BY WINNING 21 STRAIGHT GAMES M'GRAW'S TEAM BROKE BASEBALL'S OLDEST RECORD

RECORD BROKEN BY GIANTS WAS MOST REMARKABLE IN HISTORY OF NATIONAL GAME

Radbourn Pitched 18 of Providence's 20 Consecutive Victories, Opposing Teams Making Fewer Hits Than Five New York Hurlers Allowed

WHEN Pol Perritt retired the last St. Louis batsman on strikes in the second game yesterday afternoon, John McGraw's aggregation of stare broke the oldest record in the history of major league baseball. It was the twenty-first consecutive victory for the Giants, and the double winning enabled the latest sensans of the national game to beat the record of twenty straight victories made by the famous Providence Grays in 1884. But as was to be expected, the olders come forth with the claim that the Providence record really was a more remarkable one than that of the Giants, and they have a pretty good line of dope to support their claim.

The result of the double-header in New York barely had been flashed across wire when the telephone bell rang and a famous old-timer requested us to look up the Providence record and compare it with the work of the Giants. There was nothing left to do but go back over the files, which revealed the fact that the record made by Providence was more remarkable in every way than the streak of the Giants, excepting that the teams in those days were not so evenly matched as they are today.

When Providence won its twenty straight victories, Charles Radbourn pitched eighteen of the games, and, contrary to the belief that Providence had compiled its record by slugging, the figures show that Radbourn, aided by a youngster named Conley, held the opposing teams to two more runs than the opponents of the Giants made during the twenty-two games, including the 1 to 1 tie with Pittsburgh. And it must be remembered that in those days there was no foul strike rule to help the pitcher, and, while the pitching distance was ten feet shorter, the batsmen had the option of calling for a high or low ball and the pitcher was compelled to comply with the request or a ball was called.

It also must be remembered that after Buffalo had beaten Radbourn 2 to 0 and broken the winning streak, this famous hurler won seven more games in a row, clinching the pennant with his twenty-sixth victory out of twenty-seven games pitched from August 7 to September 15, which is a mark never equaled, and it never will be, as eight or ten pitchers are carried by a major league team now, whereas Providence had only Radbourn, who won eighteen of the twenty victories, and a youngster named Conley after Sweeney jumped the team.

Little to Choose Between Records

N COMPILING the new major league record the Giants scored 102 runs on 182 hits and made only eighteen errors, while the opposing teams tallied only thirty runs on 125 hits and erred forty-four times. When Providence won its twenty straight games they tailled only eighty runs on 197 hits, making fiftytwo errors, while the opposing team tallied sixty-two runs on 118 hits and made seventy-three errors.

Radbourn pitched eighteen of the games and allowed fewer hits in the eighteen games than the five New York pitchers did in the best eighteen games pitched by the Giant hurlers, while, with Conley, the Providence pair allowed fewer hits and only two more runs, and the Grays scored fewer runs, despite the fact that the present-day fan always refers to baseball in the eighties as a slugging game, with no science and inferior pitching.

Regardless of what the Grays did back in 1884, there is no question that the Giants deserve the praise that is being showered upon them by the fans and critics throughout the country, and we hope that they can keep right on going until the world's record, held by Corsicana, of the Texas League, is broken. In 1902 Corsicana won twenty-seven consecutive games, a mark which never has been equaled, and which was approached only twice-later in 1902, when Charlotte won twenty-five games in a row, and in 1912, when Wilkes-Barre reached the same figure, finishing the season with an unbroken record.

If the Giants can continue at their present clip they have a wonderful chance to overhaul the Braves, and if McGraw's team is fighting for a higher position, it will play for every game against Brooklyn. If New York plays against the Dodgers as it has since starting on the winning streak, the pennant chances of the Phillies will be improved fifty per cent, as it is virtually certain that McGraw's team will get at least an even break in the final series against Robin-

Cubs Pulled Dodgers Back for Phils

TESTERDAY the Phillies gained half a game on the Dodgers, thanks to Joe I Tinker's Cubs, who tripped Robinson's team again. Joe Tinker is making good his boast to put the Dodgers out of the race, or at least bring Ebbets's team back with the field; and with the Phillies back in their winning stride, and able to take advantage of the slipping of the league leaders, the champions' pennant prospects are much brighter than they were a few days ago.

It becomes more apparent every day that the race will be decided this week and Eppa Rixey's brilliant come-back makes the Phillies look more formidable than ever. Prior to yesterday Rixey had been batted out of the box three times out of four starts, and it was feared that the lanky southpaw, who always has been effective against the Dodgers, had cracked under the strain. However, his work against the Reds yesterday was conclusive proof that he is back in shape and ready to face Brooklyn on Friday.

seemed to forget that he has a change of pace ball that was looked upon as the best in the National League before he slumped. Yesterday Rixey showed that he had regained control of his curve ball; that his fast ball is "sailing" just as well as at any time this season, and that his confidence has returned.

If Rixey can pitch as he did on the last Western trip, and against Brooklyn nd Boston in the first two series after returning home, the Phillies should have fairly smooth sailing for the rest of the season, all breaks being equal, as there is no question about the ability of Alexander and Demarce to stand the pace after the splendid work done by both right-handers within the last week.

Pete Schneider Batted by Champions

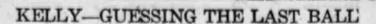
THE most feared pitcher on Mathewson's staff was eliminated by the champlons when Pete Schneider failed to stop the heavy hitting of Moran's men, but it must be admitted that it was not the same Schneider who carried Enna Rixey to fourteen innings in Cincinnati and beat the Phils on the last home stand. The young giant from the Northwest plainly shows the signs of overwork, and

When Schneider is right he has a great fast ball, and with his new side-arm curve ball is a mighty hard man to beat; but yesterday he had nothing but the curve ball. The fast ball that Schneider buzzed by the batters in the early part of the season was missing, and when he did try to put anything on the ball he could not control it, which is a sure sign that a pitcher is just about played out.

The Phillies' work in the field, at the bat and on the bases again savored of championship form. There was plenty of dash and ginger in the men, and it looked very much as if their confidence had returned. If the men have regained confidence there is little danger of the team slumping again this season, and nothing but a slump can stop them now.

Nine of the last eleven games played here have been won, and only ten remain on the schedule. In a pinch Alexander can pitch four times, and it is reasonable to expect him to turn in three victories. Rixey is capable of working three times and should win two, while Al Demarce should be good for two more victories out of three games. If seven of the ten games played are won the Phillies ould win the pennant, as Brooklyn is not likely to equal this record, particularly if Moran's men trounce them in the coming series.

TWO of the three pennant contenders in the American League won. Therefore Boston gained nothing on Chicago, but gained a full game on the Tigers. The Red Sox are through with the West, and nothing but the most unexpected slump in the history of the game can prevent Carrigan's team from taking part in the world's series.





JOHNSTON'S WORK AGAINST MURRAY HIS BEST EFFORT

Former Champion, No. 2 on Ranking List, Played Brilliantly in Finals

DEFEATED THREE TIMES

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2d

Following the great record of R. N. Wil-liams, 2d, comes the work of William M. Johnston, last year's national champion and this season's runner-up to Williams. There can be no dispute to Johnston's claim to No. 2 position for 1916, since it so closely follows the present champion that many critics feel that it nearly equals it.

What has Johnston done in 1916? He has won the Longwood tournament, was runner-up at both Newport and Forest Hills and defaulted at Seabright and Southamp-

At Longwood he easily defeated Joseph . Armstrong in the finals after Armstrong had defeated both Griffin and Kumagae le simply swamped the Philadelphian.
At Newport Johnston defeated in turn D. Champlin, 6-2, 6-3, 6-3; G. W. Wightman, 6-2, 6-4, 8-6, 6-3; Richard Harte, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3; W. M. Washburn, 6-2, 6-2, 6-3, and in the semifinal Harold A. Throckmorton, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3. Then came the great battle in the final, when Ichiya Kumagae proved himself the sensation of the present season by conquering the national cham-pion, 6-1, 8-7, 5-7, 2-6, 9-7, in one of the greatest battles ever staged on the famous ourts of the Casino

Best Work Against Murray

At Forest Hills Johnston went through the easy quarter of the hard half. His greatest victories were over Hunter, N. W. Niles, Beekman, Washburn and in the semi-final Murray. All these matches were Johnston's in straight sets, his work against alurray being his best effort for 1916.

Then came his wonderful effort against Williams in the never-to-be-forgotten finals of the 1916 championehip, when he had vic-tory in his grasp only to have it snatched

away from him by Dick's wonderful rally.

Score, 4-5, 6-4, 6-6, 6-2, 54.

Johnston was marvelous in the opening of the struggle, playing the same sensational tennis that gave him the national

tional tennis that gave him the national title last year.

Johnston has defeated Carl Gardner, C. J. Griffin, J. O'Neale, Roland Roberts, Washburn (twice). Armstrong, Wightman, Harte, Throckmorton, Hunter, Niles, Beekman and Murray, while he has lost twice to Williams (in the east vs. west tourney and the liams (in the east vs. west tourney and the hational finals) and to Kumagae at New-

Well-Ralanced Game

Johnston's game is a perfectly balanced one. He has the most beautiful ground stroke in America, hitting with accuracy and great force both off forehand and back-

hand.

Johnston's so-called mid-court game is really a delayed method of rushing the net as he plays his first volley return from about mid-court and then follows in to finish the point from the close net position. Most players strive for this latter position for their first volley shot.

for their first volley shot.

Johnston has a fast silce service, seldom carrying a severe twist. His overhead is accurate and of medium speed, but lacks the terrific speed of his fellow Californians. There is no better model for the rising young tennis player to pattern after than Billy Johnston. Either as man or player Johnston always rings true.

My next article will be on R. Lindley Murray, No. 2.

Miss Elionsky Record Swimmer

RED SOX HAVE BEEN THROUGH TOO MANY TIGHT ENGAGEMENTS TO BE BOTHERED IN THE PINCH

Needed Confidence and Carrigan's Crew Will Be Hard to Down in Title Series

THE Red Sox, with Speaker and Barry on deck, only beat the Tigers by a three-game margin last year. This season, with Speaker gone and Barry injured, they are upon the verge of extending this margin a game or two. We'd like to see how far they could widen the gap by losing Babe Ruth, Ernie Shore and Larry Gard-ner. The odds are they'd dismantle the league by July.

Over the Old Trail

A number of interested noncombatants are anxious to know just how it is the Red Sox are able to display such strength at the more important spets of the schedule where the pennant is at stake.

In the main it is a matter of working over an old trail. They have taken the high hurdles before, and so facing a test series and winning it is no new assignment.

Carrigan, Cady, Gardner, Lewis and Hooper were Red Sox stars in the drive of 1912.

Jack Barry has been through five pen-nant campaigns before. The Red Sox pitchmant campaigns before. The Red Sox pitching staff was tested last summer, so no fluttering duckfits beset their breasts as they take the field in a showdown engagement. To them now it is merely a ball game. They have traveled the highway too often before to be bothered in the pinch, for past victories in such emergencies have given them the needed confidence, whereas Chicaso and Defruit were expended. cago and Detroit were remembering all the while what happened last year when the mace in one hand and a martin spike in the

Not Precisely the Same

The National League so far has shown no such club. Brooklyn, with a chance to sew up the race, blew five games in a row to the Phillies.

The Phillies, with a flag flapping almost directly above their noble brows, then pro-ceeded to blow four straight to the Giants. Neither club was able to wage any such war as the Red Sox waged when it came to the final push.

Aye, Such Is Life

The right guard dives beneath the wreck And hits the earth below his foes; They frample on his stalwart neck And do a tango on his nose. He bears the brunt of play by play, But, being smothered in the strife, He gets small credit from the fray—Well, such is life.

The right guard sees a line smash come
And hurls his manly form beneath;
They treat him like a half-soused bum
By walking on his ears and teeth.
The right guard plays a corking game,
But though the air with cheers is rige,

There ien't any doubt about it. The increased cost of observing a world series where grand stand seats are to be \$5 a throw is all due to the war. How? You can friak us, but what other reason could there be? The cupidity of the magnates? Tut, tut! Be reasonable.

The N. L. Cinch

The N. L. winners have a cinch, A fastive pipe, foreacth,
For the only pitchers they have to beat
Ars Leonard, Shore and Ruth—
Not forgetting, on certain days,
A poupla blokes named Foster and Mays.

"It has been shown." writes J. C. L. "that good golf can be played by a boy of fourteen and an old man of seventy.

Past Victories in Emergencies Have Given Them

By GRANTLAND RICE

The National League should rise upon its hind legs and emit three rafter-ringing cheers. Can you imagine what terrific ex-citement there would have been in the pennant race after June 18 if McGraw had started the season with the ball club he has now? The odds are that he would have been only twelve or sixteen games beyond the next fluttering pursuer, with as many as 217 fervid fans paying ad-mission to seven rival parks.

Revised Motto

None but the Braves deserve the glara. As we understand it, the winner of the Moran-Fulton match is to yank Jess Wil-lard from the gircus again. Who let down those windows, anyway?

Books Boston and Brooklyn Should Read

"A Tale of Two Cities."
"The Battle of the Strong."
"The Seats of the Mighty."

NEW OCEAN-TO-OCEAN

AUTOMOBILE RECORD Super-six Breaks Mark Going and Coming in

Round Trip SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26 .- In the first

round-trip ocean-to-ocean run to be made by any automobile against time the Hud-son Super-Six, which reached here Sunday niorning, in both the going and return trips broke the best previous one-way rec-ord. The round trip from San Francisco to New York was made in ten days twenty-one hours three minutes. Last spring the sest one-way record from coast to coast was seven days eight hours.

The Super-Six used was a seven-passenger touring car, and carried at all times three and sometimes four passengers. Previous one-way records were established with readster and stripped models. On the return trip the car was one and a half hours ahead of its going schedule until within 250 miles of the finish.

On account of heavy rains in crossing the Sierra Nevada Mountains, fifteen hours' more time was required to cover that leg than was taken in the westward journey. The average speed going and coming, including all stops and slowing down to speed requirements of more than 350 cities, towns and villagee passed through each way, was close to 700 miles a day. Three drivers, Relph Mulford, A. H. Pattersen and Charles Vincent, by making train tumns, piloted the Vincent, by making train jumps, piloted the car in its round trip across the continent.

West Virginia Preparing for Penn MORGANTOWN, W Va. Sept. 2d.—West Virginia University began the last week of footbail practice preceding the Fenneylvania same at Philadelphia satured in which of tackling methods on bard are sure in the property of tackling methods on bard are sure in the property of the property of the Mountaineer having the west practice sessions at home and will leave Taursday morning for Philadelphia and practice in Philadelphia Friday.

HAVERPORD. Pa. Sapt. 26.—Coach Mike Sennett started his men in with the first practice of the year yesterday. The workout was f the lightest nature measible, but it was suitable for the purpose of showing which men were a fit trim to start serious work.

Good Turnout for Haverford Eleven

TILLMAN REFUSES TO TAKE K.O. FROM LEONARD AT OLYMPIA: LASTS THE FULL SIX ROUNDS

Minneapolis Boy Does Better Than Other Local Lightweights, But Believes in "Safety First." Charley Picks Soft One

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL



From the start it was easy to dope Tillman's line of a t t a c k, because

R. W. MAXWELL Leonard to lead and then would cross his right or left. He landed several telling blows, however, and once let go a wild swing which caught Benny on the side of the head. Johnny also raised a lump under Leonard's eye in the fifth, but that was the extent of the damage.

Like a Chess Match

In spots, the bout was as exciting as a hard-played chess match, with Johnny play-ing under wraps. The Minneapolis battler acted like a chess expert, at that—making acted like a chess expert, at that—making careful moves and protecting the vulnerable points at all times. Several times he would stand back, wave his arms while Leonard feinted him, but nothing seemed to draw him from his shell. Then, to make it a bout worth seeing, the New Yorker would

Since Benny flattened all of our very best lightweight hopes, the popular fistic pastime is not to beat Leonard, but stay six rounds with him. If a boxer is not knocked out, it is a great victory, and Tillman received all of the honor due him after the bout. He was cheered by the fans and left the ring amid showers of congratulations, while Leonard was handed the customary "hoo-lea." He was treated like a loser.

Johnny Did Well, But-Johnny Did Well, But—

But we cannot help but slip a little praise to Johnny for his work. He really fought occasionally, and when he did Benny had his hands full. After one of these flashes, however, he would sgain draw into his shell and the watchful waiting began all over again. They would stand too to too, with Tillman waiting to pull away or meet Benny's lead, until the spectators got tired of it. Once Leonard tried to step on Tillman's foot and hold him, but that, too, failed.

too, failed.

Henny worked harder in this bout than in any he has had in Philadelphia. He forced the fighting and took the lead ninety per cent of the time. He won by a big margin, but will not be given his due credit because he didn't knock his man out.

However, Tillman cannot be blamed for not taking a punch on the chin and hitting the mat. The law of self-preservation looked good to him and he followed it. He made a better showing than any of the others, but that showing was not of the sincere kind. He made a runaway fight of it, and might have done better.

Regarding the "Set-Up"

There was another bout on the card that was very sad and never should have been allowed to go on. It was a brazen "set-up," and for once the matchmaker made a mis-take. Charlie Leonard, Benny's brother, met Eddle Hart, of West Philadelphia, in the third bout. We don't know who Hart met Eddie Hart, of West Philadelphia, in the third bout. We don't know who Hart is—never heard of him, for that matter—but he was in no condition to box, lacked class and acted the part of a punching bag the short time he was in the ring. The bout was stopped in the first round, because Herman Hinden had the presence of mind to toss a sponge into the ring after Hart had been dropped twice. Herman used very good judgment and saved Eddie from serious injury.

Ever see a race between a broken-down cab horse and a trained thoroughbred? That was just how Hart shaped up against Leonard. When he put up his hands in the first round every one could see that it was only a question of time before he was knocked out.

We spent an afternoon at a buil fight in

knocked out.

We spent an afternoon at a buil fight in Mexico once, and saw something similar to this bout. When the buil was worked into a frenzy, several old, decrepit horses were saddled, their eyes blindfolded and attendants rode them near the raging animal. The horses were put into the arena for the sole purpose of being ripped open by the buil and after a dozen had been killed and the audience cheered itself hoarse, the other part of the show was put on.

Hart had as much chance to win as those blindfolded horses led to the slaughter. Charley Leonard was after a soft oppo-



Hanlon Good Matchmaker

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Jack Hanlon is a good matchmaker who proves it every week. The other best were high class and the boys were first to work hard at all times. We all set were occasionally, however, no matter occasionally however, no matter occasionally, however, no matter

ATLANTIC REFINING NINE UP IN ARMS

Industrial League Team Protests It Did Not Forfeit Two

The Atlantic Refining Company bases team, in the Industrial Amateur Bases League, protests against the assertica that the Atlantic Refining Company had the feited two games, one to the Southern Foundry and Machine and one to the Bestric Storage Battery Company. The choicals of the team protest on the growth that the games have not been forfus, asserting that arrangements for plays the two games had been made at a meeting called and held in an unconstitutional manner on Friday evening. September 11.

They say at this meeting it was decided.

ner on Friday evening. September 21.

They say at this meeting it was decided that a double-header be played on September 23, instead of adhering to the schedules originally arranged, in which the Atlastic team was to play the Southwark Poundry and Machine on September 21 on the former's grounds, and the final game with Electric Storage Battery, on September 22 at the Electric Company's grounds.

President Joseph C. Gabriel, of Atlastic Refining, wishes to clear the matter, and says the Atlantic Refining Company's team stands ready to play the games as may be arranged.

may be arranged. "Bud" Weiser to Rejoin Phillies SHAMOKIN, Pa., Sept. 25.—Harry was champion bataman of the Eastern Learns a member of the New London (Conn.) Cha which team he was sent by the Phillies, he is for Philliadelphia in response to from Manager Pat Moran directing him to port at once.



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