JOE BUSH NEVER TWIRLED BETTER BALL THAN HE HAS FOR THE ATHLETICS THIS SEASON

BUSH HAS HURLED WONDERFUL BRAND OF BALL THIS YEAR AND EARNED RATING WITH LEADERS

Supported by Tail End Team, Bullet Joe Has Twirled Great Games and by His Brilliant Work Deserves High Ranking

WHEN Joe Bush Joined the Athletics in the spring of 1913, Ira Thomas predicted that he would become one of the greatest of modern hurlers. That prediction has come true. While few realize it, Bush is pitching a brand of baseball for Connie Mack that any man in the game might be proud of. Bush's work this season has not gained him the reputation he deserves because the Athletics have done such miserable all-around playing.

In spite of the band of rockies behind him. Bush has hurled a brand of almost unbeatable ball. Joe's last two games have been five-hit affairs and a couple of those hits were very scratchy and might have been converted into put-outs by experienced players.

For a time in 1914 it appeared that Bush was rapidly losing ground. As a matter of fact, he was merely being taught how to pitch by the Athletics' tutors and was doing anything but losing what he previously had learned. Last season Bush blossomed forth into an excellent hurler, but this season he has gone to

the top and is among the majors' greatest hurlers. Bush has every asset that a pitcher needs. He is young and strong; he has nerve and enough confidence to extricate himself and his teammates from the most difficult situations; he has wonderful speed, a splendid curve and good command of the slow ball. On the whole it is hard to see where Bush could now show any improvement. The only way that he could do better is to learn more about the batters against whom he has to pitch. This he is doing and has been doing since he joined the Athletics. All of which leads one to believe that considering the club for which he is hurling, Bush will have the best record in the major leagues this season.

Lee Fohl Making Big Hit as Manager

The attitude of the Cleveland players toward Lee Fohl indicates that they have thorough confidence in his ability and he is personally well liked. One would need only go to the hotel where the Indians are stopping and listen to the conversation of the men to find out that this is true. There is not a shirker on the club at present. Naturally one reason for this is that Fohl would not stand for loafing. Nevertheless, some players manage to shirk a lot of work that they should do in spite of the theoretical rule against it.

Fohl now is managing his team with a view to winning a pennant this year, He realizes that another season may bring changes in the other clubs; that some of them may be much stronger than they are at present, consequently he is making every effort to land before it is too late,

Recently the Indians have not been doing well, but they declare that the series with the Athletics is going to give them the life they need to win back their position at the top of the American League.

In the field the Indians have been playing an excellent game, but their work on the offense has been erratic. The men have not been hitting in the pinches. That is the whole trouble. The box scores show that they have been hitting enough to win games, but those hits have not been coming at the right time, Fohl is determined to remedy this grave fault. He thinks that the men are simply in a temporary slump and that they will soon shake it off and begin another sensational sprint for the front.

John Coombs Still Strong for Connie Mack

ALTHOUGH many of his local friends think that Connie Mack did him an in-justice when he released him along with Eddie Plank and Chief Bender, John Coombs does not think so. He always has been strong for Mack and probably always will be. Here is what Coombs recently said of his former manager; "People say Connie has not only hurt himself and made the Athletics a joke as a drawing card, but has hurt the business of the entire American League. That is not so. When Mack had his old team, with Collins, Baker, Barry,

McInnis, Bender, Plank, Oldring, Strunk, Thomas and myself, we were never drawing cards. I don't know why it was, unless because we didn't wrangle with the umpires or swear at the opposing players. I guess we were too businesslike, But that is the way Connie wants his men to play, Mack's methods are just the antithesis of those of John McGraw, both in

the game and in rebuilding a club. McGraw's idea is buy ball players price, then mold them into a machine as quickly as possible and rush on. That method is all right if you have unlimited capital. "Why, for what McGraw spent this year for players he could have picked

up every man on the old Athletics. Mack didn't spend anything for the men he has secured. Give Connie a season or two more of experimenting and he'll have the greatest machine in the country. It won't have cost him a penny, and it will last while three or four Giant teams are put together and crack apart. Mack knows what he's about. I was with him too long not to realize that.

Upsets Looked for at Merion and Forest Hills

THE same kind of upsets that were so much in evidence at both the tennis and golf championships last year are not unlikely to be present in the coming events at Merion and the West Side Tennis Club. At this time, in neither event, is it safe to pick two or three men from the field. In golf there are at least a half-dozen, and probably more, who, when things are going right, can give anybody, be he a Travers or an Evans, a hard battle and perhaps a beating.

In tennis this condition is more pronounced than in golf. In 1915 it was either McLoughlin or Williams, and neither came through. In 1916 it is Johnston, Williams, McLoughlin, Davis, Church, Kumagae, Murray, Behr and others who make up the list from which the ultimate winner is expected to come. But there are others conceded only outside chances who are entirely capable of giving the rank and file something to talk about.

Kumagae Has Hop on His Fast One

TITLE has been mentioned about the peculiar drive developed by the Japanese champion, Ichiya Kumagae, on the lawn tennis courts. The average spectator, in fact, would not notice anything more remarkable about the stroke than the fact that the little Jap puts a great deal of power in his long swing before meeting the ball and that he has good control.

But the players who have faced Kumagae know that he has something else, Clarence Griffin remarked after his second defeat at the hands of the clever Nippon titleholder that his stroke was uncanny. Others who have met Kumagae recently have realized that Griffin had cause to be bewildered at this peculiar stroke.

As a matter of fact, that "uncanny" stroke is really no more uncanny than the hop of a so-called fast ball on the diamond or the break of a curve. The reason why tennis players have been so bewildered is that in the forehand and backhand drives as learned in virtually every country in the world the only spin given the ball is on the top. This topping of the ball allows the driver to send the ball at a tremendous pace, while the "top" causes it to drop within the boundary lines.

Kumagae has developed a stroke which combines a top and a side spin. This spla causes the ball to break about two feet "in," as he is a left-hander, when driven down the driver's side line. Kumagae is so skillful at this stroke that he hits the ball over actually the outside of the line as it passes over the net. The opposing player, even if he could block the drive, does not do so, thinking it surely will strike outside the line. But the break comes and the ball either cuts the line or strikes well within the court, depending on how far out Kumagae has started his

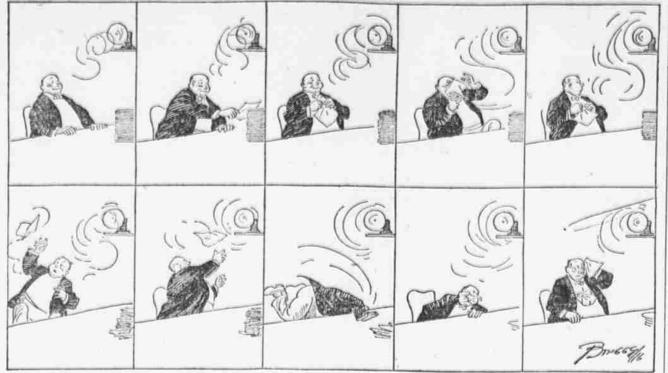
Ty Cobb has gained a few points on Tris Speaker within the last month, but they are very few. The Cleveland clouter is leading Cobb by a margin of approximately 30 points. To overcome that handicap at this stage of the fray Cobb will have to do the best batting of his career, provided Speaker does not take a tumble, which he apparently is not going to do,

It will be interesting to watch the work of Mr. Speaker, who arrived here this morning with the Indians. Cobb has just left, and while he did more than his bit In defeating the Athletics, he did not perform at the bat as valiantly as he has done in times gone by. If Speaker finds the Mack hurlers as easy as he usually does he will make a considerable advance for premier swatting honors.

The large number of defaults in the tennis tournament at Southampton was a sore disappointment to the gahery which has been attending the matches. Most of the leading racquet lights who entered did not take the courts when the hour for their matches arrived. However, they cannot be blamed, because every one wants to be in the best possible shape for the national event at Forest Hills next week. Many of these stars have been through a large number of tournaments, and a week's rest will put them on edge to show their best form,

Jimmy Johnston, the speedy Brooklyn outfielder, has a badly battered nose. An examination disclored that the Dodger regular had his nose broken in several places and when the operation was performed it was necessary to remove part of the bone. Johnston now admits that the veteran "Three-fingered" Brown has a little speed left in his old salary wing.

MOVIE OF A MAN, A FAN AND A PAPER NAPKIN



CARMAN FAVORITE FOR FIRST PLACE IN FIFTY-MILE RACE AT POINT BREEZE DROME

Big Events Scheduled for This Evening-Management Expects Largest Crowd of the

By SPICK HALL

TF HERR GEORGE B. BLISS, our heatproducing weather man, is kind to the populace this evening, they will have an oppopulate this evening, they will have an op-portunity to see a great motor-paced bicycle race at the drome in Point Breeze park, properly staged with acts arranged by Johnny Eckhardt. The main event of the evening is third on the list of events. It will be an international fifty-mile sprinting marathon bike hike by the speedlest ped-alers in the world, paced by buzzing mo-torcycles. The first event begins at 8:30

According to the weekly custom. Carman will enter the race a heavy favorite for the \$1600 cash prize to be awarded the victor. Thousands of motordrome fans have wondered why Carman, under average conditions, is able to beat such a fine field of riders time and again. Like Postum, there is a reason.

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there is a reason.

Some years ago, when Hunter was riding at the Velodrone in Newark, he picked up Carman to help him keep his machine in shape and do the mechanical repairing. Carman soon developed into a rider of ability. When he realized that he could compete with the best in the country, he begin to enter professional races. He made good off the reel and since then has been one of America's foremost riders.

Good Team Work

It is therefore natural that Carman can ride better with Hunter than with any one 'arman has no trouble in getting Hunter to nake the exact speed at which he wishes to be paced. This team-work on the part of cacer and paced is essential to success and the lack of it accounts for the failure of some of the riders to make the showing they might otherwise. Furthermore, Hunter is recognized as the best motor-paced man is recognized as the best motor-paced man in the world, and it is natural that a man of Carman's ability should be the favorite whom he rides behind this during rider. Although he has been in the competitive game only a little more than two years,

there are no angles of the reckless pastime with which he is not familiar. Carman is an expert mechanician and, what is more to the point, he is a physical wonder. Sev-eral times a week he engages in these races, riding at top speed distances from 40 miles

tiding at top speed distances from 40 miles to 100 kilometers (62½ miles).

With the other men, George Wiley, Leon Didier, Bobby Walthour and George Columbatto, all of whom are entered in tonight's race, Carman rides in Philadelphia, Buston and Newark. Some of the riders do a good deal of training, but Carman does not. He s the Ted Meredith of the wooden bowl. He

Events Scheduled at Motordrome Tonight

Vanderberry, Heuri St. Yves and Billy Armstrong.
Two-mile professional motor race—Herman Veditz. Henri St. Yves. Billy Armstrong.
Fifty-mile international motor-pared race in one heat)—George Wiley, Syracuse, paced by Stein; Leon Didler. France, paced by Morin; Clarence Carman, New York, paced by Hunter; Bobby Walthour, Atlanta, paced by St. Yres; George Columbatto, Italy, paced by Senheuse.
Five-mile professional motor race—Herman Veditz, Will Vanderberry, Henri St. Yves. Yves. First race begins at 8:30 o'clock.

ittle, and he goes on the theory that if he trains he will grow stale and not be able to hold the pace. Carman, of course, does not dissipate, but he does not attempt to lead the rigid life of the athlete who competes only a few times a month.

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circular bowl, motorpaced, is 59 minutes 58 seconds. This record was made last Saturday night by Carman, who incidentally rode several of the miles in 58 seconds flat, fair

Prepare for Crowd

Manager Eckhardt is preparing for the argest crowd of the season tonight. Everybody who has been to the motordrome has the fever. They go not only from Phila-delphia, but from Jersey and Montgomery, Chester and Delaware countles, League Island always furnishes its full quota of sailors and marines, usually accompanied by a pair or so of female fans. Thousands go to the park in automobiles. The majority, however, take a downtown trolley to Moyamensing avenue and change to a west-

DROMIDES

are: First, \$1000; second, \$300; third.

As usual. Trotter will act as starter. It had been hoped by the management to get Tris Speaker, of the Cleveland Baseball Club, to act in that canacity, but he could not be located this morning, although the Indians arrived at 7 o'clock.

There will be six starters next Thursday night

R. W. Maxwell. Ben Raieigh, Floyd Rilling, Louis Jaffe Joe Beatty, Al Price, George Keller her and other prominent sports authorities with be in the arena this evening near the finish

C. M. Clark in Golf Ties

MANCHESTER, Vt., Aug. 24.—C. M. Clark, of Philadelphia, tied with N. W. Peters, of Englewood, for first henors in a field of ninety-six guifers competing at the Ekwanok Country Chib vesterday morbilize in a bosey handleap for the Arthur Taylor Memorial Cup.

PHILLIES MAY MAKE BIG OFFER FOR SERVICES OF ZIMMERMAN

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER.

By CHANDLER D. Received if Zimmerman is in the ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 24.

Nichoff out of the game for lyn starts on September 1 in Philadelphia. WITH Bert Niehoff out of the game for an indefinite period, Manager Moran. of the Phillies, has again entered the field for Heinie Zimmerman's services, and un-less Niehoff's spiked leg improves faster than less Nichoff's spiked leg improves faster than the physician who attended him in Pittsburgh believes, the Philip pilot will make Owner Weeghman, of the Cubs, a proposition which he cannot afford to turn down. Wkeeghman gave out a statement two days ago in which he declared that he was willing to trade or sell Zimmerman, and several clubs are now bidding for the slugging infleider. Manager Moran stated a few days ago that he would like to have Zimmerman, but until Nichoff was injured on Tuesday gave the matter little thought, as the price asked was too high for a team with a capable infield.

As a rule the Phils are reluctant to bid

a capable infield.

As a rule the Phils are reluctant to bid against other clubs for star players, as the price asked generally is more than the owners feel that they can afford to spend. Whenever a bidding contest opens for a star player. It invariably is New York, Chicago or Boston that gets the man, but whoever wants Zimmerman will have to come high, as the Philifes believe that they can clinch the pennant with Zimmerman. inch the pennant with Zimmerman.

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President Baker was in Pittsburgh when Niehoff was injured, and had a long talk with Manager Moran before the Phils left for Chicago. Baker told Moran to go the limit and use his own judgment. If Niehoff log is in better shape when the Phils arrive in Chicago, Moran will not bid enough for the great Zimm, as Brooklyn has offered an enormous sum for the Cub star's release; but if it is certain that Niehoff cannot play for two or three weeks, do not

Iyn starts on September 1 in Philadelphia.

Today Nichoff is able to walk about, but his leg is so stiff and sore that the big second baseman admits that it is doubtful if he will be able to do any running for about two weeks. It was Moran's intention to allow Nichoff to go bome, but he finally decided to bring the star second baseman along to St. Louis, as he wants him to start working out lightly in Chicago, providing the stitches are removed before the team leaves here. With Zimmerman in the line-up.

with Zimmerman in the line-up, the Phillies' pennant prospects would be bright, as a change of scenery probably would work wonders with him. In the small philip park Zimmerman would break all major league records for extra base hitting, and the "punch" is needed badly to the punch. the "punch" is needed badly in the final

drive.
If Niehoff should be able to get back in If Niehoff should be able to get back in the game before the Brooklyn series and the Phillies are successful in getting Zimmer, man, Manager Moran says that he will flud a place for the Cub star. Whether it will be in right field or on third base Moran refuses to state, but it probably would be at third as Cravath has at last struck he at third as Cravath has at last struck his

batting stride.

Cravath did not get so many hits in Pitts Cravath did not get so many hits in Pitta-burgh, but that was because the outfielders were playing over in the next county every time he stepped to the plate. As was the case in the world's series last fall, Cravath is smashing terrific drives straight into the fielders' hands. If the series with Pitta-burgh had been played in the Philly Park Cravath would have made no fewer than six home runs on balls which were outs in the nome runs on balls which were outs in the

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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Whitey Fitzgeraid and Young Coster are oppo-cents in a bastan, bout in the semi to the Fommy Jamison-Eddle Hart set-to, at the new Washington Sporting Club, in West Philly, Two orothers, Joe and Johiny Ezan, are to appear in respective bouts, the former meeting Jinmy Kearos, while George Emoker is to oppose John.

Mike Gibbons has showed just how anxious he is to meet Jack Dillon. Pirst he demained that the Hossier weigh in at 160 pounds. Dillon agreed to it. Mike was dumfounded. Then the St. Paul man insisted on \$15,000 for 10 rounds, after Dillon had asreed to a \$5000 guarantee. Mike's proposition was a little too strong.

Tought in New York Young Jack O'Brien will meet Marty Cross the third boxing member of the Cross family. O'Brien also has boxed the other Cross box. Leach and Phil. cach of whom has relired.

Beany Kaufman is doubling up boxing with timekeeping. The South Fhiladelphis bantam has been made about his three-minute rounds and one-minute rounds.

Chinese Meet S. & C. The Strawbridge & Clothler ball team will neet the strong Chinese team at the grounds, sixty-third and Walnut streets, on Saturday, at 3 o'clock. The games promises to be a concest of unusual interest. Also or Apau will pitch and Mark will catch for the Chinese and Orden and Gilmore will be the battery for the

POINT BREEZE MOTORDROME TONIGHT-8:30-TONIGHT 50-MILE INTERNATIONAL PACED BACE Carmen Paced by Hunter Wiley Paced by Stein Columbatto Paced by Senhouse Didier Paced by Morin Walthour Paced by St. Yves In the event of rain races run formerow Night 26,000 SEATS 25 and 50 Cents. How to get there: Car No. 8 on 19th at. All rare going south connect at Moyamensing ave. Autos take Broad at to Moyamensing ave.

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