

BILL BRENNAN TALKS

Umpire Gives His Opinion of 1912 Baseball Players.

No Pennant Ever Was Taken Without Star Slabman, Declares National League Arbitrator—Makes Comparison of Pitchers.

"Bill" Brennan, National league umpire, talked of baseball players, world's series, brother umpires and magnates and had a good word to say for all.

"You can talk all you want to about world's series," he declared, "but for real baseball, those first two contests between the Cubs and Sox were as pretty as any you would want to see. Nine full innings and twenty-eight men faced Walsh the first day. But even that I won't say he is the greatest of them all. For instance, I have never seen Ford or Johnson work and they say those two are the real stuff. Bender I have seen and also Coombs, having worked last year in the world's series. I also saw Joe Wood last spring in a couple of games before the season opened. I think, on the whole, that the pitching of the two leagues stacks up about even. In the National there is Marquard and 'Nap' Rucker and Jess Tresear, not to mention Lavender of the Cubs, Hendrix of Pittsburgh and a few others.

"Pitching is always the thing that wins in a short series. This has been said before, but it is so true that it will bear repeating. You may also add this that no team ever has won a pennant without at least one star, first-pitcher. Look over the list in both leagues. There were Coombs and Bender with the Athletics, Mullin of Detroit, Rulbach and Brown of Chicago, Adams of Pittsburgh, Mathewson of New York and Ed Walsh of the Sox. In every pennant race of the last several years one or more pitchers have had to bear the brunt of the victory.

"Classifying the assets of a winning ball club in their order of merit I should place an airtight pitcher first. Second comes the catcher. A high-class man behind the bat is absolutely necessary to a winning team and for substantiation let me point out Thomson, Meyers, King, Sullivan and Carigan, and incidentally, Stange. All these men were of invaluable assistance in bringing the flags to their various clubs.

"Next comes a heavy-hitting outfield and I guess I need go no further than the Boston club of 1912 to show you just what I mean. The outfield has got to be one of the most important cogs in a modern baseball machine and if it isn't there strong, then good-by to pennant hopes.

"Offensively, of course, hitting is the most important feature, but of scarcely secondary importance is fast base running. McGraw's Giants realize the truth of this and it is generally granted that their ability and daring on the bases were their greatest asset throughout the season."

Wilson to Help Opening.
resident-Elect Woodrow Wilson has been asked to throw out the first ball for the '13 season at Washington.

Magee Is Optimistic.
Lee Magee, the hard-hitting, air-round man of the Cardinals, says the team is going to be in the race under Manager Huggins.

Regular Job for Vitt.
Oscar Vitt will play third base regularly for the Detroit Tigers next season.

DEMAREST AFTER BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP



Calvin Demarest, Former Amateur Champion.

One of the stars of the billiard world is Calvin Demarest, the young Chicago cue artist. Demarest was formerly amateur billiard champion and since he invaded the ranks of the professionals has demonstrated that he is capable of holding his own with Hoppe, Slosson, Sutton and the other cracks. In the recent big tournament in New York Demarest defeated Yamada, the Japanese marvel. Demarest is anxious to meet Willie Hoppe for the championship and may appear in a match game with him shortly.

GOSSIP AMONG SPORTS

Ed Walsh is picked as the greatest pitcher in either league.

Jeff Tresear of the Giants says he'll cop the pitching wreath this season.

Eddie Phelps has signed his contract to catch for the Dodgers again.

One thing we'd like to know, and that is, what position will Jim Thorpe play next season?

Manager McGraw of the Giants rates base running as 15 per cent of successful baseball.

Barney Dreyfuss has decided not to sign any of his players for more than a year at a time.

It is reported that George Witte, the Giants' left-hander, will be converted into a first sacker this year or next.

Sam Agnew, the young catcher secured by the Browns from the Pacific Coast league, is being touted as a find.

Jack Love, utility player of the Kansas City Blues for the last four years, will play with Denver of the Western league this season.

Poor Bat Nelson! His wife has asked him to quit fighting. This is one instance in which "Bat" may not have the last word.

Louisville of the American association gave \$3,000 and two men, Johnny Burke and Pletcher Fueki, to Wichita for Catcher Clemmons.

Long Tom Hughes, who was one of Griffith's mainstays last season, is not to be overlooked in discussing the Senators' 1913 chances.

Red Dolin now is his own boss. "You're manager of the club and you are the one to deal with the players," President Locke told him.

Dan Morgan talks and talks and talks of "knockout" Brown of New York. But that is not winning any championships for the pugilist.

CUBAN TAKES CROWN

Capablanca, Cuban Champion, Is Victor in National Play at New York—Final Standing.

Joseph R. Capablanca, the Cuban chess champion won the American national chess masters' tournament, which was concluded the other day, with a final score of eleven games won and two lost, comprising ten victories, two games drawn and one defeat.

Frank J. Marshall, who opposed Capablanca in the final round, played a careful game, not wishing to jeopardize his chance of second prize, the result being a drawn game after eight-overt moves. Marshall's score was 10½ won and 2½ lost, consisting of eight wins and five drawn contests.

Charles Jaffe finished third with 9½ won and 3½ lost. He lost a chance of tying Marshall for second place by losing his game to Zapolon, the first win for the latter in the tournament.

Players	W.	L.	Players	W.	L.
Capablanca	11	2	Teecevitzel	5½	7½
Marshall	10½	2½	Whitaker	5½	7½
Jaffe	9½	3½	Rubinstein	4½	8½
Jamold	9	4	Kline	4½	8½
Chales	9	5	Morrison	4	9
Slapfer	8½	5½	Libenstein	3½	9½
Kupchik	6½	6½	Zapolon	11	11

CARPENTIER A HEAVY-WEIGHT

Former French Middleweight Finds It Difficult to Make Weight for That Division.

Georges Carpentier, the French middleweight champion, is to become a heavyweight. Carpentier has been growing too heavy for the middleweight class and finds it difficult to make weight for this division. His defeat at the hands of Billy Papke is said by Carpentier's backers to be the fact that he virtually had to starve himself to get down to the middleweight limit and greatly weakened himself thereby. Carpentier was looked upon as a wanderer in the ring by the French boxing lovers, who hailed him as the greatest middleweight in the world. Such glowing reports of his prowess as a fighter reached these shores that American fight fanciers were forced to the conclusion that he must be a real ring marvel. But when the French champion went up against a couple of good American glove artists his boasted superiority was given a rude setback. Frank Klaus, the Pittsburgh bear cat, and Billy Papke, who is not near as good a fighter as he was a few years ago, had no trouble in beating the foreigner. There has been talk for some



Georges Carpentier.

time of Carpentier coming to this country and giving Americans a chance to see him in action. It is possible that the French star will be seen on this side before long.

"WINED" HIS AFFINITY

AMERICAN DIPLOMAT TOOK PITY ON THE SPHINX.

Spent Much Good Money on Champagne to Quench Her Thirst, and His Reward Consisted in Being "Fired."

"That recent escapade of the British official who poured a libation of sacrilegious wine down the back of a sacred image in Hindustan recalls a somewhat similar incident that involved one of our own diplomats back in the restless days of the seventies," said a veteran official of the state department. "He was a young fellow, the favorite nephew of a statesman of national prominence, and he turned that statesman's hair prematurely gray with his wild vagaries.

"Ben, for we'll call the young fellow by that name, was a man of most vagrant mind and versatile bibulosity. His uncle, pardoning all his Bohemian obliquities, launched him forth time and again on many a promising venture in this line or that, but ever Ben came floating home on a high tide of alcohol. At length the statesman, seeking to sober him by the burden of responsibility, gave him a long lecture—and the consularship to Cairo. Ben took the pledge, took a drink and took the first boat for the land of the Pharaohs.

"He was of a most romantic nature, smothered heretofore under the stern practicalities of American life, but, moistened by subtle liquors and nourished by the Egyptian stars gilding their soft images in the waters of the age-old Nile, it burgeoned forth and threw amain. It was his wont—when loaded to the Pilsener mark with what the genial Horace might have termed 'Old Falernian'—to wander beyond the sacred river, and, crossing the intervening sands, sit for hours in silent communion with the Sphinx. Here he felt he had met his affinity at last.

"One afternoon, while deeply wrapped in one of these affinity Quaker meetings with his stony lady love, the thought was suddenly borne in upon him that, after sitting out there for countless ages on the dry and hot and dusty desert, the old girl must have a most appalling thirst.

"Forthwith he hied him back to Cairo, purchased half a dozen cases of the best champagne from Sheperd, loaded them upon a camel and, hiring a fellah, as assistant barkeep, so to speak, betook himself and his wine back through the soft Egyptian night to the sand-swept paws of his silent sweetheart.

"Arrived, he and the deckhand of his ship of the desert broke open the cases, loaded themselves down with their contents, and, clambering upon the head of the aged female, poured 144 bottles of wine down her neck! Having accomplished this act of favor for the idol of his heart, Ben returned to Cairo and slept the slumber of the peaceful hearted.

"Now, all this romantic adventure, worthy of a Knight of the Round Table, might have been blown out into the desert upon the winds had not certain inquisitive busybodies about the lobby of Sheperd's hotel at Cairo learned the sentimental story and brought it back to America, where it reached the official ears of the state department. Officials of that day were an uncouth lot, with an atrophied sense of romance and poetry, and they recalled Ben with a color that in these days of swiftness is denominated as 'getting fired.' The sudden blow and the rude separation from the scenes amid which his poetic soul had blossomed out into that last wild act of love, broke Ben's heart, and, always anxious for an excuse, he spent the remainder of his days in deep drink.

"But," concluded the official, "according to the report on the matter, Ben is the only man that ever bought the Sphinx a drink."

But the New Milkman Wasn't New.

A woman on Linwood boulevard decided not long since to discharge her milkman because of the inferior quality of milk he had been bringing and she happened to tell a friend about it over the phone. Thinking to help her out, the friend told her they had a good milkman and she would tell him to stop and see her if she wished.

"Wait a minute," she said suddenly. "I think I hear him on the back porch right now."

Presently she came back to the phone and asked for the exact street number of the house that she might give it to the man, and after a second's silence, the woman holding the receiver heard a startled exclamation at the other end of the line.

"I gave him your name and address," she said, laughing, "and he says he has been bringing you milk for three years. What shall I tell him?"

"Oh," gasped the friend, "Just tell him he is fired!"—Kansas City Star.

Airship Shed on Helligoland.
English newspapers announce that an airship shed is to be built on Helligoland, and that its construction will be begun in the spring. The shed will be of the revolving type, so that it can be used whatever the direction of the wind.

It is to be built in a deep depression called the Sapskuhle, and when needed for the exit or entrance of an airship it will be raised to the level of the surrounding surface. At other times it will rest on the bottom of the depression, the roof bridging the sides of the gap so that the situation of the shed will be scarcely perceptible.

This is a precaution against the dropping of bombs by aeroplanes sent out from hostile warships.

Portrait of Franklin Sold.
A portrait of Benjamin Franklin, painted by Mason Chamberlain in 1762, during Franklin's first mission to England, was sold in London the other day for 2800 guineas. The picture, after passing out of the possession of the Franklin family, belonged to Joshua Bates, of London, and was while the picture was in his hands that the only copy of it was taken—a copy by Leslie, which Bates presented to Harvard College.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE, 1913.

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MEN UNPAID FOR LONG HITS

Fan Declares Ball Over Fence Should Be Rated as Worth More Than One Run for Batter.

Once when an eastern baseball club was training in the south in a town where there were plenty of baseball fans, and the kind of fans that would sit up all night to talk baseball with the star pitcher or with the bat boy of the home team, a discussion began in front of the village tavern as to changes in the rules.

Everybody contributed a little to the fund of general information. It was as good as a donation party. But it was a tall, lank native, who sat on the horse block and ate tobacco with rare relish, who advocated what he termed justice for the batter.

"I've been playing with the Tom beese boys across you river," said he. "We've got two pow'ful hefty batters I allow that you can slap that old ball 'fust than any two huskies in this county. But what's the good of their slappin' it? That's what I'm risin' to ask? They git a run fur it,

don't they? A plain, ordinary hit that doesn't allow to go no more than half as much may count a home run. Seems to me like that it's the only fair thing to do to change that rule so that a runner can keep on runnin' until the ball gets back to the pitcher."

"Suppose that it goes over the fence or into a creek or something of that kind?"

"Three runs for 'ovuh the fence and game called on account of water if the ball floats away in a stream," was the calm rejoinder. "If a man kin hit a ball ovuh a fence he shouldn't be handicapped, but should be encouraged to do his religious best."

Break Records in Yale Swim.
Yale defeated McGill university of Canada in a dual swimming meet, 35 to 14. Four intercollegiate records were broken. Yale won the 600 feet relay race in 1:44 2-5, breaking the record of 1:48 3-4. Hoadley of Yale won the 50-yard swim in 25 3-5, breaking the record of :26. Hodgson of McGill lowered two records. He won the

220-yard swim in 2:27 2-5 seconds, breaking the record of 2:37 in the 100 yard swim he made the distance in 58 2-5, chopping off one-fifth of a second from the record.

Announces A. A. Umpire Staff.
The umpire staff of the American association for 1913 was announced by President Chivington as follows: Ollie Chill, Indianapolis; J. E. Johnson, Irvington N. J.; J. A. Murray, Chester, Pa.; Fred Westervelt, Richmond, Va.; Joseph O'Brien Troy, N. Y.; C. E. Erwin, Chicago; R. F. Connolly, Boston, and E. S. Handibee, Washington.

Simon Pure Amateur.
Connie Mack has his own idea of what a simon-pure amateur is. Connie's definition is new. Here it is: "A simon-pure amateur is an athlete who pays another man for the privilege of playing."

Fast Horses From One Source.
Of the 53 trotters that entered the 2:10 list in 1912 32 trace back to the direct male lines to George Wilkes

(2:27), and 28 are inbred to him. Ten of the newcomers are direct descendants of Electioneer, and six are inbred to him. Sixteen of the fast ones represent the Wilkes-Electioneer cross. All but four are representatives of the Hambletonian family.

Yale to Meet Tigers May 10.
Yale will meet Princeton in the annual dual track games at Princeton on May 10 and Harvard at New Haven on May 17, according to the Yale track schedule.

Rudolph's Good Work.
Rick Rudolph of Toronto led the international sea ue pitchers with 25 victories and ten defeats last season.

Boost for Athletics.
Eddie Collins adds his testimony to that of Connie Mack that the Philadelphia Athletics will win in 1913.

San Antonio Signs Catcher.
The San Antonio Club of the Texas League, has signed Catcher Joseph C. Groff, of Wheeling, W. Va.

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