

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 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 hand of rookies 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 injustice 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 at a 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 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, Kumague, Murray, Behr and others who make up the list from which the ultimate winner is expected to come. But there are others considered only outside chances who are entirely capable of giving the rank and file something to talk about.

Kumague Has Hop on His Fast One

LITTLE has been mentioned about the peculiar drive developed by the Japanese champion, Ichiji Kumague, 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 Kumague 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 Kumague 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.

Kumague has developed a stroke which combines a top and a side spin. This spin causes the ball to break about two feet "in," as he is a left-hander, when driven down the driver's side line. Kumague 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 Kumague has started his drive.

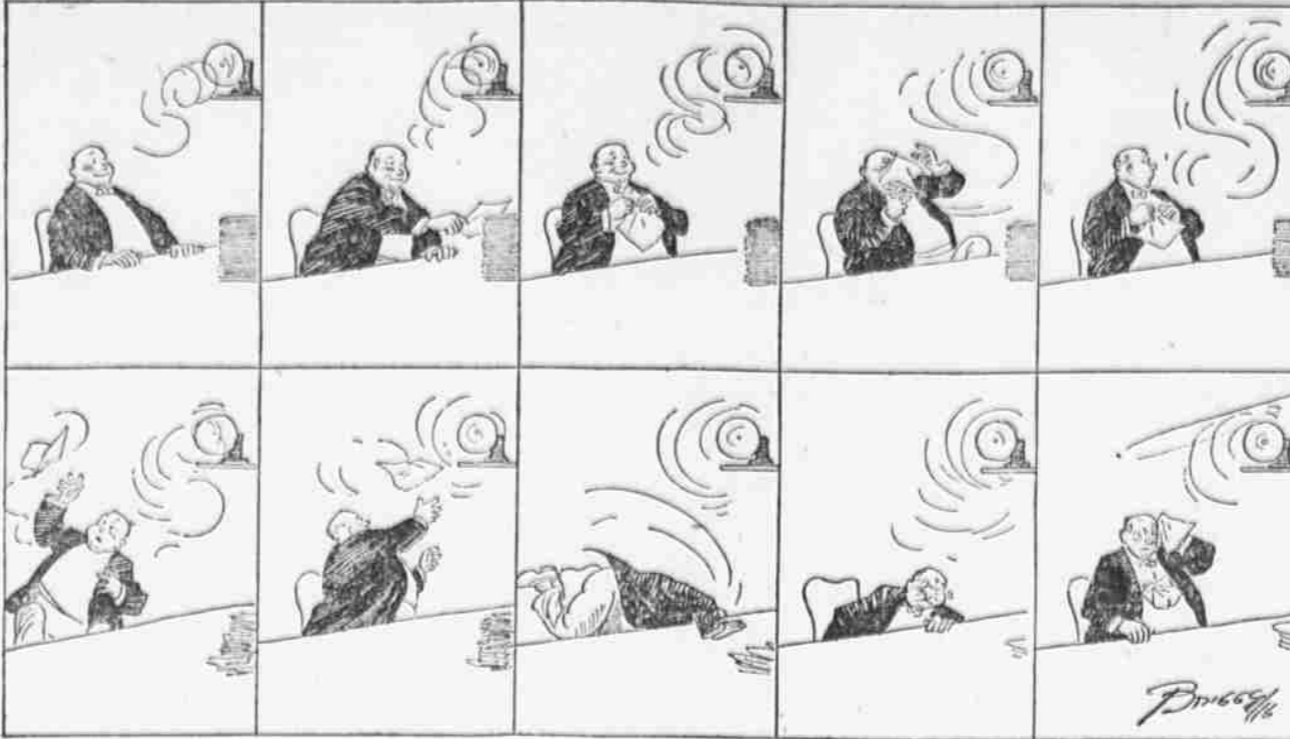
Ty Cobb has gained a few points on Tris Speaker within the last month, but they are very few. The Cleveland clouter is leading Cobb by a margin of approximately 20 points. To overcome that handicap at this stage of the fray Cobb will have to do the best batting of his career, provided Speaker does not 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 gallery 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 disclosed 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 Season

IF HEIR GEORGE B. BLISS, our heat-producing weather man, is kind to the populace this evening, they will have an opportunity 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 the 50-mile motor-paced race, which is not familiar to many of the spectators in the world, paced by humming motorcycles. The first event begins at 8:20 o'clock.

According to the weekly custom, Carman will enter the race a heavy favorite for the \$1000 cash prize to be awarded the victor. Thousands of motor-paced 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.

Some years ago, when Hunter was riding at the Volodrome 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 began to enter professional races. He made good of the rest and since then has been one of America's foremost riders.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

The Broadway Club will hold its shows on Thursday night and the summer months proved a busy time during the summer months. Joe O'Donnell, John's opponent, is looking daily with Joe Hunt, a clever old, shrewd, under average Kears, while George Smoker is to oppose John.

PHILLIES MAY MAKE BIG OFFER FOR SERVICES OF ZIMMERMAN

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER.
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 24. 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 unless Niehoff's sprained leg improves faster than the physician who attended him in Pittsburgh believes, the Philly pilot will make the Cubs, a proposition which he cannot afford to turn down.

C. M. Clark in Golf Tie

MANCHESTER, Vt., Aug. 24.—C. M. Clark, of Philadelphia, tied with N. W. Esters, of Manchester, for first honors in a field of ninety-six golfers competing at the Brawanok Country Club, yesterday morning in a hokey handicap for the Arthur Taylor Memorial Cup.

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