# BROOKLYN SAVED FROM DEFEAT BY THE RETIREMENT OF JOHN COOMBS IN THIRD BATTL

### COOMBS'S SELF-REMOVAL FROM WORLD'S SERIES CONTEST A BIZARRE BASEBALL EVENT

Colby John Saved Game for Dodgers by Retiring When He Felt He No Longer Had His Accustomed Speed and Curves

BROOKLYN, N. Y., Oct. 11. TACK COOMBS'S action in taking himself out of yesterday's game after Larry Gardner had smashed a terrific drive over the right-field fence for a home run was never done in a world's series game before and was responsible for the first triumph of the National League champions, as it was apparent that the former Mackman was weakening. If Coombs had remained in the game, it is likely that Carrigan's team would have taken its third straight victory, which would have virtually clinched the championship.

Instead of being eliminated the Dodgers are very much in the running and really look every bit as good as the Red Sox. There are not many pitchers in baseball who would have exercised such judgment, as the natural tendency is for a hurier to try to cover up his weakness, with the result that he is allowed to in in the game until it is too late.

Yesterday Coombs was watching Ed Pfeffer warm up and several times need back over his shoulder in the direction of the center-field fence, in front which several hurlers were warming up. When he saw that Pfeffer was in d shape he walked out of the box, having made up his mind not to remain in same until the tying run had been placed on first base. The wiedom of be's move was apparent in the closing innings, as Pfeffer was unhittable and the Dodgers heid their one-run lead.

It was a typical Pfeffer day, the darkness making it extremely hard for the Sox to see his fast ball until it was almost on top of them, and the giant right-hander looked better than at any time since June. If Pfeffer can give another exhibition like that of yesterday he is almost sure to win.

A lot of the fane and ecribes here are inclined to criticize Manager Robinson for his failure to start Pfeffer in the first three games, but we believe that the Brooklyn pilot is handling his staff perfectly. In the last two months of the on Pfeffer weakened in the closing rounds of almost every game after having brilliant ball for six or seven innings, and t is no sure thing that he will not blow up against the Red Sox.

Pfeffer Good at Finishing Games

ROBINSON figured that Pfeffer can finish up at least three games in the series, whereas if he goes the full route he may not be of any value for the rest of the games. With Marquard, Smith and Coombs to start games and Pfeffer and Cheney to finish them up, the Dodgers appear to be well fortified; in fact, just a trifle better than the Red Sox. The latter pair depend largely upon speed, and as it becomes dark early now they are better qualified for relief duty than any other hurlers of the two teams, barring possibly Babe Ruth.

The nervousness that was so neticeable among the Brooklyn players in the es at Boston has vanished and Robinson's men have shown plenty of fight. In fact, they appear to be a gamer team than the famous Red Sox, which team generally is referred to as the greatest in baseball. One of the most pleasing surprises of the series has been the brilliant work of Olson at shortstop.

Olson is not a natural shortstop and never will be as graceful as Scott, but he has proved a good man for Robinson. When the Dodgers were wobbling and apparently lacking in confidence, it was Olson who kept the team on the jump, ouraging the pitcher and keeping the fighting spirit of the team at top pitch It is possible that the former Clevelander may go to pieces, but it is hardly likely, as he is a seasoned veteran. He also is ar inspiring kind of player, who will take any kind of a chance to win. Yesterday he believed that none of the four umpires was watching, and he tripped Thomas es he rounded second. Olson did not get away with this play, however, and Thomas was permitted to take third. It was tot a gentlemanly trick and he was hooted by his own fans; but it was possible that this play might have turned the whole game if he had got away with it.

All Contests Have Been Close

THE scores of the three games have been unusually close and low considering the number of terrific smashes. We do not recall seeing such hitting in a world's series since the famous Athletics-Chicago battle in 1910; but invariably something turns up to keep the score down. The size of Braves and Ebbets fields no doubt is responsible for the number of long drives, as the pitchers are taking chances in putting fast balls right through the groove, which would be improper in smaller fields.

Any time there are two men out the pitchers really have taken foolhardy chances considering how close the games have been, but they have been lucky ough to get away with it until yesterday, when Coombs fairly handed Gardner a home-run drive. The Red Sox third baseman is not a long-distance hitter as a sule, so Coombs decided to take a chance with a medium change of pace ball, Gardner smashed it over the fence for a home run, and the drive was as long as the one made by Fred Luderus in Philadelphia two weeks ago.

While speaking of Jack Coombs it is well to mention that we watched him dress for the game yesterday and were amazed at the way it is necessary to strap nd bind him so that he may take no chance of bringing back the old injury that kept him out of the game for almost three years.

Coombs first bandages his legs from the knee up with rubber braces and then wraps yards and yards of bandage cround his body. After this is done he adjusts a steel brace that encases his body from his waist to just beneath the armpit. How he manages to pitch ball is a mystery, as he finds it impossible to get any om of action excepting in his arms. With it all Coombs is a fine all-round player. He hits as well as many regulars, and can run despite the way he is strapped, and has he trouble fielding bunts when the opposing batters are lucky enough to get a ball that can be bunted. National League batemen contend that Coombs is the hardest man to bunt in the league, because he does not pitch many bells over the center of the plate, and the Red Sox also found the Colby collegian

Rumor That the Dodgers Are Sold

TT IS said that President Ebbets and the McKeever brothers, who are the sole owners of the Brooklyn team, have sold the National League champions to Charles Feltman, a millionaire coal operator, the announcement of the sale being withheld until after the series. Ebbets is one of the last of the old school, and it is rather surprising that he should sell at this time.

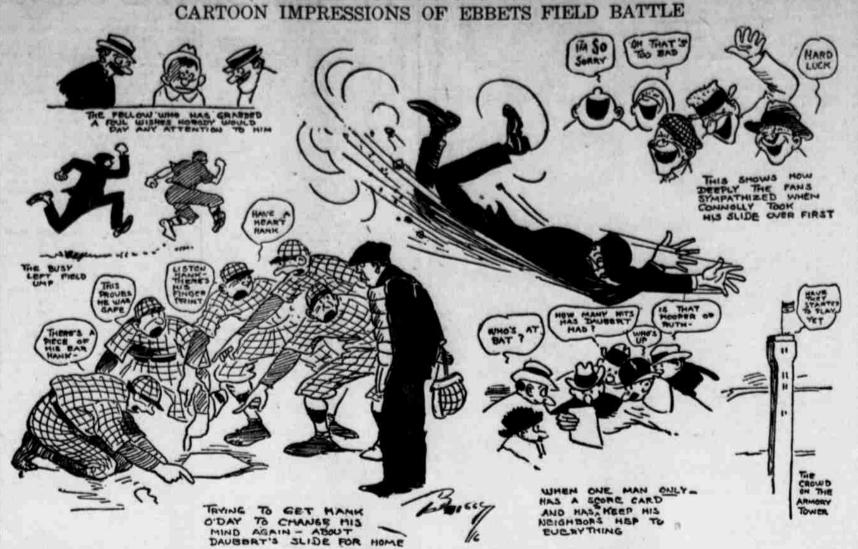
While the fans here idelized Ebbets for years, he no longer is popular, as the nt raising of prices for the world's series and several other incidents which howed only too plainly that Ebbets was tiring of the game and thought only of ney. It is only natural for Epbets to want to get everything possible out of the game; but there was a time when he apparently cared nothing about the financial

Peltman will not admit that he has purchased the team, but close friends declare that he has been trying to purchase a major league team for several seasons nd that he cares nothing about the financial end of the game. The selling of the Brooklyn club is only a forerunner to a sensational announcement that probably will be made soon after the series ends.

After going hitless in the first two games of the series, Jake Daubert came back yesterday with a vengeance. He had three hits out of four times up, one of which was a triple. All of which shows just what confidence will do for a player and a club.

That the pitching on the whole in the present world's series is below the stage is shown not only in the number of hits by each club, but in the time It has taken to play the games. Although Brooklyn did not take her half of the ninth round at bat, the contest was waged over two hours. Bad pitching invariably takes the snap out of a game, making errors more frequent, as well as

Although it has been reported in the camp of the Red Sox that George Foster was not in perfect condition, the hurling hero of 1915 looked to be in fine form ferday. Of course he did not go the full route, as he went in to do relief yesterday. Of course he aid not go the the would be able to start if necessary.



## WILLIS E. DAVIS TYPICAL PACIFIC COAST RACQUETER

National Clay Court Champion Deserves Better Rank Than No. 8 on List

SLUMPED LATE IN SEASON

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D

Philadelphia for several seasons has been represented ably in the first ten by Clothfer. Williams and Wallace Johnson, but this year finds another of our stars standing in the sacred circle. Willis E. Davis, Californian by birth, for three years has been in our city and clearly may be classed with our Quaker City stars.

Davis's record is spotty, for, following an early senson of nearly flawless tennis, he suddenly slumped and spolled a possible first five record. Davis won the Sleeply Hollow event, defeating Throckmorten in the semifinals and George M. Church in the semifinals and George M. Church in the sets in the finals. He won the national clay court crown, defeating Doyle, after the Washington star had put out Church most unexpectedly.

get better than No. 7.

So we must put this wonderful player at eight, when his game really merits the apper half of the select company.

Davis is the typical California racquet wielder. His whole game is based on serv-ice and volley. His ground strokes, while very severe, are very erratic. His fore-hand strokes are highly topped drives of great speed, and victous chops that speed low and deep to his opponent's backhand.

Davis has a highly topped "looping" backhand hook, and a peculiar slice chop, the latter not unlike McLoughlin's stroke.

the latter not unlike McLoughlin's stroke. Neither of these shots is steady, but both are hard to handle.

His voiley shot is a straight "smear" of the ball that pushes it with great speed down from his racquet into sharp angles of his opponent's court. He appears to fall all over his shot, covering the ball in much the same manner that the great Hans Wagner fields a grounder.

His service, in the main, is a very fast American twist that carries so much combined speed and spin that it is nearly unplayable. He also has a straight "cannon-ball" smash serve of terrific speed that His overhead is severe and ordinarily he shoots for the center line very effectively, steady.

Soccer Champs Touring New England BETHLEHEM. Pa., Oct. 11.—Bethlehem Steel F. C., national and American soccer champion, has left en a two days trip to the New England States, where on Thursday the New Bedford, Mass., team will be played; the Pan-Americans, at Fall River, on Friday, and the J. & P. Coats team, at Pawtucket, R. I., on Saturday, Manager H. W. Trend has taken the following players along: Duncan, Ferguan, Fietcher, Spaniding, Campbell, Morrison, Murghy, Clarks, Klrkpatrick, McKelver, Popper, Battican, Forrest, Fleming, Butler and Trainer Machon.

#### BROOKLYN NOW HAS THE EDGE ON SERIES, ASSERT DOPESTERS, AFTER WINNING FROM BOSTON

Every One Satisfied Except Stung "Spec," Who Failed to Unload Tickets on Flatbush Citizens. "Teams Are Rotten," He Says

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

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It's funny how the grandoldope will shift from one side to the other on the result of a single game. Yesterday morning Brooklyn was not even considered, and the experts, to a man, predicted that all would be over tonight. I heard a conversation in the hotel before the game started which showed the true attitude of the "critics." It was between a stranger and a previous BROOKLYN, Oct. 11.

THE ticket speculator weartly leaned against a portion of the strong concrete wall which surrounds Ebbets Field last night and cast withering giances at the crowd as it surged from the third game of the world's series. He also gazed ruefully upon a bunch of tickets in his hand which could have been used at that same game if the quaint was between a stranger and a newspaper man.

"Say!" said the stranger, "is Brooklyn playing in the world's series?"

"No," was the reply, "they only are assisting. The Red Sox are doing the playing."

It was a typical home audience that attended the game. Every time there was a chance to make some noise and cheer there was noise and cheering. If a Brooklyn batter knocked the ball to the shortstop and was thrown out by a mile, the Flatbushers was between a stranger and a newspaper

gotta sell some, but nobody'll fall. They won't even put up four beans fer a five-buck ticket. They's spendthrifts, all right, all right. But wait till I get ta Bawston bush.

"Anyway, they ain't gettin' none th' best of it, because it's th' cheesiest series I ever seen. I went ta th' game myself, just ta swell my sale of tickets. If I hadn't gone, I'd a had just as many as I started with. Talk about high class baseball! Say, they

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## PRACTICE SCORES FOR OPEN TITLE LOW AT PHILMONT

Many Low Cards Recorded by Pros in Rehearsal for Philadelphia Open

TALMON EQUALS PAR

By SANDY MeNIBLICK

ready for a great struggle at Ph to lay hold the Philadelphia open title and keep it right here in the Quaker City. One is astounded, upon a visit to Philmont course, at the tales of the scoring that has been going on in pracue Cards are presented on every side by to professionals of such low totals that the scores would shrink to almost nothing all if the "that's nothing to what we have had, etc., if I hadn't, etc.," were at taken into account.

Just to give a line on what the pres-sionals are doing over the difficult course is practice, a couple of cards are herewith a

mitted.

One turned over to us was that huse by Harry Talmon, the diminutive profession of the first green. Talmon shot three hird or his way out and got a 53, according to a card. He was "rather poor" coming a since he took an extra put on no less that three greens and had a 37. His card and par follow:

Out-5 3 3 3 4 4 4 3 4-32 In-5 3 5 3 5 4 5 8 4-37-78 Par-4 3 4 3 4 4 5 4 4-36 In-4 3 5 3 4 4 4 3 4-34-78

Charlie Hoffner, the Philmont pro. a spected to win the tourney over his course, since he ranks as one of the three best playing pros in the city. to be more even than before. In winning the third game, Brooklyn ascended from the utmost depth of darkness to the sunlight and there are many who believe that the Robins have a chance to win the scries. At any rate, there is a well-defined hunch going the round in the large town and across the bridge that Brooklyn will win today, tie up the series and then finish with a rush. The wise guys point out that the Dodgers have not received any of the "breaks" as yet, and when they do the Red Sox will be outclassed.

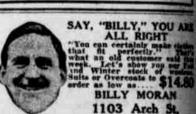
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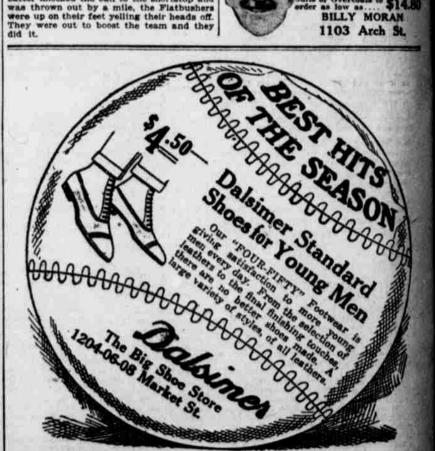
Hoffner is reputed by his friends to a shooting regularly in the neighborhood of 1 to 73. He is also not "above" or "below dropping under 70 on state occasions, it is said. He holds the course unofficial re-

with a mark below 70.

Jim Star, the famous Hadden pro, is ahot a 38-38-76 at Philmont in practice the big event next week and is going strong as any of them in reheareal.

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