

BEST THING ABOUT BENDER'S WORK WAS UMPIRING OF QUIGLEY; HE WATCHED THE CORNERS

BENDER, DADDY OF THE PITCHERS, HAS SCORED THREE SHUT-OUT WINS IN A ROW; ALLOWS BUT ONE HIT

Famous Indian Twirler Comes Close to Tying No-Hit Mark Made in May of 1910 Against Cleveland Club

CHARLES ALBERT BENDER, the well-known and original "Chief," has returned to the fold after a long absence. Charles Albert was ready for the scrap heap and about to be shipped to the farm, where he could pass his remaining days in peace and quiet, but he crossed the dope, surprised Pat Moran and started out on a winning streak which has startled and shaken the National League. He has taken part in some twelve games since Manager Pat recalled him to the fold, but he is officially credited with four victories and one defeat. It is not important who beat the Chief, but his fine work in his four straight victories easily will overcome this slight stain on his 1917 record. In his last quartet of conquests he has allowed only two runs. The last three games were shut-out affairs. He started against the Cubs on August 5 and they secured six hits off him and two runs, but were defeated by the score of 6 to 2. His next good game was against Boston at a time when the other Phil pitchers were missing their cues. He held the Braves runless and only four Boston players got on the bases through their own merits. They were Maranville, Powell, Konetchy and Fitzpatrick. While the Pirates were here last week he turned 'em back without a score and only Carey, Ward and Piller were able to touch him. Yesterday he was the boy of old. He had everything; his control was perfect, had speed and a fine break to his fast one, and used his knowledge of the game to such advantage that only one visitor, Pete Kilduff, hit safely. Eliminating the former Giant from the scenery, Bender would have scored the second no-hit game of his career. There were many fans at the park who regretted that Kilduff bounced a single, as they wished the game could have placed another no-hit game to his record. Close students of the game will recall that Bender is a no-hit twirler. He forced his way into the hall of fame in 1910, when he wore a Mack uniform. The game was played on May 12 in that year against Cleveland, the same team that Joe Bush pitched a perfect game against just a year ago Monday.

The wonderful pitching exhibitions being served up by Bender are the more remarkable when his many years of service are considered. Connie always used the Chief to start off a world's series, as he knew his courage would carry him through big crowds and opposing ball players. His nerve was half the battle. When he was taken back by Moran during the present season it was thought that he might be of assistance in working with the pitchers and finishing up lost games. Moran needed a fellow who knew the batters and could step in and stop a rally. The big boy was open for business and took a seat on the Phil bench. He might have had some knowledge of his return to form and expressed himself as to Pat, but on the surface it appeared as though Bender's best days were over. Just now he can be classed with the leading pitchers of the league. In twenty-seven innings he has not been scored upon, has allowed only eight hits in as many innings, and this is a record any pitcher could be proud to possess.

THE first game, a walkaway for the Phils due to the Chief's fine work, was won by 6 to 0. The Phils chased Jim Vaughn, a first-class no-hit twirler, to the clubhouse early. Eppa Rixey started for us in the second combat, but his southpaw deliveries were meat for the Cublets, who finished up in the lead by 4 to 2. Paul Carter worked nicely for Mitchell in the second game, allowing the Phils only four hits.

Bender the "Daddy" of Baseball

WHEN Eddie Plank announced his retirement this month it left only two of the three former star Mackmen pitchers in the big leagues. Plank now is at his home in Gettysburg doing a little farming, and very little of that. Eddie felt as though he needed a rest after his strenuous efforts to win as many ball games as Dave Davenport for the Browns, and he is taking it easy. Jack Coombs, another hero who always will hold a place in the memory of Philly fans, now is with the Dodgers and doing about even. Bender is the big star of the three at this time, and when he was right in the olden days he wasn't very far behind them.

The passing of Plank as an active workman in the big show virtually gives Charles Albert the title of being the daddy of the pitchers. Leon Ames, of the Cardinals, made his debut with the Giants in 1904. Bender came to Mack in the year of 1903, two years after Plank joined the A's staff. Plank was about to finish his seventeenth season. Bender has an excellent chance to equal Eddie's mark if his work of yesterday is any criterion.

Plank jumped from the Gettysburg University team to Connie without any major league experience. He started with Mack until given his release in 1914. He then joined the St. Louis Cardinals and played with that team until the league was absorbed by Organized Baseball, when he shifted to the Browns. He played with St. Louis last year and up to the time the team visited here on the last Athletics' home stay.

AMES has divided his time between New York, Cincinnati and the Cards. He is known as one of the hard-luck pitchers of baseball. He is more than earning his salary with Miller Huggins as a finisher of games and doing a good job of the same. He seems to have a few years in the old wing at that.

Bender Started in 1903

BENDER came from Carlisle to Connie in 1903. He, Plank and Coombs helped to bring some few pennants to our great burg. Charles A. was cut adrift from the A's along with the others and also joined the Cardinals, but did not experience the same success as his left-handed fellow workman. Bender then joined the Phils, but was released and became a free lance. He now is back in the fold and you can take the story up for yourself.

COOMBS is next in line to Bender and Ames. He is serving his twelfth season as a big leaguer. He came to Mack from Colby. The veteran of the American League is Walter Johnson. Although still a young man in years, the big Swede—no sarcasm intended—now is serving his eleventh season as a member of the Washington club.

Another Catcher Is Needed by Athletics

CONNIE MACK has run into a shortage of catchers, and unless a good one is unearthed before the end of this month the Athletics will experience some hard luck. It is strange that a club with the social standing of our A's should even think of hard luck, but that is just what the Athletics are doing these days. The injury of Bill Meyer removed one of the best receivers in the league and the brunt of the work has been shifted to the broad shoulders of Patricius Haley and Wally Schang. Pat is an experienced person, but his work lacks the pep and aggressiveness of the younger men. Schang has too much pep and his throwing arm is so good that the outfielders begin to dodge every time he throws to base. Wally also is somewhat erratic, so it easily can be seen that the behind-the-bat proposition is keeping Connie up late at night.

Harry Davis did not make the western trip with the team. He made his escape under cover of darkness and departed on a still hunt to an inland town where they grow catchers, pitchers and everything. Harry kept his destination a secret, but it is a well-known fact that he will examine some rare specimens of ivory to be placed on exhibition at Shibe Park if they stand the acid test. Manager Mack needs two good pitchers, a couple of high-class catchers, an infielder and a utility outfielder who can slug the ball. With these persons on his payroll, Connie will have one of the best ball clubs in the league—and that's saying a lot these days. Ira Thomas yesterday returned from a personally conducted tour through the Pacific coast towns, and is said to have discovered a couple of phenoms who will make the natives sit up and take notice when they stage their act in the arena. One is believed to be a pitcher and the other an outfielder.

THE failure of the pitchers to live up to the good work displayed during the home stay is the direct cause of several reverses in the West. Connie allowed Elmer Myers to go the full nine innings yesterday despite the fact that everybody on the Indians, except Chapman, pounded the ball for keeps.

"Ted" Meredith to Race in Big Events

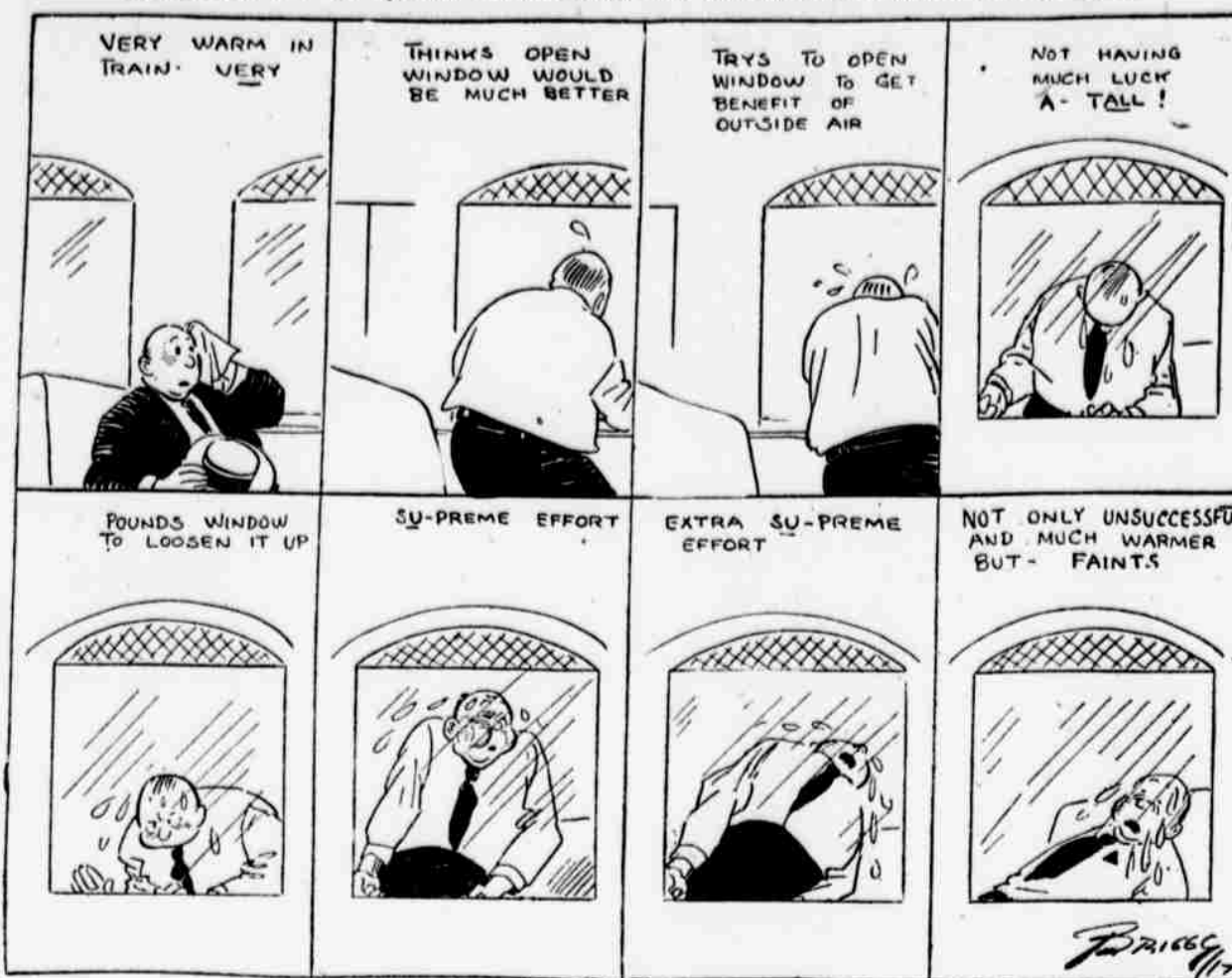
JAMES EDWIN (TED) MEREDITH, heralded wherever track athletes are known as the world's greatest middle-distance runner, will stop cramming aviation theories and methods into his head this week and once more will muss up the cinders of Franklin Field in a championship meet. The famous Pennsylvania champion will compete for the Meadowbrook Club in both the quarter and half-mile events in the Middle States track and field championships, which will be staged on Franklin Field next Saturday.

Ted has been graduated from the Ithaca School of Aviation and now is at Mount Clemens, Mich., one of the Government's practice flying grounds. He is expected here today and will not be due back there until September 5. This also will enable him to compete in the National A. A. U. championships to be staged at St. Louis, starting August 31.

While he was at Ithaca Meredith did his training on the Cornell athletic field, on which he worked out every evening before mess call. He is continuing his work out Michigan way, and in a recent letter which he penned to Samuel J. Dallas, secretary of the Meadowbrook Club, he stated that he has kept on with his training in his new field. He predicted that he would be in good shape by the day of the games, and once he has worked out the kinks from his muscles which will be caused by his long trip from Michigan he will be in tip-top condition.

SPORT critics from all parts of the country are awaiting to see what Meredith will do on the cinders after being in the air for several weeks. He will have only a few days to train on terra firma again, but nevertheless, many believe that he possesses more speed than ever. Watch the track.

MOVIE OF A MAN TRYING TO RAISE A CAR WINDOW



ROUSH LOOKS LIKE COMING COBB OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE SO FAR AS HIS BATTING IS CONCERNED

Hal Chase, Another Red, Held Batting Premiership, and Apparently Nothing Can Stop Matty's Star From Landing It

By GRANTLAND RICE

Over the Score

Who shall say when the game is done
What man lost and what man won?

Who shall say that the victim fought
With smaller courage for his part?
Who shall say that the victor wrought
With braver soul and finer heart?

Who shall say that the gleaming stars,
Radiant on the winner's scroll,
Will shine more brightly than the scars
Of him who fought to a hopeless goal?

Who can say that the score shall tell
All of the story the laurel brings,
Over the myrtle of those who fell
But fought their way to the end of things?

Who shall say when the game is done
What man lost and what man won?

WHILE the budding Reds under Matty will not reach any pennant height this season they are once pointed for a distinct honor, provided the fastidious does not kick over the traces, which is one of the best things it does.

This will come in the elevation of Eddie Roush to the batting premiership of his circuit. Last season Hal Chase, another Red, led the league, and if Roush comes through Cincinnati will have two leaders in succession.

Back in the old days, when the Reds had Mike Donlin, Joe Kelley, Bid McPhee, Sam Crawford and others, they carried more than their share of heavy artillery. But until the last year or two they have run shy in this respect. Roush isn't likely to be beaten, for he not only can hit, but he is fast enough to pick up many an infield base hit when things are not coming too well. It has been quite a spell since the National League had a 350 batsman. Jake Daubert finished with exactly 350 in 1913, while the Great Zim had 372 in 1912. They were the last of the 350-and-better boys. Dave Robertson, of the Giants, made a noise like 350 for several consecutive months last season, but Dave soon ceased firing and came back after the manner of a steel girder tossed from a skyscraper. Roush may be the coming Cobb of the Nationals, so far as batting is concerned.

Pitching and Pennants

Dear Sir—Isn't this true? Viz, the Mackmen won a pennant with a slugging team, but they also had Bender, Plank and Coombs in the box; the White Sox once won a pennant with a hitless team, but they had Walsh, Altrock and Doc White; the Red Sox last season had only a normal team at bat, but they had Ruth, Leonard, Shore and Mays; the old Cubs had a great all-around team, but they had Brown, Over-all, Reulbach and Pfeister. In other words, all the pennant winners—or nearly all—have not depended upon batting or fielding, but on pitching. It has been the pitching that told the story. The Tigers last year had the greatest run-getting team in the business and a very strong defensive team in the field, with Bush, Young, Vitt, Cobb, Veatch, etc. But without the pitching they were lost. So in finding the trouble with the New York Yankees, it is simply this: They have six or seven fair pitchers, but no two or three stars to go out and win.

JUST A FAN.

The only way to develop a good pitching staff is to have three or four dependable men and use them straight through, with rare intermissions. The big mistake is too often made in attempting to work six or seven pitchers. Eight star pitchers on a club, worked every eight days, would be ineffective and incompetent by June.

"Breaking through the line" has been a game taught to young Americans for a good

STUFFY DROPS OUT OF SELECT BATTERS

Although Hitting at .500 Pace He Is Passed by Harris

Stuffy McInnis is having a great time jumping in and out of the five leading batters of the American League. Yesterday Stuffy was in the first five, and although he made two hits out of four times at bat in the Cleveland game yesterday, Harris went him one better, making three safe blows in the same number of times at bat.

In the National League Eddie Roush increased his lead to twenty-five points in the race for batting honors. Roush made three hits off Sallee in four times at bat. Neither Ty Cobb, Sisler nor Speaker played yesterday, so their standings remain the same.

The standings to date of the five leading batters in the two big leagues are as follows:

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	G.	A.	R.	H.
Roush, Cincinnati	108	115	85	129
Cobb, Detroit	113	108	53	129
Speiser, Cleveland	114	110	71	145
Harris, St. Louis	107	98	67	120
Ham, New York	100	89	67	127
Cobb, Cincinnati	119	456	72	141

AMATEUR BASEBALL				
	G.	A.	R.	H.
Northside Professionals	116	447	87	170
Shiner, St. Louis	113	441	46	168
Speiser, Cleveland	114	410	71	145
Harris, St. Louis	81	282	28	81
Chapman, Cleveland	122	438	82	135

Northside Professionals have September 1 and Labor Day (two games) open and would like to hear from some good team in or out of town offering a good guarantee. J. Hoover, phone Kensington 8409 W.

Philbills Professionals have August 25 open. Any first-class home team desiring this good attraction should write to P. McDermott, 2733 Orkney street.

Hancock A. A., a strictly first-class team, has open dates in September. Hancock A. A., 1212 North Hancock street.

GOLF STARS AS WELL AS TENNIS CRACKS HAVE ENLISTED IN EVERY BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL SERVICE

War Has Hit Tennis Harder, for Tennis Players are Younger, but Golfers are Doing Their Bit for Government

By PETER PUTTER

THE war has hit the tennis cracks harder than it has the stars of the golf world, so far as the stars are concerned, for eight of the first ten men in tennis are now in the service of the Government. Up to date, the best golfers who are under the colors are Bob Gardner, twice the national amateur champion and last year runner-up in the national amateur to Chick Evans at Merion; Max Marston, easily one of the top-notchers in this country; Frank Blossom, the former intercollegiate champion; Hamilton Kerr, who has been prominent for years as a contender for national honors; Henry Topping, one of the leaders in the Metropolitan district; Nelson Whitney, several times the southern champion, and a host of others who have been prominent in their own local, district and State titles.

Yet there are scores of golfers who are not yet in the service of the country, and the two most prominent are Chick Evans and Francis Ouimet. Both are subject to draft, however, and may yet see service. Frank W. Dyer, former State champion; Jesse Guilford, the longest of all the golf drivers and the champion of Massachusetts, and a lot of others who are subject to draft have not yet been heard from.

Most Tennis Players Are Younger

The essential difference between the tennis and golf player is age. There is hardly a first-class player of tennis today who has passed the thirty-year mark, but in golf the number of men who are rated among the best players in the country and who have passed the thirty-year mark is surprisingly large. Youth is just as essential to success in tennis as it is in baseball and prizefighting. Those who have passed the thirty-year mark are classed with the down and out in these three sports. Of course, there are exceptions, but very few of them.

Walter J. Travis captured an important championship after he had passed the half-century mark, but name a single tennis or baseball player or prizefighter who has done this in his sport at that age. Most of our youth play either tennis or baseball. Neither is an expensive sport and that is one reason they make the appeal that they do. It costs money not only to play golf but to belong to a golf club and in the case of youngsters when there is little coming in and a lot going out golf is more or less impossible unless father pays the freight.

So it is only natural that the first ten tennis men of this country should be youngsters. If you should name the first ten golfers the chances are that 40 per cent of them would be over the draft age. And if the first twenty were considered the proportion would be even.

Plenty of Golfers in Service

There are a lot of golfers in the service. The Corkran brothers, Warren and Clark, are with a Baltimore battery and will be a long time before either will play competitive golf again. Both are among the very best men in the country and only last year Clark was a semifinalist in the national championship at Merion. Phil Carter, one of the most sensational players in the golf world and who two years ago at Pinehurst won every tournament played there, is a member of the American Ambulance Corps in France.

In one year he won thirty-eight cups and thirty of them were won before he was of age. Carter has written some interesting letters from the front, and in one of them he says:

"I am sitting at the wheel of our ambulance, and it certainly is a great life. We landed about three miles from the front yesterday afternoon, and no one can possibly realize what it is like unless he can see it. The roar of the guns is terrific, and we hadn't been in the camp more than fifteen minutes when the Germans let go a shell which landed about a mile from our camp, and that was a pretty good start into what

we will be dodging for the next six months. You can hear the guns go off, then the whistle of the shell, an awful bang and after that a cloud of smoke and a lot of earth, or a house, or whatever it happens to hit, shoot up into the air, and you just have to sit down and wait for the next one. It certainly is a great game and a little more exciting than golf. If you can get the shell whistle you are all right, and because it is very apt to hit close by.

"Last evening we sat on the roof of the ambulance and watched both German and French airplanes flying above the lines, and the boys on the ground were working to get them and hundreds of shells were being around them. These machines will go 150 miles an hour, and it takes a pretty good shot to bring them down. We have to carry gas masks with us all the time, because the Germans come over our way, usually at night, and drop those terrible bombs filled with gas, which would knock one out in about two minutes. In our camp are about 500 wounded Frenchmen and one German prisoner, who is not very popular."

Max Marston Misses Golf

No more popular player than Max Marston ever played in this city. Last year he won the Lynnewood Hall Cup and this year virtually the last tournament he played in was the same event. He is now stationed at Key West on a submarine chaser, and will probably be transferred very soon to some place else. I hope so anyway, for Key West is certainly a terrible town to have to spend four years in. Hamilton Kerr is with me on the same boat, which makes it very nice for us both. We never get very much news down here about golf, for the papers reach us three and four days late.

"I certainly think the war ends before long. I am enlisted for four years in the coast reserve, so I have to stay in service until my four years are up, unless the war ends before that time. If it should end in a year or two, we would be mustered out, of course. I think if this time ever does come, I shall go out of my head before I get home, for all the fun and pleasure I have had playing in the golf tournaments seem like a dream to me. I guess if I do ever get out alive I will have to start all over again."

FOUR PERFECT SCORES IN THE CHICAGO OVERTURE

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 22.—Four gunners tied with perfect scores yesterday in the opening event of the day's shoots in the eighteenth annual grand American trapshooting tournament being held at the South Shore Country Club. There were 256 shooters entered in the Chicago overture, and never in the history of trapshooting have such great scores been made as those made yesterday. Four men broke 100 targets straight and thirteen ended with only one miss.

The men who made perfect scores were Dr. E. M. Powell, of Valparaiso, Ind.; C. A. Gunning, of Longmont, Col.; H. P. De Mund, of Phoenix, Ariz., and C. A. Edmondson, of Indianapolis, Ind. In the shoot-off at twenty targets Powell and Gunning broke them all, while Edmondson and De Mund went out of the competition, each missing two.

This made it necessary for Powell and Gunning to shoot at another twenty targets, in which Gunning missed three and Powell two. Powell had broken 170 targets when he missed in the shoot-off.

Today's events include the finishing of the national doubles championship, which was started yesterday, and the starting of the preliminary handicap.

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