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Tennis Tourney Shows Youngsters In Front

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By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

If the Giants are called upon to battle the Chicago White Sox they will undoubtedly be favorites in the betting, for the American League champions will have worn themselves out in the strenuous fight for their own pennant.

As in all previous title tilts, pitching counts heavily, and the White Sox staff has suffered severely from the strain of keeping ahead of the Red Sox. If the White Sox are able to gain enough on the Red Sox to allow their pitchers to take a rest, there may be a chance for them to be ready for the Giants. But thus far there is little sign that any rest will be given them. The going is much too rough.

Until their recent swing through the East, Rowland's pitchers were hanging up wonderful records. All through the first three months of the campaign Cloutie, Russell, Faber, and Scott were carrying the brunt of the pitching on their sturdy shoulders. Now and then they received aid from Danforth, Williams, or Benz, but they were called upon with deadly regularity.

**Strain Tells at Last.**  
The strain finally began to tell on them. First, Reb Russell developed a sort arm. This interfered with his effectiveness considerably, though he has been pitching on his nerve alone. He is a game fellow, who will pitch his heart out, if necessary.

Then Cloutie began to wobble, followed closely by Urban Faber. When last here this pair seemed far less effective than they had been on their first visit to the East. They pitched good ball, but toward the end of a game they weakened perceptibly. They have had little rest since then, and, if forced to keep up this work till the curtain falls, neither will be at his best for the series.

Jim Scott has received an appointment to an officers' reserve camp and will leave next week. This eliminates him from the White Sox staff, and, as he has been pitching good ball lately, his going may hurt the chances of the White Sox to win the American League pennant.

**Benz Forging Ahead.**  
Joe Benz, after doing little or nothing most of the year, has begun to forge ahead and he may replace Scott as a regular.

Dave Danforth and Claude Williams seem unable to last out a whole game with any regularity, though now and then one of them does manage to pitch nine innings, especially if his team gives him a bunch of runs. Williams lacks control, a sad fault in a major league.

If the White Sox have to fight for the flag right down to the end, their pitchers will be a tired bunch when they oppose the slugging Giants.

**Hitters Don't Hit.**  
The greatest weakness of the White Sox is the lack of hitting shown by Joe Jackson and Eddie Collins, though the latter has begun to show some of his old form with the stick. Neither is hitting for .275. Had Jackson clouted for his old average of .340 or better, many a game would have ended differently. Had Collins hit around .325, his old mark, what an aid he would have been to his team.

Team for team, the Giants look better than the White Sox, except behind the bat. They have no Ray Schalk. The White Sox catcher has few equals playing the game any-

where. But in most other places the National Leaguers look stronger, at least on paper.

**Infield Better Balanced.**  
The New York infield is better balanced than that of the White Sox. With Weaver out of the game, a bad hole is at third base for Rowland's team, but Weaver will probably be able to play if his team wins the pennant.

Risberg is a fair fielder and a fair hitter, but he does not class with Fletch.

Eddie Collins and Buck Herzog look about even, the Giant's pep and enthusiasm possibly giving him a slight shade. Both have been through other world's series tussles and have made good.

**Giants' Outfield Better.**  
The Giants' outfield trio is better than Rowland's. Burns is outitting Jackson, and is a far better fielder and base runner. Felsch, the best of the Chicago bunch, can't hit with Kauff, though just as good a fielder. Robertson is a better man than either "Shano" Collins or Nemo Leibold.

The difference between the Giants and the White Sox, McGraw's personality will count for much. Few believe Rowland measures up to McGraw's waist when it comes to management of a world's series ball club.

So the Giants' supporters will have to give odds.

## REB RUSSELL HAS INDIAN SIGN TIED ON 1916 CHAMPS

Reb Russell, of the White Sox, has the Indian sign on the Red Sox. The fork hander is too much for Jack Barry's clan. Whenever the southpaw is elected to take up work on the fringe line for the White Sox the champions might just as well quit. Boston hasn't beaten Russell this year.

The Red Sox not only have failed to trim Russell, but have scored but two runs in four full games. In his last three starts against the Red Sox Russell has shut out the champions. They not only can't defeat him, they expect to be exempted because of dependents, but the others have no such excuse.

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## How Do They Do It?

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## CLEVELAND LOSES MANY PLAYERS IN DRAFT FOR ARMY

CLEVELAND, Aug. 22.—Unless claims of exemption are allowed, the Indians are going to be torn apart by the selective draft for the new national army. With the calling of Louis Guisto and Elmer Smith for examination, Lee Fohl stands to lose six of his players.

Guisto was notified yesterday that his number had been reached at Napa, Cal., and that he must immediately undergo physical examination. If he passes, the Indians will be without a first baseman, for Joe Harris has already passed without claiming exemption.

Elmer Smith's number has been reached at Milan, Ohio, and he will take the examination today. He will not ask exemption.

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## GRIFFITH THINKS HE HAS BEST CLUB IN A. L. CIRCUIT

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 22.—With the White Sox and the Red Sox running along in the American League pennant race and so far in front that it is almost impossible for one of the other six clubs to pass them between now and October, naturally, they are considered "the best clubs in the circuit."

This opinion may be featured in Chicago and Boston, but it is not announced by Clark Griffith, who offered the following interview when the second match with the Browns was postponed owing to rain.

"I have the best club in the American League today and it's tough to sit back and see the Red Sox and White Sox engage in the elimination contest for the world's series."

"I have waited for years to get a pennant winner, and I have the 'best club' in the circuit, but it is doubtful, very doubtful, if we will get close to the top."

"I'll be satisfied with a first division finish now. Just the same, I am optimistic that we could get into the October world's series and retain the title for the American League."

"What has caused the change in my club? That isn't a puzzle to me. We received a series of set-backs, owing to injuries in the first half of the season—that was it, but now we have a combination line-up, which is as good as anything in the league."

**Wins By a Whisker.**  
"Tight fielding and confidence are added to excellent pitching—not a vicious batting club, but one which keeps the other fellow from getting runs and goes out and gets enough to win by a whisker."

"However, this finish is giving me a good line on 1917. I'm not talking about next year, but I'm positive that we'll go out and give all of them a stiff battle."

The Nationals are sixth, not so very far away from the first place Yankees and not entirely out of reach of the fourth place Tigers or the third place Indians. As a sport, like the Nationals have the line-up, and Griffith believes he will get back on the winning side of the ledger in today's double-header.

By a one-run margin the club has lost two straight games in this stretch of twenty-nine games. It is the fourth time the club has brought in one run. In two other games they won by 1 to 0 scores.

**Judge's Injury Costly.**  
The injury to Joe Judge has broken up the winning combination, as Joe was batting close to 300 and was an ideal lead-off batter. With Joe missing, Griffith has been forced to play Chaffin at first base, and this leaves the catching burden to Almsmith and Henry. An injury to one of these receivers will cripple Griff for protection behind the bat, and he is angling for a young catcher in the minors.

Minor magnates are willing to sell, as the drafting season is approaching, and an attractive offer will be accepted by the minor leaguers.

## WASHINGTON CLUB MUST SPEND COIN TO GET PLAYERS

Unless the Washington club purchases some players, it will have to open the 1918 American League campaign with the same line-up it is now using. That this line-up will be showing is readily seen in the playing of Ray Morgan, Eddie Foster, and Zeb Milan.

The Griff's will be doomed to fight for second division honors once more.

Manager Griffith has exercised his options on Sam Crane, Meritt Acosta, and Bill Murray. Crane has failed to impress the Old Fox as a batsman and he is probably being protected for the Minneapolis club.

Acosta's lack of speed caused his failure with the Griffmen, and he will hardly be given a trial.

Murray is a great college player, needing considerable experience before holding his own in fast company. Foster's hitting power is fading, Morgan's brittleness makes him an uncertain quantity. Zeb Milan is growing at top speed now, but he is growing no younger.

Johnson is the only high class pitcher on the staff. Harper and Galls fall- ing down badly this season. Shaw still lacks the polish of a major league leaguer.

Menosky and Rice should improve, but Horace Milan failed to make good in either the American League or the International League.

Joe Leonard's light hitting keeps him from playing regularly. With only three players out under optional agreements, and not one of them of high caliber, the Griff's will have to figure in trades this winter or spend some money if they would be contenders in 1918.

**WYCKOFF MUST FIGHT.**  
WILLIAMSPORT, Pa., Aug. 22.—John Weldon Wyckoff, of Buffalo, formerly of the Athletics, must shoulder a gun in the war. Wyckoff was drafted and appeared before the city exemption board claiming release from military service because he is married and has two children. The board decided that because Charles C. Crague, the father of Wyckoff's wife, is a wealthy manufacturer, the baseball player should go into service.

**CAN PLAY SUNDAYS.**  
NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 22.—Sunday baseball will be allowed here, following a decision of Special Justice R. E. Blake declining to grant an injunction against the Nashville club.

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## YOUNGSTERS SPRINGING SURPRISES IN TOURNEY

NEW YORK, Aug. 22.—Despite their ultimate fate in the national patriotic tennis singles today and tomorrow, Charles S. Garland, of Pittsburgh, and Harold A. Throckmorton, last year's junior national champion, have earned their places in the sun. These youthful racquetmen may go down in defeat, but they have gained laurels in the first two days of play here.

Garland is to compete in the national junior singles this week, but has ripped things open in the open singles. Throckmorton is just ineligible on account of the age limit to compete in the junior event.

In the first and second rounds Throckmorton defeated H. C. Johnson and F. C. Bagge, both players just out of the first ten. Yesterday Throckmorton handed the veteran Watson M. Washburn, a 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4 defeat. Washburn has ranked in the first ten for three years past.

Young Garland sprang a surprise Monday when he defeated the veteran Lyle E. Mahan, in straight sets and handily took K. R. Behr, veteran internationalist, over the jumps at 6-4, 6-2. Yesterday Garland defeated Douglas Watters, of New Orleans, the Southern champion, by 6-4, 6-6, 6-1, and 6-3.

Standing in the spotlight with these youths is the veteran Pacific coast star, Robert Lindsey Murray. The wiry southpaw player is conceded a splendid chance of landing the laurels in this year's event, and tennis followers are confident that if Murray keeps up the whirlwind pace with which he tore out the heart of W. T. Tilden, Jr., in the feature match yesterday, he will reach the final round.

With eight players remaining in the running today, interest in the elimination was increased, for two matches on the card stood out as particularly promising. R. Norris Williams and Throckmorton were paired in one of these matches, while in the other was John R. Strachan, of San Francisco, and Chuck Garland. The other two matches were scheduled to bring Clarence J. Griffin and Nat C. Niles together, while R. L. Murray was scheduled to meet the winner of the Dean-Mathey Craig Biddle match, which was uncompleted as dusk settled on the courts last night.

The playing of R. Norris Williams against Leonard Beekman, the Bronxville, N. Y., stripling, was a disappointment to his admirers. The champion showed a sad reversal of form and was forced to the utmost to win in straight sets after dropping the opening set. Unless Williams shows more today Throckmorton, who has twice conquered William M. Johnston this year, will come through with a win.

## RACQUET AND WAR STRIVING TO WIN CITY TITLE TODAY

War, winner of the Departmental Tennis League championship, and victor over Columbia Country Club, is picked to win today's engagement with the Racquet Club, of the Suburban League, which recently defeated Princeton and Sherwood for the right to enter the finals for the city title today.

Six singles players and three doubles teams from these organizations will engage on the Columbia Country Club courts today. War is picked to win on account of the fact that it has veteran players and seasoned campaigners who have been up against the experience of title clashes before.

Among the War players are A. J. Gore, H. W. Buckingham and E. O. Leech, rated as three of the strong players in the city. The War players will lose William A. Larned, former national champion who will be out of town Saturday when the winner of today's match tackles the Baltimore Country Club in the inter-city engagement.

The Racquet club players are usually strong in singles, and may get away with enough matches to make the issue close. Some interesting engagements are expected in tonight's proceedings which will last until darkness.

The probable line-up of the teams follows:  
Racquet—E. Dowd, C. Dowd, O. Howenstein, H. F. Cash, J. D. Swinner, and S. Foster, singles, and E. Dowd and Howenstein, C. Dowd, and Cash, J. D. Skinner and J. Foster.

War—A. J. Gore, Major Pettie, E. O. Leech, H. A. Buckingham, F. Simpson, H. Kettel, singles; and Gore and Leech, Buckingham, and Pettie and Simpson and Kettel, doubles.

**GIVE \$741 TO FUND.**  
CHICAGO, Aug. 22.—South Side fans contributed \$741 to Clark Griffith's bat and ball fund Sunday, depositing the money in 2,500 envelopes passed out at the gate to those buying tickets.

**GOULD GOES BACK.**  
CLEVELAND, Aug. 22.—Al Gould, the Indians' chunky little pitcher, has been released to Toronto, in the International League, under an optional agreement.

**AMUSEMENTS**  
**CASINO—3 TIMES DAILY**  
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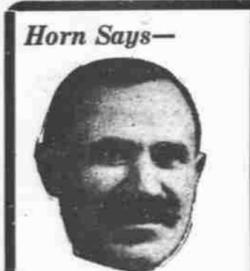
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