

FIELDER JONES AND HIS BROWNS HERE TODAY; PHILS HAVE CHANCE TO LEAD NATIONAL

CASE OF ED WALSH PUZZLES EXPERTS, AS NO PITCHER WHOSE ARM WENT BAD FROM OVERWORK EVER 'CAME BACK'

Former White Sox Star May Be Given Another Chance by McGraw—Ban Johnson Spikes Rumor That Washington Franchise Will Be Shifted

Big Ed Walsh, one of the greatest figures in baseball and once the star pitcher of the White Sox, is to be given another chance to come back. According to a yarn spun in New York, the noted "iron man" may become a member of the Giants...

But it is an established fact in baseball that a pitcher who has seen lots of service never "comes back" after his arm fails him. There is no case on record where a twirler completely recovered. But that doesn't seem to worry Muggsy. It is his idea to send Big Ed to the same physician who treated George Chalmers...

WALSH'S arm went bad in 1912, after the city series with the Chicago Cubs. He hung on a few years, but last season gave it up as a bad job and Comiskey released him unconditionally.

Experts Unable to Name a Big League Twirler Who Recovered

The proposed "comeback" of Walsh was a topic of conversation at Shibe Park yesterday. Every one hoped that the big fellow would make good, but the well wishes were accompanied by doubtful shakes of the head.

"I cannot think of a single instance; in fact, there have been few who even tried it after the old soupbone went bad. Amos Ruste made an attempt, but he failed. That's about all I can remember. I don't know about Walsh, but I hope he can get back into the game. It never has been done before, but there might be an exception."

"The only pitcher who returned after being counted out because of a bad arm," said Connie Mack, "was Long Tom Hughes. Tom lasted one year, however, and then was done for good. There are no other pitchers that I know of who 'came back.'"

Bill Dineen, the umpire, who once was a noted pitcher, said that George Chalmers fooled the critics and pitched after his arm went bad, but his twirling was not effective. "As soon as the snap goes from the arm," he said, "it's about time for a pitcher to quit. The last year Walsh was in the game I noticed that he used his whole arm and shoulder when delivering the ball and I felt that his day was done. I doubt if he can pitch big-league ball again."

"Brock" Owens, when interviewed, said that not only the pitchers with bad arms were put on the shelf for keeps, but also the infielders. He could not recall a single instance where a complete recovery was effected.

SO THE dope is against Big Ed. You never can tell what will happen in baseball, however, and it might be that he will brush aside all precedent and be cured by the new specialist.

Regarding Coombs, Morton, Harper and Smoky Joe Wood

IT HAS been said that Jack Coombs proved that a pitcher never is too old to emerge from the scrap heap, and his case is cited to prove that Walsh has a chance. Now, Coombs was a very sick person when dropped by the Athletics. He had twisted his spine, and afterward developed a fever which put him in the hospital. When he outgamed the Grim Reaper he proceeded to build himself up and made good when he reported for a trial with Brooklyn. All of this is well known. But it must be remembered that Jack's pitching arm was in no way affected. It was just as good as new, and the trouble was in his back. As soon as he strengthened that part of the body and donned his leather corset-brace he found no difficulty in taking his turn on the mound. Had his arm been afflicted, however, the chances are that he never would have returned to the game. And then we have Smoky Joe Wood. Joe injured his flinging arm, laid off last year and is trying to stage a comeback in Cleveland. Have you noticed any startling work as yet? Ball players tell us that he is through and never will be able to last if he tries to take his turn with the other pitchers.

Now we come to Guy Morton, who pitched a one-hit game against the Red Sox recently. Guy was in bad shape last year and his arm went floozy. He laid off, took care of himself and reported this year ready for work. He seems to have recovered, but it is only because he has not been pitching very long and he is a young man. Also, the arm might have sprung a kink from a strain and was not worn out by constant service. The same goes for Harry Harper, of Washington, who was hurt by a pitched ball last year. Harry is on the road to recovery and the pain is almost gone.

YOUNGSTERS always are troubled with sore arms," said Harry Davis, "They are likely to strain it or catch cold in it. But it only takes a short time before everything is O. K. again. The older men are not troubled so much, but when they are it marks the end."

Change of Franchise Talk Fed Bluff, Says Ban

THAT the excitement and scare rumors springing up during the last few days regarding the certain transfer of the Washington franchise to some other city are entirely without foundation and are, in fact, merely a strategic move on the part of the defunct Federal League authorities to gain an advantage in their litigation with organized ball is the assurance of none other than Ban Johnson, in an interview given out in New York yesterday.

According to the big figure in American League affairs, the litigation in question is billed to come to trial in this city next Monday, and the rumors which are calculated to make it appear that the league is tottering are stage thunder pure and simple. Mr. Johnson states that such rumors had been quietly current for some time, but that there was not a word of truth in them, and that, in fact, the subject of a possibly involved franchise was suggested last winter if it was not Washington that was considered at all, but the Athletics. The fine brand of ball shown by Manager Mack's hustling and ambitious youngsters this season had, however, he said, entirely quieted any such alarms, and at present there was not even a shadow upon any franchise in the league.

Baltimore Never Considered as Possibility

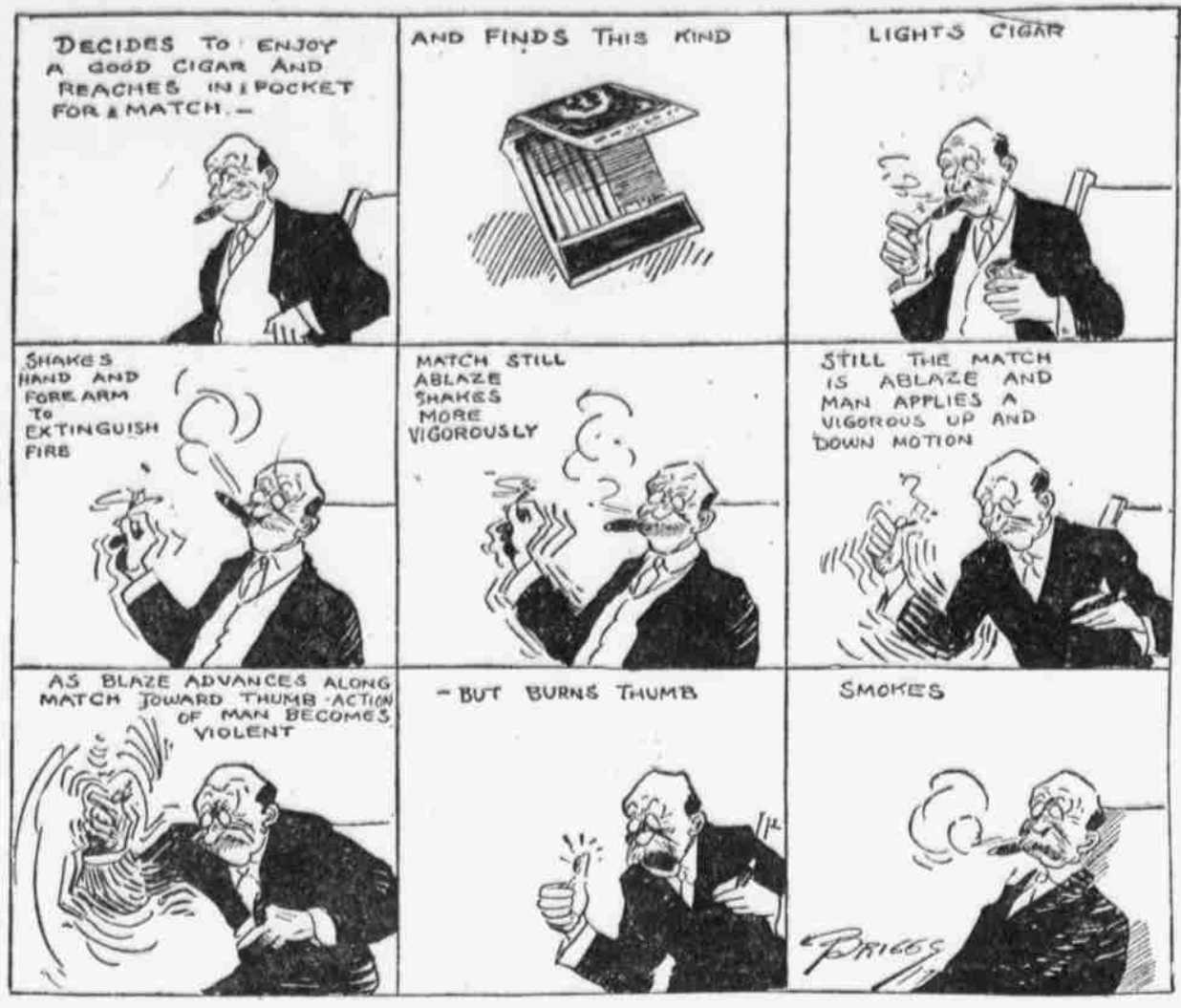
"WE NEVER have considered Baltimore," said Johnson, "for our circuit since the town forfeited its franchise fifteen years ago. I cannot understand how such an absurd story originated in connection with the Orioles City. Perhaps such propaganda was sent out to influence the coming lawsuit between the defunct Federal League club stockholders of that city and organized baseball. This suit is to come to trial at Philadelphia next Monday."

"I have heard suggestions made that it might be a good idea to move the Washington ball club, but the suggestion made no impression on the American League club owners. In fact, I never heard the project seriously discussed. The sentiment of the American League," Mr. Johnson continued, "is to stick by Washington. There is a sentiment connected with our operations in the capital city of our country. It has been a tremendous force toward popularizing and inculcating the good name and sportsmanship of our national game."

"I can truthfully say the American League would sooner operate in Washington at a loss than elsewhere at a profit. Washington has done a lot for the American League. The American League does not propose to forget its obligations. It would be a shame, in this national crisis, to take the best class of baseball away from the capital city."

THROUGHOUT the winter, from time to time, stories have cropped out that the American League might soon be represented in Brooklyn. It was whispered by those supposedly behind the scenes that the National League would not only not offer the slightest objection, but would actually extend a hand of fellowship, provided the American League representative in Brooklyn lasted for a long term of years the Ebbets Field property from Ebbets and the McKeevers.

MOVIE OF A MAN AND A PAPER MATCH



BON AIR LINKS ECHOED CLICKS OF SOLID BALLS BACK IN EARLY GOLF DAYS, BUT SCORES STILL RUN HIGH

Old Delaware County Course With Few Changes Continues to Baffle Players Who Would Turn in Low Cards

"ISN'T it beautiful?" asked Fred Tompkins, as he waved his arm in the general direction of the emerald panorama of Bon Air's park-like links. All of the visitors gave the green view the up and down and agreed with the famous court tennis player that the old Manoa course was worthy of loud and vehement praise.

The golf grounds of the Bon Air Country Club date back to the dark days of the old rattle ball. Many of the shallow traps, hazards and cross bunkers that continue to dot the course are relics of the old days when the ball left the club with a sharp click for comparatively short distances. The broad areas have been under the direction of three different organizations in its long career as a golf meadow and now, under its present style and title the club has reached the height of popularity.

"They played golf at Manoa when the West Chester trolleys were first run along the old turnpike, and in those days golf was a mystery to the majority of the travelers; some thought that the earnest linkmen were killing snakes, and all marveled at the strange antics of the men who were busy at the new fad. Now all is different, and the Bon Air golfer is no longer a curiosity as he bats them out beside the right of way. It used to be the Delaware County Country Club. Then, in 1911, the Athletic Club of Philadelphia moved from its old Kensington Orchard and a new sign appeared at the entrance gate bearing the gold-leaved title of The Athletic Club of Philadelphia—Golf Links. A few years ago this sign was taken down and the present Bon Air one was substituted in its place.

The governors of the club decided to make the old stand look better and brighter this year, and many new and improved traps were cut to stiffen the course. The buildings received a full outfit of fresh paint. So great was the transformation that many ex-members rushed back to the fold and the club is now a prosperous footing. The fairways have long been listed as excellent. Turf improves with age, and probably for this reason there is a noticeable scarcity of worms in the Manoa links. The greens committee, according to Tompkins, purchased 5000 tons of the human-like remains of used mushroom beds this year and gave the greens and fairways a thorough fertilizing. Today the good results are evident in the emerald sheen that greets the eye. Two hundred and fifty members use the club, and the week-end congestion is becoming a problem. The new traps are making the members play better, and every now and then there are tales of miracle shots and improved scores.

Bill Bill Smiley, the heavy hitter, registered an eagle two on the 355-yard second last week, while Jack Beatty weathered the applause of the gallery by landing his tee shot on the 160-yard fourth in the cup for a one. Donald Morrison is holding down the pro berth and is playing brilliant golf. Yesterday he swung around the circuit in 71, one stroke below the course record. Today is drill day at Merion. James R. McClure, Jr., is in command of the Main Line's military company, and the club members of the Haverford organization turn out promptly on the stroke of 8:45 p. m. every Monday and Wednesday for their warfare instruction. The company has been drilling successfully for the last month, and has proved very popular with the members. The Liberty Bond advertisements greet one everywhere, and now the golf clubs are using the familiar stamp. Do your bit. Buy a Liberty Loan bond on the envelope accompanying their monthly house-account statement to the members.

A public golf course seldom gets a chance to rest from the tramp of the golfer. That makes use of it from early to late. Cobbs Creek is growing in popularity as the weeks roll on and the golf fans of Philadelphia will soon be as numerous as those of New York. Van Cortlandt, the old Metropolitan public links, is probably the most used course in the country and as an illustration of its popularity with the public they tell the story of the brush. The scrubbing brush that was attached to the sand box at the first tee suffered a terrible fate. Of the 353 golfers who went off that tee on the Sunday of the open season, 553 cleaned every ball they had in their bags by industriously brushing. All that was left at the end of the day was the wooden back and three limp bristles.

How to Play Golf by Charles (Chick) Evans Jr.

THE first thing for the ambitious prospective golfer to do is to lay out a plan for the practice of golf. One must play a certain amount each day, or three times a week, or eight or ten times a month, or whatever regular space of time he can command, and then set his mind to thinking about the game. Also he must study the game. He must study the theory of the game, and he must study the practice of the game. He should always have the words, "I am going to do the best I can." Then let him follow his system conscientiously, whether the weather is good or bad, and whether he hits his shots well or not.

The following plan of action is my advice to the prospective golfer who is willing to adopt a system: Go to your professional and get an idea of the proper way to grip a club, to stand and to swing. That once done, imitating him exactly will not carry you far; you must learn to put your physical and mental individuality into everything, and work to that end. Prepare to give a certain amount of time to constant and uninterrupted practice.

Avoid Fatigue

Lay in a supply of two dozen golf balls for practice. Here I offer a little warning—do not hit many more than a dozen shots in succession with any one club, for nothing is gained by work when fatigued. I also suggest that you swing only when you hit a ball.

We all have many friends who can clip dandelion heads easily and without call and miss the ball itself frequently. For that reason I consider it better not to practice much swinging without a ball, and with a supply of two dozen balls a golfer does not have to be in so often.

Have three small bags of markers.

C. H. S. NINE NEAR BASEBALL TITLE

Trades School's Victory Over West Phillies Helps the Crimson and Gold

SEIGLE STAR TWIRLER

Central High School is the likely winner of the interscholastic baseball championship. Trades School's strong team won from the West Phillies yesterday, 6 to 5, and virtually put the Orange and Blue out of the running for the Princeton cup. The only chance West Philadelphia has of sharing in the award rests with Frank's High.

If Frankford High School can muster together a team strong enough to beat Central High, then there will be a triple tie for the league championship and probably no play-off. If Frankford High succeeds in accomplishing this unexpected feat, the Central High nine will be losing to a team next to last place in the league.

It has been a season of upsets so far in the league and there is no telling what will happen. Coach Rudolph Falkenhagen, of Frankford High, who thought the West Phillies would win this year, was a much surprised man when he heard of the score last night. He said:

"So they beat West Philadelphia? I didn't expect anything like that. We have arranged to play the last league game of the season with Central High on our grounds on Thursday afternoon.

"If we win it will mean a triple tie for the title between the Central High, Northeast and West Philadelphia teams."

Seigle Won Game for Trades. Seigle won the game for Trades School. He pitched in fine form, fanning sixteen players and allowing only four hits. He was wild in the fourth inning, when West Philadelphia scored three runs. In this inning he hit four batters, and an error by Vreeland helped the West Phillies to their run.

In the ninth inning the Trades School players rallied and hit Phy hard. Smith singled, and Evenson did the same when he stepped up to the plate. Hanratty singled, and Jordan hit a single, and Jordan hit to third base, sacrificing Evenson to third and Hanratty to second. Then Seigle's long single to center field scored the winning run. Captain Buck Hanratty and Evenson crossing the plate.

The league standing: Teams Won Lost P. C. Central High School 10 4 297 West Philadelphia 10 4 214 Northeast High School 10 4 214 Trades School 7 7 500 South Philadelphia High 7 7 305 Frankford High 4 10 305 Germantown 4 12 071

BASEBALL TODAY SHIBE PARK Athletics vs. St. Louis

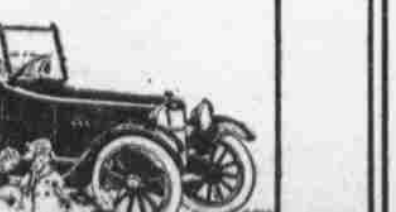
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Baseball, Boxing and Tennis Fine Training for Big Red Sport of War, But Gridiron Game Counts More for Hardihood and Heroism

By GRANTLAND RICE

Tribe is up at the top again. Ty is out for another bid; Alex's speed has the winning bid; And Big Babe Ruth is the all-star kid; Hand 'em the old hip-hip, and such; Stand 'em up in a leading row; But don't forget, as the cheers emerge, That Old Lank Hank was the first to go.

Burns and Knuff and the rest of 'em—Johnson, Fletcher and Zim and Chase—Moving on with the best they have, Remping through in the spicy race—Hand 'em all that is due to class; And let the boost or the headlines grow; But don't forget, as the cheers are forged, That Old Lank Hank was the first to go.

IS FOOTBALL or baseball the best training for war? Football, beyond any doubt. The training grind is much harder in football than in baseball, and the toughening process, physically, is much more extreme. A contender must be in much better physical condition to stand up under football than he needs for baseball.

Baseball is fine training for the big, red game of conflict, just as tennis is. But so far as war preparation is concerned, there is nothing as good as the old college game for developing fiber and confidence in one's ability to grapple with the test.

As Colonel Shoop says: "Hardness ever of hardihood is mother." And football makes for hardiness beyond any game we know of, not even barring boxing.

In the Records Records are valuable contributions to the lore of the day and the days of the era. They are supposed to furnish a fairly true line on the general situation, being, as they are, a summary of results. And results are supposed to count.

So if you owned a ball club and some one offered you the four pitchers who had lost the greatest number of games the odds are that you would very quickly arise upon your hind legs and emit a lusty roar of protest. You would until you happened to glance at their names—Walter Johnson, Joe Bush, Fred Toney and Ray Caldwell.

These have been the main losers up to date. Which proves again that even a cold, bald, unbiased record is always a certain inside tip on the outstanding situation.

Leonard and the Boxing Game Benny Leonard, the new lightweight champion, can accomplish more than a triple tie for the boxing game by carrying forward his intention to enlist. The fighting champion has been overly keen about heading in the general direction of the trenches, referring to those between twenty and thirty without dependents. And if any name ever needed help, the fighting name is the answer. No sport in the widestpread universe has suffered so much from general crookedness and greed.

Leonard gives promise of being a proper type. He is a hard, clean fighter; there has been no question as to his directness in the ring, and he has played out the game. By enlisting at an early date he can become far and away the most popular fighter in America.

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