GLEASON BELIEVES PAIR OF PITCHING ACES IS BETTER THAN FOUR-FLUSH CURVING CORPS

GLEASON FINDS TWO PITCHERS ENOUGH TO KEEP TEAM IN LEAD

Stallings Used Three Moundsmen, Sufficient to Capture Pennant, but White Sox Boss Has Only Cicotte and Williams, Who Have Won 35, Lost 10

> By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

WHEN George Stallings depended upon three pitchers to win the National League pennant and the world's championship in 1914 he was acclaimed the wonedr of the ages and labeled the Miracle Man of baseball. George certainly got away with something that year, but his stuff has been put on the blink by William Gleason, the well-known Kid, who is steering the White Sex toward the American League gentalon this season. Mr. Glenson has his club in first place, and two pitchers on his payroll can be blamed for that accomplishment. They are Eddie Cicotte, one of the burling veterans of the game, and Lefty Williams.

No one can figure how they have done it, but figures speak for themselves. The Sox have won fifty-four games and thirty five victories have been turned in by the pair of peggers. Cleotte won his nineteenth game on Thursday and Williams has amassed a total of sixteen. That's pretty good work for so early in the season, and it looks as if the pair of stars will estab-

It also proves that Gleason is a regular manager and knows how to handle his hired men. To get by with only two pitchers is quite an accomplishment, and if you look hard you will find that no one clse is doing it. Kerr and Faber turn in a victory now and then, but cannot be depended upon. Cicotte and Williams are the aces, and if they continue to deliver the goods Gleason will be entitled to wear the Miracle Man's crown.

With one more good pitcher like Scott Perry or Carl Mays the Chicago club would have an easy time in copping the flag. At present they are being annoyed by Cleveland and Detroit, the latter being the most dangerous. Hughey Jennings has a good ball club this year-far better than it looked early in the season. The pitchers are performing well, which is strange and unusual. and the sluggers are slugging better than ever before. Three members of the club-Cobb, Veach and Flagstead-are among the first five leading hitters. and their work is keeping the team in the race.

DETROIT is the dark horse in the league this year and will bear watching. It looks to us that dennings and Gleason will fight it out for supremacy before unother month rolls by.

Packard, With Four Wins, Leads Phillies' Pitchers

WE ALSO have some star pitchers on our local club, but it doesn't take much to be a star here. Gene Packard is the VERY best on the Phils and stands out above the others with FOUR victories. Mendows, Rixey and George Smith have scored two each and Bradley Hogg departed from the maiden class a week ago when he twirled his initial triumph over the St. Lose Cards. However, Gavvy Cravath is handling the flingers as flingers should be handled, and it would not be at all surprising if some guy finished the season with

The poor A's continue to struggle along, losing battles by close scores and making great records-for the opposing clubs. Jing Johnson has captured five conflicts in some way or other and Perry and Rogers are next with three each. Jack Naylor is the losing champion of the universe, having dropped his last nine games, which exceeds the National record, held by Elmer Jacobs.

Allen Sothoron, of the Browns, was on the verge of startling the circuit when he won nine games in a row, but flopped and took the count on Thursday when Eddie Cicotte grabbed a ten-inning fuss by the narrow margin of 1 to 0. Setheren is a bear for work and the best hurler on Jimmy Burke's payroll. He has been going exceptionally well, but has a bad habit of taking things easy when the game apparently is on ice. Still, no one can blame a guy for not taking his work seriously if he has to play in St. Lose.

Good hurlers are mighty scarce this year and big league clubs are willing to pay any amount of coin for likely looking prospects. If a seasoned veteran is placed on the market he can write his own ticket. John McGraw will dig deep into the bankroll for a high-class flinger. He has offered everything, including the Pola Grounds, for Eppa Rixey, but there is nothing doing. Big

HOWEVER. Jaien Jay put over a ten-strike when he got Phil Douglas from the Cubs in exchange for Davy Robertson. McGraie got all the best of the transaction, because Davy was of no use to him and scouldn't play anyway. Douglas, on the other hand, is a good flinger and will win many games for his new boss and may cop the pennant for New York. Robertson will be a great help to Mitchell, because Fred needs a hard-hitting outfielder.

Alien Scribe Condoles With Connie

THE terrible work of our A's is getting to be a joke in the large circuit and causing considerable comment on the outside. Every one knows Connie is doing his best to get a team together, is spending money and giving tryouts to every athlete who can wear spiked shoes, and are wondering why some-

The following editorial in the current issue of Sporting News throws some light on the subject :

"Since baseball conditions in Philadelphia are for the moment the subject of much discussion, let us take up briefly the case of the lowly Athleticseven more lowly than the Phillies-and their puzzled and distressed manager and mentor, Connie Mack. Connie may say he is not distressed, that he is hopeful and all that, but since he must have some human element in his make-up we have a right to believe he is, whether he will admit it or not.

"Connie's situation furnishes a quite positive answer to those who prattle that anybody can build up a winning ball club if he will just spend the money for players. Connie has been spending money, or the equivalent of it, for four or five years now, and he hasn't built up any winner, so far as you can notice it. His ball club is a worse aggregation today by far than it was when he started all over again after the break up of his champions.

"His admission is plain that the colleges and lots are bare when he holds on to players who are not of major league class and have shown it, or makes swaps to get his former players back, or takes discards from rival clubs. For It cannot be said Mack does not know, as well as any man can, a ball player in the making when he sees one, even if he is fooled now and then.

"Mack's sad experience proves that neither money nor brains can guarantee a winner if the builder doesn't have a good share of the breaks. Probably no manager ever had such bunched luck as Mack had when he picked up Collins, Baker, Barry, McInnis et al., but that sort of luck in bunches, like lightning, doesn't strike twice in the same place, not in the lifetime of even as old a man as Mack.

"Mack may put on a semblance of optimism if he will, but to even his best well wishers there's mighty little silver lining to the situation.

"ALL the luck he seems to have these days is that past reputation saves him from the blasts of the critics who can spend money and build up winning ball teams between puffs-that and the fact that the other fellow in Philadelphia has been selected as the target."

May Lure Wilde From England

DOC CUTCH, manager of Patsy Wallace, believes he has a chance to lure Jimmy Wilde from the old homestead in England and exhibit him in Philadelphia against his protege. He has cabled his challenge to the flyweight champion and expects an early reply.

"If Wilde accepts my offer of \$5000 and two round-trip tickets," says Doc, "the bout will be held in Philadelphia and will be promoted and managed by Leon Rains. Mr. Rains has had great success in the boxing game and knows how to stage shows properly. He will be the man to take care of the match."

Boston Not Anxious to Lose Mays

HARRY FRAZEE evidently isn't very anxious to relieve the Red Sox of the burden of carrying Carl Mays. If he really wanted to get rid of the under-hand pitcher, he would have no trouble in doing it. Mays is a highgrade performer and his services would be appreciated by any club in either circuit. But Frazee wants the New York Yanks to give him either Bob Shawkey, the ex-Athletic hurler, or Herb Thormahlen, plus a fortune That doesn't suit the New Yorkers. They want Mays, but they don't want to part with a pitcher whom they consider better and slip the Red Sox a big ann besides. It looks as though the proposed, or rather the runored, deal It looks as though the proposed, or rather the rumored, deal



COBB REGAINS LEAD IN AMERICAN LEAGUE: THORPE KEEPS IN FRONT WITH .375 MARK

and Shows Way With .354 Rating—Sisler Is Third Best Batter

RICE LEADS IN HITS

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classed by Roger Peck inpaugh, of the Yankees, the sensational Georgian maintained his own while Peckinnaugh was slumpshows the way

Joe Jackson. last week's leader. slipped to second i place, but still has an attractive .346, Sisler, of the Browns, has found

himself and is in third place, only two points behind

Bobby Veach has lost ground and is fourth with 338

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Vankees Beat Bellmawn

Gloncester City, N. J., July 25,-In a slugging contest the Yankee Boys defeated the Bellmawr F. C. by the score of 10 to 9, playing on the Bellmawr's grounds at that place.

Salvadore Pulls a "Heine Zim" Wildwood, N. J., July 26.—Camden owned Wildwood yesterday, 7 to 2. In he sixth inning Salvadore pulled a "Heinie im." chaning Kirkwatrick home from third. owell weakened in the latter inning.

Georgian Displaces Jackson | Jess Barnes, With 13 Conquests, Leads National League Pitchers in Games Won

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BARNES RETAINS TITLE

Western Open Golf Championship

Cleveland, O., July 26.-Finishing

GILBERT STILL LEADS

Games Won by Pitchers

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New Orleans Star Shows Way in Equals Own Record in Winning Batting and Stolen Bases

New Orleans, July 26 .- Batting and base stealers' honors of the Southern in great style, James Barnes, St. Louis, Association are in possession of Gilbert, of New Orleans. He has stolen again won the western open golf chamtwenty-four bases, and is blazing the pionship over a field of 134 of America's trail for the hitters with .335. leading professional and amateur golf-Other leading batters for thirty or more games: Christenburg, Memphis.

ers here yesterday. more games: Christenburg, Memphis.
332: McDonald, Nashville, 325; Barnes equaled his own world's recGrimm, Little Rock, 318; Duncan, ord of 283 strokes for an open golf Grimm, Little Rock, .318; Puncan, ord of 283 strokes for an open golf Birmingham, .315; Peters, Birmingham, .305; Sullivan, New Orleans, .304; Mayer, Atlanta, .298; Carroll, was the runner-up, finishing three Memphls, .297; McMillin, Mobile, .296, strokes behind the champion.

Field—Gavvy Has .354 Average for Second Place WILLIAMS IN SELECT

Versatile Indian, Though

Limited in Service, Tops

Club Batting Averages in National League

TIM THORPE is at the top in Na-

tional League batting circles. Gavvy Cravath is the real leader with his .354 pounded the pill for .375 rating, tep-

resented by thirty three hits out of eighty-eight times at bat.

New York Giants. heads the circuit in safeties with nine ty-eight, just two

ninety-one hits. Williams with .310 and Meusel with .300 complete the list of Phils in the select

The averages, including the game played Wednesday, follow: NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Bennett Breaks Cycle Record San Diego, Calif. July 26 — The three-flag motorcyce record from the Canadian border at Bisins. Wash. Jo Tiajuana, Mex-ico, was broken yesterday by Wells Bennett, of Los Angeles, who made the 1714 miles in fifty-three hours twenty-cith minutes chapsed time. The former record was fifty-nine hours forty-seven minutes. Bennett slept but thirty minutes en route.

Tennis Doubles Tomorrow New York, July 26.—The final doub or the North Side tennis charmional vill be played tomorrow at the Univer-icignts Tennis Club. The finalists are out Binnen and Emirco Henderson and V cent Richards and Allen Behr.

Hilldale Wins in First daje made enough runs in the to win resterday's twilight Hous-Bright on the latter's gre al score being 5 to 2.

NELSON AND WOLGAST STAGED RING'S MOST GRUESOME ENCOUNTER

For Sustained Fury and Unadulterated Fighting This Lightweight Battle Furnishes One of Bloodiest Chapters in Annals of Pugilism

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SIX HIGH SPOTS OF AMERICAN SPORT No. 5—The Passing of Battling Nelson

THERE may have been more dramatic ring battles where championships passed, but for sustained fury and unadulterated fighting the battle at Point Richmond, Calif., where Battling Nelson lost the lightweight championship to Ad Wolgast, furnishes one of the bloodiest and most strenuous chapters in

Technically, Wolgast won in the fortieth round by a knockout. But the Hegewisch Dane never was down once during the fight. He was pressing forward, blindly, instinctively, with both of his eyes closed and his face beaten into the semblance of a pounded raw beefsteak, when Referee Eddie Smith stepped between the struggling men, pushed Nelson back to his corner and raised

Nelson sprang up from the stool which his seconds had placed in the corner for him and tried to protest. As he tried to speak the blood gushed from his He was so badly battered that he could not frame a word. All that he could do was glare from the slit of one eye and growl like a wolf mortally hurt.

There were five rounds more to go, for in those days they permitted forty-

five-round bouts in California, but even the hard losers who had bet on Nelson did not want it to go any further. Long before the referee had decided upon his act of mercy the fight crowd was clamoring that it be stopped. The passing of Nelson as a champion was characteristic of the fighter. His method of fighting was simple. He took all that the other man could give. Then when his antagonist became bewildered because the Dane did not drop under blows that would have battered down a dozen others, Nelson waded

ELSON always moved forward, never backward. He was press-IN ing forward when he lost his title. He was a fighter, pure and simple. He took a dozen punches to land one. He took them on the

The Shadow of Joe Gans

TT HAS been said by Jack Grace, a former second of Nelson, that the Battler's defeat was brought about through his last bout with Joe Gans. You will recall that Nelson and Gans fought three times. In the first battle, at Goldfield, Nev., Gans won on a foul. In their second meeting, at San Francisco, Nelson knocked the negro boxer out.

A third fight was arranged, though the backers of Gans knew that the

negro had developed tuberculosis. Despite the fact that he was rapidly wasting away, Gans kept Nelson away for twenty rounds and dropped exhausted

It was in the seventeenth round of this fight that the negro landed the blow which is said to have been the beginning of the end for Nelson. Just a second before the bell rang Gans stepped back. Nelson's left arm was upraised. Gans shot a short jolting punch, the sort of punch with which he had knocked out many a lightweight, into Nelson's ribs. Those near the ring say

that the "Durable Dane" squealed with agony.

When the Dane went back to his corner it is claimed that for once in his life he felt himself beaten. His seconds had to tell him that the negro was in far worse condition in order to get him to go back-so the story goes.

N^{ELSON} afterward admitted that that punch broke several of his ribs and that it hurt more than any beating he had ever received in his life.

Nelson Meets His Master

WHEN the fight at Point Richmond was under way Nelson began to receive the usual punishment. His face was chopped raw and one of his eyes closed. But those who had watched the "Durable Dane" would not believe that he was to be beaten down at last. His face began to become more unsightly and Wolgast kept clawing at him like a young wildcat. for it was more like a jungle battle, that fight, than an encounter between humans

Somewhere about the twentieth round Nelson rasped a punch across Wolgast's kidneys and the contender fell to the mat. It looked as though Wolgast, like the others, had become tired of beating the "Durable Dane" and that he was about to drop. But in the next round Wolgast came back as vigorous as ever and the crowd began to wonder whether or not Nelson had found his match at the game of slugging.

The crimson rounds went on, Nelson always pressing forward, with Wolgast planting those tired fists into the battered face. It became impossible, average, but the redskin during his limited service has the tragic, and the most hardened of fight followers, the believers in buttles to the

EVEN to this day Nelson protests: "He did not hurt me. He never could hart me. Gans is the only man that ever really hart me. He was the greatest light weight of them all."

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Milwaukee, continues to lead the base Hi Myers, of the Dodgers, is third stealers with twenty-eight, while Beckin the list with his .332. He has made er, of Kansas City, and Brief, his teammate, are tied for home run hitting with six each.
Other leading batters for thirty of

nore games: Good, Kansas City, .339; Becker, Kansas City, .334; Miller, Becker, Kansas City, .334; Kansas City, .322; Cochran, Kansas City, .315; O'Mara, Indianapolis.. 315; Kirke, Louisville, .312; Taggert. Columbus, .309; Miller, St. Paul, .309; Rahg, Indianapolis, .304.

Tom Hughes in Demand San Francisco, July 26 -Tom Hughes, been offered a place on the Sacramento ciu

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