# EASTERN TEAMS OF NATIONAL LEAGUE ARE STRONGER, WHILE AMERICAN RACE IS UPSE

## SENSATIONAL WORK OF NEW YORK GIANTS THE FEATURE OF BIG LEAGUE CAMPAIGNS

Grand Work of Phillies and Cleveland Overshadowed by Sudden Spurt of McGraw's Team-Mackmen Continue to Improve

A<sup>S</sup> THE weeks roll by it becomes apparent that the National and American League pennant races are to be more thrilling than ever before. The first clash between the East and West in the two major league races shows two things quite plainly. One is that the Eastern teams of the National League are much stronger than those of the West, while the other is that the American League is more evenly balanced than it has been in 10 years, with the race an open one.

For once the dope on the National race is running true to form, though there no telling when some "dark horse" will come along and knock it sky high. fore the season opened it was apparent that the Phillies, Boston and Brooklyn were powerful, with New York a doubtful proposition. Unless one of the Western -Cincinnati generally being picked as a "dark horse"-get all the breaks it was conceded that the pennant would fly in the East.

The Giants looked like a wonderful team on paper, but McGraw's pitching staff appeared to be weak, and when 13 out of 15 games were lost this team was counted out of the race. McGraw insisted he had a great team, but even the New York scribes were inclined to consider the Glants a joke aggregation, and MeGraw and the owners were ridiculed for spending such an enormous sum for Federal League stars.

#### Giants Recovered From Slump Suddenly

FTER losing three straight games to the Boston Braves, the Glants departed A for Pittsburgh to start the first Western series. The first game with Pittsburgh was played on Tuesday, May 9, and was won by the Giants, the score being 13 to 5. This victory not only broke the losing streak, but also marked the end of the batting slump. Since that day the Glants have not been beaten and have climbed from last place to fourth.

When the winning streak started the Glants were forced to slug their way to victory, as the pitching staff was unable to check the opposing team. Victory had an excellent effect on the pitchers, and when the Giants reached Chicago the hurlers suddenly rounded into form. The terrific hitting and brilliant all-round work of the rest of the team continued, and with the pitchers going good the Glants have simply outclassed the Western teams.

Eleven straight games have been won, and in only one was New York vicrious because it had all the luck. The other 10 victories were gained because the team played better all-round ball than its opponents. In the 11 games the Giants have tallied 67 runs against 25 for their opponents, and also have outbatted the opposing teams more than two to one.

#### Four Straight Taken in Pittsburgh

LIOUR straight games were taken in Pittsburgh, the scores being 13-5, 7-1, 8-2 and 3-2. In Chicago two games were postponed, but the other pair resulted in victories by the scores of 6 to 4 and 3 to 2. Prior to the last game in Chicago Anderson was the only pitcher able to last the full game, but since that time a relief twirler has been needed only once.

St. Louis was outclassed, only one of the four games being close. The scores were 9-4, 3-0, 5-4 and 4-1. Yesterday the Giants overwhelmed Cincinnati by the score of 11 to 1. The streak cannot last forever and the Giants are likely to be beaten almost any day now, but one defeat will not put McGraw's team back in its slump, as this manager apparently has welded his aggregation of stars into a smooth-working machine.

McGraw is not a developer, but is a wonderful driver, and has uncanny ability to find the proper combination. He is one of the few managers in the game today who can produce perfect teamwork from an aggregation of stars, and when one of his combinations starts on a streak of this sort it is hard to stop.

#### Phillies Also Are Playing Great Ball

OCAL fans are just a trifle disturbed at the wonderful record of the Giants. It I would be considered remarkable if New York had started its streak at home, but is even more noteworthy when one realizes that all of the victories have been won away from home and in the West. The work of the Giants has caused the fans to lose sight of the fact that the Phillies also are traveling at a terrific clip.

If it were not for the extraordinary streak of the Glants the Phillies' drive through the West would be the talk of the country. After a severe slump in the East, Moran got his machine straightened, and eight out of 11 games have been won against St. Louis, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Chicago, with three more to be played with the lattter team.

There were three outstanding features to the Western invasion of the Phillies. ey were the sudden return to the 1915 batting form by stars who were in a nump, the return to the game of Catcher Bill Killefer and the continuation of the splendid pitching which has been a feature of the Phillies' play since Moran took the managerial reins. Only one game has been lost since Killefer returned to the team, and two of the pitchers who were off form early in the season have improved wonderfully within the last 10 days. Killefer has shown no ill effects of the injury and apparently is capable of catching every day.

#### Favorites Fail to Strike Stride in American League

"LEVELAND and Washington continue to set the pace in the American League J and, with the favorites still playing below form, it begins to look as if a "dark horse" has an excellent chance to slip through a winner. Detroit's pitchers continue to display erratic form; Boston appears to be alipping badly in all departments,

**BENNIS AT TOP** OF BATSMEN ON **FRANKLIN FIELD** 

Red and Blue Nine at Last **Out of Cellar Position** in Team Hitting

#### BERRY'S MARK IS .295

A gain of 12 points enabled Penn again to desert the cellar and advance one peg in the race for the leadership in club bat-ding. Williams now is the team that occuples the tail end position, just four points in the rear of the Red and Blue, with .169, In the rear of the Red and Blue, with .169, Amherst is 10 points in front of Penn, with Yale 6 points ahead of Amherst. Lehigh continues to make the pace with a .289, followed by Wesleyan, with a .287. Co-lumbia is third, with .279, and no change in the three leaders took place during the week. Dartmouth is fourth, 19 points be-bind Columbia with Pann State in 66th hind Columbia, with Penn State in fifth position, with .255.

Bennis tops the Red and Blue in Individual clouting, with a .333. Berry and Sullivan are the only other Penn men in the averages, Berry having advanced to 295, and Sullivan to .255.

The individual and team batting aver ages, including the games played Thurs day, follow:

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#### Lists Close Today for Events at Point Public Ledger Ball Tossers Put Up Lively Contest

In a game brimful of brilliant plays and atrocious errors the artists of the PURLIC LKDOR defeated the advertising department plan yes-terday morning by the score of 12 to 4. Hay-mond and Miller were in the points for the artists while Flynn and Ferris did the twirling and catching for the advertising men.

catching for the advertising men. That the artists can draw was evidenced when Hobbs went to bat. He could not make a being hit by a pitched ball. Whi ey Doyble, who covered second base for the artists proved himself an embryo Johnny Evers. He stopped everything that came his way and fattened the put-out column. 

#### Entries close today for the 50th annual games of the Ancient Order of Hibernians at Point Breeze Park on Decoration Day, May 30. The number of entries received this year eclipses any in former years. Such stars as Ted Meredith, world's champlor in the half mile; Mike Dorizas, Cahili, of the New York A. C., and a number of University of Pennsylvania men will com-

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#### By GRANTLAND RICE

them all. For all-around srace in the had and at the bat Lajois tends the basis and Speaker the outfielders. Ballade of the Gamefish "Only the gamefish swims upstream

In Other Lines Considering all strokes. Chiek has the most graceful, rhythmic solfer a seen, while in lawn tennis the late as Wilding had an appeal for us beyond

Last season, as we recall the is Fred Toney won 17 games abd dre for a ball club that finished in place. The Reds since then have h stered considerably, but Toney, in being a whirlwind, has been some a mark.

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Where the puddle is shallow, the weakfish

"Only the gamefish swims upstream."

Where the shore is waiting, the minnows Borne by the current's undertow;

Col. John Trotwood Moore.

Borne by the current's undertow; Drifting, futtering on their way, Bound by a fate that has willed it so; In the tree-flung shadows they never know How far they have come from the old,

brave dream; Where the wild gales call from the peaks

"Only the gamefish swims upstream."

Where the tide rolls down in a flash of

A mark. You can never tell about these and or many of them—from one year is er. The Strong Boy from Billy G was almost as effective last means a ander was. This season he has been as many games in seven or eight of he lost last year in 25. "Aberg and Strangler Lewis bon and to be champion wrestler of the war Frank Gotch, please notice, Jos side kindly write. and strikes with the might of a bitter foe, The shrimp and the sponge are held at bay Where the dusk winds call and the sun

sinks low; They call if Fate in their endless woe As they shrink in fear when the wild hawk

From the craps and crests where the great

thorns grow. "Only the gamefish swims upstream."

Held with the current the Fates bestow

The driftwood moves to a sluggish theme, Nor heeds the call which the Far Isles

For weeks they crossed us with a reak For weeks they hurried us down him But who is there to check the hunch Aye, who is there to check the bunch That slams the pill? throw. "Only the gamefish speims upstream."

#### **Concerning Batting**

"Who is the most graceful hitter in base-bali?" asks a reader. Personally, or im-personally, as the case may be, we prefer to watch Frank Schulte, Heinie Zimmerman or Nap Lajole, with Tris Speaker only a stride behind. Schulte and Zimmerman are free, natural

hitters, without any restraining kink in their swings. Schulte comes nearer to hav-ing a golf stroke in his sweep than any other player in the upper leagues. Other Graces

As for fielding grace, we know of no one who can beat Hal Chase or Lajole. And as for the pitching part of it, Walter John-son has the easiest, most natural motion of

Jerry Travers has permitted busins interfere an awful lot with his solf. these abnormal conditions can be the be a true golfer? But the fellow has the open championship once and the teur championship four times. The a complex situation. What is to have about It?

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while the powerful White Sox do not appear to be able to pull together.

It is possible that the failure of Detroit and Chicago to show the form expected is due to the absence of morning practice. Both of these teams have played a large percentage of their games away from home. They are hitting below their normal gait and the pitchers have been wild. Morning practice generally eradicates these faults and it is possible that both will strike their stride on the long home stand which each will enjoy after Thursday.

Despite the large lead enjoyed by Cleveland and Washington, American League managers and players do not believe either team will be in the race in August. Manager Mack, of the Athletics, declares that the White Sox and New York look like the best teams in the league and that they should be fightting for the lead within six weeks.

The Athletics continue to improve, and with one consistent pitcher and a relief hurler are likely to trouble the first division teams in a short time. Manager Mack believes that Weldon Wychoff is rounding into form and will permit him to start one of the games against Cleveland this week. If Wyckoff can show a fash of his 1915 form, the Mackmen may upset the dope, with Myers and Bush in such splendid shape

#### Crowell Will Go Back to Spitball Delivery

IN THE future "Mi" Crowell will be a spitball pitcher. Manager Mack has become convinced that the powerful Brunonian will never be able to regain the curve ball he had prior to injuring his arm in Cleveland last fall, and will allow him to go back to the delivery he used when he was making his collegiate reputation. When Mack first went to Providence to look Crowell over the youngster was a spitball pitcher, but Mack induced him to discard this delivery and hoped to teach him a good curve ball.

Crowell showed signs of developing an excellent curve ball last week in prace, but when he faced the White Sox Saturday he could not make it break to the left-handed hitters and was soon driven from the mound. As a rule Manager Mack does not handle spitball pitchers, but he is so impressed with Crowell's speed and the break in his fast ball that he is going to allow him to go back to this style of pitching. Mack says Crowell is brainy, has plenty of nerve and ambition and will come back strong in a few weeks.

It was unfortunate that Crowell could not have pitched a good game on Saturday, even if the Mackmen had been beaten. The largest crowd of the season was present, and it is a pity that the fans could not have been rewarded with an exhibition in keeping with the recent work of the Mackmen. With Joe Benz pitching shut-out ball, it would have been almost impossible to have won under any condition, but good pitching would have prevented a farce. Tom Sheehan's exhibition after relieving Crowell was excellent. He eased up in the ninth and the Sor batted him fairly hard, but for five innings Tom had Rowland's team at his

Harry Weaver, the Philadelphia boy who was sent to New Haven by Manager Mack, tells local friends that Mack did not give him a fair chance. If any youngster ever secured a fair trial it was Weaver, as not more than one manager in the major leagues would even sign such a small man for pitching. Weaver was en the mound in three championship games and was batted hard. He was batted for 13 hits and nine runs in his first start for New Haven.

Two scribes traveling with the White Sox blame the failure of Comiskey's allar cast upon Eddie Collins. They claim the peerless pecond sacker has been playing careless ball, and that other stars are following his example. They also nd that Rowland is too easy with his men to be successful.

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#### Two Players for Troy Team

TROY, N. Y., May 22.-Layden, a right fielder of the New York Americans, and Jasmer, a first baseman of the Newark Internationals, have been signed by the Troy State League team.

**Elmira Wins From York** ELMIRA. N. Y., May 22.—The Elmira team, the New York State League, defeated York, the Pennsylvania State League, in an ex-bition game here yesterday.

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