

Ted No Longer Fears Conking by Tebbetts

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The acquisition of Birdie Tebbetts, the Detroit catcher, by the Red Sox should have been greeted with gusto by Theodore S. Williams.

Tebbetts once conked Williams on the back of the noggin while in the act of hurling the ball back to the pitcher. This led to Ted's present habit of arching his not inconsiderable neck in the manner of a swan and taking a long back stride each time a catcher pegs the ball back to the mound.

Williams never batted in front of Tebbetts after that without fidgeting uneasily and keeping his eye peeled over his left shoulder until Birdie got rid of the thing. Only last Monday p. m. Birdie teased Ted a couple of times by pausing with the ball held at arm's length behind the Sox slugger.

Ted pulled his ears down beneath his shoulders. He may have "rabbit" ears, but he has an elephant's memory.



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A very earnest man in the act of performing a serious mission is Stylianos Kyriakides, the Greek runner of Marathons.

Although the Olympic Games originated in his country, lack of athletic equipment and funds may prevent that nation from being represented at London next Summer. "As a Greek athlete," says Stylianos, "I would be very much ashamed if this happened—the first time in history no Greeks competed in an Olympiad."

His job is to raise \$50,000 and as much second-hand sports equipment as possible. All checks are payable to the Greek Olympic Committee, checks and cash being received by Bank of Athens Trust Company, 203 West 33d St., New York city. "I don't handle one cent," says Stylianos. "I just tell the people—the Greeks and Americans—how our boys now train, without shoes, without pants, without even T-shirts."

It is the first time in the history of sports that the Greeks have ever asked for help. The Cyprian Club in Detroit raised \$1500 in five minutes for Stylianos. Bill Helis sent a check for \$1000. Tom Pappas will buy 1000 pairs of sneakers for training.

"Anyone who knew what wonderful hosts the Greeks were to us in '96 at Athens," states J. B. Connolly, a champion in the first modern Olympiad, "would be happy to help them now."

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