

GREGG GRIEVED CAN'T GET OFF

Star of Ten Years Ago Who Has Staged Great Comeback Was Eager to Get With Yanks.

By JOHN H. FOSTER
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New York, Sept. 4.—Jean Gregg wanders up and down the Pacific coast with the Seattle baseball club these days in anything but a pleasant frame of mind. Rumor for some days had had it that the New York Americans were anxious to bring him back into fast company. Then it developed that the rumor was based on cold fact.

The Yankees wanted it and were ready to pay a good fat price for immediate delivery. But Seattle would not let him go. Bob Connery, who is Miller Huggins' chief scout, went out west recently, looked Gregg over and wired Huggins that the veteran, once with Boston and earlier with Cleveland, was as fit as ever and just in trim to give Pennock, the assistance the Yanks seemed to need.

Huggins immediately made a proposition to Seattle which looked good to Wade Kilfer, manager of the club. But Charles W. Lockhard, the owner, declared that with the race on the coast in its present acute stage the only way it would be safe for him to part with Gregg would be to leave town on the same train that bore the hurler.

Gregg became conversant with the facts and he is bitter because he was not permitted to return to fast company where he might have helped the Yankees win the pennant and get himself into the world series. Meanwhile the Seattle team is on the level of San Francisco, with only a few points separating them, and Gregg, fears that if he happens to have had luck and pitch a bad game the fans will be on him as a quitter. Just now Seattle's chances to win look fairly good had he not learned of the Yanks' offer. Gregg would be pretty happy over his possible less triumph.

Gregg's best year in the American league was 1915, when he was with Cleveland. He won 20 and lost 13 games. He was transferred to Boston when his arm began to give out, but he did not last very long here. Had Gregg returned to New York, he would have been possibly the first pitcher to return to the American League after an absence of a decade.

The Yankees are fearful that their pitching staff will go blotto on the Western trip. Rush is a game man and pitches his head off when victory is in sight. But he is barely able to break even in his games and his arm has not been just right all season. It seems to be Sam Jones luck to have a good season and then a bad one, despite the fact that he is one of the most willing and hardest working pitchers on Huggins' staff.

Had Gregg been obtained by the Yanks, he would have been put into service at once and a result would have been a better payoff than that which he felt clove him when they took Mails, a Southpaw, and polished off the championship in their own league in 1920 and then won the world series with him. And after that, perhaps, Gregg would have been blown as Mails did—though it must be recorded that Mails is something like himself again now, and is helping to hold Oakland in the Pacific coast race.

POP GEERS KILLED IN RACE WEDNESDAY

Wheeling, W. Va., Sept. 4.—Edward F. Geers, known as "Pop," who was for 50 years a harness driver and the "grand old man of the turf," was killed when his horse threw him out of the sulky in a race here yesterday afternoon.

BRISTOL WINS SECOND

Johnson City, Tenn., Sept. 4.—Bristol won the second half of the Appalachian League and will play the run off with Knoxville, winners of the first half.

AUGUSTA IS WINNER

Atlanta, Sept. 4.—The South Atlantic Association ended the season here yesterday with Augusta as the winner.

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Major League Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Wednesday's Scores		
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Philadelphia, 6; Brooklyn, 7.	Cincinnati, 6; Chicago, 6.	
Standing of Teams.		
W.	L.	Pct.
New York	73	.51
Pittsburgh	72	.52
Brooklyn	72	.51
Chicago	69	.52
Cincinnati	69	.52
St. Louis	65	.47
Philadelphia	59	.43
Boston	17	.11

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Wednesday's Scores		
St. Louis, 7; Cleveland, 6.	St. Louis, 7; Cleveland, 9.	New York, 11; Boston, 9.
Chicago, 2; Detroit, 6.	Chicago, 4; Detroit, 6.	
Standing of Teams		
W.	L.	Pct.
Washington	76	.58
New York	75	.57
Detroit	71	.54
St. Louis	68	.51
St. Paul	63	.47
Boston	59	.43
Philadelphia	58	.42
Chicago	57	.41

GAME'S SAKE

BY LAWRENCE DEERY
(Copyright, 1924, by The Advance)
New York, Sept. 4.—William Tilden's victory in the national singles over William Johnston ends for good, apparently, the little Californian's pretensions to the National championship class. Johnston was never in better physical condition than in the matches which ended at Forest Hills Tuesday afternoon and those who have followed his play are agreed that his form this year was better than it was in 1919, when he defeated Tilden, winning his second and last national championship.

This being so, there is no substantial basis for any further hopes on the part either of Johnston or his numerous admirers that he has it in him to lower Tilden's flaunting standard. Now anyone else now before the tennis public even so good a chance as Johnston.

Tilden stands alone, a genius, and so far as can be seen now will probably so stand for a long time to come. With the national singles out of the way, attention of tennis enthusiasts will turn to the prospects of success of our Davis cup team, which will be called upon to defend the world famous trophy at Germantown. Tilden and Johnston will attend to the singles end of the matches and will both in form there need be no worry that they will find the task too great for them.

As to the doubles team, there has been a great deal of favorable comment concerning the action of the Davis cup committee in naming Vincent Richards and Bob Kinsey. The two have not played together, but there is little doubt they will form about the best combination we have had in a Davis cup match in years.

Richards for a time tried to fit in with Tilden but he was too great a star to view with tolerance. Big Bill's tendency to play the whole game himself, so the combination was broken. Then Richards tried Francis Hunter and the two did pretty well, but there was nothing about their play to suggest their fitness for international contests.

The controversy over last year's Tilden-Williams combination will readily be recalled. All in all forming the doubles team for Davis cup play this year involved no simple problem and while one may not be certain, the firm of Richards and Kinsey promises much.

LOTTA BUNK IS WALKER DICTUM

Welterweight Champion Says Nothing to Talk of His Quitting Welter Class After His Next Fight.

By PAIR PLAY
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New York, Sept. 4.—In a talk with the writer today Mickey Walker pronounced as bunk the stories that he will abandon the welterweight class, if he defeats Benny Leonard, and go after the middle weight crown.

"I weigh only about 155 pounds right now," said Mickey "and that is before I have done any training for the bout with Leonard. Of course, I am playing baseball, tennis, and swimming a lot, but that is the sort of life I have always led. What I want to point out is that I have not done any training as if for a bout.

"Next week I'll get busy in that respect and will have no trouble at all in getting down to the class limit. Just now I'm looking for honors in any other class. I figure I'll be busy enough defending the title I hold."

There never was such a power plant as Mickey Walker. He dashes around his summer home in a white sailor suit and watch cap like a young cyclone. He is never idle a minute and his magnetic grin makes a friend of everyone who meets him. It is going to take a lot of punching over to make Walker drop to the floor and so far as the writer can see, the only man under the middle weight division who might be capable of doing this is Benny Leonard. Leonard may — and then again he may not.

That the light weight champion realizes the sort of contract he has undertaken is best indicated by the fact that he is already up in the Catskills hard at work in preparation for the coming fight.

How will he engage the ferocious Mickey when the two meet? The best hope is that he will at times try to beat Walker to a rush, will mix in and attempt to tie him up and then, just when Mickey has got his head down prepared for a strenuous period of infighting, Benny will wait away, teasing Mickey into following him with all the ardor of a bull making after a red shirt.

The speed and the authority of Leonard's waltzing after Walker has connected with his stomach and ribs several times remains to be seen. The light weight champion's condition will tell here, because a fighter's legs are first to feel the effects of solid rib roasting.

Had not Pancho Villa beaten Genaro to the match with Jimmy Wile, Genaro and not Villa would be the world's champion flyweight at the present writing. The writer has seen the Filipino and Frankie in two of their bouts and so far as science and ring generalship was concerned there was no doubt that Genaro was the better man and entitled to the decision he received.

Perhaps he cannot hit as hard as Villa, but what matters that so long as the hardest hitter cannot land his punches solidly? Genaro has a head and uses it. In his battle in Jersey two years ago he actually could be seen thinking two jumps ahead of his yellow skinned rival.

There is no reason to believe

that Genaro will be any slower with his brain on Thursday night in Brooklyn when the two little fellows meet, nor is there any ground for figuring that Villa's mental processes will be geared up to greater speed than in the past.

By constant training a man may improve himself physically, may sharpen his sense of timing, may accelerate his punch and adjust his eyes to quick openings. But when it comes to the intellect there is nothing much to be done. Old Nature has had her say and a boxer—or anyone else—must stand or fall upon the sort of gray matter he possesses. The writer saw Villa work out in his camp at Ringwood, N. J. the other day and herewith suggests that all who think he will be weak at 112 pounds revise their opinions. He is the same liberty motor as when he won the world's title and if Genaro takes the decision—which the writer thinks is likely—it will be on the basis of his ability to box and think.

To win, Villa, it would seem, has got to stow Genaro away or at least wear him down so that he is a shadow of himself. He may

do this, but the better chance is that Genaro will be able to elude the title holder and at the same time give him a good pasting. No, much of a better chance, though. As a betting proposition, this bout is nothing to plunge on either way.

CAROLINA AT PRACTICE
Chapel Hill, Sept. 4.—The Car-

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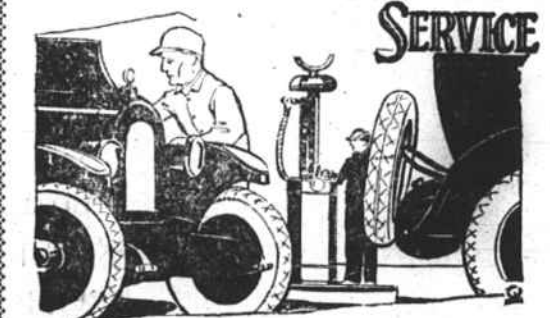
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