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UNCLE ROBBY ADMITS HIS TWIRLING STAFF IS BEST IN BASEBALL

Can't Pick 'Em Any Better, Says Wilbert Concerning Dodger Hurlers—Needs Right Fielder and Third Baseman to Round Out Club

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Jacksonville, Fla., March 26. UNCLE WILBERT ROBINSON was a group picture of excessive joy and complacency as he leaned against the strongest section of the fence surrounding Barr Field and watched his happy young athletes frolic through their daily practice. A jolly time was being had by all, but Uncle Wilbert had it all over his athletes like a Navajo blanket. He was enjoying himself without resorting to manual labor, which again proves it's pretty soft when one is a big league manager.

"You see," Uncle Robbie explained through a face creased with smiles, "this isn't what you would call a ham and egg aggregation, nor is there anything about it which has even the faintest resemblance to a bush league outfit. The boys are setting right and smart for this time of the year, and I am able to face the future without fear or trembling. It's a swell-looking ball club, and will cause a lot of trouble in the National League this season if"—and Robbie wiped away his smile, gazed anxiously around and fell into deep silence.

"If what?" we asked rudely, expecting the same old stuff about pitchers and things like that, which seems to be the chief line of chatter handed out by managers at this time of the year. But we were in for a big surprise. Robbie shifted his weight to the other foot with one full and complete motion, draped himself more becomingly on the fence and replied:

"If we can discover a good right fielder and a third baseman."

"But the pitchers?" we inquired anxiously. "What about the pitchers?" "Well, what about 'em?" demanded Robbie aggressively. "Got anything to say about 'em? No, because you can't. Greatest pitching staff I ever saw, greatest in the league, greatest in the United States."

"Greatest in the world," I'd start boasting 'em only I want to spring a surprise when the season opens. Never saw anything like 'em. Have a look."

We looked. Close by, a number of young gentlemen started to throw balls to three catchers. They were stalwart gens, and a stranger judging from their physiques would imagine he was attending the annual field day of the piano movers' union. Big Jeff Pfeiffer, Leon Cadore, Al Mamau, Sherrod Smith, Babe Marquard, Clarence Mitchell and John Miljus, whizzed them into the waiting mitts, and they certainly looked like champions.

"Ain't that a swell gang?" asked Uncle Robbie proudly. "Can't pick 'em any better than that. And that ain't all. We have Burling Grimes, George Mohart, a Buffalo semipro, who probably will stick; Joe Conlan, a southpaw from Chicago; Bob Stine, of Chattanooga; Paul Schreiber, a Jacksonville semipro, and Harry Heitman, who was with Rochester last year."

"O' COURSE we can keep all of these pitchers, but if a couple come through I'll be satisfied."

Infeld Not So Good

BROOKLYN surely has a great pitching staff, and it compares favorably with those in other leagues. Pfeiffer, Cadore and Smith are in a class by themselves, and Mamau, Marquard and Mitchell, to say nothing of Grimes, cannot be overlooked. They are all experienced hurlers, and with any kind of a team behind them will win many ball games. Robbie expects to have that team if he can plug up the positions at third base and right field.

Brooklyn must have been working hard down here, for the players showed more pep in better condition than any I have seen in my travels thus far. The infielders did not nurse their arms, but put everything they had on the ball, the catchers threw accurately to the bases and the outfielders hurled the pill to the plate with reckless abandon.

The men also had their eye on the ball and biffed many bingles, which is going some when one considers the pitchers are in pretty fair shape.

It would be perfectly proper to enthuse over the chances of Brooklyn this year were it not for the infield. The most of the trouble, Ed Konetchy will take care of first base, and Ivy Olson, who has been shifted from short, is doing wonderful work at second. The change not only will do the veteran good, but also will strengthen the keystone position. Those two places are cinched, but shortstop and third base must be looked after.

Chuck Ward has been stationed in the short field, where he seems to be getting by. Chuck, however, was operated upon recently to take a few kinks out of his knee, and has not fully recovered. He is not quite sure of himself on ground balls, but Robbie says he will be all right when the season opens.

DOUG BAIRD, the third baseman who saw service in St. Louis and Philadelphia, is rubbing for Ward and playing a nice game.

Speedy Outfielder Uncovered

NOW we come to third base. Jimmy Johnston has been stationed at that corner and is learning the intricacies of the job. Robbie believes he will be a valuable man because of his hitting, and will keep him there until he footles. Jimmy, however, is learning fast, and may develop. Pete Kidduff is playing the bag like a whirlwind for the Yanigans, but his weak stickwork is held against him. If Johnston fails to make good, it wouldn't be surprising to see Baird inserted in the line-up. Doug is a pretty good fielder, hits well and knows how to run the bases.

Captain Zach Wheat and H. Meyers have their old jobs in left and center, and it looks as if Bernie Neis would fill the spot left vacant by Tom Griffiths. Bernie comes from Saskatoon, in the Canadian League, where they start the ball games at 7 p. m. He is twenty-three years old and a very speedy bloke. His home is in Bloomington, Ill., and has a record of 5 2-5 seconds for the fifty-yard dash, made while a member of the Illinois A. C. Last year up in the sticks he won the 100-yard dash in baseball togs in ten seconds flat, ran to first in three and one-fifth seconds and circled the bases in fourteen seconds. In addition, he stole fifty-six bases and hit .297. If Bernie can beat the bulb with any degree of regularity, he should be a star some day. Robbie is devoting a lot of time on him and thinks he will make good.

WALLACE HOOD, who outfielded up in Moose Jaw last season, also is a candidate for the outfield, but probably will be back in Moose Jaw soon.

Best Club Since 1916

ROWDY ELLIOT, once with the Cubs, also was purchased from Oakland last year, is assisting Miller and Krueger with the catching. Rowdy looks pretty good, and probably will stay. Jim Taylor, who was with Charlotte last year, and Paul Beyers, another Canadian product, also are tugging behind the plate, with the odds in favor of Beyers sticking with the club.

Thus it can be seen that Brooklyn has a good pitching staff, two of the best outfielders in the league and one good prospect, a good bunch of catchers and an uncertain infield. The pitchers should carry the club through early in the season, and if the infield is plugged up the team will be dangerous.

"It's the best club I have had since 1916, and I don't know but it is better than the present winner," said Robbie. "If we only can fill those two spots, look out for us and make room in the first division."

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Scraps About Scrappers

JULES RITCHIE is a visitor in Philadelphia today from Lancaster. After seeing the Liberty Bell and other sights in the Quaker City this afternoon, Jules will wind his way up to Keansington, get in the Cambria Club against Joe Borrelli, and answer the bell at the following bouts: Reddy Holt vs. Ritz Walters, Eddie Dever vs. Kid West, Tommy Loughran vs. Young Welling and Joe Coater vs. Joe Lang-don.

Young Miller, weighing but 138 pounds, won the welterweight championship of the American B. P. in Paris last year. Miller is a Philadelphia, has the medal to prove he is an A. E. F. titleholder, and wants to meet the best boys his weight in the city.

Young Joe Bradley, 112 pounds, and Kid Pick, 118 pounds, are prepared for competition against one another in their respective classes. George Eberhardt is looking after these youths.

Two New Games for Yale Nine New Haven, Conn., March 26.—Two games have been added to the Yale baseball schedule for the Olympic games to be held in Antwerp, and the dates of two other games have been changed.

John Hopkins will meet the Blue here on April 29, and Penn State College will be played at Raleigh on April 6, instead of April 7, and North Carolina University will be the opponents of the Blue at Greensboro on April 7, instead of the 8th.

New Zealand In Olympics London, March 26.—The New Zealand and Olympic council has resolved to send a team to the Olympic games to be held in Antwerp, says a dispatch to the London Times from Wellington.

Wills Allen, who has boxed here several times since changing his name from Hattling Turkey, has returned to Baltimore to spend the winter with his family. When Allen returns, on April 10, he will box under the management of Joe Greenbaum.

Marcus Williams is arranging a five-bout program for the Auditorium next Tuesday night. His star bout will be between Willie McCloskey and Al Brown, who stopped Eddie Joyce in two rounds. Other bouts are: Joe Markler vs. Young Tom Sharkey, Young Barney Kelly vs. Ray O'Malley, Skippy Davidson vs. Joe Rowlands and Young Joe Tuber vs. Young Joe Bradley.

Stanley Hinkle will get a chance to prove whether or not he can weather the Law Tender while in Paris. They will meet at the Olympia next Monday night. Harry Kihal Brown, who was not the Kid Brewtoun last Monday night, will box Frankie McManus in two rounds. Other bouts are: Ritz Walters vs. Harvey Bright, Bobby Sullivan vs. Mike Ara and Johnny Lewis vs. Charley Ray.

Phil Gissman has started working on his opening open-air boxing show of the season at the Casino in Paris. Phil was asked who he expected to match and on what date he expected to run, he said:

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Picked to Win Semifinal Today in North and South Tourney

By SANDY McNICLICK Pinehurst, N. C., March 26.—Mrs. J. V. Hurd and Miss Elaine V. Rosenthal are the favorites to win the two semi-final matches for the women's golf championship of the North and South here today. Because they are favorites both will probably be beaten, as the tourney has seen a cruel sweeping of the outstanding stars. Mrs. Hurd teed off against Mrs. Stuart Fritchard and Miss Rosenthal played Mrs. J. Raymond Price.

Three of the four have already held the title, two of the four have won the western championships, and all have figured vigorously at past nationals, so the matches today drew all the fans not too busy playing themselves. Mrs. Ronald H. Barlow is now the ex-champion, and her defeat yesterday was as sudden as it was unexpected against Miss Rosenthal. She had been playing as cloudlessly as the sky above. The two shots that stood out were a putt on the sixth and a run up to the eighth.

Quivering Putt We have seen droll putts, but on the sixth her ball rolled past the hole by a couple of inches, saw its mistake, turned around, looked down into the cup, chose a soft spot and dove head-first into it. Her drive to the eighth flirted with a trap, but rolled out quickly to the fairway. She was on a hill with a sloping 60-yard approach to the green. The ball rolled down on the next shot, bobbled onto the sand and a deal of yipping added to the general enthusiasm.

If this isn't the golf capital down here then there isn't any. The clear air, warmed by sweet sunshine, makes it perfect links weather. Flowers, green grass, fannel suiting and the chirping of the robins makes it difficult to figure that there can be anything but summer anywhere.

4000 Fanatics There are more than 4000 golf fanatics in this belt, all of them with but a single thought—golf. In the army troops along yesterday behind the match were a couple you might know. There was Walter Hagen, Jim Barnes, Francis Ouimet, Mike Brady, Leo Diegel, Eddie Loops, Emmet French, and

Amateur Sports

The Sherwood C. C., a first-class traveling club, would like to hear from teams of that caliber, offering reasonable guarantees. J. E. Kent, 715 DeKalb street.

The Boyles A. C. has organized for the coming season, and is ready to book games with first-class home teams for Saturday and Sunday dates in April and May. Harry Campbell, 1806 South Thirteenth street.

The Collins A. C., a first-class traveling club, would like to hear from such teams as Wildwood, Palmyra, Hammon, Had-don Heights and other teams of that class, offering reasonable inducements. V. R. Clements, 1281 Moore street.

Northeast Professionals, a newly organized traveling club, will be represented on the diamond by a collection of local stars. Home clubs desiring this attraction should address Charles Caw, 518 West Chester-hanna avenue.

The Beach A. C., a strictly first-class traveling team, formerly the Tattle A. A. of the Suburban League, would like to arrange games with home clubs offering fair inducements. J. Seitz, 2138 North Water street.

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DOWNPOUR CHECKS RESTLESS PHILLIES

Exhibition Game With Birmingham Barons Prevented at Last Minute

Birmingham, March 26.—The Phillies were unable to stage their little game with the Birmingham Barons for the same reason that has interfered with a considerable portion of their work here this spring, excessive and inopportune rains. Almost until game time the skies were fairly clear, and there was little threat of rain. However, as time rolled around a little sprinkling took place, and at 3:15 approached this sprinkling changed to a downpour, which, in turn, gave place to a veritable young cloud-burst, completely and efficiently reducing Rickwood Field to a marsh.

Crawth and his men hurried for shelter and remained there until opportunity offered for a break for home. At the Hillman Hotel a miserable afternoon was passed, little merriment within and none whatever without, only a steady falling drizzle. An exhibition game is scheduled for Saturday, when the Phillies will again attempt to meet the Birmingham Barons. This will be the first time that the two teams have clashed here.

Richards to Defend Title New York, March 26.—The men's national indoor tennis championship tournament, which begins here tomorrow, has an entry list of seventy-three, one of the largest in its history. Vincent Richards will defend his title against William F. Fitch, 22, Frank T. Anderson, S. Howard Voshell, Samuel Hardy, of California, and J. B. Penno, of Boston, are among the entrants.

Wrestlers to Meet in Wellsboro Wellsboro, Pa., March 26.—Wellsboro can boast a wrestling match at Arroyo Hall next Saturday night. "Jus" Garrison, of Mansfield, will meet "Blue" Fitch, of Arroyo. They will weigh in at 175 pounds. Each is the champion of his district.

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