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## Great Ball Players Make a Team

Great players and not great managers are what make great ball clubs, says Jimmy McAleer, the new president of the Boston Red Sox.

"There never was a great baseball club that didn't have a lot of great players," says the new magnate. "Mack is a great manager, but he has Collins, Baker, Coombs and a number of others. Jennings has Cobb and Crawford and Bush and—you see that's how it is.

"Cobb is the greatest player in the history of the game—the perfect ball player. Other men have been great fielders, great batters, great base runners. Sometimes a great fielder has been a great batter as well, or a great base runner, or a great base runner has been a great batter, but Cobb is all of these things. He can do everything as well as anybody ever did anything in the history of the game.

"Cobb brings out the crowds. I suppose he boosts the attendance figures by 5,000 at least. The old fans want to compare him with the old players, and the new fans can't keep their eyes off him.

"Cobb has quickened the game—no doubt about that. They are all playing faster since he came."

### TRIS SPEAKER WRITES A HISTORY OF HIS LIFE

Tris Speaker, the reliable Boston Sox outfielder, recently wrote a history of his life. Here it is:

"My name has puzzled a lot of people, and I doubt if there is another person named Tris. My parents got the name from the old English name Tristram, cutting off the final syllable.

"I used to think that I couldn't be nicknamed, but my Red Sox teammates finally found an abbreviated name. They call me Spoke.

"I used to be a right-hander, but when I was 10 years old I fell off a broncho and my right collar bone was broken. I played baseball while my arm was still useless, throwing with my left hand. My home is in Hubbard City, Texas, which has 5,800 people."