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ATHLETICS' LONG LOSING STREAK GAVE YOUNGSTERS CHANCE TO SEE GLARING MISTAKES

THERE WERE SEVERAL BRIGHT SPOTS IN WORK OF MACKMEN, DESPITE LONG LOSING STREAK

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Brilliant Work of Bush and Myers, Under Heavy Handicap, Proves That Mack Has Foundation for Great Staff

THE foundation of every great ball team is the pitching staff, and while the I fans throughout the country are today having a lot of sport at the expense of the Athletics and the sports editors are playing up the victory over Detroit which prevented the Athletics from breaking the American League and possibly a world's record for consecutive defeats, they should not overlook the fact that through all the misfortune that has followed the Mackmen two hurlers have proved themselves stars of the first water. We are referring to Joe Bush and Elmer Myers.

Game after game was lost when Bush and Myers pitched brilliant ball, but this pair of star pitchers, around whom Mack's new staff will be built, never quit. They worked harder each day, and it was not Myers's fault that it was not he who broke the losing streak the previous day, and also it was not the fault of Bush that several victories have not been gained within the last three weeks.

The losing streak of the Athletics will, to our way of thinking, be the making of the pitching staff. This viewpoint probably may seem a trifle off color, but we base our contention upon the fact that no pitcher or young ball player ever learned anything when he was winning. Experience in baseball is gained by making mistakes. The recruit who sees his mistake and does not repeat it is the one who will succeed. Many a "spring bloomer" who burned up the league for a few months has gone completely to pleces when he started making mistakes because success turned his head and he had come to believe that he was beyond that stage. When the break went against him he went to pieces, unless he was of unusual caliber and had plenty of nerve.

One might be inclined to believe that the Mackmen became so accustomed to making mistakes that they did it naturally during the losing streak, but we will venture the opinion that none of the mistakes were repeated, because they were pointed out to the youngsters as soon as they were made, and it is not Mack's policy to tolerate a ball player, even for a day, who will not profit by mistakes. Inexperience is the greatest handicap in baseball, and there are at least a thousand little mistakes, but few of which are apparent from the stand, that lose games, and no doubt some Mackman or other committed each of the thousand; but they will not repeat and remain with the team.

Myers, Bush and Witt Prove Gameness

GETTING back to Bush and Myers, nothing but praise can be cast in their direction. They stood out amid the wreckage, and so has "Whitey" Witt. We mention this youngster and overlook a few of the veterans because it was just such a slump that Mack feared, so far as Witt was concerned. The youngster has played brilliant ball and his batting, especially during the last two weeks, has been hard and timely. He has proved beyond a doubt that he is a real star.

It takes a lion-hearted athlete to stick to the task as Bush and Myers have done, and no doubt both were disgusted more than once and wished they were with another team. We can recall that early in the season, after Myers had lost several hard-luck games because of miserable support, he went about telling friends that he was tired pitching his arm off for such a poor team.

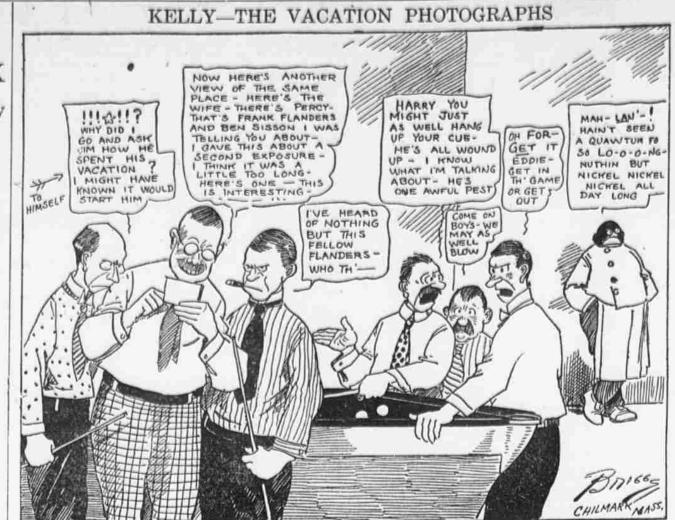
Mack finally heard of it. He called Myers to his office and offered to send him to some team with a chance for the pennant if he was not satisfied. Mack knew what the fans would say if such an unusual youngster was turned loose, but Connie will not have shirkers on his new team and would rather allow Myers to go elsewhere now than have the same spirit break up the team when It was beginning to show. Myers had a long talk with Mack and left the office declaring that he was through complaining and would pitch his arm off for Mack. This youngster was saved from himself.

Bush also was informed that he could go elsewhere if he desired, but "Built Joe" is one of the gamest and most loyal men in the game, and he told Mack that he was only too glad to stick with the ship. Somehow the tip got around that Bush could have his release if he wanted it, and several Detroit scribes wrote that Jennings had arranged a deal whereby Bush would be with the Tigers before the first of August. "Mack never took the trouble to deny it, saying it was entirely up to Bush.

The Foundation Is There

SUCH is the spirit of the two men who are to be bulwarks of the new machine, and when the team is finally placed and the proper combination found they will prove every bit as powerful as the famous Plank and Bender combination, which went along year after year, pitching the Mackmen into the race. Coombs, Morgan, Krause, Dygert, Henley and others had their winning streaks which helped, but it was Plank and Bender who were the standbys, and Bush and Myers will be the head-liners of the new staff.

Yesterday's victory over Detroit was the third won by the Athletics since June 26, when Elmer Myers defeated the Red Sox 8 to 5, having relieved Wyckoff, and all of the games were won by Joe Bush. Bush abut out the Browns on July 11 by the score of 3 to 0, and on July 20 Joe also blanked Cleveland, 2 to 0. Yesterday the Tigers, tallied one run, it being made after two men had been retired in the ninth, but Jennings's sluggers were helpless before the blinding speed of this lion-hearted Mackman. Losing streaks of such proportions are more or less of a mystery. They invariably are due to poor playing, but unless all of the breaks are against a team it cannot lose so many games in succession, particularly when there is a lot of natural hitting strength, and with the Mackmen it is not a case of "the worst is yet to come." We have an idea the worst has been gone through and the break will be here soon.



HUNGRY FANS WRITE FOR DOPE ON ALL SUBJECTS, BUT NEGLECT TO INCLOSE STAMPS

Sports Editor Is Requested to Settle Disputes on Everything From Prize Fights to Sunburn and Other Maladies

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

CONSCIENCE is a terrible thing to | Stay out of the sun. That's the best thing A own, especially when it is weighted we know.

down by a flock of postage stamps. When such a state of affairs exists, one's conscience assumes a guilty look and one

says Coombs pitched his first game on July 4, beating Washington by the score of 5 to 0. B says Coombs did not pitch his first game on that day because he had pitched that 24-inning game on Decoration Day of that year. Who wins?-G. H. T." blushes furiously

Here's an old one on a postal card: "A

pltched his first game on July 5, 1906, beating Washington by the score of 3 to 0. The famous 24-inning battle was played who on September 1 of that year. Coombs pitch-ing the full game against "Jumbo" Harris. Boston was the opposing club, and the Athletics won, 4 to 1. Harris never was any good after the gruelling contest and soon went out of the big league.

J. G. takes his pen in hand and wants to know if we will print the schedules of the American and National Leagues for the remainder of the season. We have tried hard to find space for it, but owing to the shortage of white paper, it can't be done. If J. G. will kindly send his name and ad-dress, we will gladly ship him the informa-tion desired. No stamp is necessary. We will start in right now to use up some o that purloined postage. picking had been good and we now blush

Batting for the Writer

ed to Chan Richter, but as e Write is playing golf we will pinch-hit for him: "Man on first and third with one down

CALL FOR YOUTH HAS CAUSED MANY PLAYERS TO BE LET OUT BEFORE THEIR PRIME IS PAST

But Uncle Robbie Refuses to Heed Summons, and Has Produced Winner With Assistance of Six Supposed "Has-Beens"

By GRANTLAND RICE

Look What It's Done to 'Em! I'd bag a Brooklyn Fan and a writer of Free Verse, So beware ms a vision. A vision of pink and purple, pearl fringed

A vision of pink and purple, pearl fringed And alashed with crimson, A vision of a world series afternoon With big Pfeffer facing Tex Russell, Or Maybe Babe Ruth, I don't know which just pet, But it makes no difference anyway. For Pfeffer will win and the next day Sherrod Smith will trim Mel Wolfgung Or Ernie Shore, and hovering over all The manly form of C. Hip-hip Ebbetts Will emit loud huzzas in honor of Brooklyn's first world series championship, Wom in four games out of siz.

Won in four games out of six. And it isn't the heat That is affecting me, either.

BOBO II. AS RELATED before, it would be worth the price of several world series games merely to see Colonel C. H. Ebbets in action with a world's championship outlined

against his straining vision. But what we should like to know is this If Brooklyn wins the game's premier title, will the Colonel feel that "baseball is still in its infancy," or will he believe that it at last has reached its growth and is out of the cradle?

What Is a Has-Been

Artie Hofman was considered all in about three years ago. Last year he was held to have slipped even beyond the strength of

the Federal League. Briefly, he was a Has-Been. Yet, upon being lifted once more from the lots, he IN GOLF AT BALA proves again that the old batting eye, the arm and the speed are still sufficient to hold their own.

In the call for youth many a fine ball player has been cut adrift before his prime is past. Your Uncle Robbie, of Brooklyn, Springhaven Entry Wins Trophy is booming along in the lead with six ball players enrolled who were canned by other clubs in the bellef that their best days were over. Where would Brooklyn he today with-Warren A. Tyson, of the Springhaven Country Club, won the medal for low score out Marquard, Cheney, Coombs, Meyers. Mowrey and Olson?

in the qualifying round of the fourth annual invitation tournament at the Bala The East Seizes Upon New Hope Golf Club yesterday with a card of 79, the only score under 80. Tyson finished early in the day before a third of the field of

With both tennis and golf championships eld by Western players, the East today held by believes the shift is due toward the purling tlantic again in one, if not both, fields. The easy victory of the East over the West in the recent intersectional tennis matches, coupled with the great work of Norris Williams, has lifted Eastern hope to the pinnacle, for Williams at his best is close to unbeatable, and Williams is practically at his best today.

In the same way, Eastern golf followers, knowing the strength of Evans. Gardner, Sawyer and others, believe that at Merion, over the faster Eastern greens, the East will return to its own, guarded by Travers, Kirkby, Marston, Carter, Anderson, etc. This may be the Eastern year, but the



fact still remains that before the war is overwhelmed William F. Johnston, in rice McLoughlin, Lindle, Murray, Chi Evans, Bob Gardner and Ned Sawyer ma be beaten, which is no part of any set boiled job.

Connie Mack has found that it is a a bit easier to break losing records a a bum ball team than it is to break a ning records with a good one. Just what this discovery will be very

to science, however, is not known at a writing.

Defeat Records

R. L. K.-Here are the records for m ecutive defeats-up to this season: American Association-Louisville-im

25. National League—Pittsburgh—1899—1 American League—Boston—1905—20. These three all should be easy markage the Mackmen to shoot at before the rest

The Mackmen need only 33 more deter in 54 games to smash Washington's re-of 113 losses, made just 12 years aga to is a cinch if there is any cinch let

baseball.

To the the record of defeats, how made by Cleveland in 1899 with 124 m backs, the Mackmen must lose every maining game. This may be a triffe h yond their best pace.

The Two Main Contenders

As between the White Sox and the he Sox the latter have a slight shade in pre-ing, but man for man the Chicago Cirk in he call.

Revised Again

The White Sox have a far stronge a tack, a better catcher, a better infield a tack, a better catcher, a better infield as a harder hitting outfield. Brilliant pitching may pull Carrison club through, but the odds belong the dis-way, for the White Sox staff is sim-enough and there are too many other well enough and there are too many other well.

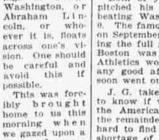
factors to count in any headlong fir

It's easy enough to be pleasant When existence moves onward serves But the bloke worth while Is the one who can smile

When the pillow is scorching his been Cleveland can stand the loss of a panant, but if Ty Cobb beats out Tris Spain the epidemic of Forest City suicidas a nash all past records. This is one h

leveland has counted in.

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every time one of Uncle Samuel's **Coombs's First Game** steel engrav-ings of George Both of you are wrong. Jack Coombe

stack of unan-swered mail leaning against The mail had been pened-we are quite curious-and the cor

Here's a query from Johnstown, Pa., ad-

Batter hits liner to pitcher who catches ball

128 had started, and his score of 79 was the mark at which the cracks who got away late in the afternoon had to shoot. This is only the third time in the cears that the classic has been a fixture that 80 was broken in the qualification round. Year after year the leading players of this ection stand on the first tee and decide that the Bala course is easy, but somehow or other when their cards are finally posted

TYSON LIFTS MEDAL

in Fourth Annual Tourney,

With Score of 79 .

their ideas have undergone a change. Following Tyson's medal-winning 79 came the \$0 of E. C. Clarey and the \$1 of George Hoffner, both from the Woodbury Country Club. George W. Lindsay, Aronimink; Walter Reynolds, Aronimink, and Price Mc-Quillen, Philadelphia Country Club, came next with 82 apiece, while Norman Maxwell, Aronimink, and Dr. J. I. Hay, White-

marsh, had \$3s. Tyson went out in 41 and returned in 38. and on the homeward journey he took three putts on four of the nine greens. He was on the 10th in two and down in five, on the 11th from the tee and took a four and on the 13th in two and again took three putts.

Phillies Lose Heart-Breaking Game to Reds

VESTERDAY the Phillies got only an even break with the Reds, despite the I fact that seven runs were tallied in the game which was lost. After Alexander had pitched the Phils to a victory in the first game by shutting out the Reds, the fans hoped for a double triumph which would enable the champions to gain on the Dodgers; but they were doomed to disappointment, because all the breaks went against Moran's men.

Every possible break went to the Reds in the second game. It was one of those contests where the game should have been won several times if the "ifs" had been with the Phils, but each time the break went to the Reds. It was a heart-breaking game to lose, and was made particularly so by the posting of the Brooklyn-Chicago score just when the Phils' last rally was choked off.

Bender pitched better ball than the score would indicate. The Reds made number of hits off the former Mackman, and many of them were clean cut, but the first five runs tallied were due to infield hitting and a costly misplay. Under ordinary conditions Bender would have been scored upon only once in this inning, but nasty bounding bails could not be handled by the infielders and started all the trouble.

It is most discouraging for a team in the pennant race to lose a game when it scores seven runs, and yesterday's defeat may have a bad effect on the champions. Two more victories from the Reds would give the champions four out of five from them, and probably would offset the moral effect of the unfortunate defeat, but one or two more defeats of the same nature would just about put the Phils out of the running.

A Youngster Who Passed Up a Great Chance

FLANS have asked us often willy it is that no other major league manager but Mack will take youngsters off the lot and give them a chance in the major leagues. The answer to the question is that young ball players will come to Mack under terms they would not consider from another manager. Mack has never offered a recruit a contract until he had seen him work and never has entered into an agreement with a youngster to carry him for a certain length of time; yet for some reason or other they will join the Athletics.

The reason why more youngsters do not get chances with major league clubs is clearly illustrated in the case of Howard Lohr, the local boy who joined Cleveland two weeks ago. Cleveland gave Lohr a contract calling for more money than any recruit or prospect is worth, and has given him a chance in several games, but the youngster is not satisfied.

Lohr is a wonderful prospect, and surely would make good in the major leagues. if he would be willing to go to a minor league team for the remainder of the season; but when Cleveland asked him to go to Portland, guaranteeing him that he would return in the fall, he refused to go. Lohr has declared that he will oult the team if he is sent to Portland, and Fohl probably will allow him to quit. Here is a lad with a wonderful baseball future before him who is too obstinate or pooriy advised to grasp a great chance. He probably will return to the Delaware County League and remain there, while managers will continue to steer clear of the overly paid independent players of the smaller leagues in and around Philadelphis

Once upon a time, when we were young in the business, we whould open the morning's mail and look over the queries; but every time we swiped a stamp we made a mental reservation that an answer would we have been disappointed if we failed to find a flock of unused postage and every time we extracted a stamp it was without any reservation whatever.

with shame when we think about it.

Reform Started

R. W. MAXWELL

he side of our desk.

We have decided to reform. No longer We have necless to return. No black shall we prey upon the letter from the faith-ful. After all, what are stamps to us? We can get all we want through the mys-terious influence exerted by our near-work-ing office boy. And so we started in on the pile of unanswered letters.

G. H. B. wants to know who will win the intercollegiates this year. This is easy, but it would have been more difficult had a reply been sent as soon as the letter ar-rived at the office. Cornell copped again, old top, and we hope this news will bring you much joy.

A gentleman who signs himself "Your A gentleman who signs himself four admirer from Georgia." writes as follows: "Being a stranger in this city. I found your sporting column to be the best of all. Therefore, I would like to know the box-ing clubs that show high-grade bouts and what dates they are open. Also please state whether Freddy Weish, the light-weight champion, is a Jew, and did Benny Leonard ever lose to Johnny Dundee?"

Thanks awfully for the boost, friend Only a few of the boxing clubs are open now, but they have high-class cards. Muggsy Taylor's Broadway A. C. puts on a performance every Monday evening, Adam Ryan officiates at the Ryan A. C. every fuesday night and Johnny Burns holds forth at the Cambria A. C., Cambria street and Frankford avenue, every Friday that the weather is dry and clear. The Olympia A. A. opens on August 28 and the Na-tional holds its first show on August 26.

Welsh's Real Name

Freddy Welsh is known in private life as Frederick Hall Thomas, and is a Weish-man. His home is in Pontypridd, Wales. Johnny Dundee was given the newspaper decision over Benny Leonard when they hoxed in New York about a month ago. This was the second meeting between the pair, the first going to Leonard by a big margin. A. Claude Lachman, of East Greenville,

A. Claude Lachman, of East Greenville, Pa., also has a question to ask. "We are having an argument on Joe Oeschger, of the Phillies," he writes. "Did he play bail in the minor league in the season of 1916? Inclosed find a stamp for a reply." The stamp is gone, Claude, but you shall have your answer. Joe Oeschger played with minor-league clubs both in 1915 and 1916. 1916

Pat Brennan, of Atlantic City, breaks in with the following, "What is good for sunburn? You picked out the wrong department, Patrick, but we will not turn you down.

on the fly. Pitcher throws to third to get runner on double play. Throw goes wild and runner crosses the plate. The man on first, however, failed to return to the base after the catch was made and continued to run the bases. The left-fielder returned the ball to first base and doubled the runner.

Does the first run count?" If the man on third touched the base after the ball was caught the run is allowed, regardless of what happened to the player who ran wild on the bases. The score was made on an error before the last putout was made.



A MEDIUM through which sport-ing queries of general interest are answered by a staff of experts. The answer is arrived at only after careful consideration and dliberation, and may be relied upon as being accurate. When a personal re-ply is desired, a stamped, addressed envelope must accompany the query.

JACK KELLY'S SHELL HITS LOG AND SMASHES ONE OF PANELS

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 10 .- Jos Dempsey, Vesper Boat Club coach, has staked his all -his pride and reputation-on Jack Kelly winning the all-sculling championship this year from Waldo Smith, of New York, and the winner of the association singles.

Kelly, rowing on the course last night, struck a floating log and smashed one of the panels in the bottom of his shell. He used a Duluth boat today, and his craft will

used a Duran use again tomorrow. The entire Philadelphia representation were out twice today and finished the last half mile tonight at top speed.





New Prices August 1, 1916

The following prices for Ford cars will be effective on and after August 1st, 1916

	Chassis	•:	a 1	\$325.00
	Runabout .		-	345.00
	Touring Car			360.00
•	Coupelet .			505.00
	Town Car.			595.00
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These prices are positively guaranteed against any reduction before August 1st, 1917, but there is no guarantee against an advance in price at any time.

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