

Griffith Refuses McAleer's \$50,000 Offer for Services of Walter Johnson

GRIFFITH OFFERED \$50,000 BY McALEER FOR STAR PITCHER

Climbers' Boss Smilingly Refuses Startling Sum For Walter Johnson.

LEAGUE PRESIDENT FOUND IN ERROR

Did Not Communicate With Official Scorer Regarding Recent Decision.

Probable Line-up.

| WASHINGTON. | NEW YORK. |
|----------------|---------------|
| Moeller, rf. | McMillan, ss. |
| Foster, 3b. | Chase, 1b. |
| Milan, cf. | Daniels, lf. |
| Gandil, rb. | Paddock, cf. |
| Morgan, 2b. | Livelt, cf. |
| Kenworthy, lf. | Simmons, 2b. |
| McBride, rf. | Hartzell, rf. |
| Williams, c. | Sweeney, c. |
| Engel, p. | Davis, p. |
| Groom, p. | Ford, p. |

By "SENATOR."

Clark Griffith has refused an offer of \$50,000 for Walter Johnson. He did so with a smile, too, for the offer was made by James R. McAleer, president of the Boston Red Sox, and called for immediate delivery.

McAleer was in this city last Saturday and, with Ban Johnson and Clark Griffith and a number of other friends, was dining at a club in the evening. The talk was baseball, of course, and McAleer became greatly interested in discussing the Nationals' great pitcher. Finally he looked at Griffith and said: "I'll give you \$50,000 for Johnson and you turn him over to me tomorrow. Here's a thousand dollars right here to bind the agreement."

"Are you kidding me?" was the reply of the Nationals' manager. "No, I'm not kidding," replied McAleer, earnestly. "Here's the thousand here on the table," and he pulled a roll of bills and began counting off the required amount to bind the agreement.

Turns Offer Down.

"Nothing doing," smiled Griffith. "You couldn't buy him for \$100,000." "I'm serious in this," continued McAleer. "I stand willing to pay \$50,000 for Johnson, for he would win the coming world's series for my club, alternating with Joe Wood."

Griffith refused to consider the offer and the matter was dropped.

Ban Johnson, president of the American League, is in error when he says that he was in "communication with the official scorer Monday night." This official scorer made no application to Johnson until Tuesday morning, when he wired Johnson a complete outline of the inning in which two runs were scored while Walter Johnson was in the box and asked for an official decision regarding the loss of the game.

What Ban Johnson means by saying, "I went thoroughly into the situation with him (official scorer)," is hard to understand. Tuesday morning the official scorer sent the detailed story of that inning with the added remark that he would recommend in his official report to the league headquarters that Hughes be charged with the defeat.

Johnson's Brief Reply.

"Johnson must be charged with the loss," was the only reply received from Ban Johnson by the official scorer. No other communication has occurred between Johnson and the official scorer. In an alleged interview in a New York paper Ban Johnson insinuates that the official scorer is making a record of "bad the record." He is quoted as follows: "I, for one, will not stand for any padding. Some of the records that we hear of are really ludicrous. Official scorers sometimes try to hand victories to pitchers who do not deserve them in order to favor the making of records."

The writer is the official scorer of this city, and he challenges Ban Johnson to show that in any instance he has leaned toward the making of a record. Clyde Milan and Walter Johnson are the two record-makers in this city, and so far as the writer has been connected with their achievements, their records are absolutely flawless.

Scorer Takes Issue.

Moreover, it is extremely doubtful if any official scorer in any city in the big leagues will intentionally score a game incorrectly for the purpose of making a record for a player, and Ban Johnson should be well aware of this. At any rate, the writer will not do so, and the president of the American League is derelict in his duty if, after proving his case, he continues to allow the writer to act as official scorer in this city.

Topsy Hartsel, the former outfielder of the Mackmen, and now successful manager of the Toledo club, is expected to go to Cleveland next season, swapping places with Harry Davis. Both the Cleveland and Toledo clubs are owned by Charlie Somers.

Kenneth Nash, the Brown University shortstop, will go to Toledo for Ray Chapman, the white-hot shortstop in the American Association. Howard Baker, the Connecticut semi-pro third baseman, seen in this city with the Naps, has been released to Portland, of the Northwestern League, in exchange for Kibbie, also a third baseman.

Cy Young Throws Ball 13,014 Times.

Well, They Beat Him, and They Beat Him Right, Knocking Record Arguments Out of Sight



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Baseball Standings

| AMERICAN LEAGUE. | | | | |
|------------------------|------|-------|------|---------|
| Standing of the Clubs. | | | | |
| | Won. | Lost. | Pct. | Today's |
| Washington | 75 | 48 | .609 | 813 |
| Philadelphia | 73 | 47 | .609 | 812 |
| Chicago | 60 | 60 | .500 | 504 |
| Detroit | 57 | 67 | .460 | 461 |
| Cleveland | 58 | 69 | .457 | 461 |
| New York | 44 | 76 | .367 | 372 |
| St. Louis | 40 | 82 | .328 | 333 |

| Games Today. | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| New York at Washington | Philadelphia at Boston. | | | |

| Yesterday's Results. | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--|--|
| St. Louis, 3; Washington, 2 | Boston, 5; Chicago, 3 | | | |
| Boston, 3; Chicago, 0 | Detroit, 5; Philadelphia, 3 | | | |
| Cleveland, 4; New York, 3 | New York, 4; Cleveland, 2 | | | |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE. | | | | |
|------------------------|------|-------|------|---------|
| Standing of the Clubs. | | | | |
| | Won. | Lost. | Pct. | Today's |
| New York | 81 | 35 | .698 | 701 |
| Chicago | 75 | 41 | .646 | 547 |
| Pittsburgh | 69 | 49 | .583 | 588 |
| Philadelphia | 57 | 58 | .496 | 500 |
| Cincinnati | 56 | 63 | .471 | 475 |
| St. Louis | 56 | 67 | .457 | 442 |
| Brooklyn | 42 | 75 | .360 | 370 |
| Boston | 35 | 82 | .299 | 305 |

| Games Today. | | | | |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Brooklyn at New York | Cincinnati at Pittsburgh | | | |
| Chicago at St. Louis | Boston at Philadelphia | | | |

| Yesterday's Results. | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Chicago, 5; St. Louis, 4 | Boston, 1; Pittsburgh, 0 | | | |

Four Golfers Remain In Women's Competitions

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Three golfers from the Chicago district and one from outside the city, remained in the competition for the Women's Golf Association championship trophy when play in the semi-finals started on this date today.

In the penultimate round this afternoon Miss Inez Clarke will meet Miss C. Painter and Myra Helmer will meet Miss Ruth Chisholm, of Cleveland.

Alexander Robinson, of the Rock Island Arsenal Golf Club, was leading a field of ninety-six professionals and amateurs in the twelfth annual western open championships. He was fighting hard for the lead with Smith, of Del Monte, Calif., and McNamara, of Boston.

Harold H. Hilton, of the Royal Liverpool Club, British holder of the United States Golf Association championship, was due to go over the course again today, following his first warming up work yesterday for the annual amateur tournament on the Wheaton links next week.

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POOR HITTING IS NATIONALS' FAULT

St. Louis Takes Third Game from Climbers by 3 to 2.

Walter Johnson Pitches But Mediocre Ball—Deserved to Lose.

By "SENATOR."

Ban Johnson's troubles are at an end. The Browns, with "Happy Jack" Powell, the cure for grouchies, in command, ran roughshod over the king of flingers, and defeated him 3 to 2. The Climbers deserved to lose, too, for several reasons. They couldn't hit, in the first place, and in the second, Walter Johnson showed only mediocre class.

While the fans were thinking up the hardest and most cruel things they could frame for the esteemed head of the American League for charging Johnson with Monday's defeat, when he went to the little rescue of Tommaso Hughes, the "Kansas Cyclone" was down on the field showing second class pitching. When the last man perished in the ninth, the great pitcher was beaten without a shadow of doubt, and Ban Johnson, on hearing the good news, knew well he had escaped through an exceedingly small hole.

No More Lucky Seventh.

Stovall's bunch won the battle in the seventh, which is becoming quite a disastrous session for the Nationals lately. After two had expired McBride's bad throw, a dropped third strike, which was a wild pitch by Johnson, another wild pitch, and a scratch hit sent Krichell across the pan with the run that won.

Powell didn't seem to have such a lot of stuff, but his control was good, and the hardest hits Griffith could hurl at him from the coaching lines just bounded off his thick hide like rain off a roof. Milan corralled a couple of blunders, but only in one inning did the Nationals manage to get two batters on base.

In other words, they were trimmed, and trimmed neatly.

Bill Kenworthy displayed so much nerve in the preliminary stunts that he was sent to left field in place of Howard Shanks. Kenworthy managed to beat out a bunt, and got hold of the ball well on the other trips he made to the plate. In the field he pulled down the only fly sent his way, and picked up several bingles shot into his pasture with ease and dispatch. On the whole, he made a good impression.

Nationals Fail to Hit.

In the opening session Foster doubled to right, and was left because Milan and Gandil fell down hard. The second game saw a little luck put the Nationals in front. Compton dropped Ray Morgan's fly, allowing the Baltimore boy to reach second. Kenworthy beat out a bunt to Powell, and Morgan was on third. Morgan danced over the dish while Wallace was tossing out Almsmith, going over to the second cushion for the hard bounce.

Johnson fanned the first three men to face him, and it looked like candy for him to win from the Browns. One joke in that—he never had a chance.

His team mates fell down at bat, and he himself committed several errors of omission as well as commission.

With one gone in the third Krichell walked and Powell stopped a shoot with his head, whereat everybody laughed, particularly that fan in the upper tier who has dubbed Earl Hamilton the "turning bottle pitcher." Something ought to be done with that fan, soon, too. Johnson was clearly wobbling and Shotton took a walk, filling the corners.

Two Runs Looked Big.

Pete Compton, who closed a most successful hitting tee in this city, punched a single to right, scoring Krichell. A passed ball sent Powell over with the second tally. Williams walked, and on an attempted double steal Shotton perished at the pan. Those two runs looked big later on.

In their half of the third the Climbers tied it up. Moeller went to second on his blow to right, reaching third while Wallace was caring for Foster's roller close to the midway cushion. Milan tore off a clean single to right and scored Moeller, tying the tally.

After that the Climbers curled up and died. Oh yes, Gandil and Foster and Almsmith did collide with the pill for bingles, but that matter could do nothing to assist them around and around and around, so they stayed where they were.

After two had gone in the seventh McBride hurled Krichell's grounder too wide for even "Chick" Gandil to get. Powell's third strike was a wild pitch, putting in the first and last of the second.

A second wild pitch sent Krichell to third from where he scored when Shotton scratched a hit to short. Corapton ripped off a bingle to right, but Powell was too slow to score ahead of Danny Moeller's peg to Almsmith, dying on his feet. But the run that won was over, so what were the odds?

The sad, and tale, boys, here it is:

| WASHINGTON. | | ST. LOUIS. | |
|----------------|---------|---------------|----------|
| Moeller, rf. | 4 1 0 0 | Shotton, cf. | 3 1 2 0 |
| Foster, 3b. | 4 1 2 0 | Compton, lf. | 4 2 3 0 |
| Milan, cf. | 2 0 0 0 | Williams, rf. | 1 0 0 0 |
| Gandil, lb. | 4 1 1 0 | Pratt, 2b. | 4 0 2 0 |
| Morgan, 2b. | 4 0 0 0 | Kutina, lb. | 4 0 10 0 |
| Kenworthy, lf. | 4 1 0 0 | Austin, 3b. | 2 0 0 0 |
| McBride, rf. | 4 0 2 0 | Wallace, ss. | 4 1 5 1 |
| Almsmith, c. | 3 1 0 0 | Krichell, c. | 3 0 2 0 |
| Johnson, p. | 2 0 3 0 | Powell, p. | 2 0 0 0 |

Totals: 24 22 12 2. Totals: 30 5 27 12.

Washington.....0 1 1 0 0 0 0 6-2

St. Louis.....0 0 2 0 0 1 0 6-3

Runs—Moeller, Morgan, Krichell (2). Two-base hits—Moeller, Foster, Almsmith, Wallace. Double play—Johnson, Almsmith, and Gandil. Hit by pitcher—By Johnson, Powell. Wild pitch—Johnson. Passed balls—Almsmith, 2. Umpires—Messers, Evans and Egan. Time of game—1 hour and 40 minutes.

Here's How They Now Stand

| Name. | G. | A.B. | H. | Pct. |
|---------|----|------|----|------|
| Compton | 4 | 13 | 5 | .384 |
| Johnson | 13 | 28 | 8 | .285 |
| Laporte | 10 | 22 | 7 | .318 |

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