

DON'T RAP A PHIL WHEN HE FANS THIS YEAR—HE MAY BE WORKING UNDER ORDERS FROM FRONT

JACK COOMBS LOSES NO TIME IN GAINING CONFIDENCE OF PHILS

New Manager Wins Over Veterans and Becomes Popular With Newcomers Through Knowledge of Game, Ability to Teach and Appealing Personality

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CHARLOTTE, N. C., April 10. JACK COOMBS has been passed upon and unanimously elected a member of the managers' union by the ball players now suffering on their training trip down here.

Coombs stepped into a job, but that lets him out. His ball club is nothing to brag about, for there are many glaring weaknesses which will cost him lots of ball games before the season is over.

Every day Jack is out on the field in a ball suit, pitching to the batters, playing in the infield or delivering a short lecture on a play which had been missed.

WHEN Moran was let out it was believed that the older players, like Luderus, Cravath, Bancroft, Oeschger and the others, would not play their best for the new man.

May Issue Orders to Strike Out

COOMBS collected lots of good stuff while toiling for Connie Mack, and does not hesitate to say that the slim strategist is the best manager in the world.

The other night, when it was too cold to be on the street and the players were around the steam radiator in the lobby, Jack joined the group.

"I know everybody likes to hammer that pill, but sometimes it becomes necessary to stand up at the plate with your bat on your shoulder and allow yourself to be called out on strikes.

"You're the manager," said Gavy Cravath, "and I suppose we must follow orders. But it's a tough assignment, because that will be the time the pitcher will strike them in the groove."

"Well," responded Jack slowly, "you can expect to do that very thing this year. The pitchers will be the goats most of the time, but as they can't hit anyway, it won't be so bad.

"For example, suppose it is a very hot day, my pitcher is going good and the game is close. Now what would be the use of having him run his head off around the bases, if he is lucky enough to get a hit, and get so tired he becomes worthless on the mound?"

"I BELIEVE it is good baseball, because it has been tried before and with much success. In fact, I have struck out many times because I was told to."

An Example of Connie the Cunning

ONE Fourth of July we were playing the New York Yankees, and it was one of the hottest days I ever experienced. We played two games, morning and afternoon, and I worked in the first.

"We got off to a bad start in the afternoon game, but tied the score in the seventh inning after two pitchers had been used.

"Connie had some great ideas and used to fool the opposing managers every time he had a chance. One Saturday afternoon in Chicago we knocked a pitcher out of the box and a relief hurler was sent in.

"THOSE slingers reluctantly followed instructions and carried a grouch until Connie explained why he issued the orders.

Beating Pitchers by Letting Them Hit

GAVVY CRAVATH was an interested listener. The noted slugger, by the way, probably will be Jack's chief assistant this year, and a better man for the job could not be found.

"That's pretty good stuff," he said. "Many a time I have seen a pitcher lose his own game trying to stretch a double into a triple.

"We did that to Bill Doak at St. Louis and got away with it. But the real stunt pulled on new or bone-headed pitchers is to trap them between the bags and run them down.

"The pitchers must be protected and told what to do at the plate. Even Alexander, who was a smart player, used to run himself out and lose ball games because he liked to hit the ball and travel around the bases.

Coombs Goes Back on Hill

TACK COOMBS broke into the pitching game again yesterday when he took the hill for the first four innings against the Yankees and the Regulars obtained revenge on the youngsters for their previous victories.

THAT is only one of Coombs' ideas. He has others to spring, and they are logical and sound. As Jack says, he might not have a winning ball club, but it will be interesting and give the other clubs quite a little trouble this year.

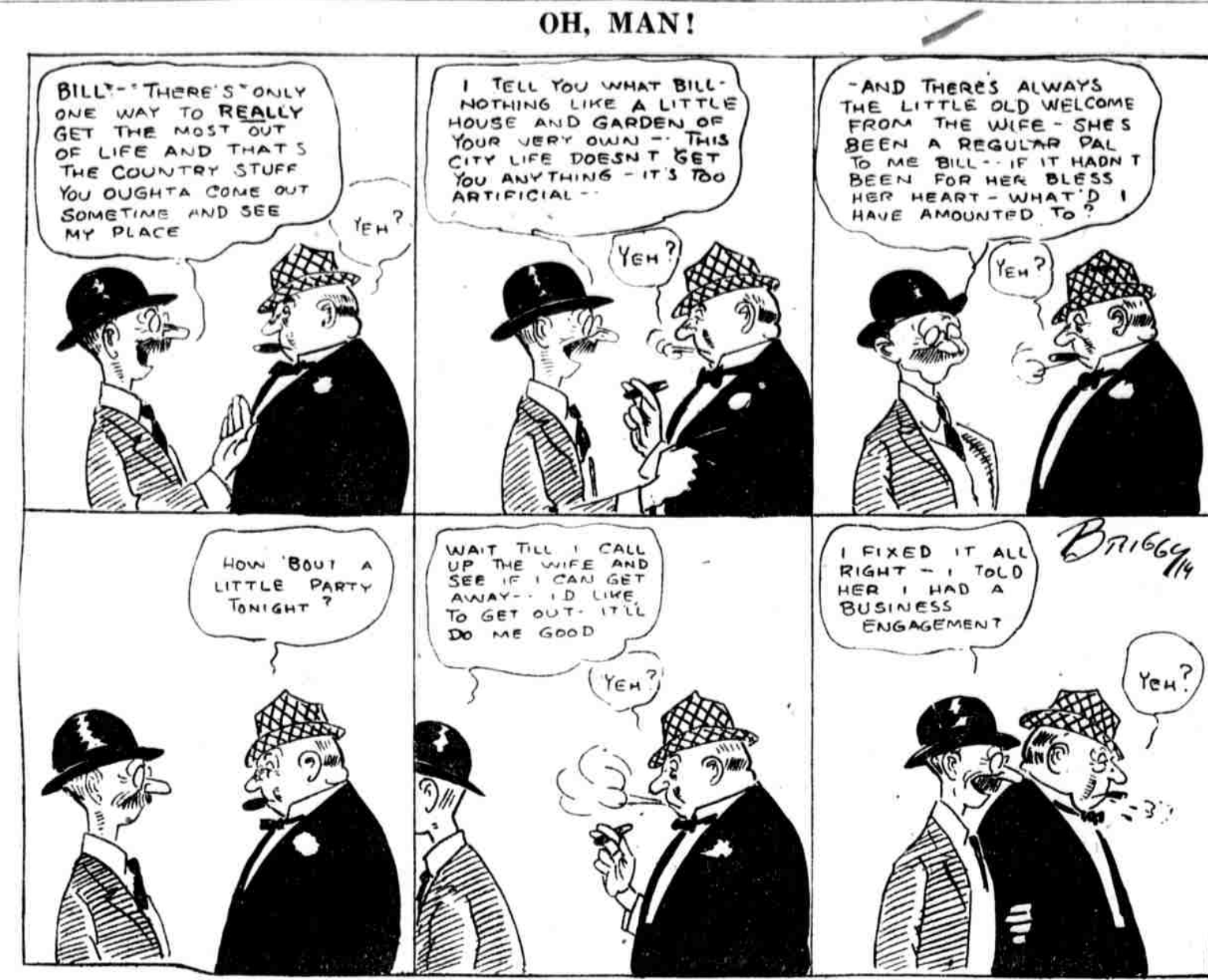
MISS ZINDERSTEIN WINS

Pinehurst, N. C., April 10.—Vincent Richards and Bill Tilden, holders of the national indoor and outdoor doubles titles, will meet Howard Vosell and Ishikawa Kumagae in the final round of the doubles for the North and South championships here today.

Annapolis, Md., April 10.—In preparation for the races against the University of Pennsylvania on Saturday, Coach Glenn had the longest practice of the week yesterday afternoon.

Whittmore Leads Tin Whistles Pinehurst, N. C., April 10.—The tin whistles of the season yesterday. It was a model play. Parlor Whittmore, Round-bell, beat Gross, round, 28-20.

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NATIONAL CHAMPS PLAY OLD RIVALS Golf Club Restaurants Run Under a New Plan

North Hills and Bala Have Same Manager, and Another Club Shortly Will Join in Scheme That Is Satisfactory

By PETER PUTTING Puttering three clubs he can buy his provisions in large quantities, and there is no trouble about fixing up even the exterior who hardly asks for a dinner late in the evening.

Others to Try Plan And Bala and North Hills members tell you that never since those clubs were organized was the restaurant so well conducted.

MISS ZINDERSTEIN WINS This morning at 12 o'clock the Penn crews leave for Annapolis for their regatta with the middies, which will take place on the Severn course on Saturday.

YALE TO PLAY PENN Haven, May 17, Harvard at New Haven. *NATIONAL A. A. SAT. NIGHT APRIL 12TH Joe Chaney vs. Billy Gannon

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TIGERS LOST WHEN SIDE-ARM WORK OF ALEX FOOLED SCOUT

Two Ivory Hunters Looked Over Great Pitcher When in Minors, Then Informed Hughey Jennings to Forget About Promising Phenom

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE (Copyright, 1919, All Rights Reserved)

THE way of the baseball scout may seem to be a soft and balmy road to many noncombatants, but there are times when it is as seamy as the ball itself.

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