

CONNIE MACK'S FOUND A PUNCH

Or at Least He Thinks He Has, Which Adds Another to Teams that Will Give Yanks a Run for Pennant.

By JOHN B. FOSTER
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Montgomery, Ala., March 14.—Connie Mack is the head cow man of this ranch. It used to be called the "A-S." Which is short for athletics. Now it's the sizzling serpentine "S-S," which will be pasted all over the bat bag and down the chest protector.

Strand and Simmons are responsible for the change in a large degree though Furbish is responsible for some of it.

"Isn't there some way you can spell your name with 'S' too?" said Connie to Bishop.

How about N. Bishop—the "s" is silent as in swat?

"The brand for this ranch," says Connie, "will be the double S with a bar of sinister slugging swatters in the upper right hand corner. I almost believe I would put it on the sleeves of the boys shirts only I am afraid somebody might put a perpendicular mark up and down and make the S's look like dollar signs. The next thing I know, somebody's been trying to pass the shirts for hundred dollar bill."

Mack has got what he has been looking for, for more than five years, a team that gives promise of being able to hit the ball.

"It almost seemed as if I had got it last season," he said with a sigh. "For a while we went along as if we were going to be in the fight at the finish. Then the players began to get hurt and after they were injured they never came back. Our boys were not recuperators. Once physically incapacitated, they lost their pep."

Strand can hit and Simmons can hit. For the moment Simmons is not hitting because he has a boll on his knee and can't move about with any ease. When he tried to run, something tells him what Job said when he had to run for his chariot. It is a queer thing about bolts and ball players—the latter always have the former where they are the most effective.

Bishop can play second base. He has had practice and has been taught well. No matter how good he may have looked at Baltimore, he looks better now with Galloway on one side playing short and Hauser on the other side playing first. Bishop pivots as if he were on roller bearings. Galloway tosses the ball. Bishop doesn't receive it, but simply hands it along to Hauser at first base and while the umpire is still looking at Galloway, the double play is over at first. It will take two umpires to watch the Athletics' double plays this year. The average umpire's eye will never be able to follow this lightning combination of Galloway to Bishop to Hauser.

Mack has definitely settled on Bishop for second. Just as Ty Cobb has settled on Pratt for the same post. There are other infielders with the S-S outfit but the starting combination, which may unlock another pennant for Philadelphia is Hauser, first base; Bishop, second base; Galloway, shortstop, and Hale, third base. That is speed to speed to speed.

Strand and Bishop are not the same size, but they look enough alike that they might well be called Little Joe and Big Joe if their names were Joe. But Bishop is Max and Strand is Paul. Bishop has the beaming face of a boy of 18, combined with the grip of a man of 30. Strand is more mature. He is windburned and tanned with good health and when he stands at the plate with his left hand swatstick in his grip he has both feet well apart and looks at the pitcher out of the corner of his eye. Bishop stands much the same way. Funny that Connie caught two who look so much alike and yet came from so far apart.

Simmons doesn't hit like either of them but he hits the ball over the fence if the fence is not sufficiently removed from the back of center field. It is evident that the large delegation with which the double S is surrounded is completely taken with Simmons, and that Simmons is quite as well taken with his boll. But he limps out to the ball field every day to suggest that that center field fence be set a little farther back.

Connie has no end of young pitchers scattered around, but the old fellows look so well that they are most likely to stick. Perkins wants to catch every game during the season, and Bruggy says he objects. But they don't think very much about pitchers and catchers around this ranch. They've found a punch.

Mack left Philadelphia last June looking for it. He'll bet any man he has got it. It looks as if it is an odds-on bet, and it also looks as if the Yanks are to face two infields, in Detroit and Philadelphia, that will make old Zip Coon sell himself out to a small party for a selling plater.

NEW TELEPHONE BUILDING IS RAPIDLY BEING BUILT

Work on the new home of the telephone company is progressing rapidly. Brick masons raised the walls to the height of several feet and the outlines of the building are now plain. The new telephone headquarters is located at the corner of Main and Road streets.

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FOR THE SAKE OF THE GAME

BY LAWRENCE PERRY

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New York, March 14.—What may be regarded as a valuable contribution to the moot question of lightening the weight of the present golf ball has been obtained by the writer from the sixteen leading professional players who participated in the recent professional tournament at Miami. Their opinions run as follows:

Arthur Havers, British open champion—I feel a lighter ball might work to the benefit of the game, although I have no objections to the present standard make.

Jimmie Ockendon, French champion—The lighter ball might be a good thing but the present make is all right for me.

Joe Kirkwood—A lighter ball would make the game more scientific. Mere slugging would not suffice. Wind would have to be allowed for. A man would have to know how to cut the ball with the wood to hold the greens. As it is now, stars can use their masher niblicks or mashies for their second shots.

Jock Hutchison—if they make the change to the lighter ball they will ruin the game. As for science, I believe it is much harder to control a heavier ball than a light one. Everyone likes long hitting.

Gene Sarazen—One could score better with a light ball. Also easier to control. It would pitch right to the pin and hold the greens easily. A lighter ball putts better than a heavier one. A player has to know how to cut to make the heavier ball hold the green.

Walt Hagen—The fun golf lies in long driving. Leading players would not be greatly affected by the lighter ball, but in a wind the average golfer would be lost using a lighter ball, and would never get around. The star is intent upon a low score but the average player finds more pleasure in a long drive. He will miss that fun with the lighter ball.

Leo Diegel, Bill Melhorn, Maedonald Smith, Clarence Hackney, Mike Brady and Emmet French are all opposed to the lighter ball on the ground that one of the great fascinations of golf for the ordinary player is long hitting and that the lighter ball would make low scoring easier.

BASEBALL QUESTION BOX

If you have some question to ask about baseball—
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If you want to know anything about a play or player—
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Address: John B. Foster, special baseball correspondent of The Daily Advance, 811 World Building, New York.

Question—Suppose the back stop in a game is only 15 feet from the home plate. What is to be done?

Answer—Establish a ground rule. One base flat every time the ball gets away to the backstop.

Question—I have been much interested in trying to find out where ball players get their nick names. Why did they call Anson "Baby" and why Young the pitcher "Cy"?

Answer—Anson was called "Baby" because he was a pronounced and incurable kicker against decisions by the umpire and the fans on the first base side in Chicago christened him because they liked to kid him. Young got his nickname of "Cy" because his pitching was described by a Cleveland baseball writer as that of a cyclone, which quickly shortened through the ball players to "Cy". He never was called "Cy" before pitching in Cleveland.

Question—Is it against the rules in amateur baseball for the pitcher to use a spit ball?

Answer—It is but if both captains agree to its use it may be used by both teams. On general principles young pitchers should abstain from the spit ball. It is worthless from all standpoints and the greatest tax on the arm of any method of delivery ever devised.

REGISTERED AT SOUTHERN

Among those registered at the Southern Hotel Thursday were: A. Hollowell, Norfolk; H. H. Wilson, Raleigh; B. B. Harper, Rocky Mount; C. C. Gibbs, Columbia; R. G. Ray, Norfolk; H. M. White, Norfolk; J. A. Taylor, Norfolk; Charles E. Hughes, New York; J. T. Story and W. T. Joyner, Portsmouth; F. A. Tapperson, Melford, Conn.; B. C. Williams, Raleigh; J. M. Crocroft, Charleston, West Virginia and Geo. J. Studdert, Raleigh.

OYSTER DEMAND INCREASES

Baltimore, March 14.—(By the Consolidated Press.)—Oyster packers here declare sales have increased more than 20 per cent this season, owing to a heavier demand from interior points. Production costs have increased 15 per cent since last season they say.

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The Sportsman
By Walter Camp
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New York, March 14.—It looks as if the "woman vote" were against the stymie. An informal vote of delegates to the Women's Golf Association meeting, held in Boston, showed 39 favoring its abolition and only three favoring its retention. It was decided however, to check up in tournaments and see how much it influenced results.

Men and women alike in their friendly matches do not for the most part, play stymies any more than they ever did. What constitutes an average golfer? This question has been the topic of much discussion recently, and several experiments have been made in an effort to find the answer. The largest quota in a recent tournament in a Mid-Western city fell between the scores of 105 and 109. From this and other experiments, it is estimated from a grand average of thousands of rounds that the average golfer is the one who plays in 105.

Subterranean golf courses in the heart of the big cities is the latest proposal. President Schultz of the National Association of Building Owners, is author of the idea, suggesting that the basements of some of the huge city skyscrapers be utilized for golf.

TALK MAY HURT A BOXER'S HAND

And Maybe That's Why of Reports That Clark's Damaged Maulie May Prevent Fight With Berlenbach.

By FAIR PLAY
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New York, March 14.—Just whence have come reports concerning injuries to Jackie Clark's hands is a mystery. Out in Newark, New Jersey, where Clark opposes Paul Berlenbach on St. Patrick's Day, there is a feeling that the false rumor was inspired by rival business people in New York.

On the other hand, more thoughtful fans believe that Clark may have been feeling his way toward a demand for more money than he is to receive. It appears that when the Army promoters first thought of putting on a Berlenbach-Clark bout they wired an offer to Jackie who, like the fighter he is, accepted the terms without any effort at dicker-ing.

So far so good. But the Newark promoters showed themselves to be not so good business men as they thought they were. They gloated aloud over the terms made with Clark, intimating that had the fighter balked at the offer, they had been prepared to make it much more attractive.

This was hardly cricket. Certainly it was not indicative of any great amount of intelligence on the part of Jersey promoters. They have much to learn, evidently. Can you imagine Tex Rickard admitting to anyone that he was underpaying a boxer? They will be lucky out in Newark if Clark really doesn't produce a hand done up in bandages.

MOYOCK NEGRO IN JAIL HERE ON LIQUOR CHARGES

James Munro Ferebee, colored, of Moyock is being held in jail in lieu of \$500 bond, on a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor and working at a still. He was given a preliminary hearing on Saturday before United States Commissioner Wilson, and held for the Federal Court.

STILL SAVING DAYLIGHT

New York, March 14.—Daylight saving will go into effect here Sunday, April 27 unless the present ordinance is repealed. The letter carriers union has petitioned the board of aldermen asking repeal because of the "unnatural hour" it compels them to go to work.

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