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East Faces West When Tennis Stars Compete

Draft Threatens Harm To Big Show Machines

SUMMONS TO FLAG THREATENS TEAMS NOW OMNIPOTENT

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. Making soldiers out of big league baseball players threatens to change the complexion of the American League by next spring. For one thing, it is more than likely to break the Boston Red Sox machine, a machine that has triumphed only too often for the welfare of the league.

Ernie Shore, Charlie Shorten, Jack Barry, and Duffy Lewis have already enlisted and expect to be called for service in the navy before winter comes. If any more of the champions cast their lot with Uncle Sam before the team reports for spring training in 1918, Harry Frazee may rue the day he gave Joe Lannin a tub of money for his collection of athletes.

The passing of Lewis and Shorten will leave a sizable gap in the champions' outfield. It is doubtful if Lewis can be replaced, though Shorten is not so valuable to his team.

Ernie Shore cannot be replaced by any pitcher now on the ball club. The Red Sox will simply have to get along without him.

Hal Janvrin, unless he joins the army, will hold down second base instead of his manager, Jack Barry, but Janvrin lacks the qualities of leadership and the brains of the Holy Cross collegian.

Indiana Are Hit Hard. The Cleveland Indians will be hit hard, and whoever is called upon to lead that team next spring will have his hands filled. Losing two first basemen, a third baseman, a first-class catcher, and a pitcher or two, the Indians look to me the worst sufferers in the American League. From possible contenders, the Cleveland bunch may have trouble keeping out of the second division.

Fielder Jones will lose a lot of his 1917 players, and has already begun filling vacancies. Bringing back Ray Demmitt, who must be at least thirty-six years old, and Grover Lowdermilk, a pronounced failure as a major leaguer, indicates how hard put are major league managers to find capable players in these tough times.

White Sox Lose, Too. The White Sox will lose Jim Scott, who goes into an officers' reserve corps training camp this week, and we may see Chick Weaver, their live wire third baseman.

It is difficult now to say just how many American Leaguers will be wearing army or navy uniforms next season. No one can tell how many will be called into Government service before next March. If the Government hurries its first national army to France by the spring, as some predict, the number will very likely be sent to the cantonments, and this will mean that many baseball players not yet reached in the draft will have to quit playing ball for the sterner game of war.

Veterans Will Stay. With all the younger men called to the colors, major league baseball will be played wholly by veterans and by the few younger men unable to pass the physical examination or exempted for one reason or another. Breaking down the machines built up after years of toil will change major league baseball considerably. It will be slower, for one thing, and its future will not be bright, for there will be few training schools. The minor leagues have vanished, save a few big ones, and no new players will be coming up for some time. It will be impossible, too, to dope out the chances of this team or that, for the bugle may disrupt present winners at any moment. Like to own a baseball club now?

CONNIE SUSPENDS BUSH FOR REST OF CAMPAIGN

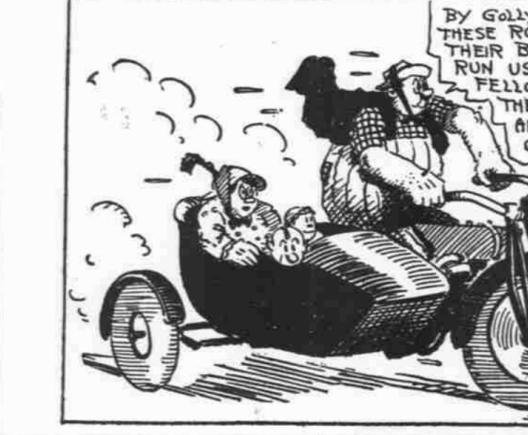
CLEVELAND, Aug. 23.—"Bulls 3-0" Bush, Connie Mack's best pitcher and world's series hero, has been suspended for the remainder of the 1917 playing season, fined the money he would have earned, and sent back to Philadelphia.

Secretary Joe Oehl, of the Athletics, bought Bush a ticket and escorted the pitcher to the 6:15 train last evening, carrying out Mack's orders. Manager Mack and his pitcher were the principals of a wordy argument on the Philadelphia bench after Bura had been removed from the game in the fifth inning yesterday because the Indians were hitting him all over the lot.

"I'm through with baseball for good—at least I'll never pitch for such a rotten club as Mack's," Bush said to friends before he boarded the train. Connie Mack made the following statement: "I suspended Bush for the season and am through with him. He has not treated me right, and he knows it. I am not sore because he was batted hard by the Cleveland club yesterday, but I am sore because he has failed to observe training rules. In other words, he has not taken care of himself all season."

Asked if Bush was on the market and would be sold or traded, Mack replied: "Not this season. He will not play in organized baseball again this year. I have not decided what I shall do with him next year."

Sinned Against Samuel



BIG SERIES ENDS AND NEITHER CLUB HAS GAINED MUCH

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—The all-important series between the Red Sox and White Sox has ended and no fan who saw it can pick the better team. Each team won two games and lost two, leaving the league situation just where it was before they met.

The world's champions have developed a fighting spirit that threatens more trouble for Rowland and his crew before they achieve their final triumph. The scrap between Gandil and Gainer resulted more from the constant "riding" given the Chicago players than anything else. The Red Sox are fighting for every point.

Babe Ruth, Carl Maya, and Dutch Leonard look to be ready for the grand rush to the end of the campaign. Foster was not so effective as the trio named. Shore was not used here.

"We still hold our advantage of two games over the Red Sox," said Manager Rowland today, "and we have every hope of holding at least that much to the end of the season. The White Sox feel sure that they will win the pennant."

"You will notice that Eddie Collins has begun to hit. With him holding his own, our victory is assured. He got five hits off the Boston pitchers in this last series, and I am very gratified."

Today the White Sox tackle the Washington Griffins, who have been going at top speed. However, the absence of Judge, who is out of the game with a broken leg, should interfere with the team, and the White Sox hope to take both games from Griff's side.

JACK DUDLEY IS VICTOR IN FIRST ROUND MATCH

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Jack Dudley, Washington's entrant in the national junior tennis championship, was victor in his first round engagement. Opposing S. Symington, Baltimore's entrant, Dudley dropped the first set at 6-7, but ran out the next three by winning 6-1, 6-1, and 6-4.

Chuck Garland, who has been playing sensational tennis in the championship singles among the men, is picked as a winner of the Junior title. Garland defeated Marshall Allen, the Pacific Coast junior champion, by 6-1, 6-0, and 6-1.

The boys' championship starts today. Paul Conklin is the Washington entrant among the youngsters.

LEAGUE STANDINGS.

Table with columns: AMERICAN, Today, W, L, Pct. Win, Loss. Teams include Philadelphia, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington, St. Louis, Philadelphia.

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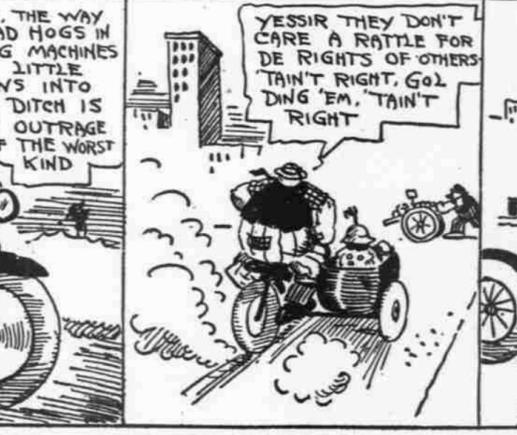
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War Department tennis players, winners of the club title for the city, will meet the Baltimore Country Club players in Baltimore Saturday afternoon in six singles matches and three doubles engagements.

The War players headed by E. J. Gore won six matches out of eight played from Racquet Club on the Columbia Country Club courts yesterday. The number two doubles engagement was to have started at dusk, but it was unnecessary as War had already won six engagements.

Surprise in Store. Two surprises were sprung by the teams yesterday. Racquet appeared headed by Louis I. Doyle. Doyle has been a member of the Racquet Club for two years, but has played with another club. He played Gore in singles, and had the satisfaction, along with many others in the gallery, of winning a 6-0, 6-4 victory. Doyle was too fast and deadly for Gore.

The other surprise was the appearance of Lou Fischer for War. Fischer appeared with the Columbia Country Club team against War last Saturday, and returns yesterday. Fischer received his appointment as major in the army, and was therefore eligible to represent the War team. Fischer was forced to extend himself to win out over Owen Hostenstein, of Racquet. The match went 2-6, 7-5, 11-9. Hostenstein had Fischer 5 to 3 in the second set, and victory apparently well in hand.

Won Only One More. Besides the Doyle walkaway in singles, Racquet won but one other match. Hiram Cash found Ed Leach away off his stride, and won handily by 6-3 and 6-4.

Racquet Club players fought valiantly in every engagement. In doubles, Doyle and Skinner, after being defeated 6-0 in the first set by Gore and Capt. G. W. Pratt, forced the War men to a 13-11 decision for a victory. The Simpson and White, of War, defeated Cash and Days before yesterday, 4-6, 7-5, in the second doubles.

Forced Three Sets. Hugh Buckingham was forced to a three-set match by J. D. Skinner in the sixth singles. Buckingham won by 6-4, 6-2, while F. Simpson was defeating E. Dowd, of Racquet, 6-4 and 6-3. Every match was hotly contested, with the exception of the Doyle-Gore engagement and that between Capt. G. W. Pratt and C. Dowd. Doyle had Gore completely at sea with a sharp service, which scored many aces and a deadly accuracy of placement. Captain Pratt scored Cecil Dowd easy picking. The former internationalist won by 6-1 and 6-1.

The summaries: Singles.—I. Doyle (Racquet) defeated A. J. Gore (War), 6-4; Capt. Pratt (War) defeated C. Dowd (Racquet), 6-1, 6-1; H. Cash (War) defeated E. Leach (War), 6-3, 6-4; F. Simpson (War) defeated E. Dowd (Racquet), 6-4, 6-2; L. A. Fischer (War) defeated O. Hostenstein (Racquet), 7-5, 11-9; H. Buckingham (War) defeated C. Cash (Racquet), 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.

Doubles.—Gore and Pratt (War) defeated Cash and Days (Racquet), 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. Doyle and Skinner (War) defeated Simpson and White (War), 6-4, 6-4, 6-2.

Don Scott, of New Orleans, national half-mile champion, and Walter Hummel, of Portland, Ore., national 440 hurdle champion, are two more who have obtained furloughs to appear in the St. Louis games.

FROM THE BOX SEATS. Griffins in Chicago today. The Tigers got but two hits in their victory. Dutch Leonard proved too powerful for the White Sox.

Joe Bush took a hammering from the Indians yesterday. The Giants turned around and managed to trim the Reds.

Grover Cleveland Alexander delivered the goods against the Cubs yesterday. "Big Ed" Walsh was hit in the head by a pitched ball and had to quit the game in Boston.

The Griffins have five more games to play in the West with the White Sox and Indians.

Little Pete Kilguff continues to make good for the Cubs and he is assured of a berth for next year.

Forty-seven hits were made by the Dodgers and Pirates in their twenty-two innings and only eleven runs.

The Dodgers knocked Cooper off the rubber in seven innings, Jacobs finishing the game, while Cadore was sent to the showers in five frames.

Larry Cheney pitched fine ball until injured in a collision with Ward in the twentieth inning. Marquard replaced the veteran, and was credited with the victory.

Some People Have No Sense



EAST AND WEST PLAYERS STRIVE AGAIN FOR TITLE

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—It is East versus West today. The yearly battle for tennis supremacy is on in the semi-final round of the national patriotic singles event at Forest Hills, L. I.

R. Norris Williams, national tennis champion of last year, who wrested the crown from Billy Johnston, the Western wonder, and Nat W. Niles, the Boston man, will represent the East in today's struggle for supremacy. They meet today.

John Strachan, of California, and R. Lindley Murray, the former Pacific coast star, who has spent the last two years in the East, are the Western entrants. Strachan will oppose Murray.

Williams played in and out tennis in gaining a decision over Harold Throckmorton yesterday. The champion displayed unbeatable tennis at times, and again fell victim to Throckmorton's fine display. Williams won at 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0, and 6-3. The players were evenly matched, but Williams was erratic. The fifth set brought out all of Williams' resourcefulness, and he laced Throckmorton's service and returns with unerring accuracy, pulling the match out of the fire in championship style.

Murray is Forced. R. Lindley Murray was forced to the limit by Craig Biddle, the Philadelphian. Biddle completed a match, winning from Dean Mather by 6-4, 12-14, 6-3, and 6-2, and went after Murray with a vengeance. He won the first set at 6-4. Biddle then lost the second and third sets at 6-1 and 6-4, but rallied in the fourth, winning it by 6-4. Murray uncorked his brilliant brand of tennis in the fifth and annexed a victory by 6-2. The large gallery was with Biddle from the start, and he displayed unusual tennis.

Nat Wiles disposed of Peck Griffin easily. Niles won at 6-1, 6-3, and 6-0, outgeneraling Griffin and outguessing him at every turn. Griffin was off his game and failed to display the same brand of tennis that characterized his play last year.

John Strachan was better than young Chuck Garland. Strachan was too fast, too steady, and carried Garland along too swiftly for the youngster to win more than one set. Strachan won the match by 6-1, 2-6, 6-2, and 6-3.

Strachan Too Clever. Today's matches between Murray and Strachan and Williams and Niles are expected to bring out some of the best tennis of the year. If Niles displays the tennis today that he has during the week, he is expected to defeat Williams, especially if the champion plays as he did against Throckmorton. Williams is capable of raising his game to great heights, however, and is the favorite.

Strachan is picked to dispose of Murray. If the left-hander is in the mood to force Strachan into a long five-set engagement he will come off the victor. Strachan's game seems to have improved over last year. Murray has shown fine tennis throughout the tournament so far.

BAN KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT CHICAGO FIGHT

CHICAGO, Aug. 23.—"I know nothing officially of any fight between the Chicago and Boston players," said President Ban Johnson, of the American League, on his arrival here today with Lieut. Col. Raymond Sheldon, U. S. A., who is acting as judge of the players' military drills. "I know only what I have read in the papers, and in the meantime, Lorn Bader, the Boston pitcher, who went to the assistance of Del Gainer and was knocked out by Chick Gandil with a punch on the jaw, had to have several stitches staked in his mouth and the physician says Bader had a narrow escape from having his jaw fractured.

MISS BROWN WINNER. NEW YORK, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Miss Mary Brown handily defeated Miss Molla Bjurstedt in the exhibition match at Forest Hills, L. I. yesterday by 6-2 and 6-4. Miss Brown has now won 21 sets to 6 for Miss Bjurstedt.

BRENNICK WILL COACH. Hank Brennick will act as head coach of the Johns Hopkins football squad next season. Coach Murphy has accepted a position as athletic instructor for the new national army.

ATHLETICS BUY PITCHER. FORT SMITH, Ark., Aug. 23.—John R. Watson, a right-hand pitcher, has been sold to the Philadelphia Athletics.

JOE WELLING ENLISTS. NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—Joe Welling, the lightweight boxer from Chicago, has enlisted in the New York guards.

WILL PLAY SUNDAY. NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The Brooklyn Dodgers will play the Cubs at Fort Hamilton Sunday. Only men in the uniform of the army or navy will be admitted and no money will be collected.

AMUSEMENTS. CASINO—4 TIMES TODAY. WOMEN TONIGHT 7:30. MEN ONLY, 8:30 and 1:30. TWILIGHT SLEEP. PAINLESS CHILD BIRTH. ADMISSION, 25c.

AMUSEMENTS. BELASCO—Tonight, 8:00. De to 8:00. Matine Saturday, 2:30 to 8:00. William Elliott, F. Ray Comstock and Morris.

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AMATEURS TO TAKE UP CITY SERIES IN MEETING TONIGHT

Details of the annual post-season baseball championship series will be taken up tonight at Spalding's when the amateur association meets to determine the number of games to be played, the umpires and the place at which the battles will be staged.

It is not unlikely that the commission will listen to B. K. Wilkinson, the Richmond man, who is representing the amateur association of that city. Wilkinson has been to Baltimore and finds the Monumental Club people unable to send a team to the proposed tri-city engagement.

Richmond is unusually anxious to take up the amateur city series proposition this year. A lack of funds will probably knock out the project here.

Truxton, of the Capital City League; Maroon, of the Rosedale League, and General Office, of the Terminal Railroad Y. M. C. A. League, will meet tonight with the members of the commission. It has been suggested that a six-game series be started Saturday, and that the umpires of the three leagues be engaged, and that the Terminal R. R. Y. M. C. A. grounds, at Union Station be used for the engagement.

BENEFIT GAME GIVES \$25,200 TO SOLDIERS

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—The sacred concert and major league ball game between the Giants and Cincinnati Reds last Sunday at the Polo Grounds netted \$25,200, which has been turned over to the Sixty-ninth Regiment New York guards. It will be used as a fund to care for dependents of those fighting for their country.

"The New York club hopes to repeat before many days its work of last Sunday," announced Secretary John E. Foster today. "Now that the courts have ruled it permissible for us to play benefit games, we expect to make use of every Sunday, if possible."

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