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Tener was the eighth president of the National League. He was elected to the National League presidency in 1913 while he was still Governor of this State. He was born in Ireland July 25, 1858, and came to this country when very young. He received his education in Pittsburgh, where he learned to play ball. His first professional engagement was with the old New England League. He pitched and Willard Robinson, manager of Brooklyn, was his catcher. He later went with Pop Anson's Chicago team, where he played two years. Tener also was a member of A. G. Spalding's club, which made up the world's series. Tener was a player with the Pittsburgh and had Connie Mack for his catcher. He quit the game after the collapse of the Brotherhood.

**THE following letter has been received in this office:**

Mr. R. W. Maxwell,  
Sports Editor, Evening Public  
Ledger:  
"Please send to your valuable sports department a series for the independent championship of South Philadelphia is being arranged. I desire to say that two of the most important teams have been omitted. They are U. G. I. and Becker, Smith, Page, both of whom play before 3000 to 4000 spectators every Saturday at Broad and Oregon avenues. True it is that these clubs play to the Manufacturers' League, but are of the opinion that they should be included in this series. Yours in sport,  
H. GOTTLIEB, Secretary."

**Coast Stars Coming**

**N**OW that the Pacific coast authorities have decided to send a full set of court stars to the national championships, to be decided at the West Tennis Club, Forrest Hill, L. I., the latter part of this month, makes it certain that Ichiba Kumagae is not going to make a runaway race of the title match.

The system in vogue on the coast is without the slightest doubt the greatest in the sport. More champions have been developed under its good influence than by any other means. Maurice E. McLaughlin, William Johnston, Peck Griffin, R. Lindley Murray, Johnny St. John, Billie Roberts, Sam Burns and hundreds of the others who have done much of late to tennis to gain in popularity are products of this system of play. We are of the opinion that any system can contribute much wonderful to the game is capable of giving it well able to take the measure of the present Jameson.

Of course, the easy way in which our heroes have been cleaning up our heat players of late causes most fans to him as the ultimate successor of the crown of Dick Williams. If the star succeeds in his endeavor he is accorded full honors. However, the star who fails to succeed in his championship honors is a most difficult task.

Kumagae may be able to defeat the best Eastern players, but will triumph over the lads coming from the coast.

**Philies defeat yesterday shot them back into the second division.** Cincinnati's double victory over Giants, which virtually put the Yorkers out of the running for the pennant, sent the Red into the second division.

Incidentally Brooklyn, the Cubs, crept up and taking fifth place with our White Sox leaped into the fourth place in the American League.

The Indians, however, during the break between the two seasons, 1917 and 1918, will be the American League.

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