M'GRAW HAS FOUND IT A TOUGH JOB TO BUY PENNANT WITH RED MENACE HANGING AROUND

FLOCK OF CAST-OFFS FLATTENS M'GRAW'S HIGH-PRICED TROUPE

Record Crowd of 40,000 Sees Nehf, $40,000 Hurler, Humbled, and Same Gallery Views Fall of Douglas as Reds Take Twin Bill

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NEW YORK'S pennant hopes were soaked twice in the same place yesterday afternoon when the Cincinnati Reds swiped all of the games played on the Polo Grounds. The men of Jawn McGraw were outclassed, and the scores are no indication of the breach which separates the playing ability of the contending teams. The Reds should have scored at least five more runs in the first fracas, but sensational catches ruined rally after rally. In the second it was more of the same, although the Giants played better baseball. At any rate, Pat Moran and his fighting athletes are six and one-half games ahead of their rivals and this means a whole lot with the season half over.

Yesterday's conflicts proved how valueless money is when it is used to purchase talent with which to win a pennant. Arthur Nehf, who was purchased for the trifling sum of $40,000, was knocked galley west in the opener, and a poor old has-been who wouldn't bring in thirty cents on the open market—meaning Jean Dubuc—rushed into the battle to save the day, which he didn't. Phil Douglas, another expensive person, was given the cooboo in the final tilt, thus spreading gloom all over the big city. Those two pitching phenoms were expected to win easily.

A flock of cast-offs, has-beens and one-legged, glass-armed gents who were not good enough for the fast set—according to some managers—just soaked the tar out of the high-priced troupe. Jake Daubert, cast adrift by Brooklyn, played first base as it never has been played before, and Morris Rath, Billy Kopf, Bill Rariden, Eddie Roush, Slim Sallee and Walt Ruether, to say nothing of Sherwood (Soakem) Magee, all of whom had been given the gate, performed like champions.

To us it looked as if they made the Giants quit. They never let up on their attack and won out in each contest after the New Yorkers had taken the lead. In the opener, two runs were chalked up by the Giants in the second frame and the Reds came back in the third with three. In the final, Gonzales scored the first run of the game in the third when he stole home, and Moran's men made two markers in the fourth.

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THE visitors refused to be beaten and played harder when in the ruck. The Giants, on the other hand, took things easy and appeared to be satisfied with second honors. They loafed on the base lines, seldom ran out infield hits and did not show much pep and aggressiveness. Unless they take a brace, Cincinnati is likely to cop the entire six games.

Record Crowd for Polo Grounds

TWO things worked against McGraw yesterday. It was the thirteenth of the month and it didn't rain. Had old Jupe been on the job, or even St. Swithin, there would have been no ball games and Moran never would have obtained that six-and-one-half-game lead. Perhaps it will rain today and save the Gothamites from further humiliation. No matter what way you look at it, the Reds have the big towners winging and apparently have their Angoras. Moran's men are all keyed up and are out there to win.

The natives were aroused and some 40,000 of them gambled with the weather to furnish local color for the act. It was the largest crowd that ever attended a ball game on the Polo Grounds, the previous record being 38,281, made in the opening game of the world series in 1911, when the Athletics played the Giants. The mob was partisan, too, but not very offensive. All of the visiting athletes were given the raspberry, but it ended there. Sherwood Magee said he was handed a flock of vacant pop bottles when he caught a fly ball in the first game, but Sherry sometimes exaggerates. We saw nothing like that. But it was a saddened crowd which wended its way from the ball yard, and if another double defeat is handed out, it will be good-night to the pennant hopes.

Perhaps a good reason for the huge turnout was the actors' strike, which is the principal topic of conversation in these parts. The thespians and their Simon Legree managers declared a truce for the afternoon and sat side by side cheering the home club. At the end of the ninth inning ruthless warfare was resumed. George Cohan took four of his denouncers out to the game when they promised not to talk shop.

There were many out-of-town fans at the contest, and a delegation of Philadelphians, consisting of Frank Mackin, congratulated Moran at the finish. Mr. Mackin was there to challenge the blackhanders who threatened to knock Pat for a goal if he won the first pair of games. There was no trouble.

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MORAN juggled his pitchers properly, ran his ball club as it should be run, took chances when necessary and played it safe when the occasion demanded and took the hurdles without missing a stroke.

Benny Kauff a Defensive Hero

THE result of the first game was a sad blow to McGraw. Jawn had it all doped out to use his left handers to stop the southpaw batting of the Reds, but those guys can hit any old kind of pitching. After Nehf had been chased, the peppery manager decided to save Benton for another day and give Phil Douglas a chance. Today Benton will start the first game, and Toney will try his hand in the nightcap if he is in shape. Fred suffered a sunstroke when in St. Louis and has not yet recovered. Fisher and Ring are the likely candidates for Moran.

Benny Kauff saved the day for New York several times in the first game with sensational catches. In the third, with three on base and two out, he came in on Sherry Magee's Texas leaguer over second, made a diving, shoestring catch and retired the side. At least two runs would have scored had the ball fallen safe and no one knows what would have happened after that. He robbed Magee of another hit in the eighth when he snared a line drive in left center which looked like a three-baser. Roush was on third at the time and would have scored. In the ninth, with two on, he pulled another shoestring catch on Groh and two more runs were suppressed.

At the plate, however, Benny was very sad. He tried to knock the ball out of the lot and as a result did not hit one out of the infield. He had a chance to tie the score in the eighth when Chase was on third waiting to be batted in, but the best he could do was to hit a weak grounder to Rath, and Hal was out at the plate. Snyder's bat drove in two runs in the opener and Chase was responsible for the third and last when he tripled in the eighth. Ruether, however, was steady in the pinches and got out of trouble.

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IF ANY ONE is to be blamed for the loss of the first tilt, it should be Nehf. Arthur hit the skids in the third inning when he passed two, hit another, made an error and allowed one hit and a long sacrifice fly. It was he who gummed up the works.

Off Day for Giants' Infield

IT LOOKED bad for Cincinnati in the second performance when Gonzales deliberately swiped home on Wingo. Ivy played the runner like a bricklayer and the decision wasn't even close. That put new life into the Giants, but in the next frame the visitors got busy and put over enough tallies to win.

Roush opened with a hit to Chase, which was called an error by the official scorer, and took second on Neale's out. Kopf hit to Fletcher and the brave captain tried to pick up the ball with his feet. This could not be done, so all hands were safe, Roush making third. Billy pilfered second just to make it interesting while Magee was at bat.

Sherwood Sock'em took a couple of strikes and then watched three balls float by. The next offering was over the pan and Sherry socked it to center for a nifty single. Kauff had no chance to catch the ball and two runners scored. Magee won the ball game, which can be counted as another triumph for Philadelphia.

After that, Slim Sallee pitched wonderful ball. In the last six innings only eighteen men faced him, meaning three to an inning. He was given perfect support, however, Greasey Neale pulling a swell catch on McCarty's liner in the ninth. Lew soaked the ball on the label and sent it on a line toward the fence in right center. Neale was off like a flash and made the catch while running backward. That saved the game, for Mac would have made three bases on the blow.

The infield played rings around the Giants. Larry Doyle seemed very slow and covered little territory before he was taken out; Zimmerman was erratic; Fletcher, ditto, and Chase looked terrible. Prince Hal either is going back or had a very bad day.

The Red infielders were great on hard-hit balls, roamed all over the diamond and made some great plays. Groh, as usual, starred, but Kopf and Rath were not far behind.

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HERMIES homer in the first game proved to be the deciding score and Jimmy, the Elk, discovered a local angle. "You can say for me," he explained, "that Philadelphia should be proud of Groh. Jimmy is the brother of Lew Groh, the new substitute third baseman of the Athletics!"

OH, MAN!

FIRST NET COURT AT NAHANT, MASS.

Light on Tennis History Given by Dr. James Dwight Through Philadelphian

NEWPORT HAS THE SECOND

By SPICK HALL

Recently we stated that the first lawn tennis court to be built in this country was at the Newport Casino. According to Charles Willing, of Philadelphia, the first court was constructed at Nahant, Mass., in July, 1875, and the first one at Newport in 1877. Mr. Willing has given us the following letter written by Dr. James Dwight, who for many years was president of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, and is considered the father of the game in this country:

"To the best of my knowledge the first set of lawn tennis was brought over by my uncle, Mr. William Appleton, who had a place at Nahant, in July, 1875. We played there the last part of that summer; and the next summer, in September, we had our first tournament, using the racquet scoring. There were fifteen entries.

"Mr. Richard D. Sears was not old enough at that time to play. It was an older brother, Mr. F. R. Sears, who first played it with me. There was a larger tournament the next year (1877), and others were held, as I remember. Of the first three I am sure, as I have the records.

"The second lawn tennis set and paraphernalia in this country was, I believe, brought from England by Mr. W. W. Sherman and put up by him at his place in Newport in 1877 or 1878. We played at that time a great deal in Newport, at the Powels, at the Bolts, at both the Paran and Frederic Stevens, at Mr. Bennetts, etc."

TWO DUCK-PIN RECORDS

Stewart Makes Team Mark and Mullen Scores Individual High Total

In the Keystone Duckpin League Section A matches on Keystone alleys the Stewart quintet shattered all records, both team and individual. In its third game it hung up a record score of 678 pins and had a grand total for the series of 2286 pins.

Mullen, crack anchor, hit the pins in the record game for 182 and totaled 533 pins for his four games, breaking Dungan's previous record of 158 and MacLachlan's record of high four of 506 pins.

Amateur Baseball

St. Leo C. C., a fast first-class team, desires games either at home or away. E. J. Ruane, 3127 Longshore street, Tacony.

A fast outfielder would like to connect with a first-class club playing Saturday and Sunday ball, as well as twilight games. Montgomery or Suburban Leagues preferred. Joseph G. Clark, 3109 North Sixteenth street.

Rockdale A. A., a first-class traveling team, has August 9 open for home clubs paying a reasonable guarantee. Edward Mintzer, 2418 North Colorado street.

Rookwood Professionals have August 16, 23, 30 and September 1 (a. m. and p. m.) open for home clubs in Pennsylvania and New Jersey paying a guarantee. James McBride, 3046 N. Twenty-third street.

Almond B. C., a strong 16-17-year-old traveling club, has August 9 and other Saturdays and Sundays in August open for teams paying a guarantee. J. T. Donahue, 2859 Almond street.

Kirlin C. C. would like to arrange games with teams having grounds and paying a guarantee. C. A. Graham, care of Kirlin C. C., 2928 Diamond street.

Zouave A. C., a 16-17-year-old team, has August 23 and 30 and all of September open for teams paying a guarantee. A. Yeager, 2153 North Lawrence street.

The Darby Ex-Service A. C. would like to arrange Sunday games with strictly first-class home clubs paying a guarantee. A. P. Bretherick, 124 Ridge avenue, Darby, Pa.

Auburn F. C., a first-class traveling team, would like to book Saturday or Sunday games with teams offering a guarantee. S. Kane, 2032 East Somerset street.

McClure A. C. is booked to meet the strong Keywood C. C. on Sunday, August 24.

HENDREN BROTHERS TO ENTER MISSOURI

Johnny and Dick, Former Northeast High Athletes, Will Matriculate at Western College Next Month

WILL PLAY FOOTBALL

THE Hendren brothers, Johnny and Dick, two of Philadelphia's greatest scholastic football players, will evacuate the East this fall to display their football knowledge and prowess on the other side of the Mississippi river.

Johnny and Dick have decided to attend Missouri University and will leave this city the early part of next month, in order that they may start early practice for an active campaign on the gridiron. Both will be eligible for varsity football this year.

Both Played Halfback

The Hendren brothers got their start in the athletic field while attending Northeast High School. Johnny was a member of the championship football team of 1914 under the captaincy of Paul Webb and tutorship of Frank Johnson. He played halfback and made quite a reputation as a terrific line-plunger.

Following his graduation from Northeast, Johnny went to Bucknell. He made the varsity team in his freshman year and was honored with the captaincy of the 1917 team. He entered the service and as a member of the Twenty-eighth Division saw active service in France.

All-Around Athlete

Dick is an all-around athlete and plays football and basketball, high jumps and swims. He played halfback at Northeast in 1916 and 1917 and took care of the punting. He entered Allentown Prep the following year and was given a halfback position on the 1918 All-State prep school team.

At present Dick is swimming in the various meets in this district as a member of the Germantown Boys' Club. He was a member of Uncle Sam's navy.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

WILLIE COULON, the St. Louis bantam, will exhibit before a shore audience when he takes on Matty Herbert, of New York, in the windup at the Atlantic City Sporting Club tonight. Patsy Johnson originally was scheduled to box, but Matchmaker Herman Taylor announced the change in the main fray last night.

Jeff Clark and Jim Hosie, a brace of colored light heavyweights, will be seen in the eight-round semifinal. The other bouts present Joe Dorsey vs. Terry Hanlon and Jack Perry vs. Jimmy Tendler.

Tommy Carey, veteran son of Mars, will appear in the main six-round battle at the Cambria open-air arena tomorrow night, opposed to Tim Droney. Lancaster's slugging lightweight, Willie McCloskey faces Billy Hanlon in the semiwind-up. The other bouts follow: Johnny Hughes vs. Clemenceau, Johnny Dougherty vs. Billy West and Billy Fay vs. Tommy Cleary.

Young Joe Borrell and Joe Phillips, another brace of rib-crashing lightweights, will be the wind-up fighters at the National tomorrow night. Matchmaker and Promoter Joe Griffo will present Tommy Sheridan and K. O. Foster in the semiwind-up. The other bouts follow: Lew Stinger vs. Freddy Goodman, Young Mack vs. Kid Beebe and Tommy Dailey vs. Dan Leary.

According to Benny Leonard, Joe Benjamin, the coast boy, did not show his best here last Monday night. Leonard explained that the Californian didn't have a chance to get thoroughly acclimated and should prove to be a good boy before the end of the season.

Following Johnny Mealy's successful remarks against Eddie Morgan, Bobby Gunnis now plans to send his protege after some real game. Mealy has regained his confidence and hopes to restore the prestige he suffered when sent to the canvas by Johnny Kilbane.

Max Williamson continues to receive tough assignments. After facing that slugging little Italian Pasty Wallace, Williamson now finds himself matched against the rugged Battling Murray. This brace of flatic tidbits are due to entertain at the National on August 22.

One week from tomorrow night Jack Britton and Mike O'Dowd, welterweight and middleweight champions respectively, are due to clash in an eight-round battle in Jersey City. Britton has brought a flock of middleweights in his time doesn't fear the present champion.

The National Club will open its 1919-20 indoor season the night of September 6, according to Harry Donaghy, treasurer of the club. Joe Flecter stated that plans already were under way to put on a banner opening card.

It now looks like Tommy Jamison and Joe Welsh will battle soon. Just before Jamison and Micky Gallagher met at the National last Friday night Promoter Griffo announced that the winner would meet Joe Welsh. Gallagher ran second. Jamison earned the right to battle Joe.

Tommy Walsh is still in the East and before departing westward hopes to clinch a match between Charley White and either Lew Tendler, Benny Leonard or Irish Patsy Cline. Tommy also made it clear that Joe Burman would be here in time to help make the indoor season a success in every way.

Pete Herman and Joe Lynch are due to come together in a ten-round battle in Bridgeport, Conn., on Labor Day. Joe Mulvihill has signed the star bantams.

ANILINE IN LEAGUE

New Ball Team Replaces Texas Oil in Delaware Circuit

Chester, Pa., Aug. 14.—The National Aniline and Chemical Company, of Marcus Hook, has been admitted into the Delaware River Industrial League. Aniline takes the place of Texas Oil, which team drew out of the league when a decision of President William T. Shoemaker against Texas and in favor of Aberfoyle over a disputed game between these two teams was given.

Reiff Makes New Skating Record

Reading, Pa., Aug. 14.—Midge Reiff, of Philadelphia, a protege of Jesse Carey, a former champion speed skater, established a new world's record for 440 yards on a slate track, skating a quarter mile here on the Carsonia Park ring tonight in 41 3-5 seconds.

Swedesboro Shades Woodstown

Swedesboro, N. J., Aug. 14.—Swedesboro defeated Woodstown in a closely contested game by 2 to 1.

MAYS REINSTATED BY LEAGUE BOARD

Yank Pitcher's Suspension Nullified at Special Session of American League Directors

JOHNSON NOT AT MEETING

New York, Aug. 14.—The members of the board of directors of the American League, constituting a majority of the board, ordered Pitcher Mays, of the Yankees, reinstated at a special meeting here today, thus nullifying the action of President Ban Johnson in suspending the player.

The directors, after reviewing the case, adopted resolutions declaring that the "alleged suspension was without authority and void and against the best interests of and detrimental to the welfare of baseball," and forbade Johnson from taking similar action against any other player in the American League "without a hearing and an opportunity to be heard given to the player and the club involved for any alleged offense."

The resolutions also called upon the president of the American League "to submit forthwith to Charles A. Comiskey, chairman, for the account of the board of directors, a full and complete statement of the amounts from time to time accumulated, disposed of and now held as cash or investment in the sinking fund referred to in section 9 for the constitution and the place and places of deposit of such sinking fund and to whose credit deposited, giving in detail such information covering all sources thereof during the last two years."

The meeting of the majority of the directorate was held this afternoon at the Biltmore Hotel, President Comiskey, of the Chicago club, acting as chairman and H. H. Frazee, of the Boston club, as secretary. Colonel Jacob Ruppert, of the New York club, also attended.

A letter from President Johnson, which was read, said he had received the call for the meeting, but that under the constitution it was unauthorized and that, therefore, 'any action taken would have no force or effect. Under section 20, he said, he had the power to suspend a player or players and claimed he was not responsible to the league or its board of directors in so doing.

The meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chairman and receipt of further communication from President Johnson. No word was received from James C. Dunn, president of the Cleveland club and a member of the board of directors, it was said, although he was notified of the meeting.

James Leads With 100 in Rifle Match

Caldwell, N. J., Aug. 14.—The first stage of the free-for-all United States marine corps rifle match for the Marine Corps Cup was won at the navy rifle range here yesterday by Lieutenant H. S. James, of the United States infantry with twenty consecutive bullseyes at 600 yards, or a perfect score of 100. Competition at 1000 yards will be held today. There are 516 entrants.

Pitcher Clark With Indians

Marysville, Pa., Aug. 14.—Bobby Clark, of Newport, well known in local amateur and semiprofessional baseball circles, has been signed by Manager Tris Speaker, of the Cleveland Americans, and is now with that team on its eastern swing about the circuit of the junior league. Clark is a pitcher.

Sunbury Scores Lot of Runs

Sunbury, Pa., Aug. 14.—Sunbury P. R. R. Shops won a comedy of errors in the mud from Northumberland Shops here yesterday by 16 to 5.

11th St. Arena—National A. A.
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FRIDAY EVE., AUG. 15, 8:30 SHARP
Tommy Daly vs. Dan Leary
Young Mack vs. Kid Beebe
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Sprint Match Race
FRANK KRAMER vs. VERRI

NATIONAL LEAGUE PARK
DOUBLE HEADER
PHILLIES vs. ST. LOUIS
First game at 1:30 P. M.
Seats at Gimbels' and Spaulding's.

TRAILED BY SUCCESS, MORAN, AT REDS' HELM, IS SON OF DESTINY

Having Enjoyed the Spoils of Four World's Series, There Is No Reason Why Pat Should Not Round Out the Count

IN THE SPORTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE
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DEAR SIR: The following, copied from an old scrapbook, seems to be apropos at this time, when the new Jack Dempsey's star is at its zenith. I do not recall any sports writer having even mentioned The Nonpareil, whose very memory seems wrapped in oblivion as far as the fans of today are concerned. These verses might leave a hint to all champions as to where "the fame of the game" finally leads.—J. A. M.

"Where Dempsey Sleeps"

Far out in the wilds of Oregon
On a lonely mountainside,
Where Columbia's mighty waters
Roll down to the ocean tide;
Where the giant fir and cedar
Are imaged in the wave,
O'ergrown with firs and lichens
I found poor Dempsey's grave.

I found no marble monolith,
No broken shaft of stone,
Recording sixty victories
This vanquished victor won;
No rose, no shamrock could I find,
No mortal here to tell
Where sleeps in this forsaken spot
The Immortal Nonpareil.

A winding wooded canyon road,
That mortals seldom tread,
Leads up this lonely mountain
To this desert of the dead,
And the western sun was sinking
In Pacific's golden wave;
And the solemn pines kept watching
O'er poor Jack Dempsey's grave.

Forgotten by ten thousand throats,
That thundered his acclaim—
Forgotten by his friends and foes,
Who cheered his very name.
Oblivion wraps his faded form,
But ages hence shall save
The memory of that Irish lad
That fills poor Dempsey's grave.

O Fame, why sleeps thy favored son
In wilds, in woods, in weeds,
And shall he ever thus sleep on,
Interred his valiant deeds?
'Tis strange New York should thus forget
Its bravest of the brave—
And in the wilds of Oregon
Unmarked, leave Dempsey's grave.

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THE argument as to whether Dempsey won in the third or the fourth round seems to hold a peculiarly small amount of interest for Jess Willard, who seems willing to call it either way.

The Son of Destiny

PATRICK MORAN seems to be baseball's Son of Destiny. He came to the Cubs in 1906, the year they won 116 games and started their great machine in motion.

Leaving the Cubs, he joined the Phillies, just before Grover Cleveland Alexander arrived and that club's fortunes started upward. He was the guiding spirit of the Phillies' best years.

Moving over to Cincinnati, he smashed all records for that club before August blew in.

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THERE are some men whom success likes to trail. Pat Moran is one of the extremely limited few who are members of this organization.

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SO FAR Pat has drawn his share out of four world series. Having developed the appetite or the habit he sees no reason why he shouldn't horn in on another just to round out the count.

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IF THEY can only yank Kid Gleason back within reach and make him listen to reason, that American League carnival would soon have the natives of five cities running around in circles while emitting the plaintive, birdlike cry of the aroused fan. It may be, however, that the Kid will insist upon remaining obdurate to the bitter end.

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THERE has been only one world series since 1909 that failed to include a Boston or a Philadelphia team. Who can blame these two commonwealths if they get out an injunction and start a 1919 probe?

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THE spectacular melodrama entitled "Dempsey's Next Opponent" is skidding rapidly on toward the opening overture. So far everything is set save the bloke scheduled to take the leading role.

Resurrections

Do you remember that slogan about
Tinker to Evers to Chance?
Do you remember those killings, old scout,
Tinkers to Evers to Chance?
Thirteen swift summers have sped since that rhyme
Made a bard famous; and up to this time
No one plays ball like that trio sublime,
Tinker to Evers to Chance.

Do you remember, in spite of your age,
Matty and Three-fingered Brown?
Do you remember the battles they'd stage,
Matty and Three-fingered Brown?
Heaving 'em up so that Giants and Cubs
Swung at the pill like a covey of dubs;
Who raised their teams in the Standing of Clubs?
Matty and Three-fingered Brown.

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