

Twentynine Golf Club,
Kunglo .O.
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Dear Douglas,

Yours to hand re match against Belgium. You are quite right in saying that I do not play in enough competitions away from home but that is owing to my duties here. It is obvious that it is with difficulty that I can get away so it is hardly to be wondered at that I look upon the few occasions when I do go away as more in the nature of a holiday.

I probably have said to Mr van Dijk that I haven't a great deal of interest in playing in competitions. I realise that it is for me a sort of "will of the wisp" I mean chasing the shadow and losing the substance. I refer to that taking of my wife with me in competitions. Bobby Jones took his wife to England with him. There is nothing to show that it was not conducive to good golf. At least he won the British Open. That part of ^{the} letter is really amusing. Especially after you expressed your intention when you were last there that you would take your wife to Brussels.

However, I have not said that you should not have been selected. What I honestly and sincerely meant was that I could not understand some of those selected in place of me, and the chief reason is not form but because I take my wife with me for a little holiday. It is rather amusing coming from Jos. I remember we having a joke about it; and I fear now that Jos. was a bit annoyed because I pulled his leg about him never taking his wife with him.

I did not think it would have been used against me as it was of course a bit of fun, and I remarked to you at the time "That taking his wife with him may make a difference because he has always the best chance of winning. In my case the chance is a scant one."

By the way, The matter is not so important. I am not so enamoured with my play and myself that there is any need of speaking to Mr. de la Cour van Krimpen. Although respecting his opinion it is rather outside his province and this is purely a private matter and has not been mentioned to a single soul at my place. I would not be so foolish as to think of doing so.

No: I don't like that bit at all as it's not his business at all, and you must also be aware of the fact that it is not at all pleasant to be discussed by other people.

However, I propose that we let the matter drop you may have been right in leaving me out. I know I'm a poor player, but it still remains that I had stronger claims for inclusion than one or two of the others.

Now let the matter rest and don't let us discuss it further. It is only a minor matter and not so important.

Hope to see you on the 26th of the month. We are busy in getting the course in good condition. So hope the weather is good.

Best Wishes

Yours Sincerely
F. Cant.

P.S. Just this (You say in your letter (bad selections) names I mentioned (I mean said bad selections than you have to choose 9 from 11 it's only a matter of who you will leave out and I still venture to say that I should not have been the last choice. This is undeniable - but I'm out of mind so to speak.