

JOHN MCGRAW SAYS DAVE ROBERTSON IS AS VALUABLE AS TY COBB—HE IS, TO THE GIANTS

IS A BALL TEAM ONLY AS STRONG AS ITS MANAGER? SEASON OF '17 LIKELY TO FURNISH A SOLUTION

Critics Will Be Watching Barry, at Boston; Mitchell, at Chicago, and Connie Mack for an Answer to the Eternal Question

JUST how much of a baseball team's strength—or weakness—is embodied in its manager? The question is a debatable one, but there appears to be no means of reducing an answer to figures, and any conclusion is simply a matter of opinion.

Of course, there are other factors which must be considered. The other seven teams in the league may have gained strength during the winter, and a team to win the 1917 pennant must be better than the Sox of last season.

EVERYBODY in Philadelphia wishes Barry well. Baseball men all over the country realize that he is on trial, and the work of the Red Sox will be watched more closely than ever before for this reason.

The Cubs and Athletics Will Be Watched

VIRTUALLY the same situation exists at Chicago. The Cubs are a powerful baseball machine, and, on form, they should give the Giants a better fight than the other western teams.

On the other hand, some critics point out the case of Wilbur Robinson and the Dodgers as evidence that a team can succeed despite the manager.

McGraw in the Role of a Comedian Again

NO ONE has ever accused John McGraw of being modest about his players, and probably no one ever will. Jawn is given to making rash and brazen claims, and he gets away with it simply because he is McGraw.

Golf Becoming One All-Year-Round Game

GOLF is not only increasing by leaps and bounds in this country as to the number of players and fanatics, but it also is increasing so much in duration of season that it is rapidly becoming the one game that is possible through all the span of twelve months.

It Was Crazy to Play in Winter

PERSONS thought he must be crazy to play with a red ball in the snow with the temperature down to cracking.

Rookies and Regulars

Hot Springs, Ark.—The holdout squad of the Dodgers was reduced to one lone player today.

Baseball

BASEBALL has a long span, from March training tours to world's series exultation, and takes up much athletic attention.

Looks Like a Title for S. S. White Gunners

PROSPECTS are rosy for the S. S. White Gun Club, of this city, winning the Trapshooters' League championship this season.



BUSH LEAGUE BALL LOOKS PROSPEROUS

President Barrow Thinks Interleague Series Will Boost Minors OFFER A \$10,000 PURSE

NEW YORK, March 22.—Unless bad weather intervenes and repeats the playful stunts that gummied things up a couple of years ago, Ed G. Barrow, president of the International League, believes the coming baseball season will be the most profitable the minor leagues have enjoyed since the prosperous days before Jim Gilmore and his gang threw their famous monkey wrench into the machinery.

Strong Hunch Player

"I didn't feel as if last year would be a good one," Barrow said, "and I didn't say it would. I've got quite a bunch of players and I've got an awful strong hunch right now that we've seen the last of those awful days."

Likes International

"I have confidence in the strength of our clubs. In previous years with the American Association we have shown ourselves stronger. In the two post-season series that have been played our teams have won, the last one being when Providence defeated Columbus in 1907."

Football

Football brings more the impression of power and speed than grace. Yet it would be harder to imagine a fight with finer rhythm or symmetry than Eddie Mahan starting back through a broken field after handling a long punt.

Tennis

It would be hard to find a greater combination of grace and power than Maurice McLoughlin, serving as he did three years ago against Brooks and Wilding.

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GRANDOLDOPE IS THE WAY THINGS WILL PAN OUT IN SPORTS EXCEPT WHEN THE GAME IS FINALLY OVER

Delving Into Past of Teams and Players Gives Great Line on Future—Then It's Best to Kick in With Alibi—More Form Stuff

By GRANTLAND RICE

It's what should be—but rarely is; If things go as they look to go; It's framing up the future biz; From things you think you ought to know.

Form and Other Sports

THE discussion of form in sports brings up the matter of grace, rhythm and ease in other sports aside from baseball.

DARTMOUTH AND PENN IN DUAL TRACK GAMES MAY 5

HANOVER, N. H., March 22.—Dual track meets between Dartmouth and Penn State College this year and next year have been assured.

KINSELLA CLAIMS TITLE

Ready to Defend World's Court Tennis Honors, Ral'v. uished by Gould

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MANY ENTRIES IN GRAMMAR RELAYS

Seventy Schools to Be Represented in Big Games Next Month

ENTRIES CLOSE APRIL 1

A record number of grammar schools are entered in the twenty-third annual relay race carnival, which takes place the last Friday and Saturday of next month.

JOIE RAY'S SPEED BEATS OVERTON IN GREAT FINISH

NEW YORK, March 22.—Joie Ray, of the Illinois A. C., still is unbeatable. He turned the tables on John W. Overton, of Yale University, last night and defeated the swift collegian in the special one-mile race at the games of the John Wanamaker Commercial Institute in Madison Square Garden.

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MARKWARD COACH AT R.C.H.S. 15 YEARS

Catholic High Basketball Players to Honor Cage Tutor Tonight

GREER TO GET TROPHY

Fifteen years as coach of a basketball team that has won many championships in a long term of service for any one official. Tonight the Catholic High School alumni and players on the 1917 Purple and Gold first and second teams will honor "Billy" Markward, who is one of the veteran cage tutors in this city.

John J. Greer, who worked so hard with the football players at Catholic High, will be presented with a silver loving cup in appreciation of his services.

Girard Wins Swim Meet

Girard College swimmers again showed their class when they defeated the Catholic High School squad in the Girard pool yesterday afternoon by a score of 28 to 15 points.

Await Friends' Indoor Meet

Youngsters in various sections of the city, students attending the various branch schools of the Friends' Central High system, await with considerable interest the indoor track and field meet to be staged in the gymnasium at Fifteenth and Race streets tomorrow afternoon.

Weatherman a School "Jinx"

The weatherman is decidedly "in wrong" with the school athletes, captains, managers, officials and others. As this is the "off season" and the time for practice and preparation, the school nines had hoped to make their initial bow yesterday afternoon.

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