

M'GRAW'S RECORD BREAKERS HAVE NOT PROVED YET THAT THEY ARE CLASS OF LEAGUE

BOSTON BRAVES ARE STILL IN RUNNING FOR PENNANT AND MAY SURPRISE GIANTS

Stallings's Team Has Lost Only One More Game Than Phillies and Dodgers and May Upset Dope of Critics

AS WAS to be expected, the claim is being made that the best team in the National League will not take part in the world's series. Critics throughout the country are taking up the cry, being influenced by the wonderful winning streak of the Giants and the syndicate articles sent out from the metropolis. The marvelous winning streak of McGraw's team and the faltering of the pennant contending teams are enough to cause this belief to spread, but we do not agree with those who contend that the National League's best team will not be in the world's series.

Perhaps the team playing the best ball at the end of the season will not face the American League pennant winner, but the best and most deserving team will take part in the world's series. The Giants deserve full credit for their wonderful showing they have made, and any team that can compile such a marvelous winning streak is a powerful machine; but one must take into consideration that New York had all to gain and nothing to lose when the streak was started.

The addition of Charley Herzog and Helme Zimmerman strengthened the Giants a great deal, and McGraw's team will enter the 1917 race a heavy favorite, but being the popular choice to land the flag is going to make the road harder. The Giants will not be meeting a lot of worn-out or indifferent teams from the start of the 1917 race until the finish, nor will they be entirely free from the strain if they are going to figure as well as the critics believe.

The Giants do not look a bit better now than they did when they were piling up the run of seventeen consecutive victories earlier in the season, and yet no team looked worse in midseason. Sensational winning streaks denote that the class is there, once the team gets a start, but streaky teams do not win pennants. It is the plugging and consistent aggregation that invariably wins, and the Giants of 1916 are the most inconsistent team of recent years.

Giants Have Not Faced Real Test Yet

IF THE Giants had been battling for the pennant and running neck and neck with two powerful and well-balanced teams, whose pitchers refused to crack under the strain, there would be a different story to tell. The same New York team, with the exception of Zimmerman and Herzog—and at the time the first winning streak was being compiled Bill McKetchnie and Larry Doyle were playing just as well as Zimmerman and Herzog are at the present time—cracked badly just when it had a chance to take the lead in the National League race.

The Giants have not been put to a test yet. The test comes when they meet the Braves tomorrow. Manager McGraw and his players insist that the Giants will beat out the Braves for third place, and Stallings is just as positive that New York has not a chance to overhaul his team; and for the first time since the winning streak started the Giants will be placed in a position where they are battling with something at stake.

While the fans throughout the country are saying that the Braves will be eliminated from the race before the end of the week, we believe that the Giants are due for a surprise. Two weeks ago Boston apparently was hopelessly out of the race, but if, one takes a glance at the standing today he will find that the Braves are still very much in the pennant race, and John McGraw probably will realize this in a few days.

The ability of the Braves to climb back close to the leaders is a tribute to the wonderful managerial ability of George Stallings. Another manager probably would have given up hope two weeks ago, but not Stallings. He pulled his team together and has instilled the 1914 spirit into the players, and it is still a trifle early to figure that Boston is out of the running. Success for the Giants in the coming series with the Braves would mean that McGraw's team would fight the Dodgers harder, but we have a hunch that the Giants are going to be brought to a halt.

Boston Still Has Chance to Win

AT THIS time of the year it is best to watch the lost column, as no pennant contending team considers a game lost until it is played, as good teams do not drop many games in the stretch; and every one appears to have lost sight of the fact that the Braves have lost only one more game than the Phillies and Dodgers. Boston has lost fifty-eight games, while the Phillies and Dodgers have dropped fifty-seven; but the Braves seem to be much farther behind because they have played five games less than the Phillies and seven less than Brooklyn.

Just suppose, for instance, that the Braves take five straight from the Giants while the Phillies win three in a row from Brooklyn. The standing would then show the Braves to be only one and a half games behind the Phillies, and Stallings's team would be half a game ahead of Brooklyn. With six games scheduled with the Phillies on the last four days of the season, the Braves could win the pennant by taking four of the six games, it being necessary for the Dodgers to make a clean sweep of the series from the Giants to finish on even terms with Boston with ninety-three victories and sixty-one defeats.

Of course, the above is not likely to happen, but with the pennant-contending teams under a great strain the breaks of the game are likely to change the whole race, providing the fighting spirit of Boston proves greater than that of the Phillies and Dodgers. If all goes to show, however, that counting the Braves out of the race is a serious mistake just so long as the lost column shows the three teams so closely bunched.

It is best to wait until New York has tested the flying Braves and the Phils and Dodgers have hooked up in a battle or two before any team is a heavy favorite. It is anybody's race, although we must admit that the Phillies' chance is somewhat better than that of the Dodgers and Braves, because of the presence of Grover Cleveland Alexander on Moran's team. But this talk about the Giants being the class of the league must be taken for what it is worth, and one must consider just how strong McGraw's team would look today if it had been through the mill as have the Phillies, Dodgers and Braves.

Phillies Won Yesterday by Playing Inside Ball

YESTERDAY the Phillies made it four straight from the Reds, thanks to the excellent judgment used by Manager Moran, the daring of Cravath and Luderus and Cooper on the bases, and a well-executed squeeze play by Bert Niehoff and Oscar Duguey, on which the latter scored the winning run. The Reds were leading, 2 to 1, going into the last half of the ninth, and the sudden manner in which the runs were made dazed the fans.

One of the odd features of the winning rally was that Cravath and Luderus, two of the slowest runners on the team, pulled off clever bits of base running that placed runners in position to score, but both were allowed to retire in favor of pinch runners. After Cravath had stretched an ordinary single into a double Cooper was sent in to run for him and gave a wonderful exhibition of speed and daring when he scored from second on Luderus's hard infield single that bounded off Chase's glove to Grob.

The ball reached the plate in time to retire Cooper if Wingo had held it, but the play was so close that the Red catcher allowed the throw to get away from him, Cooper scoring and Luderus reaching third. Many of the fans thought that Cooper had no right to try for the plate, but we are of the opinion that it was a good play, even if he had been caught. The former Federal Leaguer was thinking fast, and realized that not only would it take a perfect throw to catch him, but that it also was likely that the Red would underestimate his speed, not having seen him in action often. It was a Cobb chance, taken by a man who should be a second Cobb on the bases in another season, and like many of the apparently foolhardy chances taken by the "Georgia Peach" it succeeded because of great speed and the fact that the opposing team was taken by surprise.

Luderus went over to third before the ball was recovered, just beating the throw by a clever slide, but Moran did not allow him to linger there. He sent Duguey in to run, and the clever utility player dashed for the plate on the second ball pitched to Niehoff, at the same time warning the latter that he was coming. Niehoff cleverly laid down a bunt, and there was no chance for Chase to stop the winning run. It was a game that was won by superior strategy, brainwork and hustling.

THE BANQUET SEASON IS UPON US



Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

RYAN A. C.—Charley Rear drew with Abe Kabanoff, Johnny Murphy won from George Meahan, Joe Egan beat Lefty Bachman, two rounds; Frankie Klemm out of Tommy Kell, third; Frankie Baker drew with Joe Kutz.

MODEL A. C.—Willie Baker and K. O. Sweeney drew, Mickey Smith defeated Eddie McFarland, Frankie Coster broke his right arm and was forced to retire against Al Fox, third round; Bill Dougherty knocked out Pat Hayes, first; Eddie Ucar stopped Natting Sims, first.

READING, Pa.—Sailor Smiley drew with Johnny Miller, Jimmy McAlle won from Jack Kantrow, Frankie Conway defeated Dutch Mead.

NEW YORK.—Gunboat Smith beat Tom Cowler, Joe Lynch outpointed Jack Sharkey, Henry Jony won Fitzsimmons drew.

COLUMBUS, O.—Battling Levinsky defeated Fighting Brandt.

ST. LOUIS.—Joe Cassidy won from Leo Kelly.

Scraps About Scrappers

By LOUIS H. JAYNE

Jimmy Murphy, of West Philly, was considered the best lightweight in the city last season, until Benny Leonard bowled him over, this setting the Philadelphia championship star, New Jersey in training, and in two weeks he was ready to meet Leonard at New Orleans. Jimmy defeated Fred Welsh and Al Wolcott last year and he figures to get himself in even better condition than when he whipped the champion and former title-holder.

Chickens and cows look good to two local boys and they are thinking out among the best and an spinach for competition with the best of the Philadelphia champions. They are Frankie White and Al Wilson, and they are Frank Pennings, N. J., is the scene of their training quarters.

Johnny Krimm "put it over," and he deserves a lot of credit for his demonstration of the knockout-out, Benny Leonard, odd of 7 to 1, in a fifteen-round fight at New Orleans. The Philadelphia "sassy" prevailed in twenty rounds, and he figures to get himself in even better condition than when he whipped the champion and former title-holder.

After his match here with Barney Hahn Saturday night at the Belmont, Fred Herman will return home and meet K. O. Eggers, of New York, in a fifteen-round fight at New Orleans, October 10. Eggers recently knocked out one of the best fighters in the city, Fred Moran, at New Orleans. Herman certainly must be a class act to stand off Kid Williams and Frankie King in twenty-round matches. There must be something to his skill of being when he first appeared here against Lew Tendler.

Spooking of Tendler, Manager Phil Glassman has started dicker for matches for the "south-brother" new-brother, Lewis recent, but his hand is training, but the suit is in good shape again. John Williams, at 122 pounds, ring-side, in one match Glassman is real anxious to get this season.

Battling Murray, who tips the beam around the 160-pound mark, always has been handicapped by weight in his matches. He is a great light fighter, but managers have trouble in finding opponents of even weight for him. Paty Wallace, recent winner of several amateur tournaments, is about the same poundage, and these miniature matches probably would make a rip-and-tear set-to.

Another scalp was added to Gene Delmont's list the other night, according to a wire from Hobbs Reynolds, when the Memphis boxer defeated Young Goldie, of Pittsburgh. Robert also states Delmont's next match will be in Buffalo against the Indian Kid.

Sailor Smiley and Young Palmer will box again, rather once more, when they clash in the semi-finals of the Olympic post Monday night at the Quaker City. Smiley has been out of Philadelphia fans are going to have it right here in the Quaker City. Smiley's punch is good, but he has been offered Leonard, but he is holding out for an extra two.

Johnny Kilbane vs. Benny Leonard or Fred Welsh stands out as the biggest match of the season, and if the bout can be staged Philadelphia fans are going to have it right here in the Quaker City. Smiley's punch is good, but he has been offered Leonard, but he is holding out for an extra two.

BROOKLYN MUST TAKE SERIES FROM PHILS IF THEY HAVE ANY HOPE OF MEETING THE RED SOX

By GRANTLAND RICE

IN THE Phillies-Dodgers series which opens tomorrow in Brooklyn of the current or incumbent week it might be just as well for the Brooklyn club to win at least two out of three games if there is any intention on Brooklyn's part to participate in the next world series. For there is a distinct hunch abroad in the land that Brooklyn will be fairly lucky to win more than one game from the Giants next week while the Phillies are engaged with the Braves.

With the schedule as it is, Moran's club has a chance to pick up at least two games next week, and if his club can win the coming Brooklyn series, Colonel Ebbets's dream of a \$5-per-seat empire will be a gray ghost wandering in the gloaming of Lost Desire.

For the Giants, having crushed the Phillies four straight, are more likely than not to inflict the same amount of poignant anguish upon the Phillies' leading rivals.

A New Phase of the Amateur Question. We were discussing the amateur standing of certain inter a day or so ago when Colonel Franklin P. Adams, the daring and intrepid Wheeze King, blew in upon the scene.

"What," said Colonel Adams, entering democratically into the polite chit-chat of the moment, "what is the main idea of the meeting?"

"We were discussing," we answered, "the amateur standing of Miss Clara Casel. Have you any contribution to make on the subject?"

"I knew on the instant that we had made a serious mistake in advancing this query by the flash that came into the Great Humorist's eye.

"That," he replied, "I see nothing complex in that case. Why shouldn't she lose her standing?"

"The answer being," we remarked, "She was an ice-skater, wasn't she?"

"She was an ice-skater, wasn't she?" The Wheeze King said gloomily, ducking a cuspidor just in time to save his well-known brow.

Beyond the Dope. The Giants all season have been one of those ball clubs far beyond the borders of the dope.

When they looked to have a great machine at the season's start they lost thirteen of their first fifteen games.

Then, just as every one had given up hope, they went West and won nineteen out of twenty-one.

That settled it. They were then on the verge of breaking up the league.

But before they could achieve this destiny the cog slipped again and they fopped back once more upon the chutes without any reason whatsoever for the decided change.

Later on McGraw added Buck Herzog and Slim Sallee, the most valuable infielder in baseball and one of the game's best left-handers. Even this made no great change in affairs, for the Giants continued to flounder along.

And then McGraw replaced Fred Merkle

Runs Scored by Majors for Week

RUNS scored by all teams in American and National Leagues from Wednesday, September 20, to Tuesday, September 26, inclusive. Only runs that figure in official averages are included. Scores of incomplete games are not counted, but the scores of games of five innings or more are included in the table:

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Team	Runs
Boston	28
Washington	28
Detroit	28
Athletics	28
St. Louis	28
Chicago	28
New York	28
Cleveland	28

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Team	Runs
Brooklyn	28
Phillies	28
New York	28
Boston	28
Cincinnati	28
Pittsburgh	28
Chicago	28
St. Louis	28

Miller and Smiley Draw
READING, Pa., Sept. 27.—Johnny Miller and Sailor Smiley, two Philadelphia lightweight fighters, put up an even round battle in the wind-up at the Olympia A. A. last night.

MURRAY AWARDED NO. 3 PLACE OVER GEORGE M. CHURCH

Coast Southpaw's Victory in Nationals Over Ex-Tiger Results in Selection

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, JD

When one has selected Williams and Johnston for Nos. 1 and 2, respectively, without much dispute one is brought up against a serious question for No. 3, for equal strength in R. Lindsay Murray, George M. Church and I Kungas.

The record of Church for the season is slightly better than either of the other two, but the fact that Murray defeated him in the national after he had defeated Kungas in straight sets previously gives Murray precedence over him for No. 3.

Murray has played little this season compared to many of our leading men, but he has made a most impressive record. He won the National and Cresson tournaments and was runner-up at Seabright. The Seabright event gave Murray a line of victories over Aleric H. Man, myself and, in the semifinal, I. Kungas. The final, however, resulted in a straight set defeat by George Church.

In the Cresson A. C. tournament Murray defeated Rand 6-2, 7-3; Fixman, 6-1, 6-2; Mikami, 6-0, 6-4, and in the semifinal Howard Voshell, 6-1, 7-5, 6-4, while he followed this up again by beating Kungas, 8-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Early in the season Murray lost to Harold Throckmorton, 6-3, 6-3 at Seabright. He was forced to default to Watson M. Washburn in the East vs. West match with two sets, all owing to illness. As before mentioned, Church defeated him at Seabright.

Then came the national event, since Murray did not compete either at Newport or Southampton. He received a default from Alfred Dabney in the first round, beat Thomas Eastly in the second, gave Richard Stevens but one game in the third and followed this by beating Karl Behr in the fourth.

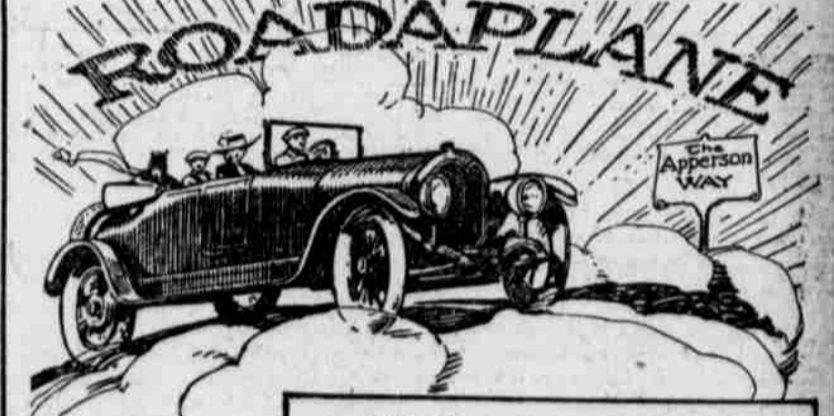
Then came the wonderful match in which he pulled up from two sets down and defeated G. M. Church, thus gaining No. 3 position. Here he faltered and fell before the terrific attack of William M. Johnston and lost in straight sets.

His complete list of victories includes the scales of Le Roy, Hunter, Throckmorton, Niles, Mathey, Mikami, Man, myself, Kungas twice, Voshell, Stevens, Behr and Church, while he has lost to Throckmorton, Washburn, Church and Johnston.

Chicago Club Drafts Charles Deal
CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—Charles Deal, head-hitter third baseman of the Kansas City American League Club, has been drafted by the Chicago Nationals. It has been announced that formerly was with the Boston Nationals.

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— OH PETEY DEAR, DON'T MAKE YOURSELF RIDICULOUS ANY MORE WITH THAT STRAW HAT AND PAIN BEACH SUIT

— I'LL KEEP ON WEARING THESE FOR SPITE — YOU CAN'T MAKE ME A FASHION SLAVE LIKE YOU WOMEN!

OH DEAR

I'VE GOT CHARACTER, I HAVE — IT'S ONLY THE BOOBS THAT FALL FOR THESE POOL CUSTOMS ANYBODY WITH PERSONALITY WEARS WHAT HE PLEASES!

HAW HAW!

— WELL, I MUST SAY THAT I'D FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE IF I SAW JUST ONE OTHER GUY WITH CHARACTER COME ALONG