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LIGHTER GOLF BALL URGED AFTER TESTS

Fownes, Sweetser and Marston Tried Out New Pellet at Morris County Club.

Although the day was not particularly propitious, so far as determining anything except the "hitting" qualities of the ball, the results of Saturday's actual playing tests of the new 1.55-1.63 ball at the Morris County Golf Club at Convent, N.J., are expected to be far-reaching.

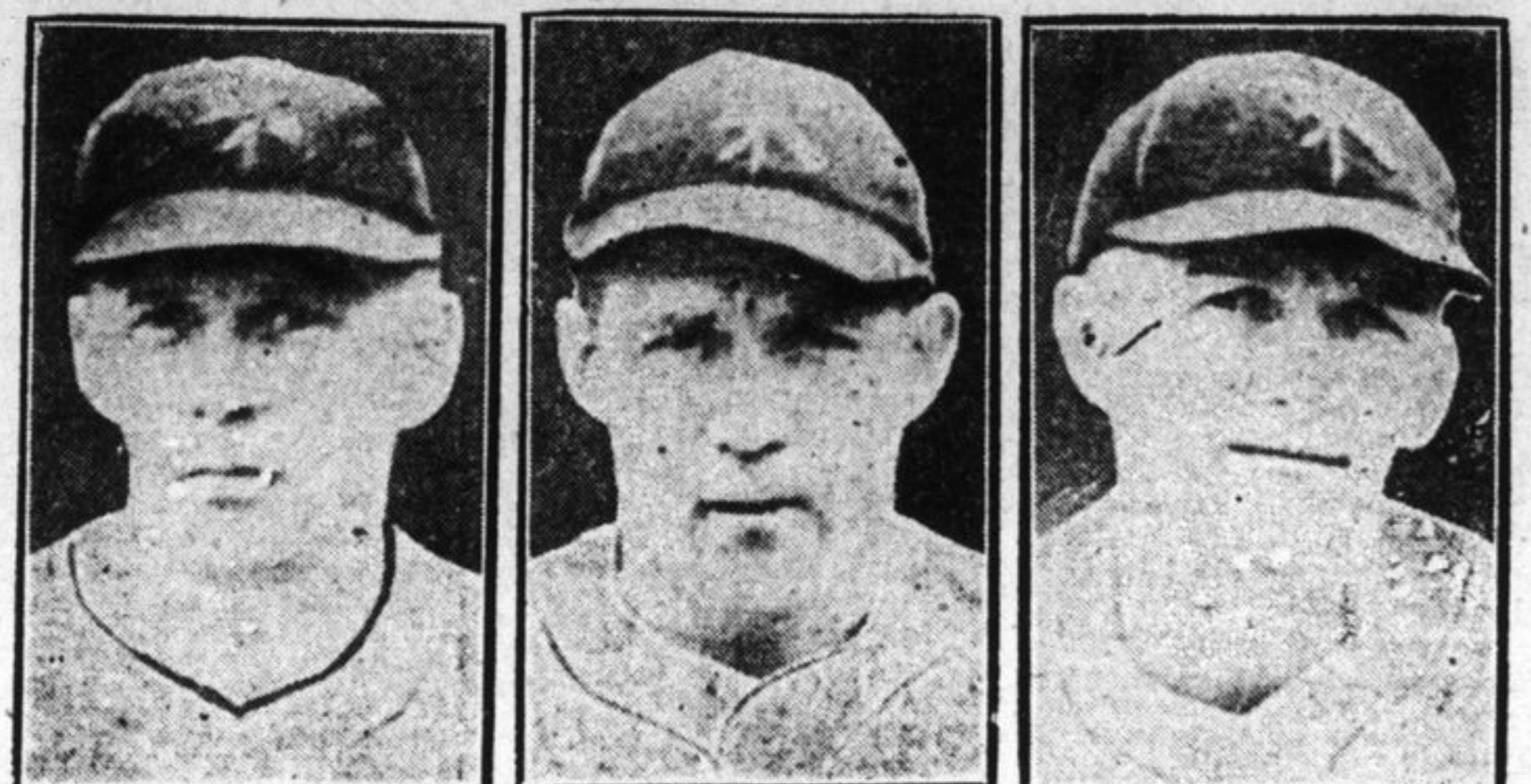
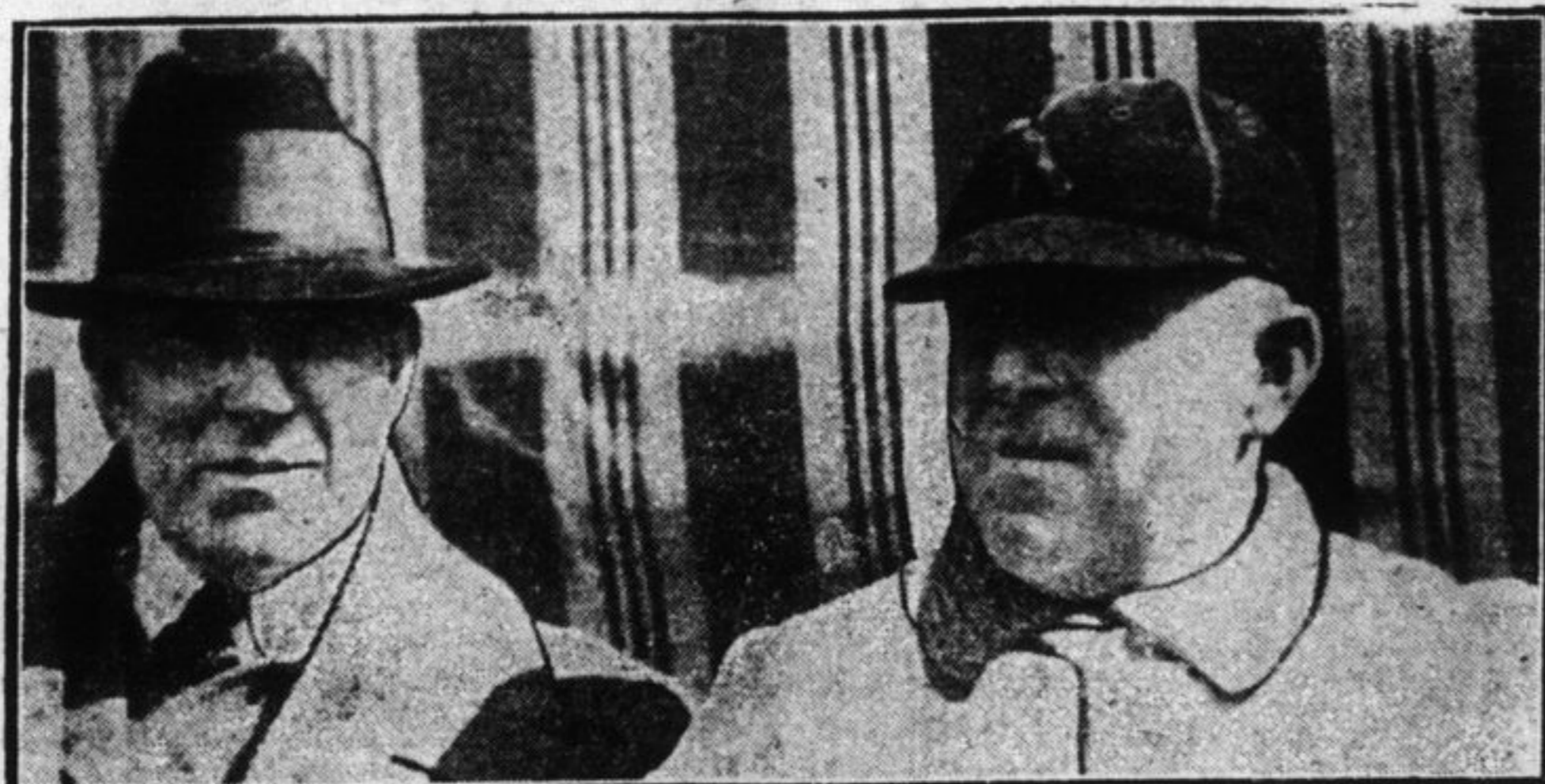
The three champions who participated in the tournament and in the tests—Marston, the present titleholder; Sweetser and Fownes, the latter a close student of all matters pertaining to the mechanics of the royal and ancient game—were well satisfied with the playing qualities of the new ball.

According to Fownes, the main advantage that the new ball, which is 1.55 ounces in weight, 1.63 inches in diameter and 1.08 in specific gravity, has over the 1.62-1.62 ball is that the present standard comes in its rewarding of a good hit and penalizing a poor one.

"With the ball which is at present standard," said Fownes, referring to the 1.62-1.62, "it is often possible to half hit or half miss a shot and still not be penalized. I have seen it happen time and again. The ball is such a traveller that it is possible to top and to half hit the shots and yet end up fully as well off as an opponent who has hit this shot faultlessly. Every one has seen tee shots topped or half topped run through bunkers and traps and come out on the fairway."

"I'm sold on the lighter ball," said Sweetser. "It is a much better ball to play to the green and on the green. Furthermore, being larger, it is far easier to get hold of on the fairways. That fact will, I think, do much to counteract the loss of distance off the tees. With the present 1.62-1.62 ball, playing from a close lie, it is often necessary to use an iron for the second shot when the hole really calls for a wood. The result is that the player does not get home, which he might do if he felt that he was certain of getting hold of the ball with a wooden club. The bigger ball is easier by far to get hold of with a brassie or spoon, and consequently it is possible to make up whatever distance is lost on the tee shot by using a wooden club for the second shot."

"The main point in favor of the lighter ball is, I think, its action on approach shots. With the 1.62 ball it is oftentimes necessary to play short, especially when the pins are placed at the back of the greens, as they often are, to avoid trouble. You can go for the pin with the 1.55-1.63 ball and feel certain that the ball will stay in about the place you intend it to stay. It enables you to play boldly for the pin, which, after all, is the thing to do. I feel that it places far greater premium on skill than does the present ball."



Johnny Dunn, owner and manager of the five-ply champion Baltimore club, and "Billy" Clymer, veteran coach, snapped in their dugout at Toronto Island during the recent disastrous Toronto series when the Orioles lost three out of four games and were fortunate to win the lone tussle from the Leafs. The three players shown below did good work in the series. They are Otis Lawry, smart outfield veteran; Fritz Maisel, star third baseman, and Joe Boley, the \$100,000 shortstop.

Do You Know Baseball?

By Billy Evans

If you want the final decision on any baseball dispute, write Billy Evans, NEV Service, 1200 W. Third St., Cleveland.

QUESTIONS
1. What happens when the batter strikes at an illegally pitched ball?—J.M.

2. Is it necessary that the team at the bat make an appeal for the calling of a balk?—Mike.

3. Bases are filled, two out, count three balls, and two strikes on batter. All runners start on next pitch. It is a ball. Runner from second overruns third and is retired for third out before runner crosses plate. Does run score?—G.J.

ANSWERS
1. It counts for a strike or whatever may follow.

2. A balk rests entirely with the judgment of the umpire. There is no necessity or reason for an appeal, although the team at bat often raises the claim.

3. It does. The batsman received a base on balls, with bases filled. That entitled him to first and all runners to advance a base. Runner on third must be allowed to score, even though third out is made before he reaches the plate.

Patience and gravity of bearing are an essential part of justice.

COLLING CALLS 'EM

FOR JACK WILLIAMS.
Ken Colling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Colling, Belleville, is now officiating as umpire in the New York-Pennsylvania baseball league, the league in which Jack Williams, former star port sider with the Belleville Grand Trunks, is now pitching with the Birmingham club.

Ken, who is well known, and who officiated very capably as umpire in the Central Ontario baseball league last season is doing well at his new duties according to advices received having umpired his first game there on May 6th, at Almirra.

Players of this league are old time big leaguers and recruits in the-making for the Major or International league and snappy ball is witnessed at every game.

Ken's many Belleville friends will regret that he is not performing his services in this league this season, but nevertheless will be glad to know that he is giving satisfaction in the U.S.A.

The rugby experts of the Paris newspapers all protested Monday against the hooting of the United States team by the spectators in their Olympic games at the Colombes Stadium, in which they defeated Rumania 37 to 0, thus winning the right to meet France in the final next Sunday. The writers unite in praising the perfect sportsmanlike tactics of the winners.

The track of the Colombes stadium, where the Olympic events will take place, is 500 meters around and 8 meters wide.

COBB MAY RETIRE.

On Completion of His Twentieth Season in Majors.
Detroit, May 15.—While no definite announcement has been made, it is understood that this year will be Cobb's last season as a regular player.

Cobb came to the Detroit club in 1907. At the close of this season he will have finished his twentieth season as one of the shining lights of the American League.

Last season Cobb slowed up considerably. It was generally noticeable. Cobb, himself, admitted that he no longer was a speed merchant on the paths. He lost at least 20 hits last year he would have easily beaten out 10 years ago.

Cobb is proud of his great record, as well he should be. He frankly admits that he never wants his play to slip so much that the crowd starts to boo him. He recalls that Lajoie and Wagner suffered such a fate in the final stages of their big league careers.

"Nothing like that for me," says Cobb. "When I see that I am a has-been, it's a seat on the bench for me."

Cobb says the thought of permanently retiring is still some years distant, but instead of a regular he will probably play utility roles at the close of 1924.

The present year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Maryland Hunt Cup steeplechase, the most famous cross-country jumping race in America.

THE NUT CRACKER

By Joe Williams

The hot summer days have their compensation. They at least silence the bird who boasts of taking an ice-cold plunge every morning.

A Boston checker player had to retire from the national tournament because of exhaustion. Possibly he hadn't done enough road work.

Greece is sending a one-armed relic to this country, as if there weren't enough one-armed relics among the big league pitchers already.

A Cleveland golfer was killed by lightning the other day and the tragedy would have been much more terrible if he hadn't been going so badly at the time.

Connie Mack never dreamed that his remodeled Athletic machine would turn out to be a submersible. Give the American boy some credit for discrimination: he never picks out a wrestler or a six-day bike racer for his idol.

Speaking of politics, Mr. Hiram Johnson reminds us of the pitcher who had a lot of stuff but couldn't get the ball over the plate.

Babe Ruth is going to be a farmer when he quits the game. Well, none of the pitchers have been able to make a hit out of him yet.

It is said that Young Stribling learned to fight by watching the movies. . . . And yet we have never seen him throw a custard pie.

Run everything out in a baseball preachment. . . . Unfortunately this doesn't apply to the nifty goof who leaps up in front of you at the very moment the star steals home with the winning run.

BASEBALL SCORES

FRIDAY'S GAMES.
International League.
Toronto 7, Buffalo 6.
Baltimore 9, Newark 3.
Rochester 5, Syracuse 4.
National League.
New York 16, Chicago 12.
Boston 8, Cincinnati 3.
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3.
St. Louis 6, Brooklyn 5.
American League.
Detroit 3, Philadelphia 1.
Boston 4, Chicago 3.

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At a meeting of the Soccer League at Manchester the Newcastle United Club, winners of the cup final were fined £750 for playing a weak team before the cup final match. On April 21st Newcastle put into the field against Aston Villa only two of their regular team, and were defeated by six goals to two. The following Saturday they defeated Aston in the cup final by two to nothing.