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In the World of Sports

ENGLISHMEN BLAME MAHER FOR DEFEAT

Ride on Pretty Polly Is Criticised by Backers of Fleet Mare

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Danny Maher, the popular American jockey, has come in for a share of adverse criticism over his riding of Pretty Polly, the champion filly, in the Prix du Conseil Municipal at Paris, when she was beaten by Presto, a French colt. The English experts are of the opinion that Maher waited too long on the French horse and expected to smash him with a few strides when they turned into the home stretch. This the great mare failed to do, and Presto won by two and a half lengths. In all the races which Pretty Polly won previously she was taken to the front early and cut out such a pace that the others were unable to give her serious trouble at the finish.

It was Pretty Polly's first defeat, if it might be called so, but she was giving the Frenchman fourteen pounds and after a stormy trip across the channel had only a breather or two on foreign turf. However, it is understood that the mare will not be seen in silk again this season, and she goes into winter quarters with a really phenomenal record, her aggregate since she began running being $157,460, the result of fourteen consecutive victories.

By her winnings the mare has placed Gallinule at the head of winning sires, a position which he is not likely to lose this season. How good the filly really is may be gathered from her work in the Nassau stakes at Goodwood. She won in a common canter with 134 pounds on her back and covered the mile and a half in 2 minutes 41 1-5 seconds. This is the same distance as the Derby, and the record is 2 minutes 40 4-5 seconds, by Volodyovski, carrying 126 pounds. There is only the difference of two-fifths of a second, and there can be little doubt that if pressed Pretty Polly could have reduced her time by a couple of seconds.

Pretty Polly is undoubtedly the greatest mare that ever trod the English turf, greater than Virago, Achievement or Sceptre. She is owned by Major Loder and was bred at the Curragh of Kildare. She is 15.3 hands, chestnut, and is out of Admiration, by Gallinule. Admiration was bought for 510 guineas as a yearling by Maj. Loder on June 29, 1893, at the sale of the late Robert Peck at Newmarket.

Gallinule, the sire, who is now on every man's tongue in England, was foaled in 1884, is by Isonomy, out of Moor Hen, by Hermit, out of a mare by Skirmisher, out of Vertumna, and an own sister to Ryshworth, who ran two or three great races with Belladrum. Therefore his pedigree is all that need be desired. His first appearance was in the Excelsior Breeders' Foal stakes at Leicester the first week in April, 1886, in which he ran unplaced. The stake fell to Mr. Abingdon's Binder, ridden by the late Fred Archer. Gallinule did not appear again until the Kempton park first summer meeting, about the middle of July, when he was made first favorite for the Queen Elizabeth stakes, and beat three others of no particular reputation.

About a week later Gallinule secured the National Breeders' Produce stakes at Sandown park, and in this event he beat Martley and five others by four lengths. A short time after that, in the Sandown Nursery plate, he beat Binder, who was many lengths in front of him when he made his debut. He wound up his two-year-old season by running unplaced in the Chesterfield Nursery handicap at Derby. Gallinule thus won three out of eight races as a two-year-old, and was kept in training for three seasons more, but unfortunately never scored again.

As a three-year-old he had an easy time, his first appearance being in the Leicestershire Spring handicap, in which he started at 21 to 1 and ran unplaced; nor did he fare better in the Jubilee stake, won by rare old Bendigo. His only other race that season was the Great York stake, in which he lost to Panzerschiff by a neck, the pair being right away from the field.

Subsequently to that race Gallinule became the property of Mr. Abington, and ran seven times as a four-year-old without any success. He was unplaced in the Jubilee, won by Minting, and also in the Workingham stakes, though his defeat was by no means surprising, as he was asked to give twenty-six pounds to Annamite, who two years before had given him weight and a good beating. Abington himself rode Gallinule in the Overden plate at Brighton, but 138 pounds was too much burden, and he did not finish in the money. After such a series of reverses it seemed strange, but Gallinule started absolutely first favorite for the Lincolnshire handicap of 1889, and, as usual, he failed to finish in front. The Visitors' handicap, at Newmarket, was his last appearance, after which he was sent to the stud. It will be seen, therefore, that Gallinule had little in his favor except his blue blood, but he is the embodiment of the moderate animal highly bred, always surer to make a successful stallion than the chance bred brilliant performer.

DUTIES OF CATCHERS

Backstops Are Frequently Unappreciated Geniuses

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 30.—Few of the fans stop to think of the necessity of a team having good catchers before any successful attempt can be made to win a pennant. The ability of a man to cover simply the throws from the pitcher and to catch foul flies in his territory is only a part of the work expected from these modern buffers for the stopping of the swiftest curves.

The catcher is the general of the whole nine, and must direct the play, because his position is such that he sees more clearly than any other player the happenings of the game. It has come to be accepted as an axiom that a club has small chance to win a pennant without the services of two high class catchers. Many instances can be shown where a club has finished at the top with only a fair pitching department or with a weak spot in the field or on bases.

It will always be found, however, that such clubs had catchers of the first rank, or at least one star backstop and a suitable substitute. The catcher is "the man behind the gun" in scientific baseball, but, like the trainer of a great racehorse, he seldom receives the credit that is due him. He is constantly doing work for which the unthinking spectator gives him little or no credit, but which is of the first importance to the team.

The first-class catcher judges from the batsman's action what he is likely to do and communicates his knowledge to the pitcher and to the rest of the players by means of signals. He watches the base runners in order to keep the twirler informed of what is going on, and signals when to throw to catch a man napping. He backs up the first or third baseman on long throws from the field and in general is the right man in the right place at all times.

Fitzsimons Named Captain

William Fitzsimons was yesterday elected captain of the Central high school football team for the season of 1905. The election was one of the closest and most exciting held at the school. Three ballots were taken before an agreement was reached. Next year will be Fitzsimons' last year at school. He has been the star halfback on the team for the past two years. The prospects for a good team for next year are bright, as many of this year's players are going to return. Those who played on this year's team and who will return are: Ellison, r g; Lawler, c; McGregor, l e; Sheehan, l g; Clayton, q; Horwitz, r h; Connolly, h b; Le Claire, sub q; Watson, f b; Sandberg, g, and Depron, sub end.

DESTROY PEDIGREES

Breeders Buy Blooded Mares to Protect Strains

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 30.—A feature of today's horse sales by the Fasig-Tipton company was the large number of mares bought by the Breeders' Protective association. Because of inferior blood lines or the bad showing made by their produce, these mares will be destroyed. The best sales today were:

Miss Order, ch m, 8, by Imp. Order-Miss Saxon, Ed Corrigan, $625.

Okeechodee, blk m, 7, by Imp. Islington-Everglade, Williams & Radford, $1,400.

Over, ch m, 9, by Hanover-Extra, Milton Young, $500.

Attendant, ch m, 6, by Imp. Juvenal dam Imp. Emelia, to Baker & Gentry, Lexington, Ky., $525.

Dentifrice, b m, 5, Imp. St. Andrew-Sozodont, to Baker & Gentry, $500.

Rubescent, br m, 4, by Imp. Star Ruby-Darina, E. L. Rippy, $550.

Salmera, b m, 9, by Salvator-Chimera, William Lakeland, $800.

Tadry, ch m, by Imp. Lord Esterling-Tarpeia, L. O. Appleby, $525.

During the day 119 horses were sold for $20,565. The breeders' association bought forty-four to be shorn of name and pedigree and sold for work horses.

RACING RESULTS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 30.—Go Between, the speedy three-year-old who broke the record in capturing the Washington cup on Thanksgiving day, today as a 1 to 2 favorite, won the Fifth Benning Special in record breaking time, lowering the track record of 2:40 for a mile and a half, made by Roehester four years ago, to 2:37 3-5. Go Between took the lead shortly after flag-fall, and never was headed.

Dazzle was an easy winner in the high weight selling race. Poseur, the favorite, taking place honors. Festoon had the second race all his own way. Shaw landed a winner, with Wild Irishman in a neck and neck finish with Bohemia in the fourth race.

The fifth race had a large field of ordinary starters and Tom Lawson won in a drive with St. Roma. Andrew Mack, the favorite, won handily in the last event. Attendance good. Track fast. Weather windy. Summaries:

First race, high weight, six furlongs—Dazzle, 101, Romanelli, 16 to 5, won; Poseur, 118, Shaw, 2 to 1, second; Foxy Kane, 116, R. Murphy, 60 to 1 third. Time 1:16 1-5. Out of Reach, Callant, Young Henry, Mary Glenn, Juvenaga, Frank Tyler, Little Woods, Suffrance and Miss Karl also ran.

Second race, five and a half furlongs—Festoon, 104, R. Murphy, 6 to 1, won; Little Buttercup, 104, T. Burns, 7 to 2, second; Samuel H. Harris, 107, Hoffler, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:09 4-5. Limerick, Barbarossa, Priority, Moonraker, Simalas, Julia G, Black Cat, Chipple Thorpe, Ever Near, Linda Rosa and Pat Dunphy also ran.

Third race, Fifth Benning Special, one mile and a half—Go Between, 106, T. Burns, 1 to 2, won; Dekaber, 113, Shaw, 9 to 2, second; James F, 113, Odom, 13 to 1, third. Time, 2:37 3-5. Persistence H., Moon Daisy and Brooklynite also ran.

Fourth race, five furlongs—Wild Irishman, 115, Shaw, 5 to 1, won; Bohemia, 107, Hoffler, 3 to 1, second; Amber Jack, 115, Odom, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:02. Uncas, Cederstrome, Belknap, Golden Sunrise, Judge Taragon and Lizzie Albertine also ran.

Fifth race, mile—Tom Lawson, 108, Lee, 5 to 1, won; St. Roma, 100, Hueston, 6 to 1, second; Nuit Blanche, 108, T. Burns, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:44 4-5. Nom de Plume, Van Rosen, Guy Park, Silver Foot, Tithonic, Rockland, Bobbie Kean, Bouvier, Requiem, Arletta, King Albert and Allinda also ran.

Sixth race, mile and a furlong—Andrew Mack, 98, J. J. Walsh, 7 to 5, won; Nine Spot, 98, Wenrick, 30 to 1, second; New York, 101, Gordon, 11 to 5, third. Time, 1:56 4-5. Establish, Arrahgowan, Widow's Mite, Ikki, Queen Belle also ran.

Sloppy Going at Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., No. 30.—Oakland track today was again muddy. One of the upsets was when Profitable, at 25 to 1, led all the way, winning from Foxy Grandpa, the favorite. The mile handicap proved to be a good betting affair, with Arcade going to the post a heavily played favorite. He won in a drive from Gateway, who closed fast. Summaries:

First race, five furlongs—Golden Buck, 101, Knapp, 7 to 5, won; Baker, 104, Michaels, 20 to 1, second; Velna, 101, Sheehan, 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:03. Iron King, Prince Magnet, Cassader, El Pasaina, Lady Greenwood, Mizpah, Edna Sullivan, Anita Knight and A Lady also ran.

Second race, seven furlongs—Profitable, 104, McBride, 25 to 1, won; Foxy Grandpa, 103, Knapp, 8 to 5, second; Step Around, 109, Holbrook, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:30¼. Toto Gratiot, Constable, Kimberly, Sherzo, Penzance, Bay Wonder, Vigoroso, Inspector Munro and Gauche also ran.

Third race, five and a half furlongs—Belle Reed, 99, Sherwood, 6 to 1, won; Dr. Sherman, 107, 6 to 5, second; Edinborough, 112, Knapp, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:09½. Innsbruck, Estraza, Urbana, Glen Avon, Pencil Me, Monia, Tannhauser and Crigli also ran.

Fourth race, one mile, handicap—Arcade, 104, Davis, 4 to 1, won; Gateway, 95, McLaughlin, 3 to 1, second; Elliott, 116, Dominick, 3½ to 1, third. Time, 1:42¾. Ananias and Judge also ran.

Fifth race, seven furlongs—Hipponax, 109, Davis, 6 to 1, won; Bronze Wing, 104, Fountain, 6 to 5, second; Sugden, 109, Bell, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:30¾. Hindoo Princess, San Lutien, Revlot, Follow Me, Vulcan and Goldfinder also ran.

Sixth race, one mile and a sixteenth—Dungannon, 97, Knapp, 5 to 1, won; Anvil, 99, Wright, 4 to 1, second; Major Tenny, 99, Kelly, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:50¼. Fille d'Or, Flying Torpedo and Isabellita also ran.

Long Shot Gets the Money

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 30.—Favorites showed up rather poorly at Ascot today, but none of the winners, with the possible exception of West Brookfield, ran without strong backing. West Brookfield furnished the big surprise of the day, winning from the topheavy favorites. Schoolcraft and Philanthropist, coupled in the betting, West Brookfield was played down from 40 to 1 to 20 to 1 at post time, and won driving. Summary:

First race, six furlongs—Dan Collins, 109, E. Walsh, 11 to 5, won; Dollie Welthoff, 106, Lawrence, 2 to 1, second; Laureatea, 109, Hildebrand, 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:14¾. Riceful, Ericula, Rose of Hilo, Cloverton, Babe, Miracle II. and Dusky Secret also ran.

Second race, five furlongs—West Brookfield, 105, Lynch, 20 to 1, won; Schoolcraft, 115, Hildebrand, 1 to 2, second; Philanthropist, 112, Booker, 1 to 2, third. Time 1:02. Lawful, Black Joe, Cotillion, Devon B, Hilona, Lady Kispar and Lulu Long also ran.

Third race, one mile and a sixteenth—Harbor, 110, Hildebrand, 3 to 1, won; Emperor of India, 110, Lawrence, 3 to 5, second; Tom Hawk, 98, Bock, 20 to 1, third. Time, 1:48½. Great Eastern and Durbar also ran.

Fourth race, six and a half furlongs—Judge Denton, 96, E. Walsh, 60 to 1, won; Fustian, 104, Fuller, 4 to 1, second; Lerida, 90; Moriarty, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:20¾. Tender Crest, Ignacio, Luckett, Delagoa and Funnyside also ran.

Fifth race, one mile and fifty yards—Hans Wagner, 104, Hildebrand, 3 to 1, won; Ethylene, 111, Lawrence, 9 to 10, second; Cincinnatus, 106, Moriarty, 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:44½. McGrathiana, Prince, Diamente and Canejo also ran.

Sixth race, mile—Gilden Light, 112, Hildebrand, 6 to 5, won; Hagerdon, 102, Lawrence, 3 to 1, second; El Oriente, 112, H. Smith, 7 to 1, third. Time, 1:44¼. Erne, Mr. Robinson, July Gyp, Blue Ridge, McKee and Exapo also ran.

Spencerian Wins Twenty-First

NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Hart Dernham's good filly Spencerian made her twenty-first win this year when she romped home ahead of Orthodox in today's handicap. The Hayman colt, a strong favorite in the betting, was poorly ridden by J. Martin and just managed to finish in the money. Swedish Lad was the only other beaten favorite. Jockey McIntyre, while exercising a colt at the track this morning, was bitten, his arm being painfully lacerated. Light rain; track muddy.

First race, four furlongs—Kilts, 114, Dangman, 8 to 1, won; Fallona, 110, Nichol, 25 to 1, second; Tilly Brook, 113, J. Martin, 7 to 1, third. Time, :50½. Esterre, Swedish Lad, Malediction, National, Presentiment, Mrs. Bob, Leotard and Vic Seigler also ran.

Second race, mile and three-sixteenths—Swift Wing, 99, Nicoll, 2 to 1, won; Baklemore, 97, J. Conway, 12 to 1, second; Little Elkin, 92, J. Morris, 9 to 2, third. Time, 2:07 3-5. Bourke Cockran, Lee King, Bengal, Love's Labor, George Vivian, Autolight and William F. II also ran.

Third race, six furlongs—Lady Ellison, 92, Schilling, 9 to 10, won; Dusky, 104, Munro, 5 to 2, second; Hudson, 102, Aubuchon, 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:18 1-5. Bensonhurst, Pickle Saint, Fair Reveller, Orakanay and Orsa Williams also ran.

Fourth race, handicap, mile and seventy yards—Spencerian, 108, Shaver, 11 to 5, won; Falernian, 100, Crimmins, 20 to 1, second; Orthodox, 117, J. Martin, 9 to 10, third. Time, 1:49 2-5. Dan McKenna and Aladdin also ran.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Sylvia Talbot, 106, H. Phillips, 4 to 5, won; Gay Boy, 115, Powell, 10 to 1, second; Old England, 112, Crimmins, 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:16 2-5. Josette and Abe Frank also ran. Gravina left at post.

Sixth race, mile—Rainland, 105, H. Phillips, 7 to 10, won; Ghats, 97, H. Cochran, 30 to 1, second; Lady Free Knight, 100, Schilling, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:45 4-5. Misanthrope, Merry Pioneer, Annora J, Lady Walter and Louise Stapp also ran.

YOUNG CORBETT IS A MANAGER HIMSELF

DENVER, Col., Nov. 30.—"Young Corbett" is a manager.

The Denver boy has seen so much of the ways and wiles of the personal representative that he thinks he can be of value in a good man himself.

The first entry in his table of athletes is Larry Leroy, the phenomenal jumper, just returned from England, where he has been on the same bill with Hackenschmidt, the wrestler. Leroy has met all the world's best jumpers and has yet to be defeated. "Young Corbett" will back him for any amount against any trick jumper.

Leroy is a marvel in his specialty. He jumps in and out of barrels tied up in a sack, and turns somersaults while doing it. He jumps from a height into a basket of eggs and out again without cracking a shell. Most wonderful of all, he jumps upon his own wife from a height of ten feet and rebounds without hitting her harder than a feather's fall.

He opens hunting case watches in the course of a jump. This trick he performs anywhere under almost any conditions. Placing a watch, tightly closed, upon the floor, bar, or table, he jumps, descends lightly upon the watch, rises, opening the case with his feet, and lands yards away. He can do about as much with his feet as a magician can with his hands. Leroy is the Kellar of feet.

WHIST

In the fourth game of the forty-second tourney at the St. Paul Whist club last night high scores were made by Erwin and Johnson, and Fetter and Sanders. A pair match of twelve games will begin Wednesday night, Dec. 6. Last night's scores:

North and South—

Buford and Countryman	205
Wade and Thomas	206
Allen and Pino	203
Fetter and Sanders	209
Green and Wilson	199
Cummings and Purtell	201
Dugan and Osterlind	202

Average, North and South, 203.5.

East and West—

Pine and Hyde	159
Erwin and Johnson	165
Owen and Markham	160
McDonald and Perry	156
Calahan and Sperry	156
Deuel and Metcalfe	162
Reed and Metcalf	165

Average, East and West, 160.5.

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DEERING TO COACH

Former Captain Will Teach Basket Ball Pupils

William C. Deering, captain and forward of the university basketball team for two years, has been elected coach of the basketball teams at the state university to succeed Dr. Cooke, who has coached the team to victory for the last five years, but declined to take charge again. His election is regarded as a great victory for those members of the student body who are in favor of a system of graduate for all athletic teams, and they are preparing to make a strong fight for a graduate coach of the baseball team next spring, as there are several alumni who have made good among professionals.

Deering, with Hugh Leach, captain of last year's team as his assistant, will have charge of both the girls' and boys' teams and expects to turn out a couple of winners, as there is lots of good material available. Six full teams turned out for the girls' practice yesterday and four for the boys, so there will be no lack of scrubs to practice on. Arrangements for the grand swing through the Eastern states are progressing rapidly, and the only thing that is worrying the management is which colleges to cut out, as more are asking for games than can be accommodated, and instead of soliciting games, as in former years, the Gophers are taking their pick from the best the East has to offer.

Season Was Profitable

Manager Reed, of the Minnesota football team, is at work on the books for the past season. The season was profitable, as there is about $12,000 on the right side of the ledger.

Teatry Dies In Cuba

HAVANA, Nov. 30.—Teatry, the stallion given to the Cuban government by the late William C. Whitney, is dead.

RAILROAD NOTICES

Model Time Table Folders

Model time table folders, which are superior to any time table folders ever printed, have been issued by the New York Central's passenger department. They are Numbers "29" and "30" of the famous "Four-Track Series" and both are literary gems and compendiums of railway travel. General Passenger Agent George H. Daniels has incorporated various suggestions made by bright people, and he had tried to include in these folders all that could reasonably be put into such books.

They are worth a prominent position in every library, and on every business man's desk.—From the Buffalo Commercial.

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The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad—Special Announcement

Effective Nov. 27, 1904, and thereafter, a new daily train will be inaugurated, leaving Grand Central Passenger Station, Chicago, at 10:30 p. m., for Akron, Cleveland, Youngstown, Pittsburg and intermediate points, connecting at Pittsburg with "Duquesne Limited" for Philadelphia and New York and with train No. 10 for Washington, D. C., and Baltimore.

This train will be equipped with first-class day coaches, Pullman sleepers and dining car service.

On all through first-class tickets stopover will be allowed at Washington, Baltimore and Philadelphia not to exceed ten days at each pace.

For further particulars address R. C. Haase, Northwestern Traveling Passenger Agent, St. Paul, Minn.; D. B. Martin, Manager Passenger Traffic, Baltimore, Md.; B. N. Austin, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

'MUGGSY' HAS UNIQUE BASEBALL METHODS

Manager of Giants Restores Life to Team in Strange Manner

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Politics and gossip will disrupt a baseball team more quickly than anything else.

When the Giants were in Pittsburg last season McGraw noticed that there was bad feeling in the team. The men stood in little knots in the hotel corridor glowering at other players; they rode to the field in a bus without exchanging a word; the preliminary practice, usually so brilliant, was dull and lifeless. This worried McGraw, and he could not account for it until a week later, in Chicago, when, learning the reason, he proceeded to reinject that esprit de corps by a measure so drastic that it horrified ball patrons all over the country, who, however, thought it merely an incident of the brutality of ball players. Instead of that, it was the well planned scheme of a crafty general.

Fred Clarke, captain and manager of the Pirates, three-time champions, owns a farm in Kansas; has been associated with professional baseball about ten years, and is an active, powerful and shrewd strategist.

Frank Bowerman, catcher for the Giants, is said to be the highest priced backstop in America. During the winter he lives in his lumber camp in the wilds of Michigan, fishing, hunting, chopping down trees, and otherwise fortifying an already rugged strength by open air activity.

On account of a split thumb, Bowerman occupied a seat in the grand stand the first day at Pittsburg, Jack Warner taking his place behind the bat to catch Mathewson. At the hotel that night Fred Clarke was quoted as saying that Bowerman observed, while looking on: "If I was catching there, that run would never have come in." This, of course, was tantamount to Bowerman's asserting his superiority over Warner, a boast that ball players are rarely guilty of.

"Did you make that crack?" McGraw asked a week later, when the team had taken sides—half with Bowerman and half with Warner.

"Mack," protested the big catcher, "that's the meanest lie that ever was told, and I told Jack Warner so; but he don't believe it."

"All right," said McGraw. "That's all that I wanted to know. Now, just keep quiet and do the best you can till we get home."

"Frank, have you got a good right swing?" The Michigan lumberman smiled grimly, and clinched a fist knotted and as hard as Hercules' war club. "Well, it's up to you," then, advised McGraw, "to put life into the team. Don't lose any time."

Bowerman understood.

"I'd like to speak to you a minute," he said to Clarke, as the Pittsburg captain was passing through the gate on his way to the club house. They went into the stuffy box office, where there was hardly room to swing a cat. Three times Bowerman demanded an explanation, offering to bring McGraw and Warner as witnesses, but Clarke evaded an answer.

"All right, then," said Bowerman; "there's just two of us here, Fred, and we'll fight it out. Put up your hands."

While thousands were bundling through the gates, madly rushing for seats, the Michigan lumberman and the Kansas farmer were raining blows on each other that nearly rocked the box office off its foundations. Clarke went down three times, and finally admitted he had enough.

The Giants played that day, to use the expression of a rooter, as though they were "fighting their weight in wild cats." Bowerman and Warner coached each other with pet names, and walked lovingly from the victorious field arm in arm, while Fred Clarke was buying a pound of raw beef.

"There's more than one way," said McGraw, lightly, when reporters questioned him about the incident, "of putting life in a ball game."