

ATLANTA STARS HAVE REGULAR ATHLETIC HABIT; LOSE IN FIRST FRAME OF OPENER WITH SOX

MR. YORK'S IDENTITY EMBARRASSES ALL BUT KID GLEASON'S SOX

Connie Exhibits New Southpaw, a Stranger to Every One, Including Cy Perkins, but It Meant Nothing to Windy City Boys With Winning Ways

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THE ball game was about to begin. A flock of strangers, surrounded by Athletic uniforms, took their places in the outfield and on the bases, and Cy Perkins, wearing his shoe guards and protector, strolled toward the home plate.

Bill Hildebrand, the perfect ump, playfully juggled a couple of new balls and the White Sox hitters were ready to add a few more points to their pennant percentage by annexing the outfield.

A big, husky guy emerged from the dugout and walked briskly to the pitcher's box. Like the others on the field, he wore a uniform that once belonged to some one else.

"Not the town, the player, the guy who is pitching," interrupted the gentleman from Chicago.

"Where does this quiet-sided bird hail from?" politely asked Harry Neely, one of the Chicago gentlemen of the press, who always wants to know everything.

"York is in Pennsylvania," replied Bill Brandt absently, "between Harrisburg and..."

"Never saw him before," said Jimmy Gantz.

"He is a stranger to me, but he pitches with his left hand," replied Ray Campbell.

"Then I don't know him, either," murmured Neely, "so it's all even."

MR. YORK was in no mood for any more questions. However, he got acquainted with the White Sox batting order; that is, he pitched to nine batters and allowed only six runs, when he was handed the franchise and had to play on the accelerated bench.

Connie Throws Little Light on York

THE game proceeded as all games on the home lot proceed. A heavy rain was falling, the Sox were six runs to the good and in five innings were playing those six runs would be valuable as a 1919 calendar in a brewery.

"Why don't you ask Perkins about that guy York?" murmured Matt Mathews, the demon telegrapher.

"Who is York?" he asked of the star catcher.

"He's a swell pitcher," said Cy. "Honest he is. Gotta swell fast ball, a awful hook and a hot fly. Did you get his control?"

"But who is he? Where did he come from?"

"I don't know, but he's a swell pitcher, take it from me. Never saw anything like it."

"Has he ever pitched baseball before? If so, where?"

"Don't know anything about him; but, say, he is the greatest pitcher I ever saw, and..."

But that ended the cross-examination and, greatly refreshed by the inside stuff, the gentlemen of the press proceeded to pay more attention to the game.

After it was all over and the A's in their effort to hold the White Sox to seven runs had forgotten to do a little scoring themselves, some one suggested that Connie Mack be questioned regarding his new find.

"I can't tell you much about York," he said, "except that he is in the army, has a two weeks' furlough and decided to spend his vacation at Shibe Park playing baseball. He said he was a pitcher, so I decided to give him a chance to show me if he had anything. I don't know where he lives or anything like that, but early in the 1917 season he came out here for a couple of weeks. He joined the army and went overseas before I could get well acquainted with him."

"BELIEVE he once pitched in the Blue Ridge League, but I don't know the club. However, I had a look, and despite that had nothing I believe he is a good pitcher. He had hard luck, and that's all there was to it."

Penty of Chance for the New Boys

CONNIE has an entirely new system of developing a winning ball club. Instead of bolstering the apparent weak spots, he fired the whole club and replaced the veterans with new men.

"That isn't a new scheme with me," said Manager Mack during the famous interview. "I would have done the same thing last year and the year before had I been able. I am firmly convinced it's the only way to build up a good ball club, and the building process has begun. We were losing games with the old men in the line-up, and we cannot be any worse now. In fact, those last three games were the best I have seen in years. The new men are in there every day, pitted against the best players in the league, and if they have anything they will show it. If I can discover three or four good ones I shall be satisfied."

"I do not intend to change the line-up for a time, at least. Perhaps I could put some of the older players in and strengthen the club, but those boys are showing so much pep and aggressiveness that I shall let them run loose for a time."

"You know, I am building for the future. I have more players than I know what to do with, but every man will be given a thorough tryout. I have been up against it for pitchers, but can't complain now. There are twenty-four hurlers on the payroll, and a few should come through."

"Do you expect any more new men?" Connie was asked.

"No, I think not," he replied. "Perhaps a couple of catchers and a few pitchers and infielders will arrive next week, but outside of that I don't expect anything."

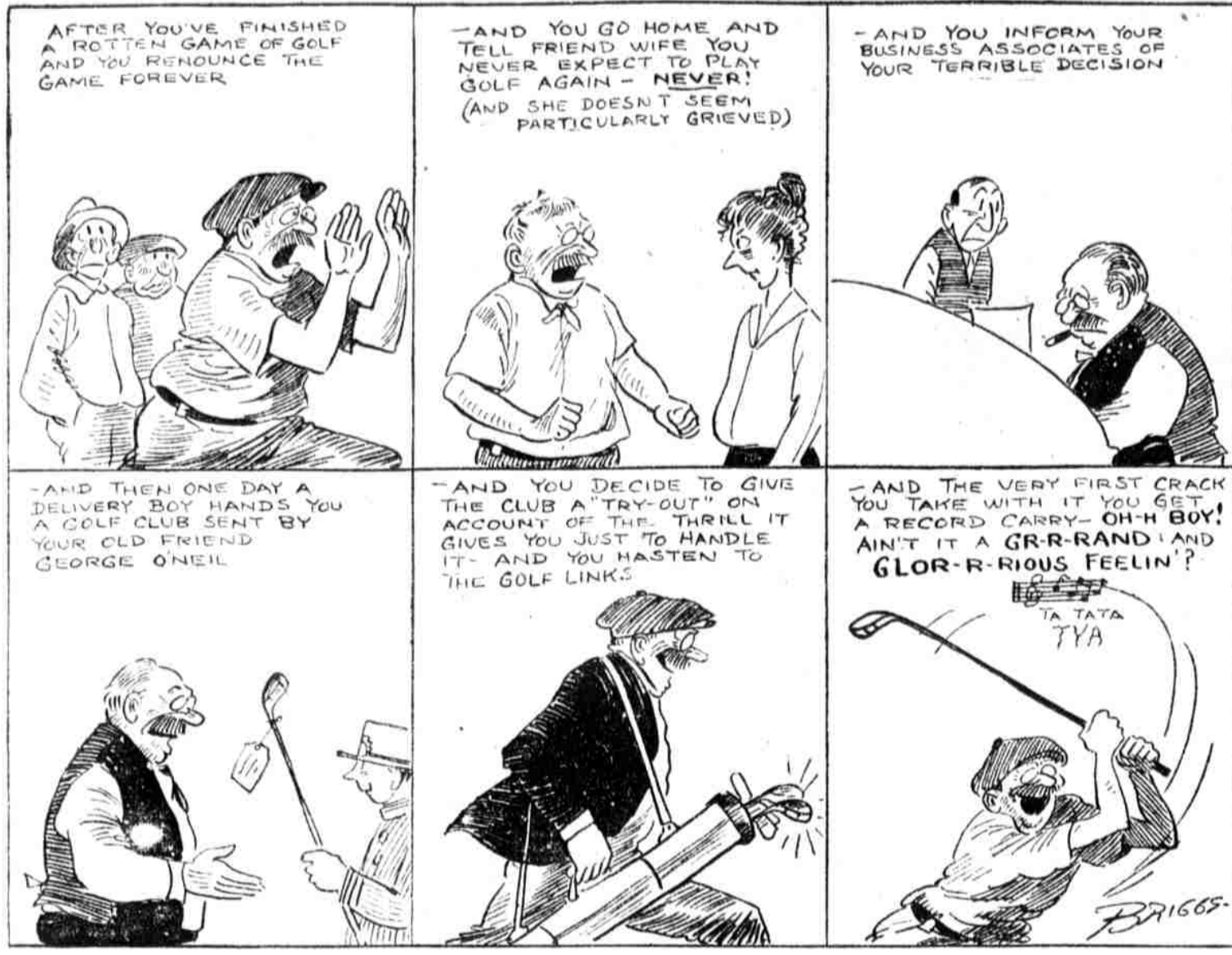
MACK has been buying players by the dozen, and three or four in a bunch now mean nothing to him. He prefers doing a wholesale business.

White Sox Erase Mr. York Early

AS FOR the ball game, it was won in the first inning, when the mysterious Mr. York permitted himself to be binged for five bingles, handed a pair of bases on balls to the foe, saw Dugan and Wingo pull a couple of bones and six runs trickled over the home plate.

AND, let us forget, our Phils took a fall out of Pittsburgh by the narrow margin of 6 to 5. That should help some.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



COBB VIRTUALLY CLINCHES THE 1919 TITLE; IRISH MEUSEL DROPS TO THIRD PLACE IN N. L.

Tyrus Out in Front With 170 Hits for Average of .333; Cicotte Has Won 23 Games Out of 35

5 Cincinnati Twirlers Have Registered 75 Triumphs for Pat Moran's Leading Reds

Irish Loses Four Points and Gives Way to Hornsby; Roush Tops All-Season Players at .319

DEKRILL PRATT HELD

Club Batting Averages in American League

Table with columns: Club, G, A, B, R, H, S, B, P, C. Lists batting averages for various teams like Cleveland, Detroit, Boston, etc.

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RATH'S STREAK ENDS

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IN THERE? getting his little base hit or two or three every day.

Tyrus Cobb is making a runaway of it in the American League batting sprint.

The Detroit outfielder is now hitting .383 and has virtually clinched the hitting championship.

Speaking of running away with championship, Eddie Cicotte is an important entry in this class.

Not that he has batted twenty-eight victories with a loss of only seven games.

Hitting averages by Eddie Collins, Del Pratt and Eric Spenser all have been stopped during the last week.

Pitching history was made during the last seven days by Ray Caldwell, who flung a no-run, no-hit game against the Yankees.

Cicotte and Williams Combined Have Captured Fifty Games for White Sox

The American League batting averages which include the games played last Wednesday follow:

Table with columns: Player, Club, G, A, B, R, H, S, B, P, C. Lists individual player statistics for various teams.

EMIL MEUSEL is putting up a losing battle in his scrap for the batting championship of the National League.

Our Irish has dropped four points during the last week, and he has lost his runner-up position.

Eddie Roush is still showing the way among those who are playing regularly this season.

Morry Rath's hitting streak came to an abrupt end during the last week, when he faced Ferdie Schupp.

Rath pitched out twenty-four hits in his last game against the Cardinals.

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AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES

Lehigh A. C. is an eighteen-nineteen year old traveling nine, has Saturdays and Sundays in September and October open for teams having grounds and paying guarantee.

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Greenway A. C. is without games for September 14 and would like to hear from first-class home teams paying fair guarantee.

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American A. A. has September 13 and 20 open for first-class home teams paying guarantee.

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ENTER CHIEF BENDER INTO THE REALM OF PITCHING COMEBACKS

Charles Albert Is Only One Year Older Than Eddie Cicotte, Season's Main Winner—Laurel Very Rarely Crowns Brow That's Growing Bald

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE

As the Years Move
Yes, more than just a few of us have had our seasons of fame. Aye, more than one or two of us, to star within some game; To lead the field at this or that, Whatever game we like, With club or racket or bat, Where there are balls to strike.

WHO says they never come back? A year or two ago Chief Bender was assigned a star entry in the Has-Been circle, one who had faded never to return.

Accepted
A TURF tennis fan writes in to state that Brookes and Dunlop were a greater doubles team than Brookes and Wilding.

IN BEHALF of golf we might add these few lines—what other sport in the universe could produce two championship finalists, aged seventeen and twenty-two, and then gather a record field for a seniors' tournament where the ages run from fifty-five to eighty?

AT THAT a nine-game world series wouldn't be so bad if one of the two contenders would only win five straight.

WE NOTE where Babe Ruth's "terrific strength" is given most of the credit for his home-run record. Terrific strength is only 50 per cent of it.

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