until after the close of the season. The new player is Jesse H. Kelleher, who is 19 years old and now plays with the Denver club. Kelleher is hitting the ball in runs scored, and is said to be a fast base traveler. Kelleher has a height of 5 feet 11 inches tall, weighs 165 pounds, and is 5 feet 11 inches tall. President Ebbets wanted his services at once, but the Denver club would not let him go.

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BROOKES IN FORM AGAIN

Australian Net Star Plays Exhibition Games in London

Norman E. Brookes, who captained the successful Australian Davis Cup team in 1914, has been acting as commander of the Australian Red Cross at Cairo, Egypt, for some time. Recently he returned to London and played several exhibitions at the Queens Club. In one match, partnered by Lady Crossfield, he opposed King Manuel, the deposed ruler of Portugal, and Mrs. Lambert Chalmers. King Manuel was unfortunate enough to fall and sprain his ankle after a few minutes' play and his place was taken by Wallace Myers.

WEST CHESTER ELKS ARE FLEET OF FOOT

Joseph Carter, of Mather's Farm, Captured Marathon Race

WEST CHESTER, Pa., Aug. 4.—Several thousand residents of West Chester and the nearby towns attended the annual picnic of the West Chester Lodge of Elks, held at Lenape Park, on the Brandywine, yesterday. Summary of the sports follows:

Marathon race of about four miles, from the Elks Home to the borough of Lenape Park.—Won by Joseph Carter, of Mather's Farm, in 24:51, almost two minutes slower than last year's record. Harry Rudolph, Philadelphia, 25:07; third, Bill W. Grubb, Berwyn, 26:48; fourth, Percy Hoskins, Jenoville. There were 10 starters, but only eight finished.

50-yard dash.—Won by Roland Grubb, Kennett Square, 22 feet 1 inch; second, H. J. McGrath, Mercury A. C., Philadelphia, 21 feet 4 inches; third, C. T. Buckholt, Germantown Boys Club, 21 feet 3 inches. 100-yard dash.—Won by W. E. Olsen, Mercury A. C., Philadelphia; second, George Tyson, Germantown Boys Club; third, C. T. Buckholt, Germantown Boys Club. Time 10 4.5 seconds. Running race for first prize, H. J. McGrath and C. T. Buckholt, but the former won. Fred Hasselberg, Mercury A. C., Philadelphia, 5 feet 3 inches. McGrath jumped 5 feet 5 inches.

Manager Stallings Suspended

BOSTON, Aug. 4.—George T. Stallings, manager of the Boston Nationals, yesterday received notification of his suspension for three days by President Tener, of the league, for words addressed to a umpire. Stallings quit the bench during the first game of yesterday's double-header with Cincinnati. Fred Mitchell succeeded him in charge.

Large Field in Western Tennis

CHICAGO, Aug. 4.—With the closing of entries for the annual western tennis championship tournament here today a field of more than a hundred noted tennis stars was assured. The tournament begins tomorrow with matches in men's singles.

GOLFERS THINK TENNIS BODY PLAN BETTER AMATEUR LAW THAN SIMILAR GOLFDOM RULES

Tennis Rule Permits Loophole Before Axe. Midsummer Handicap to Be Spliced

By SANDY McNBlick

PROPOSED amateur rulings to cover the status of tennis players are being tossed about not a little on the tongues of the fans gathered for the East and West matches today at the West Side Club, New York. The rulings are to be voted on at the 1917 annual meeting.

It is asserted that the action of the United States Golf Association in putting screws into the minds of those who were directly or indirectly profiting by their connection or fame in the game of golf had not a little to do in stimulating the tennis body to action.

Golfers feel that there is one feature of the proposed amateur tennis ruling that is a decided improvement on the golf law recently passed to cover the same condition; that is, the status of a player engaged in buying, selling or handling of supplies for the game in question. Talks with dealers of sporting supplies reveal the fact that the occupation is extremely fascinating, profitable and enveloping to a great degree.

Dealers felt that it would be extremely difficult to make up their minds to break away from their chosen life occupation at a moment's notice. Handling supplies was not actually prohibited until the law was passed in goldform declaring such dealers professionals.

Then, bang! There was no loophole, no hearing, nor chance to switch from an occupation that had not heretofore been prohibited.

On the other hand, the tennis bill provides that players who do not sever their dealer connections on or before April 1, 1918, nearly two years after the bill had been proposed, shall be ineligible to play in any matches under the auspices of the United States Lawn Tennis Association.

It is a safe thought that there could have been little of the discussion that has arisen over the golf ruling if the same provision had been made as is found in the proposed tennis amendment.

The biggest fish caught in the golf net was Francis Duimet, winner of a national amateur championship. He was the lone golfer who did more for the reputation of the game in this country than any other citizen when he went out single-handed and gave Harry Vardon and Edward Ray, two of the greatest exponents of the game at that time, a thorough licking.

Guimet had no hearing or chance to go into any other business than the one of which he had grown so fond—the sporting goods trade. The law was laid down and off went his head.

Harsh treatment, considering the tennis players are given to get out from under the axe.

The midsummer handicap next year likely to be combined with the duffer's tourney, which was held for the first time this year.

It is felt that the combination of the two tourneys will make a stronger event and arouse more interest than both the events held separately evoked this year. It is contended that all the labor and work involved in staging the two events could be used up more advantageously on a combination of the two. The plan at present is to splice the handicap tourney into the qualifying round of the duffer's tourney.

Golfers developed in college are getting much of the glory in tourneys of late. Shawnee the four finalists represent youngsters of Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Penn. Cornell now jumps in the limelight and keeps its athletic brilliance untarnished by pushing Charles T. Lansing, a member of the Big Red team, to the fore at Schenectady with the medal score in front of Max Marston, Sherrill, Sherman and other notables.

The lone Philadelphian at Schenectady is C. H. Williams, Aronimink. Williams played in many of the Mohawk tourneys and generally right on the top of the game for he has a whole flock of cups that he has carried away from there.

Williams was able to contend for honors in the first sixteen, which is more than Sherrill Sherman was able to do. Sherman was a semi-finalist in the national last year but was barred out by one stroke.

EVENING LEDGER MOVIES—NOT ONLY THAT, EUPHRATES, BUT HE WAS THE FIRST ONE TO BUST THAT OLD APPLE

