

Haagsche Golf Club.
Waalddorperweg,
Den Haag.
12-5-32.

Dear Douglas,

I have received your letter of yesterday's date, and very much regret to note that you would rather not be chosen for the Holland-Belgium match, at Brussels. I fully appreciate your reasons, but do ask you to reconsider your opinion, as, apart from the boys' wish that you take part, and my own personal wish also, the team needs your help.

Although you are constantly decrying your own ability, you will have to admit that when eight men are required out of the handful of professionals in the country, you simply can't be left out.

I spoke with Bertie Dunn on the matter of his making one of the party, if his presence was required, on the journey back from Brida on Sunday, and he promised me he would certainly take part if requested.

I do want him to play, and the team I suggest be asked is - Lambert, D. Oosterveer, J. Oosterveer, A. v. Dijk, P. Witte, H. King, B. Dunn, D. Monk.

It is scarcely likely, after his failure to turn up at Brida, that Blansjaar would make the journey to Brussels, even if he were asked to do so: whilst, as for Spalding, I would never dream of asking him in any circumstances.

besides his meagre record of attendances at tournaments outside of his beloved Hongkong, he appears to have used-up all his ink on his epistles to the P.G. & Journal.

Young Will also would be hardly likely to go, and I don't think it would be reasonable to ask Rogers to go, seeing that he has just taken-over his new job. Altogether, you will see that you simply must come. I have in mind that the partnership of P. Witte and yourself in the fairs would be a very useful combination.

I hope to receive notice that you will make the trip, in any case, don't please decide definitely not to go, and ask one of the possibles, before you write me again.

Dad and I intend to compete for the Belgian "Open", and would be glad if you will send our names to the secretary when you write.

I enclose a letter I had from Prie. of Douglas's. which is rather amusing, compared to the one he wrote me from his hotel the same evening on the day I unrolled him out of my shop neck and crop, and in which he threatened me with all kinds of fearful penalties, and winding-up with the threat that he would come and see my secretary.

Of course, told him a few home truths in reply, and told him that I hoped I did not meet him on his way to the secretary's office.

I hope to receive a favourable reply, re Brussels at an early date.
from you
Yours sincerely,
Bert.