

E TINKER'S FAILURE WITH EXCELLENT CUB MATERIAL DUE TO LACK OF DIPLOMACY

TINKER GIVES A POOR ALIBI IN BLAMING FRATERNITY FOR HIS FAILURE WITH THE CUBS Poor Handling of Excellent Material Real Reason for Failure—Magee on Market, Says Weeghman

CHARGES that the Players' Fraternity was responsible for the failure of the Chicago Cubs to be in the running for the National League pennant last season have been made by former manager Joe Tinker, now president and manager of the Columbus American Association team. No doubt Tinker feels certain that internal strife was responsible for his poor showing with his all-star cast last season, but baseball men agree that he is making a great mistake in airing his views now that he is a magnate. Tinker is in a position where he is more or less dependent upon ball players of almost major league caliber, and he will find that few of the men in the American Association are against the Players' Fraternity. This virtually means that Tinker, by making a virulent attack upon the Players' Fraternity, will incur the displeasure of the men he must depend upon to make his new venture a success. If Tinker has been quoted correctly, he has made a serious mistake in blaming the Players' Fraternity for the actions of a few individuals, who probably would have been at odds under any conditions.

Tinker Had Wonderful Material

HAVING had an opportunity to take his pick from the wealth of material from the Cubs of 1915 and his own pennant-winning Federal League team, Tinker has no one to blame but himself if he failed to pick players whose dispositions blended. Tinker has been in baseball long enough to know that harmony is a most important factor in the development of championship ball teams, and he had a squad of more than fifty high-class players from which to select his team. He failed to pick the right men and to get results from the material he decided to retain, and therefore is entirely to blame for his own failure. Some of the greatest baseball machines in the history of the game have been constructed by managers who have taken players reputed to be disturbers and by tactful handling caused these players to pull together on the field. Of the field the men seldom were seen together and cliques were formed, but once the men entered the ball park they knew who was boss and played together to win.

Tinker's Lack of Diplomacy Responsible

AN ALIBI such as Tinker offers does not entirely explain the Cubs' poor work, nor does it exonerate him. Before the season opened Tinker had such a wealth of material that every manager in the National League was anxious to make a trade with him. If Tinker had the temperament necessary for managerial success he would have been able to make the players forget their personal differences, or he would have traded them before the season was long under way, as the impression was general that Tinker had the strongest team in the league on paper. If Tinker brushes away a few cobwebs he will remember that the publication of a list of Cub players on the market shortly after he was appointed manager included the names of Cy Williams, Vic Salek, Heinie Zimmerman, Jimmy Archer, Jimmy Lavender and a few others. These players did not take kindly to this act by Tinker, nor did they like the speech he made at the Philadelphia Sporting Writers' banquet, during the course of which he stated that it was his honest belief that his Federal League team could win the pennant without the aid of the Cubs. If there was as much internal strife in the Cubs as Tinker claims, he has no one to blame but himself for a large part of it.

Mitchell Starts Under Handicap

NO DOUBT Tinker's statement will bring forth bitter criticism from members of the Cub team of 1916, and this will not make Fred Mitchell's path easier. Mitchell is starting out under a terrible handicap, and he is extremely fortunate in getting a two-year contract. Mitchell probably realized that he must clean house after the botch Tinker made of the job, and also knew that a winner could not be built in one season under existing conditions. It has been said that Mitchell signed for one year only, but such is not the case. As stated exclusively in the EVENING LEDGER early in October, Mitchell signed his contract at that time, everything depending upon his ability to get away from Boston. He signed a two-year contract after promising to destroy it and mention nothing about the matter in case the Braves refused to trade him, as Haughton and Stallings may have objected to Weeghman tampering with a player under contract with the Boston club.

Weeghman Says Magee Is on the Market

RATHER odd that we should be called on the phone by a practical joker who professed to be Miller Huggins, and that the joker should claim that Sherwood Magee was to be traded to the Cardinals. Yesterday Charles Weeghman, owner of the Cubs, said that Magee had been offered to him in a trade, but that he had turned down the proposition. Just about the same time Percy Haughton denied that Magee was to be traded Miller Huggins left his home in Cincinnati to come East to talk trade with some eastern owner. If Weeghman really had an opportunity to get Magee, he evidently turned down the offer without consulting Manager Mitchell, as the latter made an effort to get the former Philly star at the league meeting.

Dillon Should Be Darcy's Trial Horse

IT MIGHT not be a bad idea to match Les Darcy with Jack Dillon in his first fight. Dillon probably is the most overrated boxer in the country and Darcy could eliminate him for all time by giving him a decisive beating. Dillon has been called the "cave man," the "thunderbolt," the "man-killer" and many other things denoting ferocity and fighting ability, but really never has shown enough to be considered a contender for any title. If Darcy defeats him Dillon will be forced out of the limelight, while if the Australian is beaten by the Hoosier light-heavyweight let him fight his way up the ladder, just as any American boxer does. Showering offers of enormous sums on the Australian before he has shown anything in this country is not going to do the boxing game any good, particularly if Darcy fails to make good. Darcy's admission that Eddie McGoorty "sold out" in their first bout in Australia, and Buck Crouse's statement that the promoters made him agree to "lay down" to the Australian, coupled with the mad rush of middleweights who want to meet Darcy, leads one to believe that there might be something wrong with the impressive record made by the newcomer in the Antipodes.

Boxing Fan Says Commission Is Needed

"CAN'T see your argument about the boxing game not needing a commission. The fact that 15,000 persons paid admissions to witness the boxing bouts on Christmas Day shows that there is a need for a commission to safeguard the interests of the enormous following the boxing game has attracted." This is a brief extract from a letter from a fight fan who disagrees with the boxing comment that appeared in the EVENING LEDGER on Thursday. The writer of the letter, which, by the way, was anonymous, points out that unscrupulous promoters will take advantage of conditions and cheat boxers and public alike, while the boxers will not live up to their contracts. He tells of incidents where promoters cut down the money boxers contracted for and that the boxers were compelled to take the cut or be replaced on the bill. Numerous other tricks are used by promoters, according to the writer, but he mentions no specific incident that has occurred within the last year or two.

Conditions Are Different Now

"HOW can these things be eliminated without a boxing commission?" is the closing sentence of the interesting communication. If we remember rightly we said that with or without a commission the boxing game could not flourish long unless the boxing critics did their part and drove the unscrupulous promoters and boxers from the city. When the Director of Public Safety took a hand in the game back in 1911 he compelled promoters to pay boxers their full amount, and regulated the game in other ways. It needed it, then, but at the present time there is no need for a commission, providing the scribes do their part. Let the boxers insist upon a contract that will stand a court test and the very few unscrupulous promoters now operating clubs in this State will find it impossible to pull tricks such as are described by the fan. Certainly boxing as conducted in this city during the present season could not be improved upon from any standpoint. It generally is best to let well enough alone.

THE majority of the promoters bidding for the services of Les Darcy suggest battling Levinsky, of Philadelphia, as the Australian's first opponent. This is the same Levinsky who, as Barney Williams, could not get any work in this city a few years ago. Barney was known as a "runner," and the fans here grieved him unmercifully for his jab and run tactics. Barney was a frail youngster then, but has filled out and is now a rugged, shifty boxer. Levinsky is now the real triathlete of the heavy-weight ranks. He invariably gives away weight and proves the triathlete for "white hopes." And it might be added that few of the hopes survive the trial.

EDDIE MAHAN is mentioned as the probable coach of Columbia's football team next fall. The former Harvard star says that he did not enjoy his season on the Pacific coast as an assistant to Andy Smith at California. Evidently all was not serene in the California camp, as both Smith and Gus Ziegler do not speak very highly of Mahan's coaching ability. They contend that there is too much theory and not enough common-sense football to Mahan's ideas on coaching.

RATHER than carry two weak teams which failed to hold up their end last season the Delaware County League has decided to go back to its old circuit of four clubs. The Delaware County League originally had only four teams and was known as the "Big Four" circuit. It enjoyed prosperity in those days and probably will have a successful season in 1917 with Media, Upland, Chester and Briff fighting a four-cornered duel for the championship.

TRACK athletes in this city will receive another boom if the Intercollegiate A. A. decides to hold its indoor games in this city. It is said that all hopes of getting Madison Square Garden has been abandoned and that sentiment favors holding the games at Convention Hall, this city. Boston also has put in a bid for the set of games, and unless the University of Pennsylvania hustles the meet will be awarded to the Crimson.

ONE GOLFER'S REVIEW OF 1916



1917 GOLF SPOTLIGHT BEAMS BRIGHTLY ON QUAKER CITY'S PROSPECTS FOR NEW SEASON

By SANDY MENBLICK

PHILADELPHIA'S proudest golf year is ahead. The new season of 1917 should see the Quaker City golf district expand its chest and grow up so that it is in truth able to look the other members of the Big Four links districts right in the eye as an equal. With a Philadelphia as the only nominee for the 1917 presidency of the United States Golf Association; with one of the three great American classics headed this way; another likely to fall within easy reach; and the third slated for this State; with its champion playing the best game of his career and a couple of other new sensations to burn up his bridges; with the professional champion of the United States a Philadelphia; with last year's woman finalist, two other finalists and a former champion to take care of the feminine title; with at least three new golf clubs likely to join the local association; with the possibility of more public courses; with the remodeling and improvement of local links constantly going forward; and with the decided boom the game has taken in public interest locally, 1917 is bound to see a triumphant progress for the royal and ancient game heretofore.

Prospect Lovely Never in local links history have there been better possibilities at the first starting line. May the good citizens make the best of them and put their shoulders at the wheel to put the city at the front as the golf capital!

Unfortunate Blundering The Cobbs Creek municipal course is very much a reality now and all prosperity is predicted for it in the coming season. Most unfortunate was the handling of the Cobbs Creek Golf Club, which was founded by players there. The club more or less took charge of the doing there, ran up and down the hill, and in its own mind and otherwise worked hard in bringing the course more fully into popular favor.

Mike Doolan to Play with Dodgers in 1917 NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Mickey Doolan, the veteran shortstop, now a member of the Glatts, may play with the Brooklyn next season. It was said recently that Robbie will play the player from McGraw.

Larry Doyle Safe with Cubs WILLIAMS ONLY OTHER PLAYER SURE OF PLACE WITH CHICAGO CLUB CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Cy Williams, centerfielder, and Larry Doyle, second baseman, who probably will be named as the field captain of the Cubs, are the only North Stars certain of a berth next year. President Weeghman announced that only these two of his entire squad are certain to be retained, and Manager Fred Mitchell announced that Williams and Doyle are not on the market.

Hutchinson in Title Play Gold Challenge Cup Tourney Will Be Started at Tuxedo Tomorrow TUXEDO, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Play in the racquets tourney for the gold challenge cup will be started tomorrow at the Tuxedo Tennis and Racquet Club. Fulton Cutting will meet D. L. Hutchinson, 3d. The winner will meet Stanley G. Mortimer on New Year's Day.

Springtime Surprises When golfers crawl out of hibernation this spring they will find many changes, most of them at their favorite clubs. The Philadelphia Cricket Club, for instance, has been very busy with many of its greens and holes. Arolmink has set up a most astounding system of alps, requiring a nice tee carry off the sixth driving crease. Many other plans have been set out with ruins removed on the eighteenth depression on the right, so the road won't get the rollers. Pine mounds take the place of the ruins. Other holes have also been changed, so that they will be unfamiliar to many golfers beginning the new season. Only the first and the last three holes at Huntington Valley will be played in 1917, as of yore. The rest of the course has been changed completely.

Cluster of New Links It is the fond hope of the Pine Valley Golf Club, a member of the local association, that it may be able to open up its final four holes during the coming season. Experts agree that, when the turf takes hold and the course is all opened up, it will be one of the finest in the country, another feather for the Philadelphia district, since local veterans have been behind the whole move. The new golf course being built by seeders from the St. David's Golf Club has been brought along as rapidly as possible and some of the holes should be ready for play before the twilight of another season. The club is expected to apply for membership in the local golf association soon.

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Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

RYAN CLUB—Bouts called off. NEW YORK—Stater Yankton outboxed Paddy Haggan; Willie Jackson outboxed Jimmy Powers and Red McDonald. BOSTON—Jimmy Gardner stopped Gloucester-Rivers second. PITTSBURGH—Ray Friel won from Deane Conway. NEW ORLEANS—Building Barriere beat Jimmy Foley, twenty rounds.

'AM SOLDIER FIRST,' SAYS CARPENTIER

"I'd Rather Fight for My Country Than Box," Injured Aviator Says PARIS, Dec. 28 (By mail).—Georges Carpentier, French heavyweight champion, will require nearly four months to get into condition for the ring—and it is very doubtful whether the French army authorities will consent to his leaving active service for so long a period. Carpentier himself, here recuperating after a fall from his army aeroplane at the front, made this declaration today. Carpentier makes daily visits to the hospital for treatment.

"I am in very bad condition," Carpentier said, "and nearly four months will be necessary to get me into shape again. The doctors say I must have complete rest, with nothing but the mildest sort of exercise, like cross-country walking. Then I would have to begin a process of long, gradual training.

"If, by fighting with gloves, I can help my country more than I can by piloting an aeroplane I'm naturally willing to do so—if I am permitted.

"If sufficient leave is obtainable, I am willing to fight in America. I am offered a fight with the Australian, Les Darcy, but I prefer a chance at the champion, Jess Willard.

"But I don't believe it is possible for me to leave.

"I am perfectly willing to fight Willard, the purse to go to charity work for the Allies. As a boxer I thus believe I may be able to strike a few blows in my own manner in behalf of my people."

Carpentier was wearing his uniform as a member of the aviation squad and eating a light dinner at a boulevard cafe. He looked bigger and broader than he did when he used to fight in the ring, but, paradoxically, his face seemed thinner. His cheeks were rather hollow.

"I am a soldier first, and, like every other able-bodied Frenchman, my first duty is to my country."

DARCY NOT PARTICULAR ABOUT FIRST FOE HERE

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Les Darcy, the Australian champion, will put thoughts of him and immediately begin arrangements to meet some other boxer. Darcy made this statement today when the story from Paris stating it would take four months for Carpentier to get in condition was read to him. He did not name the boxer he will meet, nor did he indicate the date of the match, but he and his manager, J. O'Sullivan, declared they would not care to wait four months for Carpentier's arrival in this country.

Tex Rickard was somewhat taken aback by the message, but he believed Carpentier to be in good condition.

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NEW YEAR'S AFTERNOON, JAN. 1, 1917 Doors Open 1:30 P. M.—First Bout 1:30 P. M. Whitley Fitzgerald vs. Tommy Barrons (Gusle Lovik vs. Young Chassey) Battling Reddy vs. Young Chassey Joe Tuber vs. Little Bear Battle Moore vs. Johnny Gill Louisiana vs. Benny Kaufman Adm., 25c. Bal. Res., 50c & 75c. Arena Res., 1l

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SUNSHINE GREET'S PENN AT LAST

Old Sol Disperses Rain, Cold and Blizzards for Snappy Practice OFFICIALS PROTESTED

By NEIL MATHEWS Captain Penn Football Team.

FARADENA, Cal., Dec. 29.—Old Sol rose up over the mountains today and smiled down on us in the valley below. This is the first time we have seen the sun here since the fellows were beginning to doubt the stuff we'd been hearing about "sunny California." We had the advantage of the whole week here yesterday all pointed right up and eager to get a chance at the University of Oregon, the crack team we have come here for the New Year's gridiron battle in connection with the Tournament of Roses. All the boys are in fine shape. Clem Uquhart's foot is gradually improving. Bob Folwell won't let him get in the practice yet, but Coach Bob says he is certain that Clem will be in the big game.

The weather here has been decidedly rotten until the sun came out. The fellows were pretty disgusted yesterday to get up and find it was raining in sheets that almost turned to hail from the cold winds that came up through the valley. It was snowing, we thought, way up on the mountains and we began to wonder how we were to get any of it. But it held off. Yesterday morning when we had tasted the nice, warm and clear air, with the sun shining down and the gorgeous scenery we were all so glad that we gave a yell for the sun as for California. We made quick work of a light breakfast and then were taken by some of the natives who are helping to entertain us for a seventy-mile motor trip.

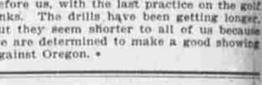
We went to Venice, Santa Monica and beautiful country. I have ever seen, and finally came to the broad expanse of the Pacific. We had a good stiff signal practice on the golf links after lunch and then we lined up against the second team, which used the Oregon formations. We missed all the passes and forced them back every time they took the ball.

The tournament committee announced the following officials today: Referee, W. S. Kelnhoff, of Pasadena, University of Minnesota; umpire, Andrew L. Smith, Pasadena, University of Pennsylvania; field judge, David Witmer, of Los Angeles, Harvard University; head linesman, Jack Wells, of Los Angeles, University of Chicago; scorer, W. T. Wilson, of Pasadena, University of Chicago.

I understand that Coach Boodak, of Oregon, has protested Jack Wells and A. W. Smith. I haven't heard why, or just what came of it. We have a trip up Mount Lowe before us, with the last practice on the golf links. The drills have been getting longer, but they seem shorter to all of us because we are determined to make a good showing against Oregon.

I take this opportunity of wishing my friends and customers a very HAPPY NEW YEAR May 1917 bring great joy to you!

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