

# Old Fox Clark Griffith Protests Overworking of Doc Ayres at Richmond

## GRIFFITH PROTESTS OVERWORKING STAR

Writes Richmond Management That He Will Not Stand for Ruining of Doc Ayres, Twirler Belonging to Climbers—May Appeal to Baseball's Supreme Court.

By "SENATOR."

**Probable Line-Up.**  
**NATIONALS.** Meeller, cf. Foster, 3b. Milan, cf. Gandil, 1b. Morgan, 2b. Gedeon, cf. Laporte, cf. McBride, ss. Henry, c. Engel, p. Harper, p.

by the fans here before the American League pennant is determined. Jim Shaw, the young right-hander with the movement Walter Johnson's, will also report to the Climbers at the close of the Tri-State League season. He is learning the game in York, Pa., and is learning it rapidly. He pitched a great game Saturday, but his catcher, Joe Knotts, veteran, didn't agree with him, and kept up continuous stream of bawling. Manager George W. Heckard didn't like Knotts' work and they got into a fight, the backstop landing a swing on Heckard's jaw. Now Knotts is suspended for the rest of the season, and Shaw knows that he has the protection of his manager.

Manager Clark Griffith has sent a protest to the management of the Richmond Virginia League team against the too frequent use of Doc Ayres, the big pitcher who is the property of the Climbers, and if Manager Griffith, of the Richmond Colts, does not immediately refrain from overworking his star right-hander, Manager Griffith will appeal his case to the National Commission. He does not want Ayres ruined by working too much. "I have written a letter to the Richmond people," said the Old Fox today, "and if they do not pay any attention to my protest, I shall appeal to the National Commission. I don't intend to have any young pitcher belonging to me to be worked to death just because he happens to be winning a large percentage of his games.

"Ayres belongs to the Washington club. If he had been wise, he would have reported to us at Charlottesville last spring and would now be one of the regular pitchers on my team. However, he saw fit to remain in Richmond and pursue his studies at the expense of his baseball career. But I have kept his work in mind all season and he has done well. He should be one of my best pitchers next season. "Because he has been winning most of his games this year, Manager Griffith has seen fit to use him three and four times a week. This will kill off any pitcher, no matter how good he may be. I have tried to obtain him now, offering a bonus for his immediate delivery. But the Richmond people intend to keep him till the close of the Tri-State League season, and blame them much, either, but they're not going to sell him, if I can help it. "Ayres will report to the Climbers as soon as the Virginia League winds up its schedule, in September. It is very probable that he will be seen in action

## CLIMBERS EXECUTE FAST DOUBLE PLAY

"Fateem" Foster and "Cutie" Morgan Butcher Lavan and Mitchell in Twinkling of an Eye—Boehling Is Not Nerved by His First Defeat.

By "SENATOR."

There have been double plays and double plays, but you will wait a long time, boys, to see the equal of that lightning-like double killing of Johnny Lavan and Roy Mitchell in the fifth frame of yesterday's battle. "Fateem" Foster and Raymond "Cutie" Carville Morgan acted as the butchers, and they did their work well. All double plays must of a necessity, be fast. If they are not, they don't succeed, and yesterday's exhibition was absolutely whizzing. It caught a runner who was working on a hit-and-run play and was half-way to second when the ball was hit. That was the particular beauty of it. Lavan had singled to start the fifth and was working around pretty well away from the first cushion. He wanted to be sure and make the keystone sack when he got under way. With none out, he looked easy. However, the former Michigan University star failed to take Foster and Morgan into consideration. Suddenly Mitchell chopped viciously at a fast ball, and it danced off toward Foster. There wasn't the hesitation of one-sixty-fourth of a second. Foster swung sent the pill into his hands. Catching and pegging the ball was a continuous motion for "Cutie," and Mitchell was killed with yards to spare. Lavan had gained a long lead on a hit-and-run play, but so fast was that play that he perished. That was the speediest double death seen in many a day. Don't worry about Dixie Joe Boehling's collapse today, his first game. He isn't even thinking about that defeat of yesterday. He possesses the proper temperament to become a big league star. Not only that, but he is a pitcher who will use his head. "I suppose I had to lose a game some time," grinned the youngster today. "It's just as well now as later. Perhaps it's better to lose it now. I've got to lose just so many, anyway, and I'm going to lose them now than in a pennant. I hope we get up where we can have a chance. Then I'll pitch my soup bone off to win."

## BIG LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Standing of the Clubs.					Standing of the Clubs.				
W.	L.	P.	Win. %	Today	W.	L.	P.	Win. %	Today
Philadelphia	55	28	.662	89	Philadelphia	52	31	.625	88
Cleveland	56	29	.659	88	New York	49	38	.563	87
Washington	51	34	.599	87	Pittsburgh	48	40	.543	86
Chicago	51	47	.520	85	Boston	47	41	.532	85
Boston	46	48	.489	84	Pittsburgh	42	44	.489	84
Detroit	45	49	.479	83	Cincinnati	39	52	.432	83
St. Louis	39	55	.414	82	St. Louis	38	53	.415	82
New York	29	63	.317	81	Cincinnati	36	59	.381	81

## Happened Yesterday.

Joe Boehling met his first defeat after winning eleven straight. Christy Mathewson shut out Cardinals, allowing only four hits. Phelan, of Cubs, worked "hidden ball" trick on Collins, of Braves. Yankees made three runs on Naps in first frame and then it rained. Donk, rookie hurler, held Giants runless in two sessions.

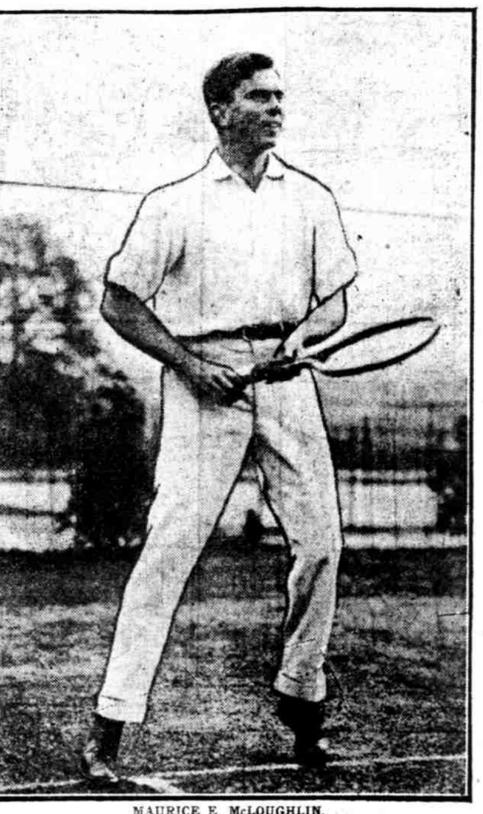
## MITCHELL IS TOO MUCH FOR GRIFFMEN

Climbers Unable to Connect With Fast Shoots of St. Louis Browns' Pitcher.

By "SENATOR."

Inability to connect with the offerings of Roy Mitchell brought defeat to the Climbers yesterday, 4 to 1, and a break in the winning performances of Dixie Joe Boehling, the Richmond southpaw. Mitchell's change of pace had the home boys standing on their heads throughout the humid afternoon, and at least three fine chances for scoring passed away because of his mastery of the situation. Though meeting with defeat, Boehling's twirling was excellent, if you eliminate that opening session. It was that which brought his fall, for he passed the ball, allowed Pratt to bingle, and then Gus Williams collided with a beautiful homer over Milan's dome. Three runs rushed over the dish before Boehling could hit his stride, and by that time it was too late. A streak of wildness in the seventh, in which Boehling lost two batsmen, sent the Browns' last tally over. Only in the fifth were the Climbers able to connect. Mitchell, they managed to get on. Henry stopped a pitched ball with the middle of his back, and Boehling's sharp single to right scored the winning run. Mitchell, however, made the contest close with a-kimmering in the second, third, seventh, and eighth sessions for want of heavy artillery. Boehling passed two men and hit two more, but he more than made up for that. He breezing nine Browns, including some of the best hitters on the team. He was unfortunate in being opposed by Mitchell, who was an enigma for the Griffmen all the long.

## Keeps Tennis Title in America



MAURICE E. McLOUGHLIN, Whose Fast Work on the Courts in the International Matches Wins Davis Cup, and Brings World's Supremacy to United States.

## Tabloid History of Davis Cup, Which Comes to America.

Year.	Played at.	Holder.	Challenger.	Winner.	Score.
1900	Longwood, C. C. Boston	America	British Isles	America	3-0
1902	Crescent A. C. N. Y.	America	British Isles	America	3-2
1903	Longwood C. C. Boston	America	British Isles	British Isles	4-1
1904	Wimbledon, Eng.	British Isles	Belgium	British Isles	5-0
1905	Wimbledon, Eng.	British Isles	America	British Isles	5-0
1906	Wimbledon, Eng.	British Isles	America	British Isles	5-0
1907	Wimbledon, Eng.	British Isles	Australasia	Australasia	3-2
1908	Melbourne, Aus.	Australasia	America	Australasia	3-2
1909	Sydney, Aus.	Australasia	America	Australasia	5-0
1911	Christchurch, N. Zea.	Australasia	America	Australasia	5-0
1912	Melbourne, Aus.	Australasia	British Isles	British Isles	3-2
1913	Wimbledon, Eng.	England	America	America	3-2

## McLOUGHLIN COMES BACK NEXT WEEK

Hero of Davis Cup Competition Wants Another Chance to Defeat A. F. Wilding, Singles Champion, Next Year—Is Idol of Tennis World Since His Victory in England.

WIMBLEDON, England, July 29.—Maurice E. McLoughlin, American champion tennis player, whose sensational tennis yesterday and all through the Davis Cup competition, enabled the American to retake the trophy, will leave here in a week according to the announcement made today. McLoughlin is expected to take part with Thomas C. Bundy, his Pacific coast partner, in the defense of the National American Tennis doubles title at Newport, R. I., next month, and will spend only a short time here before leaving in preparation for the matches at home. In defeating the veteran Dixon yesterday by 10-8, 6-3 and 6-2, McLoughlin displayed better form on ground strokes than that which characterized his work against Parker, who defeated him in the first match. McLoughlin seemed to have completely recovered his independence, and came back with ease against his older antagonist. The Californian is today more the idol of the tennis world than he was after his double match. He is to be feted with R. Norris Williams, Harold H. Hackett, and Wallace P. Johnson, the passive member of the American team who was an alternate. The four American exponents who landed the world's team championship are talked of everywhere, and tennis enthusiasts are eager to meet and applaud their work.

## Braves Field Poorly.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 29.—Weird fielding behind Tyler is attributed today to the failure of the Braves to take yesterday's contest, which went to the Cubs by 9 to 4. The score: Braves..... 010 001 002-4 11 12  
Cubs..... 211 410 002-9 11 2  
Cubs, Humphreys and Brown.

## All Look Alike.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 29.—All Pittsburghers alike were in a daze today, who hammered out a 6 to 2 victory over the Pirates. The score: Pirates..... 002 001 002-5 11 1  
Pirates..... 008 000 000-2 4 9  
Batters: Mathewson, Keaton and Kilfer; Pirates, Coates, Adams, Camnitz and Simon and Coleman.

## Dodgers Drop Another.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 29.—Several pinch hitters failed to connect and the Dodgers lost another to the Reds by 7 to 6 yesterday. The score: H. H. E.  
Dodgers..... 040 000 010-5 8 2  
Reds..... 002 121 002-7 10 2  
Batters: Dodgers, Stank, Altz, Vingling and Fisher; Reds, Paolucci and Clarke.

## Big League Biffers of a Day.

A.B.H.T.B.Ave.	Williams, Nationals	Adams, Pirates	Hyatt, Pirates	Titus, Braves	Carey, Pirates	Paskert, Phillies	Smith, Braves	Burns, Giants	Becker, Phillies	Schulte, Cubs	Berghammer, Reds
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## BROWNIES GET TWO FROM MONTGOMERY

Manning and Walker, Pitcher and Outfielder, Obtained by President Hedges.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 29.—R. L. Hedges, president of the St. Louis American baseball club, exercised his option on any player on the Montgomery (Southern League) team by taking Pitcher Ed Manning, who is considered one of the best in the league. Montgomery sold to Brooklyn Elmer Brown, the star right-hander of the Southern League, for \$7,000. This is the largest price ever paid for a player going out of this league to the majors. Ebbets, the president of the Dodgers, arrived here yesterday and was in conference with the owner, president, and manager of the Montgomery team closed the deal for Brown. Ebbets offered to give his check for \$1,000 to close the deal and to give the other \$6,000 one week from today. At the suggestion of the owner of the Montgomery franchise, Richard Tillis, he gave them a check for \$1,000. Brown remains on the Montgomery team until the end of the season. Manning will join the Browns in September. Following the signing of Manning, it also was announced that Outfielder Ernest Walker also would return to the St. Louis Browns. Walker was with Montgomery last year, and in the spring was tried out by the Browns. However, he was not given a contract, but his brilliant playing induced Owner Hedges to get him again.

## CHANCE AND BIRMY CALL OFF DEALINGS

Unable to Agree on Trade Which Has Been Pending for Several Days.

NEW YORK, July 29.—The trade in which Pitcher McConnell, of the Yankees, and Kahler, of the Cleveland Naps, were the central figures, has fallen through for the present. Several propositions were made, but Chance's weakness in the Cleveland market, and Cree for Kahler and Outfielder Graney. Manager Birmingham said the best he could offer was Leibold and Kahler or Cullip, a southpaw, for the two Yankees. Negotiations may be resumed when New York visits Cleveland on the next trip. The contracts of two new recruits have been signed by President Farrell and the men are on their way here. They are Outfielder Cook from the Austin club in the Texas League, and Pitcher Cooney from Butte.

## DIAMOND DOPE

The Athletics have one of the best catching staffs in the country in Schang, Thomas, and Lapp. Schang and Lapp have caught most of the games for the Philadelphia this season. Ruben Marquard is again trying for a record of consecutive hits. The Giants' southpaw has now won eight straight.

## Rain Threatens Play in Longwood Finals

BROOKLINE, Mass., July 29.—It was extremely doubtful today whether the trials in the Eastern tennis championship doubles and the Longwood challenge bowl singles would be played this afternoon as the courts at the Longwood Cricket Club were in rather poor condition, and another deluge, such as ruined much of the day's play, appeared imminent.

## Baseball Gambling Under Searchlight

CHICAGO, July 29.—The uncovering of a big syndicate that controls "blind pools" on baseball games, was promised today as a part of the grand jury investigation into baseball gambling. Handbook men who operated in billiard rooms and saloons all over Chicago were reported to have taken a "vacation" today, following the indictment of nine alleged "bookies" by the grand jury yesterday.

## Cross Is Favorite Over Matty Baldwin

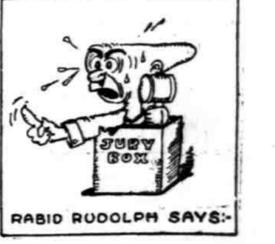
LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 29.—Leach Cross is a 10 to 7 favorite over Matty Baldwin for their scheduled twenty-round bout here tonight. Both men are in excellent condition. Baldwin is a veteran of the light weight "fight" division and holds a twenty-round decision over Willie Ritchie, the present champion. He earned this present title by a decision over Billy Cross, who was considered the best of those in the championship class. This is Cross' first bout since he knocked out Bud Anderson.

## GRIFF DISAGREES WITH CHIVINGTON

"Supporting of Umpire O'Brien When He Calls Walker Out for Sliding into First Is Not in Line With Progressive Baseball," Says Manager of Climbers.

By "SENATOR."

"I am a friend of Tom Chivington's, but his decision in calling a base runner out for sliding into first base is a numbskull decision. It shows that Chivington is standing still, if not going back altogether," said Manager Clark Griffith today, when asked for an opinion on the decision in St. Paul when Dixie Walker was called out by Umpire O'Brien for sliding into first base. "There are many occasions in baseball when a runner should be fined for not sliding into the base," continued the Old Fox. "Not only does a slide frequently prevent a collision between the runner and the baseman, but it also gives a runner a chance to make the bag whenever the throw pulls the baseman in. Chivington means well, but this decision of his is ridiculous."



St. Louis broke one record and tied another yesterday. Beat Boehling and won one straight.

Chivington's decision has kicked up a pretty storm all over the land, baseball men everywhere disagreeing with him in ruling a runner out for sliding into first base. "There is no time gained by sliding," says Chivington, "and in the case of first base, where the base runner does not have to dodge, a touch of the only reason for the slide is to stir up a lot of dust to hide the play from the umpire." Garry Herrmann, president of the Cincinnati club, and chairman of the national commission, laughs at Chivington's ruling, saying, "A player is allowed to reach any base by running, walking, jumping, or in any other manner, as long as he remains within the lines prescribed. This is laid down in the rules of the game, and no umpire, president of a league, or any other else has a right to change this rule."

Connie Mack, leader of the Philadelphia Athletics, disagrees with Chivington's ruling, holding that a jump into first base does save a fraction of a second, and may mean a hit to the runner. "It is probably faster to launch at first base than to cover the same ground step by step," says Mack. "As to the danger of spiking, some players try to spike the baseman every time they slide into a bag, but clean players won't spike a man jumping into first often enough to warrant a change in the rule."

## MEEK CLOUTS BALL AT LIVELY PACE

King of Minor Leagues Hits For .339 in Sixteen Years of Competition—Now Has Figures of Nearly 400, and Has Bettered That.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 29.—Harry Meek is now batting at a clip little short of .400, and unless something unexpected should happen to him, he will lead the Northwest League for the present season. In reality, he was top man last year, with an average of .346, but Hartley, of Spokane, playing only forty-five games, led him, with an average of .388. Meek's average in 1912 was .350, and he is now going close to .400.

## Williams Ready to Take on Gardner

Information comes from Baltimore today to the effect that Buddy Williams, former Metropolitan City boxer, who is to meet Shanley Gardner of Washington Thursday night in the semi-windup bout of an intercity boxing match, is ready right now to step into the ring. Williams has been trained up to the fastest time for Thursday's go with Gardner and during today and tomorrow, he will do just enough work to keep himself in condition. Kid Martin, the lad who is scheduled to fight Young Thomas of Washington, has been going at a great pace of late, and is sure to give Thomas a good fight. Martin is one of the fastest boys ever seen in this town as a youngster, and shows promise of being one of the top-notchers in his class.

## Nat Cartmell to Race Donaldson for Title

RALEIGH, N. C., July 29.—Nat J. Cartmell, former sprinter of the University of Pennsylvania, and now director of athletics at the University of North Carolina here, has signed articles for a match with Jack Donaldson, son of South Africa, for the professional title. It will be held in England August 15.

## Will Represent East.

James M. Rosenberger, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, and Homer Baker, of the New York Athletic Club, will represent the Eastern section of the United States on the All-American team which will visit Australia next fall. A couple of Pacific coast stars are also included in the team. The tour includes all the principal cities of Australia and New Zealand.

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