# TITH LEADERS UNABLE TO DO BETTER THAN EVEN BREAK, N.Y. HAS CHANCE FOR PENNANT

## NATIONAL LEAGUE LEADERS MUST BRACE SOON OR FLYING GIANTS MAY OVERCOME LEAD

## Famous Drive of White Sox in 1906 Is Proof That an Eight-Game Advantage Does Not Eliminate Powerful Machine

S IT possible for the New York Giants to win the pennant? This is a question that has been asked thousands of times by baseball fans since McGraw's recon-tructed team started on its mad spurt, its second of the season. Earlier in the or the Giants had a run of seventeen consecutive victories, but later the team it to pieces and apparently dropped out of the race. The Glants, as lined up nt time, and with a good pitching staff, are not going to blow.

It is a ten to one shot that New York will continue at a whiriwind clip for the ler of the season, as it is the best team in the National League at the t time. The only thing that will prevent the Glants from winning the at is the fact that they have only twenty-four more games to play and are time. to and a half games behind the league leader.

The Giants are this distance back of the leaders so far as actual figures are ed, but in number of games lost McGraw's team is only eight games bepoklyn. The Giants have played three games less than the Dodgers, and ball manager does not consider a game lost until it has been played and n. New York is only eight games behind, provided, of course, that the three games are won.

Under ordinary conditions New York would be considered absolutely out of with no chance to even better its present position, but a review of the rk of the Dodgers, Phillies and Braves for the last month will convince one hat the Giants have a chance unless the leading teams take a sudden brace, and there has not been any improvement in the work of the trio,

### Leading Teams Slump as Giants Rush Forward

NEW FORK has gained four full games in one week and three weeks remain in which McGraw's team must pick up eight games. At the rate of four names gained a week the Giants could win the pennant with ease, providing the Philles and Braves do not increase their present speed. It is not likely that the liants can gain more than two games a week on the leaders and we do not beeve they will win, but the fact remains that they have a fighting chance and will bustle the leaders.

Say, for instance, that the Phillies have a poor home stand against the West and fall four games behind Brooklyn, which in turn is dropping a game here and there, while the Giants are going along at a dizzy clip. New York is scheduled to hav five games with Brookivn while the Phillies and Braves are battling. If the Glants should happen to pick up three or four games during the East vs. West struggie, what might not happen in the final five games against the Dodgers?

New York won four in a row from the Phillies, and did it in a manner that of no room for doubt as to which team was in the better condition at the present time. As the Phillies swept a five-game series from the Dodgers and three in a from the Braves, there is no reason why McGraw's team cannot hand Brookon the same dose. With an Alexander, McGraw would be better than a one to a and shot. He would have a one to five chance.

If New York did not have five games with Brooklyn and three with the Braves would appear to be almost a mathematical impossibility to overhaul any of the ng teams, but as the schedule stands the Giants really have a chance. Mcust keep the team going at its present speed, and he has the ball team to to it, if the pitching holds up and the leading teams continue to slump.

#### **Figures Show McGraw's Tremendous Task**

FIGURING the Giants' chances one must remember that they are so far behind that Brooklyn needs to win only eleven out of twenty-one games to make the ats win twenty-two out of the twenty-four remaining games to finish on even s, while twelve victories for the Dodgers would compel New York to win all its contests to win. Every one knows that such a thing would be a miracle id is out of the question. Therefore, figuring it out on this basis, New York's ce does not look very good, but considering that eight of the Dodgers' games with the Phillies and Giants, the task does not seem to be so impossible

The Chicago White Sox picked up twelve games in a month in 1906 and ed home an easy winner, the American League record winning streak starton August 11 and taking them to the fore. It also must be considered that getan even break is going to be quite a task for the leading trio, if they conto play as they have for the last month. On the whole the Phillies, rs and Braves have played poorer ball in the last ten days than the second

Since August 15 the Dodgers and Braves have been slipping, while the Phils ted to allp one week ago today, after having played marvelous ball against oklyn and Boston. From July 15 to August 15 the Phillies, Dodgers and ves outclassed the rest of the field, but from August 15 to September 15 the have won seventeen and lost thirteen; the Braves have won seventeen and lost fifteen, while the Dodgers won seventeen and lost sixteen. Which cannot be termed good ball for teams with championship aspirations.

None of the leaders has shown any degree of consistency, as the record since ning from the West shows. In this period Brooklyn has won seven and ten; the Phillies have won five and lost six since the Brooklyn series, while the Braves have lost seven of the last eleven games played. In contrast to this is the work of the Glants, who have won ten out of twelve, including the present I not require any great length of time to cut down the lead enough to make he final East vs. East series a deciding battle among four teams instead of three. Phils Continue in Slump



THAT six clubs out of the original six-teen should survive the pennant contro-teen should survive the pennant contro-umpires if there is any one in sight. versy through the middle of September is

by no means a record, but it is at least a big improvement upon the last few years. As a big average since 1908, the last year of the Big Smear, we only have bud year Umpire Lord Byron, the Singing Judge. has arranged a new song for the peevish athletes. It is entitled, "Please Go Way and Die."

As a big average since 1908, the last year of the Big smear, we only have had two or three contenders at this section of a waning race. Today there are three sur-vivors left in the American, with Boston. Detroit and Chicago in the hunt. Countless injuries crippled the Braves, but they came back and are right on the heels of the Dodgers and Phils. Attempting to pick a winner under the conditions that exist is foolish, mainly for the reason that out of the field no one club has shown any consistent all-year strength. No man can pick out any one machine and call it a great one. Unless Boston can crush Detroit and Chicago the Red Sox have no great chance, despite their gameness. When asked to dash off something after the manner of his less illustrious predeces sor, the first Lord Byron, the poetic ump responded as follows:

Manhattan, Isle, Manhattan Isle. "Manhattan, Isle, Manhattan Isle, Where Jawa McGraw now plays the game These prevish players make me smile, I yearn to toos 'em from the frame; I yearn to see their boiling wrath, Then chase 'em to the shower bath."

L J. H .-- It has been seven years since

Cobb was in a world series. As we recall the details, his average for the seven games was around .300.

New Strikes

Strikes being the order of the festive occanion, we suggest these additions:

1. That golfers strike for courses with-out bunkers or traps, and twelve-inch cups planted in the hollow of each green. 2. That boxers strike for a universal adoption of the Freddie Welsh system, where each man can take his own referee

along.

If Speedy Rush can find a quarterback to direct Tiger destinies this fall Princeton has the chance of a lifetime to overwhelm all rivals. 3. That ball players strike for a five-in-ning game and the right to bite any umpire under the left ear at any given moment. Yale, despite her start in the right direc

tion, will be rebuilding from the bottom, Harvard has lost Mahan, the most dan-gerous single factor of the modern game. And to face this situation Rush has first-ANY SUIT S TO ORDER

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Brooklyn vs. Philadelphia As for Brooklyn and Philadelphia, the finishing schedules permit of too many shifting possibilities to offer any tip. Brooklyn's last seven games are against Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia's last seven games are against Brooklyn and Boston. As the situation stands today grooklyn has the harder finish, but the decisive series is pretty sure to come when the Phillies establish their outposts along the Gowants Canal. the Gowanus Canal. Princeton's Chance

Brooklyn vs. Philadelphia

OKLYN increased its lead yesterday by winning from the Pirates, while the lites lost another listless game to St. Louis and Beston was beaten by the Brooklyn's victory was expected, as the Pirates did all that could be exted when they took two out of the first three games, but the Phillies could not te advantage of a glorious opportunity because they are in a slump.

It has been claimed that the Phils are not in a bad slump and that the Cardinais have won because they have played good ball. But such is not the case. St. Louis has not played good ball and its pitching has been a joke, but the Phils en just a triffe worse in all departments. On Wednesday Ames won from les when he did not have a thing, while yesterday young Watson should an pounded for a dozen runs, but the champions wasted hits and swung at and balls all afternoon because the Texan looked so easy.

Erskine Mayer is blamed for the defeat because the Cards tallied all of their a off his delivery, and because he worked himself into a hole with Bob Bescher he plate, two men out and the bases full. The result was a terrific smash the right field fence for a home run when Mayer put the ball right through groove. This hit won the game.

But while censuring Mayer for allowing the Cardinals to get to him for the runs and pitching poorly to Bescher, why not censure a few others for throwruns and others for losing opportunities to retire the side before Beacher man due to hit? Mayer is to be consured for wasting too many pitches on Beacher, but it was not his fault that the team did not win. If more confidence had been aced in Mayer more runs probably would have been scored earlier in the game, an seven hits, two passes and two errors in three innings netted only two runs. 0800

THE one bright feature of the game was the rally made by the Phillies in the ninth. True, it fell short, but the fact that every man on the team was full of inger and fighting hard against great odds is a good omen. All the sight and inger in the world will not win ball games when the team is playing poor ball, but as every one knows who may the Philly-Brooklyn series, Moran's team is capa-tic of playing sensational ball and should do so if it retains its fighting spirit until the slump is thrown off.

Another bright spot was the brilliant pitching of "Chief" Bender after reliev-ing Mayer. We stated a few days ago that Bender looked better against the limits last Saturday than he has since 1913, and his four-inning workout yester-ar would indicate that his exhibition against McGraw's sluggers was no flash

If Bender is right it would be a wonderful thing for the Phils, as there is not better hurler in the game for a grueling finish than the veteran, who always as called upon by Mack to pitch the famous machine to victory in a crucial fin. Bander has a wonderful brain, nerve and judgment, and the Phils can a him in the pinch if he keeps going.

n hits for three runs is hardly championship ball and surely is not the By system. As a rule, the Phils get more out of a few hits than any sither league, but recently the safeties have either been scattered or

a the state of the ackmen were besten again and failed to score until the ninth, but the continued to club the ball. When the combination is struck next toos have hits are not likely to be wasted, as in the past Mack always And to face this situation Rush has insti-class material, but first-class material is of no great use without a directing general at quarter to shoot it along. Given a good quarterback, Princeton should win both big games. But good quar-terbacks are not to be lifted by the scruff of the neck from the crowded highway and dropped into position on the field.

Which reminds us that Pennsylvania's day around the bottom is about over. Penn at last has the man to lead her out of the wilderness, provided she is to be led at all.

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