# NEW PLAYERS WITH ATHLETICS ARE PLACING THEMSELVES IN LIMELIGHT WITH THE FANS

# MACK'S TEAM HAS THE COLOR AND PERSONALITY THAT WERE SADLY LACKING IN HIS FORMER CHAMPIONS

# It Requires More Than Mechanical Ability in Winners to Attract, and Connie's 1917 Model Now a Popular One

PERSONALITY cuts a wide swath in the sporting world. The guy who pushes over a trolley car, fights with the conductor or argues with taxi drivers soon becomes known as a real aggressive person and the reading public soon becomes acquainted with him. For the same reason, the baseball player who puts up losing battles every day with stony-hearted umpires becomes a favorite with the fans, whether they like him or not. Johnny Evers always is the center of interest when he stalks out on the field, and every time Ty Cobb has a run-in with a butcher or another player he goes big with the crowd. Even Tris Speaker has busted in with a scrap with one of the bad guessers on the umpiring staff and drew a couple of days off at the urgent request of President Johnson. Now Tristram from Texas is one of the regular fellows and his popularity has not

All of which is merely a prelude to another introduction to bring on the Athletics. Years ago the Macks had one of the greatest teams of all time, but the fans never grew wildly enthusiastic over their playing. Everything seemed so easy-cut and dried and mechanical, as it were—that, other teams in their own league greatly outdrew them just because they put some color in their play and put up a scrap. The A's of old had little individuality. They were a colorless club. They won ball games, but never tore into the opposition like a runaway freight train, sending the fragments all over the park. Instead, they developed that slow power which crushes and grinds with the sureness of a steam-roller. The players performed their duties like perfectly running, smooth machines. They left little to the imagination. They never argued among themselves or questioned decisions of the umpires. There wasn't a thrill in the whole crowd.

 $E^{\mathrm{VEN}}$  the uniforms added to the drab, dull effect. The double-decked, cold-style caps and the monotonous colors made all of the men look more or less alike. A stranger had difficulty in picking out Collins, Baker, McInnis, Barry or the other stars when they appeared on the field.

### Athletics Today More Popular Than Ever Before

THE American League was startled this year when Connie turned his team loose for the pennant fight. There was something strange about the players. and for a time no one was able to discover what that something was. Finally it cropped out. Connie had a team of "fightera." Regular honest-to-goodness fighters, who wouldn't admit defeat and kept on trying from that to finish. The opposition couldn't get over it. They couldn't realize that Manager Mack would have such a scrappy crowd around him. On the field they kept up a continuous chatter and were as noisy as a group of exuberant college players. They had, personality, color and everything else, and when they went to the hat zowie' How they slammed that ball! They were on their toes all the time, looking for an opening to ruin the attack of the enemy or knock the cover off the ball and win the game. They developed into one of the most dangerous clubs in the league and the fans flocked in to see them play.

Even the uniforms were different. Connie threw the old-style caps into the discard, and with them went the coloriess suits. White caps with long sloping visors rested on the heads of the players and the uniforms were like those of a regular club. They gave the men a snappy, alert, clean-cut appearance—something they haven't had for years. They played with a snap and dash, pulled sen-Pational plays that looked sensational and made many errors. Every grounder was played as if the game depended on it, and their play kept the spectators on their toes until the game was ended.

THERE is nothing impersonal about the 1917 volume of the Athletics. The players are very human and have emotions like every one else. That is why their admirers are willing to fight for them and their enemies shake in their boots every time the club is mentioned.

There's a Difference in the Players—Compare Bodie With Strunk PING BODIE and Amos Strunk are outfielders on the same club. Amos, perhaps, is one of the greatest fielders in the game, but how many fans do you bear discussing his work? Do you ever hear them say that they are going out to see Strunk bust one over the fence? Amos is a great player, a good hitter and excellent base-runner, but until he makes a great hit or pulls a sensational running catch few remember that he is in the game. On the other hand, it is impossible to forget that the famous Ping is on the grounds. He has a personality that attracts and a spirit which always asserts itself. He is on the move all of the time, seems to be bubbling over with the joy of fighting and the bicacherites cheer vociferously every time he makes a move. In his short career with the Athletics he has received as much publicity as Strunk has gathered in all his life. Bodie is a picturesque character, one who is bound to take with the fans, and his sincere efforts to lose the ball every time he goes to but add to his popularity. All of this is not due to extraordinary ability, but to personality alone. If Ping rushed at an umpire the fans would tremble and look for an ambulance to carry away the pieces. When Strunk makes a kick they know it will never pass the conversational stage, and wearily sit back until the jawing match is over.

If Amos had the spotlight ability of Bodie, Kauff or Cobb, the rooters now might be arguing as to whether or not he was the greatest outfielder in the game. Some say that Strunk is faster than Cobb, his fielding is better, and although his

RAY BATES is another player who has a punch in his work, and even stuffy McInnis, who fell into a rut and played mechanically, is out in the open fighting with the rest of them. Whitey Witt takes no back talk from the others, and Wally Schang took his life in his hands when he raised the only mustache in the league. Is it any wonder the Athletics are good drawing cards this year?

# Comiskey's Generosity May Get American League in Bad

CHARLES COMISKEY, owner and principal rooter of the Chicago White Sox, has stepped to the front with a proposition to aid the American Red Cross in the Windy City. From now on Comiskey will give 10 per cent of the gross receipts to that organization, and made good in the first ten games by handing over a check for \$5219.11. This is a commendable course, and, patriotic as it may seem, it is likely to prove embarrassing to the other seven owners in the league. They have great crowds at the games in Chicago and the Sox have most of them. In the other cities, however, where they are striving hard to make both ends meet, a 16 per cent donation would result in closing the gates. Take the Athletics, for example. Last year there wasn't a decent crowd all season, and Connie Mack, if he didn't lose money, was so close to the margin that there was no chance to celebrate. St. Louis, too, had hard sledding, and Washington always depends upon the receipts away from home. New York drew some crowds, but the enormous salary list made that necessary. Boston came through the season with flying colors, but the world series receipts boosted the profits. Detroit and Cleveland had fairly good years, but it is doubtful if the owners made 10 per cent on their

But this stunt is typical of Comiskey. There is nothing he will not do for the people in Chicago, and they appreciate it. If his ball park is needed for any purpose whatsoever, he not only allows his park to be used, but also provides the men to work on the gates and in the stands. He bears this expense himself. For that reason there always is a crowd at the ball park. No matter how poorly the club is playing, whether it is in first place or last, the stands and bleachers

 $\mathbf{I}^{ ext{T}}$  HAS geen said that if the White Sox were in the cellar position and the battle of Gettysburg was being fought all over again, with the original cast, across the street, the crowd would go to the ball park.

# Four No-Hit Games This Year

THE season of 1917 is surely a banner one for no-hit games. When Bob Groom, former Senator and Federal league tourist, now with the St. Louis Browns. threw off his glove at the conclusion of yesterday's twin bill between the White Sox and Brown's, at the latters' park, he had accomplished what all good twirlers start out to do. He had entered the Hall of Fame, after about nine years of endeavor, and added two extra innings for good measure. Groom's performance, in pitching two innings of the first game and twirling the second without allowing a hit or run, only twenty-eight men facing him, four reaching first, one hitting a sacrifice, three getting bases on balls and one being hit by a pitched ball, and only one, Risberg, in the sixth, getting beyond first, was the fourth no-hit game within a month of the season's opening. Eddle Cicotte started the thing this year on April 14. George Mogridge entered the Hall of Fame ten days later; Fred Toney was the next with ten clean innings, equaling the records of Wiltse and McIntyre, and on the same day Jim Vaughn traveled nine straight innings with a perfect slate. Groom's feat in twirfing eleven frames without allowing a Sox to bingle surpasses any mark made recently, but the manner in which it was done will rob Groom of extra praise. A rest of fifteen minutes between games nullifies his eleven-tuning mark and gives him credit only for holding Chicago hitless for nine innings, which should be laurels enough for any pitcher.

THE rate the record contests are piling up this year there is a A good chance of 1917 surpassing many other seasons. In 1916, when the Federal League was losing money for the late Mr. Ward, there were six no-hit games. Marquard, of the Giants, stopped Brooklyn; Jimmy Lavender, then with the Cubs, now with the Phils, blanked the New York Giants, a feat accomplished once in nearly twenty years. Hendrix, Allen Main and Davenport, of the Federals, each had a no-hit bout. Last year four no-hit games, the honors going to Hughes, of the Braves for: Joe Bush, Athletics, and Dutch Leonard, of the Boston

# **NOVEL PROGRAM** FOR JUNE REGATTA

Schuylkill Meet Committee at Work on Up-to-Date Schedule

### QUIET SUNDAY ON RIVER

The elimination of the Bayonne regatta which was to have been rowed on Me-morial Day under the anspices of the New

The Schuylkill Navy championships will be rowed on June 5 and the regatta com-mittee will shortly announce the exact rotation in which the races will be rowed. The idea of the new schedule is to stand-ardize all regatta programs so that every year the regattas will be rowed with the anne events in the same rotation. This will low the earsemen to know the exact time injusing between the events, so that those cishing to contend in two or more races in

# the same regatta will not have to scratch their entries at the last minute through lack of time to rest up between races. Fairmount Juniors

The Pairmount Rowing Association has ceruited a junior eight-cared shell crew which will be found on the starting line tone 2. Capitain Charlie Rose is coaching he crew, which sits up as follows: Clark. June 2. Captain Charlie Rose is coaching the crew, which sits up as follows: Clark, bow; Adams, Staggers, Dichl, Witteman, Gubner, Mauer, Carlin, stroke; Haws, cox-swain. A junior four-oated gig crew will also be selected from this crew. The announcement that the Officers' Re-serve Corps training camp at Fort Niagara will open on May 14 has brought about the dishundary of the University Barrie Club's

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disbandment of the University Barge Club's chief rowing asset, their championship senior four-oared shell crew.

The Undine Club has also been compelled to change its schedule on account of en-listments in the Naval Coast Boserve and the Officers' Reserve Corps, teach Bunth had quite a fleet of zenior scull men in har-ness, but Shmidhelser, Lukens and Allison have all enlisted, leaving the field to the limiors. Most promising among these are Emerson Ayers, Luck Ferris, a former "Perm" oarsman, and Adolph Woll, another

### Central High-Penn Fresh

The Central High School varsity and full as their headquarters in preparation for the school boy race in the Navy re-parts, have arranged trying out races with the University of Pennsylvania freshmen crews on May 22 and 24. The Crimson and Gold varsity eight will cross blades with the Penn first freshmen eight on May 23, and the second combinations of both in-stitutions will clash on the following after-

Captain Smith, of the Vesper Club, has determined to have an entry in every event of the Navy Day championships. The pres-ent make-up of the senior crew is: Evers, low; McCreary, Gracf, Boyd, F. Kelly, Lat-ly, Bowaman, Lem, stroke; Ewing, cox-

### Sunday Work Quiet

Rowing activity along Boathouse Row was not been yesterday. A low entimisines to members of the Schuylkill Navy, however, were to be forted, along with the Malta team, working out, as were also a number of stragglers from other teams. But en-couragement as far as promoting general interest in the work of preparating for the regatta is noted in the fact that the New York Rowing Association has decided to put on a patriotic carnival on the Harlen River on Memorial thay in which all Schuylill Navy crews will be invited to partlel-

The Malta team was particularly netive in Sunday's activities. The entire after-tion was spent by this team in hard work and other teams will flod it becessary to hit the pace shown by that of Coach Marsh hope for a place in the running. Coach Marsh has injected a strongly patriotic note into the preparation work for the regatta calling attention to the value of he training to those contemplating mili-

The Penn Barge Club has disposed of the services of Coach Juveum, the reason as-signed being that owing to unsettled war aditions the services of a profess ach are not at this time advisable

# KEEN COMPETITION IN SCHOOL TENNIS PLAY

### Penn Charter Leads League, With Germantown High the Runner-Up

The fight in the Interscholastic. Inter-academic and Junior Interacademic tennis leagues has now resolved itself into a competition for second position, as Penn Char-

petition for second position, as Penn Charter School is admittedly the likely winner of all three titles. When it comes to a choice for second-place honors Germantown High appears to have the call.

Germantown, though defeated by Penn Charter and held by Frankford High to a 3-to-2 victory, has the best all-round combination of tennis players. Dornheim, the Frankford High leader, is the best in the league, barring perhaps Edward Cassard, of Episcopal, Harry Fisher is on a par with Dornheim. Fisher beat Cassard in the Germantown-Episcopal match. Many critics think that Dornheim and Fisher rank alread of Cassard.

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With Harry Fisher as the first singles,
Germantown has a sure point-winner for
most of the matches. Earl Buckley is second singles and a first-class player. Morgan and Runcie Tatnall are next, and
there is little to be a second singles. there is little to choose between them. In doubles, Marshall and Boyd are two heady players for Germantown. The Interscholas tle League standing to date follows:

Teams.
Penn Charter
Germantown High
Central High
Frankford High
Episcopal Academy
Lower Merion
Camden High
West Philadeiphia
Germantown Academy Points won Points lost

Penn Charter School is certain of winning the title in the Interacademic League. With sixteen points won and two lost, the Yellow and Blue players have a lead which will bring them through to victory. Episcopai Academy and Germantown Academy are in line for second honors, with

The Interacademic League standing fol-In the Junior Interacademic League th Germantown Academy youngsters did not come up to the high standard anticipated of them. Penn Charter, with eighteen matches won and none lost, is virtually assured of the third tennis title for the 1917 season. Episcopal and Friends' Central juniors are

Episcopal the favorite:

not in the running.

Dr. Clinton Strong, secretary of the league, has announced the tennis standing of the Junior League as follows:

Every day it rains and every afternoon school baseball postponements are in order it means the piling up of the majority of the games which would otherwise have been played. At present the high school teams are having a hard time to get in the contests regularly scheduled, and postponed

## WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



# SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

FRANCE woke up one morning recently that the ring to stay six rounds, and Nelson and suddenly discovered that she was provided to in the right way to box so danced the stay of the stay o and suddenly discovered that she was shy a hushy soldier, but General Joffre and bis staff to doubt were overjayed to lose him, if Lou Virgier's ring exhibition Saturday night at the National Club was

a criterion of his fighting in the tranches. In England and France, we are told by several Philadelphians who have engaged in and witnessed bouts there, it really is an honor to quit; refuse to continue, when defeat is evident, rather than get knocked out. Billy Kramer was Monstenr Virgier opponent and for three rounds the foreigne gave an impressing demonstration of how not to box. He missed Kramer with wild swings by inches, sometimes by feet and even by yards, times Virgler came in near hitting the clever Kramer that be made a hitting the clever Kramer that be made a complete somersault, going headlong ever the second rope, and he picked himself up outside the ring. On the defensive, Virgler was good. He didn't allow a wallop to miss him; he stopped everything with his chin and body. But the Monsieur got tired of being the instigator and bott of the farcical fracas, so Lou decided has he had fought enough for one night. He made wallest attempt to evaluate his albid, and

had fought enough for one night. He made a valiant attempt to explain his alib! and we have to take the word of an interpreter. That Virgier said he "was too fat and couldn't catch his breath." It was an awful "barney," and it wouldn't be a had idea for local matchmakers to take more pains in investigating records of straine boxers, instead of heeding too much to the glowing tenties of their monagers. the glowing reports of their managers.

Johnny Resner was the victor over flatiling Murray, and some one at the ringside suggrated that he would be a coroling opporant for Johnny Ertle, both tenis almost the asine in size and having identical styles. Murray conched to Al Nelson, put up a creditable showing. Resner's bryfile wallops when they landed caught Murray as he was inciding up. Murray went

# WORRY NOT-THERE WILL BE NO HOME FOR INDIGENT PLAYERS IFWAR CHECKS GAMES NEXT YEAR

Average Husky Can Command Living Wage at Other Occupation, While High Salaried Stars Can Hang Around a Bit if Need Be

### By GRANTLAND RIC E On Behind

"America in this war is only following a dream."-Berlin exchange. So we shall follow as brave a dream as ever a dreamer knew; A dream that leads out endless years through the sweep of an unknown

And whether the way be primrose-starred, or whether the road be rue, We shall face the sun and the storm that wait with never a turning back. Brave hearts and bold for the journey here. For none but the stat-

wart soul Has a place in line for the quest now marked for the roll call of the troop-

No craven knight with a shaken lance who dares not seek the goal. Though it lay where the light of the world is dim and the flags of the ages droop.

Brave hearts and bold that only know when the silver bugle calls, When the roll of the drum breaks on the rest in the gray of the dawn's first fight-

That the way leads forth through the crimson rain to the top of the frowning walls. Where death is the fairest fate to know when it comes in a gallant fight, We shall hear the voice of the night that calls for rest for the weary feet;

And Love will come with a summer rose and eyes of the rain-wet blue, Of violet deep in the fields of May, and a song that is ever sweet From lips that plead that we stay our course till the spell of the Spring is through.

But the land and sky and the seas beneath are red as the wrath of hell, From the blood and flame that have stained all life with a crimson world at bay,

But we shall hold to the road's far end, whatever the bitter spell. TVI life and peace and the things worth while again have the right

war on a year from now there will be no trouble at all for a husky, able-bodied citizen to secure a job at good living wages. The Cobbs and Speakers, the Johnsons and Alex-Cobbs and Speakers, the Johnsons and Alexanders, will not be raking in from \$12,000 to \$15,000 a year, but most of the high-salaried stars have enough laid aside to tide over a break in the schedule. Those not married will be in the army or may by 1918, and those who are will have no great difficulty in diving headiong into steady work. It will not be quite as cheerful as rapping out three-base hits, but if this war is on for another ever there will be very little cheerful. other year there will be very little cheerful-ness anywhere else.

### The Spell of Jack Coombs

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The system which certain pitchers have
of establishing a spell over certain ball
clubs is a queer and weird adjunct of the
N. P. A number of years ago Tom Hughes,
the first, could beat Cleveland with his left
hand, and Tom was a right-hander exclusively. One season he shut out the Cleveland club five times in a row. hand club five times in a row

Lou Richie had the Giants festooned and Lou Richie had the Glants leaves and an garlanded for a few years, but no pitcher in the game has ever exercised a greater-spell over one club than Jack Coombs has employed over the aforementioned Giants. The second wherein John Wesley looms against the horizon the Giants are a battery division. Their road against the description of the groat immediately goes far away, bleating a song of extle and despair.

Jack got his first bead on the Glants back in 1911, toiling then for the Mackmen. He rumpled them into a shapeless mass that fell.

mass that fell. Later on he assumed a pitching attitude

with the Dodgers. Since his arrival under the Brooklyn banner the Kennebunk Ex-press has continued to run over the Glants and roll their mangled bodies into the first Rudolph and Vaughn and Toney and all the others at stated intervals, but against John

Coombs they wilt away from the firing line.
Since he reached the National League

IF BASEBALL is stopped next season, as Ean Johnson figures it will be, provided the war is still raging, the player will be up the war is still raging, the player will be up the others beat him here and there. The against it to a certain extent, but he will against it to a certain extent, but he will assume the others do, but not the Giants. In the his tory of baseball we fall to recall another case where a pitcher's mastery over one club was so decisive for so long a spell.

Add Melancholy Lexicon Of each sad phrase That stings and cuts, The saddest is "I took 3 putts."

This phrase arrives-"I kept a-topping All my drives."

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# The "Millionaire Regiment" and Fatimas

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