

COBB AS TEAM HEAD EQUAL TO SPEAKER

Herr Declares Bat Virtuoso
Will Make Good Captain.

SCOUT PRAISES PLAYER

Detroit's Chances Next Season and
Probable Lineup of Men
Are Discussed.

BY HARRY M. GRAYSON.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Time, 12 o'clock (noon). Place, T-Bone Riley's food emporium on Hill street.

Laurens Blue, dropping in for a ham sandwich, finds Eddie Herr enjoying luncheon.

Over coffee cups the pair discuss Tyrus Raymond Cobb's chances of driving the Detroit Tigers close to the top in 1921.

"If you make the first base job," says Scottie Hill to Blue, "Harry Herrman will play right field." You must remember that the ex-Salt Lake skipper and present scout of the Detroit Tigers is just back after a lengthy conference with his big chief, Eduardo Herr, who is the manager of what is to transpire in Bengaltown next year.

"There'll be Herrman in right, Cobb in center and Vean in left," continues Herr, employing his w. k. King's highway English. "Ira Flagstead is to be the fourth regular outfielder, with a flock of kids fighting for the job."

"I think you have a fine chance of playing first, Lou, and 'Pop' Young is available for second, and 'Lefty' Williams for third, and 'Bobby' Jones for third, Lindemore, a boy I picked up in Oklahoma City, will force all infielders to buckle up."

"Oscar Stange, Eddie Almsmith and Manning are holdover catchers," says Herr, "and 'Lefty' Leonard, Roland, Howard Ehmke and 'Red' Oidham are veteran pitchers due for good years, and Carl Holling and Bert Cole ought to come through. Several young pitchers report in Texas."

Scout Herr believes that T. R. Cobb will prove the equal of Tris Speaker as a skipper. This round baseball scout who beats around the bush for President Navin wastes ecstatic over the Georgia Peach. "What more would any club ask in a manager?" asked Eddie as he slipped his Mocha.

"Here's a guy with everything. A great catcher and a natural leader. One of the brainiest fellows who ever cut up a diamond with spikes."

Herr elucidates that Cobb has the nucleus of a truly great baseball team, and that he is the only manager in the world that the Augusta ace has the ability to drive it at a furious pace.

"The Little Rock (Ark.) club has asked the United States circuit court of appeals at Cincinnati to dismiss the appeal of President Navin in the Southern association in the cases of Pitches Seaton and Smith on the ground that it has no further interest in the two champions."

Frexy Martin took the appeal after the right to play this notorious pair was upheld in the United States district court at Cincinnati.

Little Rock has reached the conclusion that it is better off without Seaton and Smith.

A grave illness was made when the Little Rock management extended a helping hand to the players after they had been released by San Francisco for crookedness.

First news of Gene Doyle's all-major and coast league baseball clubs are coming from Japan. Doyle is a newsy letter received today from the popular Los Angeles promoter, who is conducting the baseballers through the Orient.

Here is his letter addressed to the writer. Read for yourself:

"So far the trip has been a success. First day out we were seasick, and have had anything but smooth sailing. Played a game in Honolulu, which was won by Eddie Almsmith's Detroit (Detroit) team. Pitches pitched part of the game for the winners. Bill is having the time of his life and is strong for oriental tours. It was at the request of his form."

"Have a fine bunch of fellows. Life on the boat could be better, but we're having a lot of fun. Johnny Butler and Everett Gomez, Los Angeles boys, did excellent work in Honolulu. Butler hit three doubles. Remained only six hours in Honolulu, arriving at noon and leaving at 6 P. M."

"B. P. O. Elks' lodge, No. 616, entertained us royally. It is composed of a dandy lot of men. Some of the best I've ever met. By all means say something good for Honolulu, as it is a wonderful place and the people are immense."

"You realize what it means to be at sea and on a rough one at that for days and days. I was out for two days at sea and in fact two hours after arriving. The boys hit the ball hard, but their fielding was a trifle off. They imagine the ground was coming up to meet them."

"Eddie Almsmith is a regular fellow and a great catcher. Full of pepper and keeps the team in line. He is a 'Your old friend, Sammy Bohne of Cincinnati is raising a mustache for Pat Moran. He sends his regards, as do all on the fellow."

"Wally Hood of Brooklyn played a whale of a game in Honolulu. He is a dandy in the runs and made sensational catches."

"Carl Zambach of Seattle is going to give a magic show aboard ship."

"Eat is the middle name of the boys. Harry. We get plenty of good grub and the world knows the boys are not missing anything."

"Reach Yokohama November 22, and, as the 23d is a national holiday, play a game on that day, which is the day after our arrival. We will have been 17 days on the ocean and, while we cannot be at our best, we will all be hustling."

"Carl Sawyer of Minneapolis backed out on us at the last minute and told the kams thinks of him isn't fit for print. He is a fine egg and you can tell the world he is a first class player."

"Haven't seen a paper and are lost without the dope."

"Sam Ross (ex-juggler now with Portland) is on the entertainment committee aboard ship and anyone who knows Sam realizes the rest. He is right at home. He has full charge of the Filipino band."

"Well, Harry, old boy, tell the gang we're having a good time and that the boys grabbed \$100 each for their end in Honolulu. Not so bad."

"With best wishes and kindest regards, I remain your friend."

DOYLE.

"Care United States Baseball clubs Imperial Hotel, Tokio, Japan."

Many Tie Games on Gridiron.

More tie games have probably resulted in football this season than in any previous year. To date there have been eight. Harvard and Princeton played a tie game, 16 to 14; Syracuse and Pittsburg fought to a 7-7 draw; so did Lehigh and Penn State; Lehigh also tied with West Virginia at the same score. Oregon and Oregon Agricultural college were deadlocked at the finish. Colgate's first two games resulted in ties with Susquehanna, 0-0, and with Allegheny at 7-7. esWeyan and N. W. York universities scored 13 points each in their game, while Stevens Tech was held to a scoreless tie by Middlebury. Swarthmore and Franklin and Marshall also played to a scoreless tie.

FRED CLARK ROUGH PLAYED AS REGENT

Ex-Manager of Pirates Got
Goat of Pat Tebeau.

TINKER NABS FRONT SEAT

Southpaw Who Went After Gleason
With Bat Warned Not to
Miss Landing Blow.

BY MALCOLM MACLEAN.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Fred Clark, former manager of the Pirates, was a visitor at the minor league meeting at Kansas City recently. Fred told a story on himself that has been printed before in a garbled form.

It happened when Fred first broke into the majors at Louisville. He was practicing a kid and thought everybody had it in for him. So he played hard and viciously, stepping on the toes or heels of the first player who came near him. He circled the sack.

The Pittsburg club went to Cleveland, where Pat Tebeau was playing first base. Right away Clark got Tebeau's goat. Pat kept waxing madder and madder at the rough work shown by the recruit.

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Evans Pooled by Sox.

The White Sox fooled me completely in the 1919 series. I knew the club didn't play up to form, regarded the Sox as a better team than the Reds. Yet in the 1919 series I felt Cincinnati, in the eight games played, was the better team and deserved to win. The best of the series was the last game, when the Sox won. I was in the crowd and saw the Sox win the world series, and clubs do not always play up to form. The Cubs in 1906 were better than the Sox, but they played away before the game and lost. The Athletics in 1914 were far superior to the Braves, but they were beaten in four straight games. It was easy to see the Sox were better than the Athletics in 1919 even though it was generally regarded as much the better team.

Since the exposure of the crooked work on the part of the Sox, I have heard much criticism of the pitching of Lefty Williams. Now that we know things were not right, I pick the Sox as a better team than the Athletics. Much stress has been laid on the number of bases on balls he gave out, and I have seen him pitch in the umpire back of the plate in that game and was in perfect position to pass criticism on the work of Williams. The Chicago southpaw pitcher who always was better than the Athletics on the inside or outside of the plate, there I did not know enough for the batter to get a hold of it.

In the fourth inning I walked three men—Rath, Groh and Duncan—and all scored on a single by Young, and I think that was the end of the game. There wasn't a ball around the shortstop or above the shoulders, so that I

HEAVYWEIGHT WRESTLING CHAMPION OF THE WORLD PRACTICING HIS FAVORITE HOLD, THE HEADLOCK.

First Play for Net Trophy
Held in 1900.

COMPETITION STILL KEEN

England Captured Honor in 1903
and Every Big Nation Has
Tried for Cup Since.

BY WILLIAM ULMER, tennis editor.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—This is the first of a series of six articles by William Ulmer, tennis editor of the Chicago Tribune, on the Davis cup tennis competition. The American Davis cup team, comprising William Tilden, William Johnston, Watson Washburn and Samuel Hardy, is now in New Zealand. Play for the cup starts tomorrow.

PART I.

They do say that international competition in sports makes for closer friendly relations. While this is unquestionably holds good insofar as it brings together competitors in various lines of sporting endeavor, it must be proved that such international good fellowship produced by this interesting of sportsmen of all countries has produced its results on the peace of the world and diplomatic councils of the nations. If such was the case the peace of the world in 1914 might have been decided by the councils of the world's athletes, swimmers, tennis players and such. The fact remains, however, that these international participants were not asked any opinion.

This brings us face to face with one of the most famous international sporting events—the Davis cup tennis competition. The American team, composed of William Tilden, William Johnston, Watson Washburn and Samuel Hardy, is now in Australia as the challenging nation, and on December 20 to 28 will endeavor to "lift" the cup in New Zealand.

During the last four years Coach Willie's Ohio State eleven has been defeated but once. That was last year when the University of Illinois snatched victory from the Columbus team in the last minute of play.

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First Competition in 1900.

The first competition for the trophy was in 1900, when England challenged the United States. The matches were played at the famous Longwood courts, near Boston, America winning all matches played in those days. The trophy was played in 1901, but in 1902 America successfully defended the cup against the famous Doherty brothers and Belgium.

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From that date of 1903 when England beat America, the Davis cup remained in possession of either England or Australia. While the trophy was won by the United States, it was not until the ninth attempt, in 1913, that America won it back by defeating England.

Since 1912 had defeated Australia for the cup.

The next year, 1914, Australia, with its famous duo of Wilding and Doherty, again won the trophy and took it back to the Antipodes. Since that time the cup has not been played for, but this year America won the right to challenge by defeating France and England and, with the team now in New Zealand, tennis fans of this country are hoping to see the cup once more visit its original home after an absence of more than six years.

The summary of the play year by year is as follows:

1900—England vs. America at Boston. America won five matches. England won three. Doherty, F. Davis and H. Doherty, N. Y. America won three matches. England won two. America, same team as 1900. England, R. F. and H. Doherty and J. Pim.

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SECOND-GUESSERS TELL HOW THEY KNEW SERIES CROOKED

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BY BILLY EVANS.

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