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Sports Nicknames Really a Subject for Deep Scholar

EVERY now and then when one of the more erudite writing masters runs short of rhetorical pearls he glances at the poor folks on the other side of the newspaper railroad tracks. Then he lifts his hands in horror and, when he brings them down on a typewriter, another little gem of a column dealing with sports nicknames is completed.

It is a good racket with soft hours and probably I will be labelled as a green-eyed popinjay for bringing up the subject. Yet, for the life of me, I cannot understand why these high clerics of the literary world dispose of this pet sports assignment with such superficial sneers.

For instance, a scholar might spend some hours tracing to its source the nickname of some famous baseball player. Where did he get the monicker and why? Is he still called by the name which distinguished him from his fellows in college or sandlot days? Or has he had a progressive series of such titles while developing from farm team to farm team on the way to the big time?

After the scholar gets that over with he can be faced with other troubles. More often than not the great athlete may have three nicknames—one known only to the artists who do occasional favors to the world by writing pieces about sports, one by which he is usually referred to when fans or practicing sports writers mention him, one seldom used except in the family circle of his teammates.

There was Christy Mathewson. "Matty" or "Big Six" are the names by which this great pitcher is most familiarly remembered by those who paid to see him play. That other Bucknell alumnus, Moose McCormick, recalls though that teammates seldom used such a handle. They called him "Gummy." The name was derived from the fact that when he first entered the majors Mathewson floundered around in the field as if he were wearing gum boots.

Similarly there was the name which Mel Ott has outgrown only within the past season or two. In 1927 the very youthful Ott, already a regular outfielder, was warming up near the first-base boxes. "My, my," exclaimed a lady fan. "Just look at him. Isn't he the spirit of springtime." From thenceforth, in the privacy of Giants' dugout and bridge games, Ott was "Springtime."

Sometimes an athlete may have two or three private nicknames even while sojourning with his mates. This is particularly true of the Yankees whose most affectionate name for the man variously known as "The Babe," "The Barn," and "The Big Feller," was "Jidgie."

Strangely enough some appropriate names faded in the big time. Lon Warneke, for instance, still is known as "Country" down in Arkansas although none of his big city friends would think of calling him that. By the same token baptismal names are not entirely barred in sports.

Two of them pop into mind. Mrs. Dean would as soon start another war with Jack Miley as call her Dizzy anything save "Jay." And at

Belmont the other day I heard a veteran friend refer to Pompoon's trainer, widely acclaimed in the press as "Humpty Dan" Clark as, of all names, "Cyril."

How Kiki Cuyler Got His Monicker

Occasionally the obvious thought as to the origin of a nickname is not correct or only partly so. Witness Kiki Cuyler. Cuyler came into baseball close to the time when Belasco was achieving success with one of his best remembered productions. So a quick conclusion would be that the Reds' outfielder's nickname came because of his fancied resemblance to the character so well portrayed by Miss Leonore Ulric. Probably the fame of the play is what really did make the name stick to Cuyler throughout all the years. But actually the names have little in common in way of pronunciation. Cuyler got his title because when playing center his two outfield mates used to yell "Cuy" "Cuy" when he was to take the ball.



Kiki Cuyler

NOT IN THE BOX SCORE:

KEEP an eye on Keller, the former University of Maryland outfielder now hitting so hard for Newark. High Yankee authorities suspect the youth will outclass even such bright young men as Di Maggio and Henrich in another season. Also watch Rosar, a swell catcher who may have a bit of arm trouble but who slugs like Dickey; Gordon, the infielder, and Pitcher Donald, a kid who has all the poise of an Alexander out there on the mound. That's only the pick of the crop from one farm and so you may as well name the Yankees to win the flag in 1939 and 1940, too.

Joe Di Maggio hit his first home runs of both the 1936 and 1937 seasons on the same day of the month, May 10. . . . Young Freddy Kammmer, the former Princeton hockey and baseball star, is giving the Jersey courses such a workout that he might be a good long shot (very long, though) in the amateur golf championship this year. . . . Benny Valger, the French Flash who now manages Frankie DeLillo, hasn't a mark on him to show that he participated in 464 ring battles. . . . George Conway, who trains War Admiral, won the Belmont Futurity with Proctor Knott in 1887.

Tip for the Davis Cup daddies—"There's a husky seventeen-year-old youngster named Bill Cleveland playing on the Exeter tennis team who has all the elements of greatness. Switched from diamond to court only this spring, too." . . . The Cubs will travel 15,541 miles this year to appear in their seventy-seven away from home National League games. . . . Midget Wolgast, former flyweight champion (the limit for that class is 112 pounds), was announced as weighing 136 pounds when he appeared in Philadelphia recently.

In Transit is one of the most appropriately named thoroughbreds. He was foaled on a train while his dam, Peggy Amour, was en route to Montana. . . . Jack Coffey, Fordham's graduate manager, will tour South America with Mrs. Coffey this summer. . . . Al Politis, former Fordham end, recently was made prosecuting attorney in his New Britain home town. . . . Mike Miskinis, great blond tackle in the Cavanaugh Ram regime, recently passed the New York state bar.

Probably distance still averages its best licks while lending enchantment to the view but sometimes even Shylock would be embarrassed by the reaction to the loan.

For instance there was that group of celebrated golf pros gabbing in a locker room the other day. Not one of them agreed with public tradition which makes Bobby Jones golfdom's all-time greatest. The records, they said, proved that his game was not as effective over a long period as was that of several other top flight performers.

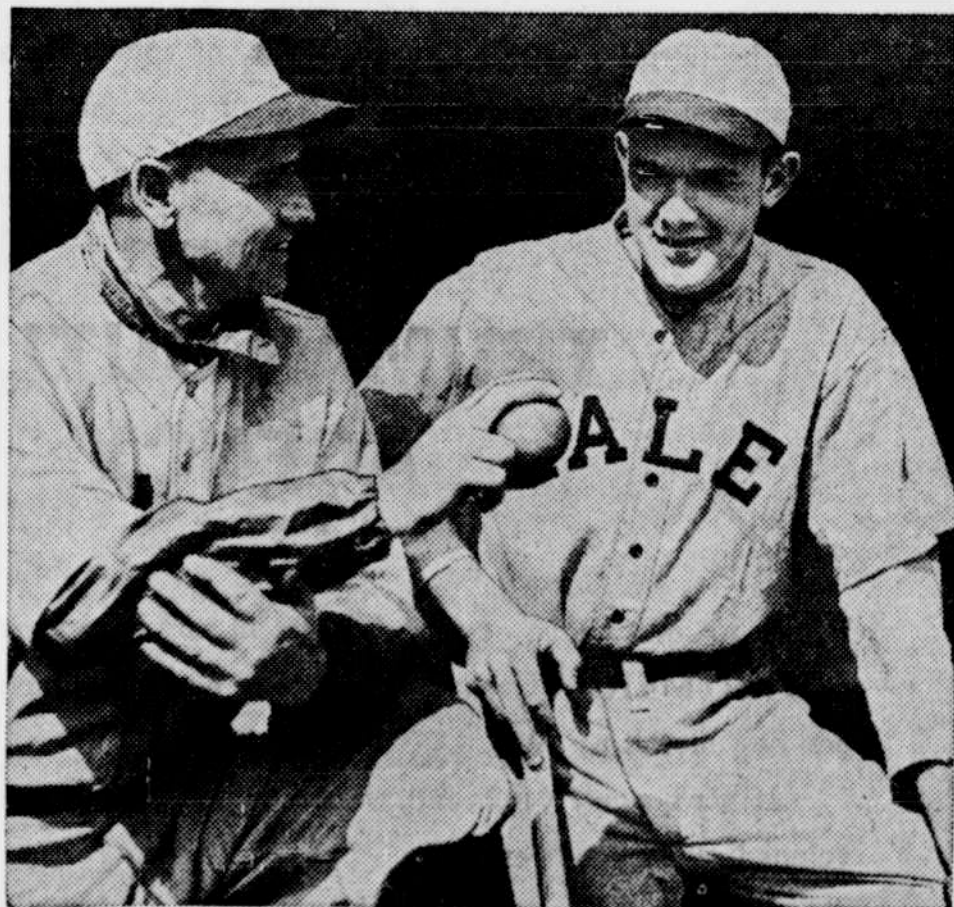
They were talking merely about men with whom they had matched wood and iron from tee to green. Henry Picard, himself likely to be remembered with the best, is the only one who need be quoted here. He says that, stroke for stroke, Light Horse Harry Cooper is the greatest golfer he has ever seen.

Why don't the Cards make more use of Outfielder Padgett who looked so good down South? . . . Chicago fans hope the Dodgers' directors get red necked again this year and, in the midst of their ire, send another such good player as Lonny Frey to the Windy City. . . . Could it be true that the short Preakness price of War Admiral was largely due to \$100,000 worth of comeback money being dumped into the machines by that New Jersey bookie syndicate?



Bobby Jones

Keeping Baseball in the Family



Jimmy Collins, Jr., twenty-year-old son of the vice president and general manager of the Boston Red Sox, learns from Joe Wood, Yale baseball coach, how the latter pitched against his dad 25 years ago. The elder Collins was one of the outstanding second-basemen in the game and Wood is an ex-Boston Red Sox pitcher who pitched against him when he was with the Chicago White Sox and Philadelphia. Jimmy Jr. plays center field on the Yale varsity team.

FARM TOPICS

SWEETCLOVER THAT IS REALLY "SWEET"

Strain Under Observation of U. S. Specialists.

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A sweetclover that is really "sweet" is under observation of forage specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The common yellow blooming and white blooming sweetclovers in the United States both contain a bitter substance known as coumarin. It is believed this substance poisons live stock when they are fed improperly cured clover hay.

Two plant explorers of the department, W. J. Morse and P. H. Dorsett, seven years ago sent back a specimen of a new sweetclover from the Chihli province of China. It was an annual. Since then 27 lots, all biennials, have been obtained from central Europe, Russia and Mongolia. None of them are bitter.

Repeated tests with the new sweetclover have convinced the forage men it does not contain coumarin, reports Dr. E. A. Hollowell, clover specialist of the Bureau of Plant Industry.

Preliminary work at the Wisconsin experiment station shows that live stock prefer the new sweetclover to the common varieties. Spoiled hay of the clover has been fed to rabbits and calves without ill effects.

The new clover is shorter than American varieties and produces fewer leaves. The forage specialists are trying to cross the non-bitter clover with domestic strains to lower the coumarin content of the domestic strains. Attempts thus far have been unsuccessful.

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Down on the Farm

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A grasshopper population of 15 to the square yard will eat a ton of hay a day from a 40-acre field.

Frequent handling and training of colts should continue after they are weaned, says H. C. Moffet of the Missouri college of agriculture.

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