

Bender Won 67 Games, Lost Only Ten During Last Three Seasons in Minor Leagues

MANY VICTORIES STILL MAY BE TWIRLED BY BENDER'S STRONG ARM

After Nineteen Years of Fast Baseball, Former A's Idol Will Try International League as Pitcher and Manager at Reading

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SOME months ago, Charles Albert Bender, the chief of them all, announced sympathetically that his baseball activity during 1922 would be confined to a few independent games around New Haven.



CHIEF BENDER

air in the Berks County section was not for Richard, and the tinware was attacked. All of which is to point out that the Chief is not stepping into a bed of roses or words to that effect.

Charles Albert, however, is not used to playing with tail-end clubs. He was with the Athletics in the days of championships, and left before the boiler exploded and the good ship Mack went to the bottom.

For nineteen years the Chief's ancient whip has been flinging major league ball. He came to Mack in 1903 and for twelve years his control was one of the marvels of the game. He went directly from the A's to the Baltimore Federals. His pitching with the outlaws and minor leagues has been of a caliber which matches the standard of many a twirler under the big tent.

AFTER nineteen years, the Chief will take the hill in a league that's only one grade below the majors. The International is one of the three Class A organizations.

Notable Record in Minor Leagues

DURING the last three years Bender has set a remarkable record. Many a big league scout back in 1919, after looking over pitching prospects in the Virginia League, returned with the news that the Chief was the best hurler in the circuit. And he was!

Charles Albert pitched 280 innings during that season and that is more than thirty full ball games. He was credited with twenty-nine victories and was defeated only twice. His percentage that season, .533, looked like his fielding average. The opposition averaged less than two runs per game and less than one base on balls per nine innings. He struck out 165 batters.

The big Chief has hurled three no-hit games in his career since joining the A's. His first, which stands as one of the great feats of baseball, was pitched on May 12, 1910, when he was at the height of his fame. The last was as recent as last season, when he blanked Bridgeport without a hit. He also reached the pitchers' goal when with Richmond.

THE International League is faster than the Eastern or the Virginia, but another no-hit game is not beyond the possibilities of the aged skipper.

Missed Perfect Game by Four Balls

BENDER bagged his no-hit game in the majors against the Cleveland Naps. Only one pass marred the "miracle." In the sixth inning Terry Turner, who later became a member of Mack's club, waited for four wide ones and got on. At that, the Chief faced only twenty-seven men. Terry essayed to steal second and was nipped by one of Ira Thomas' bullet heaters.

The same number of batsmen faced the Chief in his hitless and runless game at New Haven. However, it was not a perfect game, for he hit one batter. That youth was also caught stealing.

Bender's first appearance with the A's was on April 20, 1903. It is a peculiar fact that he was sent to the rescue of Eddie Plank, who was being rocked by a Boston rally in the fifth. The A's, typical of the club of other days, got away to a flying start and held a comfortable lead on the Red Sox, who gained the championship that year. The famous pitcher began to wobble and the young Indian was ordered to the hill. The Chief quelled the Boston storm and the Mackmen won the game, 10-7.

Several days afterward Mack permitted his new pitcher to start his first game. It was against the newly organized New York Yankees, who were making their first appearance in this city at the Columbia Park. It was a conspicuous beginning to a conspicuous career. The New Yorkers were shut out with only four hits. From that time until he was dropped from the Phillies' payroll, Bender hurled thirty-six more shutouts.

Bender is a great marksman at the traps as well as on the mound. He is one of the best transmitters in the United States and could easily make his living as a breaker of clay birds. He has a good position with the Remington Arms Company because of his knowledge of firearms and how to use them.

THE Chief is now thirty-nine. This is old for a ball player, and especially for a pitcher, but there's many a good game left in his lean right arm.

FOR several years, Bender has practiced in the early season with the University of Pennsylvania pitchers at Franklin Field. It is scarcely probable that he will be seen around Weikman Hall this year. He will go South with the Reading Aces.

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TUNNEY TO MEET WENZEL AT ICE PALACE TONIGHT

O'Donnell and Devine in Other Eight-Round Contest

Gene Tunney, American light-heavyweight champion, meets Wenzel, of Pittsburgh, at the weekly Ice Palace show tonight. This also will make an anniversary night at the Palace. The West Philadelphia sports home is two years old today.

Tunney stopped Jack Clifford in New York on Saturday night.

Wenzel has fought the best in his division. Eleven times he faced Harry Greb and he has turned in triumph over Buck Cross, McTigue and others.

Joe O'Donnell, of Gloucester, will take on Billy Devine over the eight rounds distance in the first part of the double windup.

Battling Leonard, former Philadelphia bantam, will entertain in the third six-rounder against Battling Mack, of Camden.

Billy Williams will go against Owen O'Malley in the second six-rounder. The opener presents Ray O'Malley and Billy Parker.

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HARD GAMES FOR AQUINAS

Will Play Downtown Rivals on Home Floor This Evening

Manager Sid Smith, of the Aquinas, has arranged two hard games at home this week. At St. Thomas' Hall, Eighteenth and Morris streets, tonight, Aquinas will meet another downtown rival, the Passion, Gortlieb & Black five. The P. G.'s are small in size compared with Aquinas, but they are one of the fastest teams in the city and hope to offset the advantage of their heavier opponents by their superior speed.

On Thursday Aquinas will tackle Bobby Winkler's Rockwoods, one of the few teams playing basketball that have a regular line-up. On Thursday the P. G.'s travel to Kennett Square.

ROMMEL TO SEE MACK

Will Come Here Tomorrow to Talk Over 1922 Contract

A dispatch from Baltimore today states that Ed Rommel, pitcher of the Athletics, is coming to this city tomorrow for a conference with Connie Mack regarding the terms of his 1922 contract.

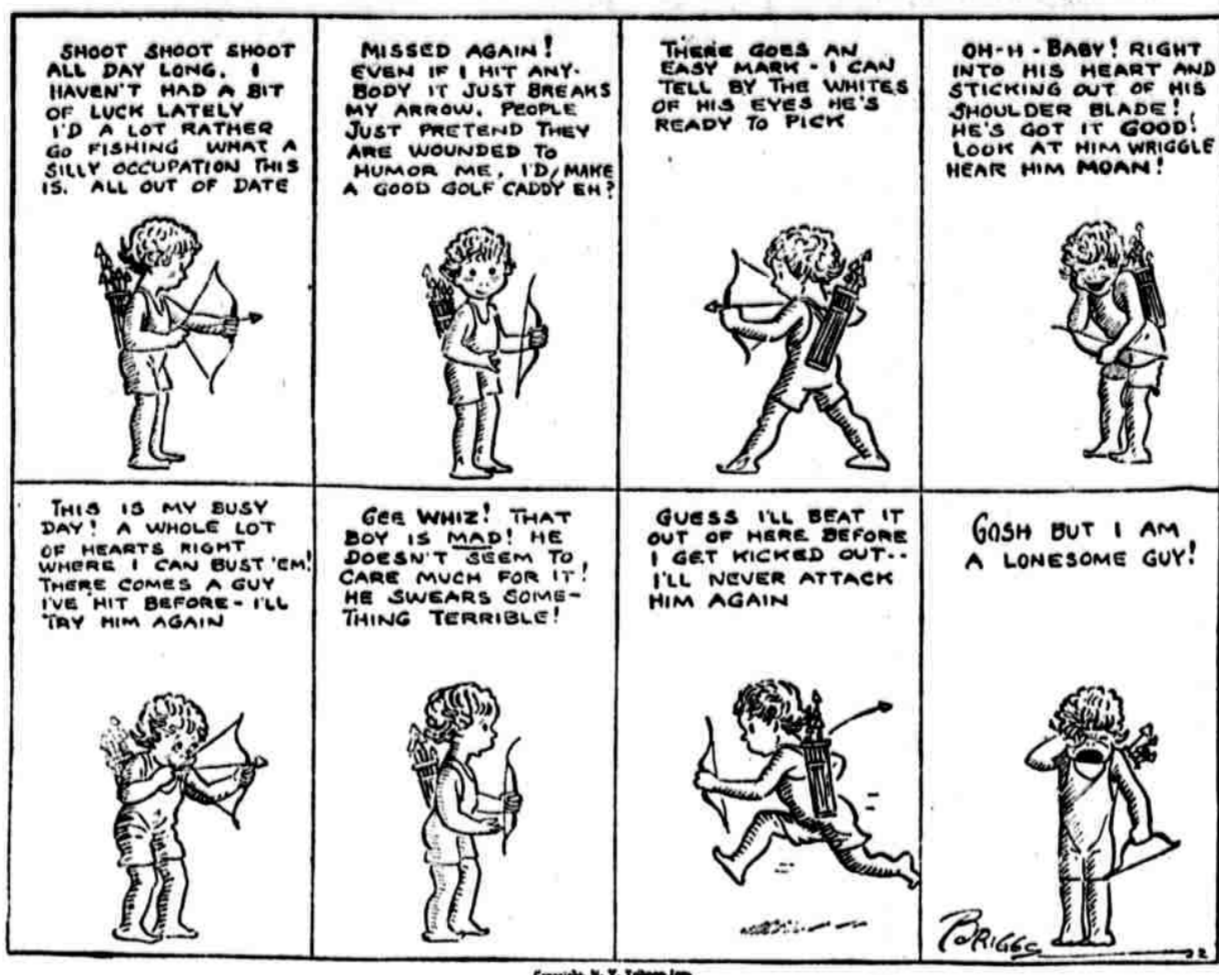
Rommel states that if he cannot reach an agreement with the Athletics he will request that he be sold or traded. In answer, Mr. Mack today said that under no circumstances will his pitcher go elsewhere, but he expressed gratification that he is coming to talk over terms.

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WONDER WHAT DAN CUPID THINKS ABOUT?



NEW "LONGEST DRIVES" FOUND IN GOLF WORLD

Charley Hall, Birmingham, Averages 273 Yards for Twenty-three Tee Wallops in Recent Match.

One Sailed 330 Yards Uphill

By GRANTLAND RICE

Lost Woods They've called me through the rain-mist And they've called me through the sun.

Sometimes they speak of piny ocoads And old, remembered scenes; And then again of ancient moss And Southern evergreens;

Through stark and leafless solitudes They follow me to town, And whisper of a better world

When men are lean and brown; And still their friendly voices call From off the beaten track, "You've missed the road you hunted for, But we can lead you back."

THE Hon. G. Carpenter has assumed an extremely logical position in waiting to let Tunney, Gibbons and Greb settle the issue among themselves before he checks his personality into the frame again.

THE Longest Driver ZIPP NEWMAN, the sporting sage of Birmingham, steps forward with the longest-hitting golfer in the world.

Upon what basis? "Hall," writes Mr. Newman, "has never been outstirred in tournament play. In seven national championships he has been longer from the tee than Ray, Mitchell, Barnes, McDonald, Golden, or the longest drivers who happened to be on the course."

Havana—First race, Kelt, Tattling, Margaret Nash; second, Tom Gross, Frasoula, Sun Girl; third, Wedge, wood, Spring Vale, Gallou Berr; fourth, Discussion, Golden Chance, The Equiper; fifth, Stir Up, Au Revoir, Sir Adam; sixth, Harlock, Mumbo Juumbo, Dan.

Among the Derby and Preakness entries the good-looking colt of Commander J. K. McLean, Spanish Major, should not be gotten or overlooked. He is doing well in his training at Laurel. He was a devoted devotee of the late Tom Gross, who was fourth in his last race, the Pimlico Futurity, which was won by Morvich.

California is asking a vote on establishing a racing commission, which would allow eighteen days of racing in each county each year.

Westminster Hockey Team Coming There will be no skating at the Ice Palace until Friday. There will be boxing tonight.

Ray Mitchell, Southwark lightweight, is anxious to box here. He has been doing all his work out of town. Ray should box in front of two Trenton matches.

Bill Geer announces the mid-winter leg of the Spring for February 25. The affair will be held at the overlook Golf Club.

The Blumstein brothers, of Brooklyn—Max, Sam, Sol and Joe—are living in Philadelphia. They are, respectively, especially close followers of boxing.

Young Gordon, a local lad, is boxing well in New York. His last victory was against Joe Dundee in ten rounds. Gordon has a Young Isaac Fleming, another Philadelphia product, as a stablemate.

Battling Abe Cohen is now under the management of Nat Finkels, brother of Billy Battling. Cohen is expected to meet Johnny Kelly, Young Sherlock and Ping Bodo.

Joe Mendell has his brother, Young Tom, in a good shape for several bouts. He is expected to meet Joe McCoy in the same show.

Tommy O'Keefe, of West Philadelphia, has been matched to meet Joe Goldberg in a return bout on Saturday. Joe should box Young Isaac Fleming, another Philadelphia product.

Phil Scullinger, of South Philly, is about to meet light-heavyweight competition. He would like to take on Al Potts.

Paskey Ferris, of this city, was knocked out in Baltimore recently. He writes: "I was back in bed at the time," states Paskey, "and somebody evidently used my name." It was only my good condition and youth that saved me for the time being.

LOCAL BASEBALL UMPIRES ORGANIZE

S. O. Grauley Accepts Position as President of Organization Temporarily

THE baseball umpires of Philadelphia have organized. The initial meeting of the body was held last night. All present were designated as umpires with the exception of Joe O'Rourke, the ballplayer, who happened to be in attendance, and Joe admitted that he did not know where that many umpires in the world. The assembly room was crowded.

After Tommy Keenan had conducted the meeting for about an hour it was considered a good move to organize. This was soon accomplished with the election of the following officers: President, S. O. Grauley; vice president, Tommy Keenan; recording secretary, Jim Coffey; financial secretary, James D. Cameron; treasurer, Ed J. McLaughlin. A Board of Directors was also named to consist of William Leary, Oliver Casey, Fred Westervelt and E. A. Clark.

It was decided to name the officers and Board of Directors a committee to wait on the Philadelphia Baseball Association to discuss the situation with what that organization seems to control the position temporarily.

Who Are Umpires? The room was full of men, but the fellow who gets the job of naming the umpires has picked the prize. Many were of the opinion that all are equal and that the decision seems to control the meeting until one, Steve Otis, always regarded as a good official around these parts, broke into the picture and told the world that there were men in the room that were better than he and pointed to Fred Westervelt, the former National League official, now making this city his home, and who, with Herman Baetzl, will umpire all games at Princeton College this year.

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The association is apparently a move in the right direction. The object is to better the conditions between the umpire, player and manager and is a good one, but there is a tremendous amount of work connected with the organization and it will not be the easiest thing to put it across.

Snell Named Brown Baseball Coach Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 14.—Walter H. Snell, former big league baseball player, has been appointed as head coach of the Philadelphia team. Mr. Snell's appointment is carrying out the policy of an all-overseas faculty coach in addition to his baseball duties he is directing the basketball team and is assistant football coach.

Paddock Starts Training Los Angeles, Feb. 14.—Charles W. Paddock, holder of the 100-yard sprint and another other outdoor path records, started his training at the Los Angeles Athletic Club today. He is preparing for the Paddock mile race, which will run on Saturday.

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BODY ATTACK WINS FOR DANNY KRAMER

Bobby Burman Is Handed Trouncing in First Wind-Up at the Olympia

NO INDICATIONS OF K. O.

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

EDDIE HAYES, the Nig, is a disconsolate young man today. "And I thought he was going to win sure even had a notion he would knock him out," is the grumbling murmur of Nig, referring to the poor showing made by his southwark charge, Bobby Burman, against Daniel Kramer, also a local portside puncher.

Kramer slam-banged Burman plenty in the latter's first wind-up, when they went through eight rounds at the Olympia last night, and it was the unanimous opinion of every one there that Bobby "ain't got it"—as they say in South Philly these days.

If Burman went into the ring bent on doing some kicking, he had most of it taken out of him in the very first. Reason: A lot of hefty wallops by Kramer to the body. Danny dealt out vicious nailing to the mid-section right off the reel and continued to hand out the same medicine in each and every round.

This was a return match; in their previous meeting Burman, having put on a sensational tilt, so much so that they were brought together again, and a big crowd turned out for the muss. But the fans were disappointed because the bout was not so good.

Burman made the mistake of permitting Kramer to do all of the leading. Once in a while Bobby flared up, but his attempts were not so successful as punches to the body made his opponent clinch often, and this caused the bout to slow up.

In the latter rounds Kramer shifted his attack to the head and caused Burman's nose to bleed. Danny looked his right for Bob's jaw several times, but the blows either missed or landed too high.

While Burman was administered quite a trouncing, at no time was there any indication of a knockout, mostly because of Bobby's defensive tactics. Kramer weighed in at 123 and Burman was three pounds heavier.

Pats Wallace overcame a handicap in height, weight and reach by out-punching Johnny Brown of England in the other eight-rounder. Brown got under way by showing to advantage with a straight left and right cross in the early rounds, but Wallace kept fighting hard and punching often in the clinches.

In the latter part of the bout, especially in the last three rounds, Wallace had Brown backing up and holding on in the clinches to avoid the little Italian's mean wallops.

Conway Comes Back Frank Conway, of Camden, 122, came back after a lay-off of several months owing to a fractured hand and scored a close victory over the rugged Joe Nelson, 121. It was the Camdenites' use of worthy straight left that decided the contest.

Infighting of Hank McGovern, 117, against Little Jeff, 114½, entitled the former to an even break after a spirited six-round tussle. The boys were at it hammer and tongs, several times each one being shaken up. In the third round a right to the chin knocked McGovern dizzy, but he saved himself from hitting the canvas by going down on his hands, Kid Wolf, 112½, upset the dope when he came through with a hard-fought win over Battling Murray, same weight, in the first bout.

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"The Hardest Battle of My Ring Career"

By PINKY MITCHELL

IT MAY be strange, but really the boy who gave me the hardest battle was Al Thomas. The bout was held at Rock Island, Ill., during the season of 1918.

It wasn't that Thomas gave me a trouncing or anything like that, but he landed some pretty hard punches on my jaw. It was only my good condition and youth that saved me for the time being.

Finally in the third I began to reach Thomas with right crosses. Four times I dropped him in that round, and even then he came back fighting like a bull before the period ended.

Round after round until the bell ended the scheduled ten-round set-to, I clipped Mr. Thomas flush on the jaw.

Aside from Thomas, I think Clonie Tait, the Canadian champion, gave me a pretty rugged battle. Clonie is a vicious puncher, and one who continually hits. There is hardly any let-up in his swinging. It certainly kept me stepping fast keeping out of range of his laymakers.

In all my battles I never felt that I had ever been pushed to the limit. Now my ambition is to get on with Benny Leonard. I had the chance New Year's Day, but fate was against me and I was taken ill with a case of burst in my shoulder the night before the contest.

A match with the champion might mean the end of my ring career. However, that remains to be seen.

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