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ELMER MYERS'S FINE WORK IN BOX IS HOPE FOR FUTURE OF CONNIE MACK'S ATHLETICS

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Connie's Young Twirler, With Better Knowledge of Opposing Batsmen, Bound to Rank With League's Pitching Celebrities

MYERS is the hope upon which Connie Mack expects to build his new championship team. This young hurler, who was tutored by Earl Mack in Raleigh, N. C., has everything that a pitcher desires except experience, which includes the knowledge of the batsmen against whom ha has to twirl. Myers on the training trip in 1914 had apparently everything needed except experience. Now Mack feels that this youngster has had enough experience to make him a regular hurler, and he is satisfied with his work.

In all of his games this year Myers has shown that he not only has a fair knowledge of the batsmen against whom he has to twirl. Myers on the training understanding of batsmen in general. Add to this his natural ability to send over a fast-breaking curve or a sharpshooting fast ball, and we have the sum total of a regular pitcher. In yesterday's game Myers handed the White Sox an assortment of stuff that would have done credit to an Eddie Plank or a Chief Bender. He literally had the enemy standing on their heads. But in spite of his excellent pitching the White Elephants lost, because they did not have an offense that could cope with the foreign crowd, no matter how few runs were made. It could not be expected of Myers that he could win a ball game if his team did not make a run, yet that is what many of the fans thought he ought to have done. Myers himself got one of the three hits made off Benz, and while it was not productive of a run, it was not his fault. Myers should be given full credit for the splendid game he hurled, and, while he is officially charged with the loss of that contest, he should not have it counted morally against his record.

Kumagae Attracting Eyes of Tennis World

THE fact that Ichiya Kumagae has entered the national lawn tennis tournament, I which began late yesterday on the courts of the West Side Tennis Club, Forest Hills, L. L. has done more to make this annual event one of world-wide interest than anything else. Nearly all of the leading players of the country are entered, from the Gulf of Mexico to the Golden Gate. But their presence is not attracting nearly the attention from the tennis and general public as that of the speedy little Jap.

The tennis world is on its toes, waiting the outcome of the matches in which Kumagae will participate, because of his style of play. If he used the driving net attack of America far less interest would be manifested in his play, even though he had a chance to capture the national crown. But Kumagae does not play American tennis. He is strictly a back-court player, and the leading performers of the world are watching with interest for the outcome of his clever attack against the dashing style which has reached the height of its perfection on the Pacific coast.

If Kumagae is able to force his opponents to remain in the back court the chances are that he will be the next champion of the United States. On the other hand, if any one of the fast Americans can successfully get to the net and stay there he will be defeated. One writer who saw Kumagae defeat Johnston at Newport stated that the westerner had played the Jap at his (the Jap's) own game by keeping in the back court. As a matter of fact, Johnston attempted to play the net game, but he was passed so often and so successfully by Kumagae that he was forced to play in the back court to make any kind of a showing at all. This may prove to be the case in the national tournament and it may not. Only the matches this week will answer the interesting question.

Hinkle Paid \$1000 to Referee Big Bout

WHEN Matt Hinkle, promoter of the Kilbane-Chaney championship battle, accepted the job as referee of the big fuss he dug down in his jeans and planked down \$1000 more than he intended for a purse for the boxers. Matt wanted to be the third man in the ring, but he didn't know it would cost him real money until it was too late. And thereby hangs a tale.

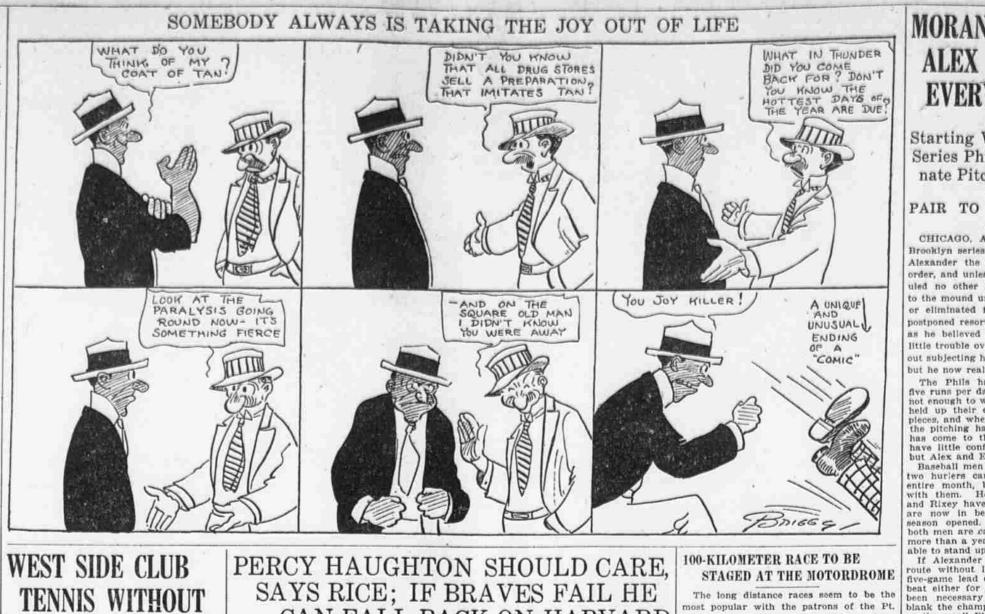
Hinkle conceived the idea of holding the match for the featherweight championship of the world at Cedar Point, O., on Labor Day, and gathered together some \$15,000 as his main talking points. He offered Kilbane \$10,000, and Johnny accepted. Chaney, however, balked when he learned that \$5000, with an additional \$500 for training expenses, was all that he could get, so Hinkle arose and spoke as follows:

"If you lose the fight, George, I shall slip you \$1000 extra, but if you win, you must be contented with a paltry \$5500 for 45 minutes' work."

Chaney accepted the terms and a couple of days later Matt was agreed on as referee. Then Hinkle began to think. He saw that the \$1000 clause was somewhat dangerous, for if the battle lasted 15 rounds and he awarded the decision to Chaney, it could be claimed that he made his ruling to save the thousand. It was a ticklish situation, so Hinkle got busy on the wires, killed the offer and made Chaney's guarantee \$6500, win, lose or draw. It might be stated that Mr. Hinkle is a high-priced referee

Classification of Football Officials

THE Central Board on Officials took a step in the right direction this year



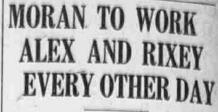
CAN FALL BACK ON HARVARD And Then Princeton and Yale, Beware, for the Crimson Coach Will Be Out for Revenge at Your Expense

By GRANTLAND RICE

selling Ruth, Shore and Leonard. "How do you pronounce Kumagae?" asks

a reader. We are not exactly sure, but it sounds a bit like Kumagae to us.

this year and the riders are making special preparations for the event. In order to make it fair for all the riders the drawing for pacemakers will take place just before the start of the race. The pacers will be Hunter, Morin, St. Yves, Stein, Senhouse and Vanderberry. It has also been decided that in case of rain the race will be run on Frider of rain the race will be run on night.



Starting With the Brooklyn Series Phils' Pilot to Alternate Pitching Stars Daily

PAIR TO RECEIVE BONUS

CHICAGO, Aug. 29 .- Starting with the Brooklyn series, Manager Moran will work Alexander the Great and Eppa Rizey in order, and unless double-headers are scheduled no other Philly pitcher will be s.mt to the mound until the team is out in treat or eliminated from the race. Moran has postponed resorting to this move until now, as he believed the champions would have little trouble overhauling the Dodgers without subjecting his star hurlers to this grind, but he now realizes that it is a necessity.

but he now realizes that it is a necessity. The Phils have been setting four and five runs per day for the other huriers, but not enough to win. When the pitchers have held up their end the infield has gone to pieces, and when the fielding has been good the pitching has been off color. It finally has come to the stage where the players have little confidence in any other huriers but Alex and Epna Jepha.

but Alex and Eppa Jepha. Baseball men are inclined to believe that Baseball men are inclined to believe that two huriers cannot carry a team for an entire month, but Moran does not agree with them. He contends that Alexander and Rixey have been nursed carefully and are now in better shape than when the season opened. He also points cut that both men are carrying 15 pounds in weight more than a year ago and that they will be able to stand up under the strain.

If Alexander and Rixey can go to the route without losing their effectiveness a five-game lead does not look so large. To beat either for the last two months it has been necessary for opposing pitchers to blank the champions, and pulling this trick nost popular with the patrons of the Pt. Breeze Motordrome, so the officials have on the small Philly field is quite a task. There does not appear to be much doubt as to Alexander's ability to stand the grind. decided to make the feature event 100 kiloneters on Thursday night, as this distance but the skeptical are pointing out that Rixey never has been reliable in a pinch and is sure to go to pieces. In doping it out this way they are losing sight of the fact that Rixey is a different pitcher this will bring out the true riding qualities of teason

will bring out the true riding qualities of the six riders who will start in the race. The starters will be Clarence Carman, the American champion; George Wiley, Bobby Walthour, George Columbatto, Italian champion; Leon Didier, the French cham-pion, and Victor Linart, of Beigium. This will be the second long-distance race held this year and the riders are making special prenarations for the event. Last year Rixey had a tendency to lose confidence in a pinch and invariably was beaten in a close game that went into extra innings. This year, however, the lanky Vir-ginian has been at his best in the pinches,

as his recent work proves conclusively. In his last four games, pitched in 16 days, Rixey has been forced to go into extra innings three times, but has allowed only three runs, winning three games, Rixey blanked Cincinnatl and New York by a score of 1 to 0 before leaving hom latter game being a 12-inning battle. Friday ne, the



"DARK HORSES" ARE MANY to win a pennant he can take charge of the Harvard squad around October 1 and get ready for Princeton and Yale. No wonder WEST SIDE TENNIS CLUB, Fores Hills, L. I., Aug. 29.—At every great sports event, baseball, boxing, football, golf, tennis and what not, there is usually a favorite. Yale and Princeton are rooting hard for the Braves to finish first.

In the meanwhile, what has become of ally believed by a majority of critics to be stronger than the other, and in boxing, one the old-fashioned Brooklyn team that used to lose 28 games at season to the Giants and Cubs?

That Miserable One

A feminine golfer, which is quite distinct in goil or tennis, one man out of the multitude is picked to win because at his command he has a greater varitey of strokes, say, or perhaps a better temper-ament, or even perhaps because of spien-did physical condition. Sometimes there in some ways from a masculine golfer, was playing a round recently. This lady appeared to be having her share of drouble at a certain hole where she finally missed an 18-inch putt. "What did you get?" her opponent asked

as she holed out. "I got a nine," she replied, "and I counted that miserable one, too."

The Glory of the Game

Why, it was only yesterday I dreamed How great the glory of the game must be Where far away the flags of empire gleamed,

to do to win the national championship was to throw his "bat" into the court. Then "Maurie" McLoughlin arrived and the And gleaming called me on by land and

DERCY HAUGHTON is in a fairly safe | after selling Tris Speaker we wouldn't position either way. If his Braves fall blame him a bit for going after another by

when football officials were classed properly in the rules book. Heretofore, a long list of names was published and colleges desiring men to officiate in their big games were forced to make their selections with their eyes shut. It was difficult to get the proper men for the positions, and as a result, many complaints were received by the Central Board.

Doctor Babbitt, of Philadelphia, chairman of the board, then suggested that the officials be classified, according to their experience, into three grades, viz .: A, B and C. This was based on the Central Board games for three years, and indicates that the official has served: (A) in one or more distinctly major mames, such as the Yale-Harvard, Pennsylvania-Cornell, Army-Navy, etc. (B) in one or more major-minor games such as Yale-Virginia, Syracuse-Brown, etc., and (C) in two or more minor games of major institutions or major games of minor institutions.

This list should be changed from year to year, however, as some of the "A" officials might not run true to form and the "B" and "C" class may furnish some names that deserve higher ranking.

Now We Have the "Tobacco Ball'

JACK RYAN, pitcher for the Los Angeles Club, is the latest to make a bid for fame in the baseball world. Jack has been reading about the spitball, the emery ball and several other twirling stunts, so he got busy and invented a new one. He calls it the "tobacco ball."

This, however, is nothing new, as pitchers have been known to squirt tobacco juice on the ball ever since the art of chewing tobacco was first invented. Experts declare that Jack's new delivery is nothing more or less than a new way of delivering a "spitter" so as to control the direction of the break. But whatever it is, Jack figured it out one rainy day and here's what a Coast paper has to say about it:

"Early one morning Jack announced to Frank Le Roy Chance and the rest of the gang that he had evolved a curve that would set them all down. The day before he had spent experimenting with the spitter.

"After leaving Portland he tried it out in Salt Lake. His ability to make the hall break four different ways aroused the suspicions of Umpires Phyle and Doyle and they scrutinized the ball, but could find nothing wrong. The same thing happened when Ryan beat the' Tigers.

"Once the entire Vernon team clustered about the ball and submitted it to a searching investigation. Umpire Ed Finney, after the game, declared that he could find nothing wrong with the sphere."

Rowland Depending on the Big Four

MANAGER CLARENCE ROWLAND, of the Chics go White Sox, who are here for a four-game series with the Athletics, is depending on Eddle Collins, Joe Jackson, Roy Schalk and Harry Felsch to win another pennant for the Southsiders of Chicago. Not since 1906, when Fielder Jones led the White Sox to an American League and subsequently to a world's series victory, have the Chicago fans been as rabid for a flag as they are this season. In his endeavor to give them a pennant Charley Comiskey has spent more money for high-grade players than any other owner in the majors with the exception of the New York Giants' management.

But even with the galaxy of stars now on the payroll, Rowland is finding cult to hold his team in the running. The White Sox have a good chance to land the flag and there are several other managers in the American League, including Fielder Jones and Lee Fohl, who declare that the team that beats the Chicago club will win the flag.

During the early part of the present season Eddie Collins fell down badly In his hitting, but recently he took a decided brace and is pounding the bail and running the bags with his former abandon. Batting around .249 in the early part of the year, Eddie has now raised his figure to .288, which means that he has been hitting nearly at the rate of .400 during the last few weeks. And if he is able to maintain this swift pace and is ably assisted by Jackson, Felsch and Fournier, the White Sox should be able to at least run neck and neck with the Had Sox right up to the finish of the American League race.

same thing was true of him. Last year three men stood out promi-nently from among the 128 contestants for the national tennis crown, McLoughlin, R. Norris Williams, 2d, and Karl H. Behr,

the internationalist. Although all three were beaten on successive days by a slight 20-year-old Californian, one William M. Johnston, they nevertheless were "doped"

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By a Staff Correspondent

In baseball or football one team is gener

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little advantage over another that will make him a pronounced favorite.

In golf or tennis, one man out of the

is more than one favorite, but nevertheless

some man or men is or are picked to go through the field.

This condition existed in tennis until this year. When "Bill" Larned was at his best it was universally agreed that all he had

McLoughlin Succeeded Larned

in the preliminary dispatches from the scene of action as the favorites. But this year witnesses a most unusual -a national tennis championship without a favorite.

without a favorite. This condition is due to several things, but as a matter of fact, the reason may be summed up something like this: First. The "in-and-out" quality of the

play of Titleholder Johnston and former Titleholder Williams. Second. The unknown quality of Mc-

Loughlin's present game. Third. The presence of "Itchy" Kumaras, the Oriental champion.

Fourth. The ability of Davis, Church, Murray, Armstrong, Dawson and a few other young players to rise to tremendous heights with disconcerting regularity. Johnston's defeat at Newport at the hands of Kumagas and Williams's two re-

werses at the hands of Griffin, together with Williams's defeat of Johnston in the East and West matches, complicates the Ordinarily these two would be

Johnston has a rough road to travel before he reaches the final, while Williams has but Griffin in his path. But Williams, according to his past performances, would rather meet any three other men than ackle Griffin

half of the draw will not be known until he gets down to business. Not one of the really "real" contenders would venture a prediction as to the chances of Kumagae. The Jap has beaten Johnston, and was beaten by Armstrong, which may mean a whole lot, or only a little. Church, whom Kumagae plays in the second round, said that he was in shape to give the Oriental a hard battle, but other than that he said nothing. Any member of the group of younger stars is likely to strike one of the fancied, but not necessarily favored, players, on an off day and sound the death-knell of his hopes. This is not only likely to happen, but almost certain. Every star eliminated by one of this group will improve the

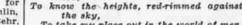
meet in the final pext Tuesday afternoon. Most everybody wants McLoughlin to win, but deep down in their hearts they don't think he will.

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pleam, left old-fashioned drifts to make my way left old-fashioned through the poppy fields

of dream; To know life's fame before I came to die, To have the laurel wreathed on blade or

pen; To know life's fame? I only know that I Want to go home again.

How each height flamed that day from

where I turned To take my part with those who ruled the game;

By daton and darkness each new vision burned Until the goal swept to a mighty flame;

It may be that this flame still spans the aky,

A greater flame than I had dreamed of

then, I do not know—I only know that I Want to go back again.

When Here is a conundrum: If the White Sox can't win a pennant with Eddie Coll'ns, Joe Jackson, Buck Weaver, Ray Schalk, Jack Fournier, Felsch, Scott, Russell, Cicotte, Faber and Wolfgang, when are the White Sox going to win a pennant?

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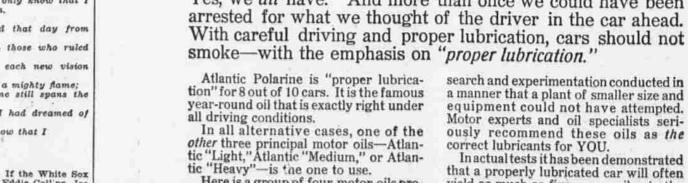
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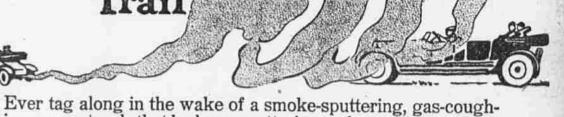
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ing car or truck that had you sputtering and coughing in turn? Yes, we all have. And more than once we could have been arrested for what we thought of the driver in the car ahead.

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situation. mentioned as the leading favorites. Johnston and Williams

McLoughlin has played no singles watches this season. What shape he is in to wade through the fast field in the lower half of the draw will not be known until

by one of this group will improve the chances of the rest. But still no one may be found who is willing to predict who will