

VERBAL ATTACKS BY BAKER AND EBBETS HAVE COOMBS NEAR UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER

COOMBS WILL PILOT PHILLIES IF FRIEND WIFE GIVES CONSENT

Second Reel of Baseball Drama Reveals Veteran in Consultation With Baker and Ebbets—All Needed Is Decision of Mrs. Jack

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

IN an obscure corner of the Waldorf corridor last night, in close proximity to the Oasis, sat three men. They were engaged in confidential conversation, for their heads were close together and words were handed out in whispers.

It was a decision on a vital problem over which the loyal fans have spent many sleepless nights. But John Wesley Coombs, for it was indeed he who pulled that historic line, unflinchingly stood the gaff and came right back at William F. Baker and Charles Holiday Ebbets who had flanked him on either side.

THAT was the second reel of the most recent baseball drama entitled, "The Signing of Pat Moran." This episode was labeled, "The Signing of Jack Coombs," for Jack virtually agreed on terms and will hand out his official ruling as soon as he has conferred with friend wife.

Meeting Success Because It Lasted Only Two Days

THIS was the final act of the National League meeting, which, by the way, was highly successful because it lasted only two days. Jack Coombs, after turning down the first proposition made by President Baker, was on his way home and paused to distribute his farewells to Baker and Ebbets.

Coombs did not give in without a struggle. He was told he would have to live in Philadelphia if he took the job, and that caused him to pass the buck to his wife. If Mrs. Coombs likes the climate, the deal is on.

While the salary is a secret, we have every reason to believe President Baker was generous. Coombs has a business in Palestine, Texas, which pays him \$5000 a year and he would not give that up unless the ante was raised.

THREE of the defenders of our nation in their army uniforms paraded in the Waldorf in the afternoon. They were Dillhoefer, Tincup and McGuffigan. They looked to be in the best of condition and probably will be on the job when the season starts.

Phillies Again Furnished All the Fireworks

THE National League surprised every one, including itself, when the meeting was adjourned last night. Never in history has such a short session been held. Of course, Philadelphia furnished all of the fireworks, but anything was expected after the Alexander-Killefer deal last year.

Right now it is impossible to determine what it is, but it looks as if the American League was placed in an embarrassing position. The National magnates did nothing but talk. True, they discussed everything, and it is claimed Garry Herrmann was handed a severe spanking, but action on the length of the season, the waiver legislation, new contracts, salary and things like that were postponed until the other league is willing to join in the discussion.

JOHN was willing to be the guest of honor, but there wasn't a chance. This feast came in the place of the usual banquet given by the winning team in the league, which was conspicuous by its absence this year.

Heydler Gives Dinner to Heydler and Associates

THE Chicago Club changed presidents and vice presidents, and when the meeting was under way Tuesday some one asked about the dinner from the pennant club. Bill Veck, who was seated in place of Fred Mitchell, knew nothing about it and explained in a short speech: "What's the matter?" asked one of the magnates. "Didn't they slip you enough money to entertain?"

It must be remembered that President Mitchell was chased out of the meeting and not allowed to take part in the deliberations, all of which made a big hit with Chicago, with reverse English. So when Veck returned, he knew what to do.

Pat Moran will not be without a job very long. John McGraw, of the Giants, wants him and has given him thirty days to consider an offer. Last night, it was reported that Garry Herrmann was willing to sign him at his own figure if he knew that Matthewson would not be back.

McGraw Reported Seeking Red Franchise

IT WAS stated that Jake Daubert had been traded to the Giants for George Smith, a pitcher, and Walter Holke. That was the only trade pulled in the meeting.

Low Tender resumed training for his battle with River Hammer, of Chicago, they met in the final bout at the Casino A. A. on Monday night. Battling Murray and Frank Cline and Vally Hinkle and Otto Hughes also will give boxing exhibitions.

Tommy Toole, the Paterson, N. J., lightweight, and Gus Lewis are putting up a fine fight. They will meet in their coming six-round scrap, which is to be held at the Casino A. A. tomorrow night. An all-star preliminary program has been arranged by Matchmaker Johnny Burns.

Jack Britton is getting in shape for his coming six-round battle with Alvin Martin of New York. They will be seen in Jersey City on December 28.

Harvey Thorne, the Kansas City, light-weight, is in the final round of his coming six-round battle with George E. O'Connell, of Philadelphia. They will meet in Jersey City on December 28.

THE FIRST HUNDRED YEARS ARE THE HARDEST



O'DOWD-MGOORTY LONDON WINNERS

American Navy and Army Representatives Triumph in First Bouts

HARRY GREB DEFEATED

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

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"TILLY" WALKER QUILTS BASEBALL

Mack Outfielder to Retire and Enter Business in Home Town

LOSS WILL BE FELT

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

Another baseball star is about to desert the diamond for business. This morning a dispatch from Bristol, Va., contained the information that Clarence (Tilly) Walker, star outfielder on the payroll of the Athletics last season, had announced his retirement from the game to enter the real estate business at Lime Stone, Tenn., his home.

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FIVE PENN CHARTER BOYS ON STAR TEAM

Football Selections for All-Interacademic Eleven for 1918 Season

Following are the selections for the All-Interacademic football team for 1918. Penn Charter has five men on the team, while Germantown and Episcopal each managed to have two.

Table with columns for Players and Schools. Lists names of players and their respective schools for the All-Interacademic football team.

LEAGUE ISLAND TEAM REWARDED

Dickson's Players Given Gold Footballs by Officers at Banquet

"BY" RECEIVES WATCH

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

The League Island football players were tendered a banquet last night by the navy yard officers at the Adelphi, and each member of the squad was awarded a gold football with his name engraved on one side and "League Island, 1918," on the other.

Statzell of Penn Charter, and Mookridge, of Episcopal, were the two best ends in the league. They were fast down the field under punts, tackled well and were clever with forward passes.

Rings Star Center "Rings, the Episcopal captain, was by far the class of the centers. He was an aggressive, fighting leader, who drove his players on not only with words, but with examples of personal ability that urged his teammates to their utmost."

A. A. CLUBS NOT FOR SALE "President Hickey Says Franchises Not on Market"

Stuart Victor in Cue Match "New York, Dec. 12.—Alex Stuart, defeated C. Morrison by a score of 250 to 162 in a billiard match at the English billiards in the American championship tournament at Jack Doyle's billiard academy last night."

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