

IF CHRISTY CAN WIN PENNANT WITH REDS HE MIGHT BE THE GUY TO STOP THE GIANTS

REGARDLESS OF JAWN M'GRAW THE GIANTS APPEAR LIKELY NOT TO REPUDIATE STOVE PROPHETS

Face Hit of Late Entirely Too Hot for Opposition, Which Seems Rapidly Fading—Jess Willard Bursts Into Affability

REGARDLESS of what Muggsy McGraw may repudiate, it is believed in our very best circles that the Giants, a ball club hailing from an Atlantic seaport, have no intention of repudiating those persons who selected them as the National League's representatives to appear in the world's series to be played somewhere in America this fall. This should be good news to the active members of the winter league who sat around the hot stove during the frigid months and selected the winner without opposition. Also, the gentlemen who put the old homebased in hook and sooked the family jewels to get enough lucre to bet on the "Jointies" should be able to sit up and take nourishment these days.

YESTERDAY'S rest will benefit Moran's crumples considerably, but a week's lay-off would be much better. Bancroft's hands still are bad and now Bill Killefer has sprained an ankle. Eddie Burns has a bad hand and Duguey's back still troubles him. With no available substitutes, Moran's club is in a bad way.

Minor Leagues Hit the Skids After Disastrous Season BALL players who were accustomed to eke out a living in the bush towns each summer now are facing the horrors of modern warfare. Hundreds have joined the ranks of the jobless and, judging from reports, the end is not yet. Last Sunday two minor leagues gave up the ghost and others are tottering. The South Atlantic League passed out quietly, but when the Three-Eye circuit took the count there was some excitement. This is one of the oldest minor leagues in the country and was supposed to be in good shape. However, it was announced that the eight clubs had lost approximately \$25,000 since the start of the season that eight weeks ago, and if the season was finished the owners would face a loss of \$50,000.

Unprecedented weather conditions early in the season cut down the gate receipts, but that was not the real cause. It is said that subscriptions to the Liberty Loan, the Red Cross and the general lack of interest in the game because of the war contributed largely to the failures. At Kearney, president of the Three-Eye League, says that the organization will retain its players and territorial rights. The players will be allowed to seek employment wherever possible for the remainder of the season, but when next spring rolls around they must report to the club holding their contract this season.

I HAVE found out that baseball has no business trying to survive in the smaller towns with the country at war," said Kearney. "The public's mind is occupied with more vital questions. The public has lost interest in baseball in the smaller cities, where the war spirit is becoming more intense."

Five Leagues Have Closed Their Ball Parks Until Next Year THE closing of the Three-Eye and South Atlantic makes a total of five leagues which have suspended since the opening of the season two months ago. The Virginia League was first to fall. Then the North Carolina League suspended after six weeks of operation and the Northern League gave up a week ago today because of heavy financial losses. Other organizations are in bad shape, and it is reported that the New York State League will ask all players who are not owned under options by the major leagues to accept reductions in salary to the extent of 25 to 50 per cent today. This is done to keep the league off the financial rocks this season and insure the playing off of all of the games. Utica and Harrisburg have been dropped and the league reduced to a six-circuit affair.

There has been a scarcity of talent in the bushes this year and the suspension of these leagues will make it harder than ever to procure first-class players for the big leagues. It also will make it tough for clubs who have players farmed out under optional agreements, and the chances are that many will be turned loose. This means that there will be a superabundance of ball players for a few jobs and those who are not able to sign with other clubs will go to work at something else. A great majority of these will give up the game for good and many new faces will be seen in the forest primeval next year.

There is one chance, however, and it is out on the Coast. Right now there's more talk among the fans of a possibility of a revival of outlaw baseball on the Pacific coast than there has been for many years. Conditions for baseball never were better and, with the salary reduction scrap on all over the circuit, there are enough disaffected players to make up a league which would put it all over what was left of the Coast League in baseball.

OUTLAW baseball has flourished before and, as the far West seems to be the best and safest place to play the game, the hundreds of jobless players are likely to travel in that direction to see if any positions are vacant.

Jess Willard Says He Will Box in Cleveland on Labor Day SINCE blossoming out as a real, regular proprietor of a big circus Big Jess Willard has developed an affable trait in his system. He puts his stuff across like regular performers these days and agrees to anything that will increase the gate receipts. His latest was sprung in Cleveland last week, when he patted Matt Hinkle on the back and said in sweet, kindly but convincing tones, "I'll box the winner of the Moran-Fulton bout in Canton on Labor Day—and I'll do it for you, Matt!"

Jess evidently is taking a terrible chance in making that sincere promise. He knocked the block off Moran last year, and Fred Fulton has as much chance as a stranger finding Camp Regardless in a fog. It would be an easy way to make some money, but we doubt very much if Jess can be taken seriously. He does not care much about the fight game, and that one easy battle with Moran since winning the championship evidently is enough for him. The champion is not pressed for ready cash, as it was disclosed after his fight with Tawn Jones and noisy Jack Curley that he had a small balance of \$420,000 in the various banks throughout the country. Of this he has an account of \$90,000 in one Chicago bank, \$60,000 in another and a third account in a bank near his home. Thus it can be seen that Mr. Willard is not out for the coin of the realm. If his circus goes on the blink, however, there is some chance. Then Hinkle will stage the bout, perhaps.

Matt Hinkle is one of the prominent figures in the boxing game today. He has stepped into the shoes vacated by Tex Rickard, and when it comes to handling big matches he has no equal. Matt is quite wealthy and his interest in boxing does not reach his pocketbook. He does not want to make money out of the game. He is content to put on a match, give a huge purse and break even. If he makes any money it usually goes to some charity. Hinkle put on the Kilbane-Charney bout last year and offered the largest purse ever battled for by lightweights. He not only got the men together, but he took off his coat, helped to build the arena, to attend to all of the other details and, when these things were finished, he jumped into the ring and refereed the bout. Hinkle will give Willard as much money as the other promoters, and if the bidding is brisk he will raise the ante so high that no one can touch it. For that reason it would be a shame if Jess were spreading some of that "show talk" just to make Matt feel good. Personally, we don't believe Willard will fight in the ring any more than he will fight in the army.

HINKLE is not very well known in this city, but he stands well in other eastern towns. He refereed the Dillon-Moran bout and counted out Sam Langford when he was beaten by Fred Fulton in Boston recently. Matt is forging to the front in the pugilistic game, but he will have a nice collection of broken promises if he continues to deal with champions.

Cheney Now Is After Lightweight Championship of the World WHEN George Chaney was defeated by Johnny Kilbane at Cedar Point, O., last Labor Day he had no excuses to offer. He admitted that Kilbane was the better man and said that the little Clevelander could whip any one on the face of the globe at 125 pounds. George still believes this, but when the weight is boosted to 130 or 133 he has something to say about his own prowess. In the Cedar Point combat the Baltimorean was weakened by the rigorous training and could not do himself justice. He couldn't get started and was an easy victim. Since that time, however, Chaney has stepped out of the featherweight division and entered the class above. His work has improved and the last eight opponents have been knocked out. George expects to add another K. O. to his list tomorrow night when he faces Johnny Dundee at Shibe Park arena. Although the bout was postponed for a week, he kept himself in good shape and expressed his confidence when he sent a message to Matchmaker Guinness that he would knock Dundee's block off before the fourth round. He will enter the ring weighing about 130 pounds and, if he is successful, he will go after Leonard's scalp—provided Benny is lucky in his bout with Kilbane on July 25.

IT IS fortunate that this bout is to be held in a place like Shibe Park. So much interest has been aroused that one of the record crowds of the season is expected and there will be plenty of seats for all.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



ROUSH DISPLACES CRUISE FOR LEAD

Reds' Outfielder Tops League by Six Points With .349. Groh Scores 50 Runs

TY AND TRIS SLUMP

The race for batting honors in the National League, which has resolved itself into a fight between Roush, of the Reds, and Cruise, of the Cardinals, today finds Matty's hard-hitting outfielder in front by six points, with an average of .349. By collecting two safeties out of four trips to the plate against the Braves, while Cruise was going hitless out of three times up against the Giants enabled the Reds' star to move to the top.

Table with columns: Player, Club, G., AB., R., H., P.C. Includes rows for Roush, Cruise, Fisher, Cobb, Speaker, and other players.

ANGLING AT THE SHORE HAS RICH REWARD

Tri-o of Local Fishermen Hook Sixty-five King and Croakers at Cape May

Quaker City fishermen are reaping a harvest these days at the seaside resorts, gathering in kingfish, croakers, flounders and drum. Sunday's sport proved that July is the month for landing the sea species, for the sojourners came home with enough spoils to give some away to their friends.

One of the biggest fish caught in the vicinity of Ocean City was a big black drum caught recently by W. A. Summers, of St. Louis. It weighed fifty-two and one-half pounds. Mr. McGlynn, W. Ansett and J. Jordan hooked sixty-five king and croakers on the fifth of June. Joseph Trainer landed twenty-nine fish at Piermont, while others also figured in big catches.

Frank and Joseph Jacoby, of Gloucester, N. J., were rewarded for a trip to Wildwood for between them they pulled from the sea twenty-two kingfish and croakers. Blood worms are being used with success for croakers and king at all seaside fishing places.

Fresh-water sport has its fascination to some anglers, Blackwood Lake and Warrington Park, near Wenonah, N. J., being prominent spots. The style of angling, Billy Stubbs landed eight black bass at Warrington, while another local enthusiast hooked seven bass at Blackwood. Some of them weighed more than three pounds.

Up-State Players Face Salary Cut SCRANTON, Pa., July 10.—According to an announcement made yesterday by an official of the New York State League, players, as well as the players, are to be compelled to accept reductions in salary under the retrenchment policy.

STROKES AND SPLASHES

AFTER the local talent have rested from their efforts at the Red Cross meet on Wednesday, they will begin training for the big water carnival at the Philadelphia Swimming Club, scheduled for July 14. This is one of the important meets of the season, with virtually all the home product competing.

SKIDDING PAST THE HALF-MILE POST TO FLAGVILLE-ON-THE-PIKE, BUT FOUR POSSIBILITIES REMAIN

Phils Must Brace to Hold Pennant Class With the Giants, Red Sox and White Sox—Chicagoans Appear to Have the Edge

By GRANT LUCE

SIXTEEN major league clubs have just skidded past the half-mile post on their jaunt in the general direction of Pennantville or Flagville-on-the-Pike. Twelve of these sixteen clubs are now running for exercise, Sweeney and the Yankees, handicapped by a weak batting lineup, but a second chance. If the half-mile post is to offer any line upon the finish, it is now merely a matter as to whether the Giants are to meet the White Sox or the Red Sox next October.

Three Remain The Giants are not entirely out of danger by several kilometers, but they have enough stuff to win with, barring only an epidemic of accidents and casualties. But the American League race is another matter. The Tigers have slipped badly. The Browns have disappeared; the Cleveland Indians have suffered a big drop from last year's standing at this date, and the Yankees, handicapped by a weak batting outfield, have virtually no chance to win.

The Sox Jubilee A world series between New York and Chicago clubs would carry the greater effect in spectacular way, as these two crowded citadels have never met in any post-season championship debate.

But this doesn't mean that New York and Chicago are to meet. Boston has arranged a world series affair in the fall of 1918. The Red Sox won in 1912, the Braves in 1914, the Red Sox again in 1915 and 1916. So with one exception, 1917, a world championship banner has been fluttering above the Massachusetts metropolis since 1912.

A good many of the present Red Sox club have already known three world-series championships. Most of the others have known two. They are a seasoned, hard-fighting bunch at their best under heavy fire or out upon hostile soil. They are prepared for anything.

JOHNSTON WILL PLAY IN UTICA TENNIS EVENT

Former National Champion to Compete in Round Robin Tournament According to information from Utica, the annual tennis tournament for the championship of New York State has been abandoned for the present. The tournament was scheduled to take place at the Utica Club on July 10. The tournament was to be held on July 20 and 21. The entry of William M. Johnston, of San Francisco, former national champion, already has been obtained. There will be a special handicap for the men's event. The leading lights will be Miss Molly Burdette, of Rochester, Newark at Baltimore, Providence at Richmond.

MAY HOLD A. A. U. MEET ON FRANKLIN FIELD

The University of Pennsylvania has unofficially tendered the use of Franklin Field for the Meadbrook club's national championship meet. The Meadbrook club has been unable to secure a suitable venue for the meet. The University of Pennsylvania has offered to provide the venue. The meet is to be held on Franklin Field. The dates are to be determined.

AMATEUR BASEBALL GAMES

Garnet A. C. a strictly first-class traveling team, is without a game for Saturday, July 14. The team is expected to leave for their home games. The team is currently on a tour. The games are to be held in various locations.

BEST TWO-SHOTTER IN AMERICA RIGHT HERE IN PINE VALLEY, REPLIES GEO. CRUMP TO BOLE

Former Ohio Golf Champion Finds a Big Surprise After Describing Hole—Dutch Windmills to Beautify Course

WHEN the most prominent golf amateurs in the country and the leading professionals declare that the Pine Valley golf course is the greatest links in this country, if not in the world; when one of the men who was instrumental in laying out the National Golf Links, long considered so far above other American courses as to be in a class by itself, goes on record by stating that the peer of all links in this country would give more space to it than to any other Philadelphia course. Pine Valley is so remarkable in so many different ways that it is almost impossible to select the one which is most noteworthy. It is no wonder that the writer of golf matters should give more space to it than to any other Philadelphia course.

Those who have played at the Valley, and if you play it once you will play a score of times, are more or less familiar with the fourteen holes now in play. But the holes which are not ready for play are even more marvelous. And possibly the most successful of these are the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth.

Jim Barnes has already gone on record by saying that the thirteenth is the most wonderful two-shot hole he has ever seen. Joe Bole, for many years the champion of Ohio, told George Crump last Friday that he had seen what he thought was the finest two-shotter at Hyannis, which is on Cape Cod. And after he was through describing it George Crump told him that the thirteenth was the same hole, only that the position was slightly reversed. At Pine Valley it is to the left. Otherwise the holes are alike between the two as closely as two peas in a pod.

In the first place, it will take a very good drive to get into a position for the second. Between the tee and green there is a series of rolling hills with small valleys. If the tee shot fails to get up to the top of the first two of these hills the green is blind and it is impossible to make the green on the second shot. Approaching the green to the left is the side of a hill. This side will be cut away enough to expose the sand so that from the next green it will resemble a huge bunker, bigger than anything that will be seen at any other club in the country. To the right the fairway will be cleared away for a wide fairway. The man who can hit a long, straight second shot can pitch his ball straight on to the green with the knowledge that it will stick. If he deviates from the narrow straight line he will find this great hilled trap.

A Widened Fairway For the timorous players there if the widened fairway to the right but short of the green and a shot to this space makes the hole a three-shotter not only for the man who makes a long and fast, and dare not try the long second, but for the man who falls to hit long and far from the tee. It is all or nothing. From tee to green the hole is a three-shotter.

BRENNAN WINS SHOOT Takes Honors in Lancaster Gun Club Shoot With 48 Score

MARIETTA, July 10.—Many sections of the county were represented yesterday at the shoot of the Lancaster Gun Club. Brennan was high man. The scores: J. P. Brennan, 48; F. P. Brennan, 47; G. King, 42; Posey, 42; Keyser, 42; E. Kerr, 41; Scully, 41; Doctor Brennan, 40; Hambrick, 35; Ault, 35; Peninger, 33; Hard, 30; F. Herr, 26; Esekman, 21; Eckman, 13, and Mann, 8.

COLLEGE ATHLETIC FUTURE IN BALANCE

Executive Committee of N. C. A. A. to Decide Its Fate on August 2 A meeting of the executive committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association will be held in Washington on August 2 to discuss the prospects for intercollegiate athletics during the next collegiate year. The conference will be held as the result of the suggestion offered at the meeting of graduate athletic managers in New York some weeks ago.

MINNEAPOLIS PROS BEAT EVANS-LEGG IN FOURSOME

MINNEAPOLIS, July 10.—George Sargent and Otis Geure, local professionals, defeated Charles "Chick" Evans, national amateur and open golf champion, and Harry C. Legg, Minneapolis amateur, in an eighteen-hole best ball foursome two up and one to go on the Interlachen Links here yesterday. The match was for the benefit of the Red Cross.

Offers Caldwell for Del Pratt

ST. LOUIS, July 10.—Manager Donovan at St. Louis made an offer to Manager Fielder Jones yesterday for Del Pratt, the second baseman of the Browns.

Open Air Arena—Shibe Park

ST. LOUIS, July 10.—The Shibe Park baseball stadium is being opened for the season. The stadium is now ready for use. The season will begin soon.

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK Double-Header

PHILADELPHIA, July 10.—The National League Park will host a double-header game tomorrow. The game is expected to draw a large crowd.

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