

MACK, WINNER OF SIX BIG LEAGUE PENNANTS, NOW ANXIOUS TO BREAK DEADLOCK WITH GIANTS

MACK HAS REGULAR REASON TO ANNEX FLAG THIS SEASON

Connie and McGraw Are Tied for Major-League Championship With Six Pennants Each and Boss of Mackmen Is Anxious to Break Deadlock

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

CONNIE MACK has been unusually kind to the scribes this winter, telling us lots of good stuff to jam into the paper and making us forget that we once referred to him as a clam with the lockjaw.

Manager Mack, however, had something up his slender sleeve and it was not until Saturday that he revealed it. Connie has designs on the pennant. He is getting a swell ball club together for that very purpose, and even goes so far as to admit it.

On Saturday afternoon Connie received a signed contract from Kinney, the left-handed pitcher, and announced it. He also received a letter from Naylor, another hurler, who had just returned to the U. S. A. after serving in France and now was stationed at Camp Devens.

"I see where John McGraw wants to win one more pennant before he retires as manager of the Giants," he said. "John and I are tied for the championship of the majors with six pennants each, and the New Yorker believes one more flag will make him the tripholder.

"JOHN and I have been working along different lines in the past. The New York idea was to get out with a big bankroll and purchase star players for the team. We have been developing them. McGraw's idea are good and I believe I will try them. If I see a ball player who would strengthen the Athletics, I shall offer real money for his release."

Giants Outbid Connie for Catcher Smith

CONNIE started out this year with an exposed bankroll and tried hard to land Earl Smith, the Rochester catcher, who now is one of the best holdouts on the Giants. He offered Arthur Irwin \$5000 cash and four players for the kid phenom, but Arthur liked McGraw's offer better and accepted it.

Earl played all last year and was the sensation of the International League, yet no big league manager took trouble to even draft him. The war was taking up all of their time. But after the armistice Irwin was deluged with offers.

"Smith is one of the best young catchers I ever have seen," said Irwin, "and will be a sensation in the National League because he can hit. He will be as valuable as Hollocher, of the Cubs, and make as good an impression. That boy can hit any kind of pitching, and last year had all of the pitchers in our league worried to death. I never will forget a game we played with Birmingham. Fisher, late of Pittsburgh, was catching when Smith stepped up.

"So this is the kid wonder," said Fisher. "I'll give you something you can't hit." "The pitcher was slow in throwing the ball and after waiting a minute Smith replied: "Can't hit it? I'll murder that pill if that guy out there ever lets go of it."

"SMITH objects to the salary offered by the Giants and says he will go back to the bushes unless he receives a real major league's pay. However, I believe he and McGraw will come to terms, for he is too valuable a man to be a holdout."

"Doc" Catch Conducts Himself Like Regular Promoter

DOC CATCH, who won Champion Pete Herman on a toss and later was tossed into the discard by the champion, has just returned from a trip to Cleveland, where he showed the natives how the eastern promoters and ex-managers conduct themselves while on a journey.

Doc made the visit to see Herman get trimmed by Kid Wolfe last Tuesday, and the result of the battle pleased him so much that he lined-up a few days to celebrate. He engaged the best suite of rooms at the Hollenden, hired a singer to warble sweet melodies and a string orchestra to furnish music while he was in his rooms.

One morning Matt Hinkel decided to pay Catch a visit. Upon entering the room he saw the old doctor stretched out in a chair being shaved by his private barber. A manicurist was working on one hand and in the other was a glass of that effervescent stuff which cannot be purchased at any price after July 1. The singer was singing and the orchestra was playing, and in another corner of the room was a flock of steaks and chops under a huge silver cover.

HINKEL took in everything and was amazed. This "Coal Oil Johnny" stuff was too much. After several attempts he finally spoke. "Say, you're not Doc Catch," he said, "you're Batch McDevitt."

Matt Hinkel Named New Jersey Referee

MATT HINKEL, by the way, has been appointed one of the official referees of New Jersey by Chairman John Smith. This means the noted Clevelander, who is one of the best ring arbiters in the country, will be seen in action in several of the big Jersey bouts this summer. Chairman Smith did a wise thing when he sent Hinkel his card.

It would not be at all surprising to see Matt as the third man in the ring when Willard and Dempsey settle their argument in Nevada or wherever the championship fight is to be held. He is the logical man for the job and the fighters will have no trouble in agreeing on him.

Some big bouts will be held in Jersey this summer because the game is being handled properly by John Smith, the chairman of the commission. Boxing has flourished under the Smith regime and the state should reward him. He worked all year without salary, something rare for any one connected with the pugilistic game. The state has received \$25,384.96 in taxes and should pay the commissioner a salary. The job is cheap at \$2500 a year, especially when the man in charge delivers the goods and keeps the game free from scandal.

They pay the boxing commissions in other states. Why not in New Jersey?

Johnny Tillman Now After Ted Lewis

HERMAN TAYLOR and his champion, Johnny Tillman, arrived in town Saturday night after a one-night stand in Akron, where Johnny defeated Griffith in a twelve-round bout. Tillman just repeated his victory of two weeks ago at the National, which proves he is doing some good work. Griffith is one of the toughest welterweights in the business, and it takes an exceptionally good boxer to beat him.

Taylor says his man will meet Champion Ted Kid Lewis within the next month.

Huggins Still Hopes to Land Baker

MILLER HUGGINS, of the New York Yankees, has not given up all hope of securing Frank Baker to play third base on his ball club this year. The midwest manager visited the home-run king at his farm in Trappe, Md., and learned that Baker wanted to do the square thing for his boss, but wanted some time to arrange his business affairs. He promised a definite answer on April 20.

Frank never liked the spring training grind, and probably will report after the team's return from Jacksonville.

JOHNNY KILBANE arrived in town this morning and looks to be in good shape for his bout with Frankie Brown tonight. The champion featherweight says he will retire for good if he is decisively beaten in his "come-back." However, there is little likelihood of this. Johnny is in wonderful shape and will startle the fans as of old.

THE new \$50,000 motorhome to be erected at Point Breeze means that the bicycle sport will be revived in Philadelphia this year. John M. Cleaman, of Newark, is behind the move, and the hustling Jack Roden will be the local manager.

THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT



ONLY ONE SAINT ON ALL-STAR FIVE

American League Forwards Are Easier to Select Than the Guards

BLACK GIVEN PLACE

First and Second All-Star American Fives Selected

Table listing the First and Second All-Star American Fives Selected, including names like Powell, Black, Franklin, Brown, Troutman, Calhoun, Lawrence, and Schwartz.

The annual selection of an all-star American basketball league becomes necessary at this time. The board of governors each year announce their selections, and their choices will be made known after meeting tomorrow night.

Players participating in nearly all the games for the year were considered. The improvement in the Saints had been noticed by the board of governors. Dark and McCarter were not attempted to be placed, although Haggerty landed the center post, as he would have undoubtedly remained with the Saints had he not joined the Steel Workers.

Selection of Guards

The selection of guards is a decidedly easy matter when compared to picking the forwards, as there are few real defense men in the American League. George Haggerty draws the center assignment, as he is the best of pivot men. The improvement in his playing this season is remarkable. He has learned how to shoot, and as he invariably gets the tap, the club that signs him next year will be fortunate.

Brown Wins Place

Jimmy Brown, captain of the Saints, is the only player in the champions' lineup to be placed on the first team. He stands out in the foremost player in the league. He tops the list in field goals and assists and is the best backhand distance shooter playing the game. Harry Frenchie is an ideal running mate for Brown. He, too, has had a fairly good season. The combination selected for the first club would be first not only on the offense, but also on the defense.

Curt Collegiate Chatter

Penn wrestlers got only two decisions over Leigh Mathews in the Saturday meet. Hooper and Ash were Princeton, which is the best team in the East. Leibish won the meet, 22-8.

Peters New Morningside Captain

New York, March 10.—Alexander Peters, the student elected captain of the Morningside A. C. yesterday afternoon at a special meeting of the organization. He succeeds Jack H. O'Neill, who is in the navy.

Art Smith to Coach Tufts

Boston, March 10.—Arthur Smith, the former University of Maine and Colby College teacher and coach, has been named to handle the Tufts College track team. Manager Blackford, of the Tufts track team, made the announcement.

High Schools in Cage Tourney

Atlantic City, March 10.—Atlantic City, Trenton, Union Hill and Easton have been selected as the four best high school basketball teams in the state to compete for the championship of New Jersey in the elimination tournament next Friday and Saturday at Rutgers College.

Molla Bjurstedt Fails to Defend Indoor Title

Absence of Norse Wonder Gives Other Prominent Stars Chance for National Women's Championship

PLAY STARTS TODAY

New York, March 10. ALTHOUGH lacking the magnetic attraction always injected into women's tournament by the presence in the entry of Miss Molla Bjurstedt, national outdoor and indoor champion, the twelfth annual national indoor title tournament, that began at the Sevensitt Regiment Armory this morning at 10 o'clock was not lacking in interest and a high quality of play.

For one thing, Mrs. George H. Wright, woman champion on turf courts in 1905, 1916 and 1917, will make a bid for the honor voluntarily relinquished by Miss Bjurstedt. The former Miss Hazel Hotchkiss is one of the most finished players on the courts of this country today and she seems quite capable of capturing the chief honor.

A skilled lobber and a wonderfully accurate volleyer, Mrs. Wrightman is able to go through her half of the draw with colors unblemished. It will take a strong player to beat her.

Miss Walsh May Surprise

Miss Phyllis Walsh, the tall Philadelphia girl, who has figured prominently in tournament play for the last three years in her home city, is among those to start, and she may surprise the wise ones. Miss Walsh has but recently returned from France, where she drove a truck. She has been practicing and a dangerous opponent for even the top-ranked flight, as she showed last autumn, when she defeated Miss Marie Wagner on the outdoor courts.

Miss Helene Soltak, who has been climbing steadily in her journey to the top of the ladder during the last two years, will also be a contender on the indoor courts. Soltak, who has won the very best struggle she put up against Miss Eleanor Goss in the semi-final round of this tournament last year, is expected to give a thing of the Harless Tennis Club star.

PHILS ARRANGE GAMES

Will Play Washington Club April 11-12 at Charlotte. Charlotte, N. C., March 10.—Clark Griffith and his Washington American League baseball club will play the Philadelphia Nationals at Wearn Field here on April 11 and 12, according to a letter received from William Shetline, business manager of the Phils.

"White" Thomas, Former Penn State Star, Alive

Atlantic City, N. J., March 10.—Lieutenant William C. Thomas, former varsity captain on Penn State's football eleven, and star of the Atlantic City High School, is not dead as reported. Official advices from Washington today show that a mistake had been made in identity. The aviator killed in the crash of the Curtiss biplane, Aero Squadron, whereas the young officer from this city is named "W. C." Thomas, popularly known as "White" Tom, and is assigned to the Twelfth Aero Squadron.

MERCHANT TEAMS WIN

"A" Defeats Paterson, While "B" Downs Sun Ship. Despite the heavy rainstorm yesterday, the Merchant Shipbuilding Corporation soccer teams played a scheduled doubleheader on the Harrison athletic field and beat the Paterson team. The A eleven defeated Paterson 4-1. The B eleven defeated Paterson 3-1. The Sun Ship players under a 12 to 0 reverse.

Cubs Leave for Coast March 19

Chicago, March 10.—Complete training plans for the Chicago National League club have been announced. The final League club game will be played at Pasadena, Calif., March 19, and practice will be started two days later. Eighteen exhibition games have been arranged, the first being at Los Angeles, March 20.

OLYMPIA A. A. Broad and Baldrige

Monday Evening, March 10. Harry (Kid) Brown vs. Freddy Reese. Johnny Kilbane vs. Frankie Brown. Lou Swartz vs. Young McFadden. The victory of the A team over the Jerseyans was in a National League game and beat the Paterson team of the cup. Their only previous defeat was by Bethlehem in the first game of the series, Bethlehem manning from all other teams and was tied once by Merchant A, so even if they lose to Paterson in the return game, they will win the trophy.

SWEENEY HOLDS BIG CAGE LEAD

Penn Forward Tops College Scorers by Twenty-three Points

VAN SLYCK IS SECOND

Mike Sweeney, Penn's brilliant forward, holds a twenty-three point lead in the race for the individual scoring championship of the Intercollegiate League. The Atlantic City boy has tallied a total of eighty-five points, sixteen field goals and fifty-three fouls, in league games this year.

Individual Scoring

Table showing individual scoring records for various players like Sweeney, Van Slyck, and others.

Middies to Row Penn Eight

Annapolis, Md., March 10.—At the invitation of the University of Pennsylvania, the Naval Academy will enter a 150-pound eight in the regatta of the American Athletic Association at Philadelphia to compete against college crews of the same weight. The regatta will also have games in the events for varsity, junior and freshmen crews.

Lansdale to Have Tennis Club

Lansdale, Pa., March 10.—A new tennis club will be organized at Lansdale, one of the members of the Lansdale Country Club. The country club recently sold its country estate and is building a tennis course. The new club proposes to build some first-class clay courts.

Silver to Lead Athletic League

New York, March 10.—M. J. Silver, of the Bronx Athletic League yesterday at the annual meeting held in the Pennant A. A. Silver will succeed James O'Leary, of Atlantic City, who has declined renomination because of a case of business.

McGowan Gets International Job

Bill McGowan, of Wilmington, well known as an umpire in the old Tri-State League and who has officiated in the Delaware County and New York State leagues, has signed to umpire in the International League this week.

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PENN POLOISTS QUIT ON NEW YORK REFEREE

Coach Kistler's Team Binney, of Yale, Best Stages "Swim Out" College Sprint Swimmer

WOULDN'T ALLOW GOAL

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK. THE Penn water polo team went on a strike, a walkout or a swimout of something in the return match with Columbia at the Morningside Heights gym Saturday night, and hereafter refused absolutely, positively and all other terms that mean determination to compete in any other contest unless the referee is a fifty-fifty individual.

WALTER HAGEN WINS

Detroit Pro One Stroke Above Par at Bellair. Bellair Heights, Fla., March 10.—Sensational golf was played here in the professional tournament, in which six professionals took part. Walter Hagen, of Detroit, won, with a score of 71, just one stroke above par. He was dressed closely all the way by Mike Brady, of Boston, and Jim Lawrence, of St. Louis. Hagen was out in 35, leading the field by two strokes, but Barnes was only a stroke behind in the third round.

England Revives Tennis

Holds First Open Tourney Since 1914 Next Month. London, March 10.—The first open lawn tennis tournament since 1914 will be held at Queen's Club next month, when the national covered court championships will be decided. A good entry is expected, and the present holder, M. J. G. Hitchcock, will defend his title. It is not yet known whether the local champion (on wood), Mrs. E. D. Holman, or the doubles champions, P. M. Davidson and Major Macrae, will compete. In previous years Hitchcock and Davidson have not played through the competition, but may be called upon to do so at the forthcoming meeting.

Fred Thomas Signs

New Third Baseman Forwards Contract to Mack. Connie Mack, manager of the Philadelphia American League Club, announced last night that Fred Thomas, recently purchased from the Boston Red Sox, has agreed to play in this city this season, and has sent his signed contract to the local club.

Gotham Club After Larsen

New York, March 10.—Clinton Larsen, who attended national tour as a high jumper, will probably be signed by a local club this spring. Larsen, who is a member of the field for Larsen's services in the Macomac A. C.

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