THE NEW YORK YANKEES BELIEVE EMPHATICALLY THAT THE RACE IS NOT ALWAYS TO THE SWIFT

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Moran's Club Looks Good Enough to Repeat in National League Canter-Pirates and Dodgers May Surprise—Cravath Likely to Climb

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Birmingham, Ala., April 2. BECAUSE Cincinnati is back with the 1919 championship line-up. Pat Moran's ball tossers are the favorites in the National League this year. In other words, the Reds seem to have the edge before the opening gong, and a majority of the experts boldly predict they will win in a walk. But as some wise bird says, there's many a slip " twixt the hip and the lip" and "slips also are numerous twist April and October. You never can tell in baseball.

Funny thing about the Cincinnati club. For years and years the athletes In that once foamy city have won the pennant in the National League before April 1. It got to be such a regular thing that the Reds never were taken seriously until last year, when the miracle happened. Now the pre-season predictions mean something. Cincinnati no longer is a joke. It's the most logical thing in the world to hand Pat Moran the brown derby at this time of the year. Every man , who played on the team which won the pennant and world's championship is in bis old position, and the 1920 line up already is made up. Pat does not have to experiment with new players. Daubert, Rath, Kopf and Groh are in the infield; Duncan, Roush and Neale in the outfield; Eller, Ring, Fisher, Luque, Sallee, Reuther, Bressler and Gerner will pitch, and Wingo and Bill Rariden will do most of the catching. All Moran has to do is keep the boys keyed up to a fighting pitch and the rest should be easy. That s how things look at the present writing.

Cincinnati is all set while the other seven clubs are developing new men for vacant positions. Pittsburgh, for example, has a good looking club, but a couple of new pitchers must come through, and Manager Gibson is not yet satisfied with the men playing first and third base. McGraw's infield does not look strong enough to carry the club through a strenuous season and no one knows how the Cubs will look when they face the barrier. In fact, every club in the league, with the exception of the Reds, has a lot of work to do in selecting its complete line-up. But we will be able to tell more about it after the season gets under way. Cincinnati won the championship last year, the club looks as if it would repeat, and that means tough sledding.

The other seven entries will battle the Reds in every game, as is always the case with a pennant-winning aggregation. The best pitchers will be saved for Pat Moran's men and seven managers will be plotting all season to keep him out

Baseball is a very uncertain proposition, but that's what makes the game interesting. The April favorite is not always first under the wire at the finish and merely for sake of argument, consider the Giants. McGraw had his men going at top speed in 1918 and last year, but they foozled near the end and los The strain seems to be too great and opposition is too strong.

Big league hall clubs hate to see anybody win the pennant but them. b selves and take supreme delight in socking the favorite. While this is being done a dark horse develops unexpected speed and becezes home under scraps. Thus it can be seen that copping the flag is not a lead

Cubs' Infield Wobbly

THERE are many possibilities in the 1920 race. I have seen every team in action except the Chicago Cubs, and it is hard to dope out the second division You never can tell when a team will develop a winning streak and come up from behind, and from present indications, that little thing will be quite popular this summer. To me it looks like a free-for-all in the National League, with Cincinnati presenting the strongest battle front on paper.

The Chicago Cubs have many supporters, but from what I have leatned, the club must be strengthened considerably in order to be considered a pennant posbility. The outfield, with Flack, Robertson and Barber, is not the best in the league by any means. Then the infield is rather uncertain. Hollocher may not start the season, as his left hand has been operated upon to remove a growth from one of the tendons. It will take time for the wound to heal. Buck Herzog will play in a harness and no one knows how long he will be in the game. That leaves Fred Merkie at first and Charley Deal at third, two steady, consistent dinners here and at New Haven are players, but not exceptionally brilliant.

The pitchers, however, will be good, but the same can be said about Cincinnati. New York and Brooklyn. Alexander and Vaughn are the stars, with Hendryx, Tyler, Speed, Martin, Link Bailey and Nick Carter trailing close behind. Bill Killefer, the best catcher in the lengue, will help the club a lot and will be and Captain Harry H. Keller, of Penn, assisted by O Farrell and Daly. Good pitching and catching will help a club con- and accompanied by Coaches Guy Nickthe muscles of the brawny oarsmer but it takes more than that to win a pennant.

The Giants always enter the race with strong backing, but the pennant bee crew managers, members of the Penn bas not annoyed them much this year. Like Chicago, the pitching staff, with crew committee and graduates, will enter the snug and cozy dining room of the upper-river boathouse of the Phil-Barnes, Toney, Douglas, Nehf and Benton, looks very good, the catchers are fair. and the outfield, with George Burns, Benny Kauff, Ross Young and young Stantz, is all that could be desired. However, Young was laid low by an attack of the flu this spring, and it might take some time for him to get back into shape. As I said in a story from San Antonio. McGraw appears to be sitting in the game As I said in a story from San Antonio. At the world like to draw two cards. group will make merry as Old Pals, before the pot is opened, waiting for the draw. He would like to draw two cards. group will make merry as Old Pals, before the pot is opened, waiting for the draw. Those young gentlemen would make There will be informal talks and then his infield, and any other, for that matter,

Jawn has Kelley on first, Doyle, second: Fletcher, short, and Frisch, third be Kelly might make good, but it doesn't look that way now. He doesn't impress one in the three fraternity houses provided as a great player because he seems to lack aggressiveness and is a sucker for a Doyle is getting old and cannot cover much ground at second, and Prisch still has to prove he can play third. Arthur Fletcher is a good shortstop, and will take care of that station as of yore.

TIVE McGraw a good insteld and he will be dangerous. But he needs G an infield and where is he going to get it!

Brooklyn Is Dark Horse

ITTSEFRGH cannot be kept out of the first division, and many of the player, on other clubs pick the Pirates to finish first. The outfield, with Bigbee, Carey of Southworth looks good, but, as was said before, the infield is uncertain and course a prophesy of "fair and vacuum". DITTSBURGH cannot be kept out of the first division, and many of the player. and Southworth looks good but, as was said before, the infield is uncertain and wobbly. Manager Gibson has George Whitted to place, and says the former Phil will play either at first or third. If Grimm falls down, he will go to first, and if McKechaie and Barbare flop he will be the third sacker. Whitted is a valuable man in the infield because of his hitting. Babe Adams.

Ponder. Wisener and Carlson are expected to do the right handed flinging, and Coach Wright, Penn's veteran Cana Pender. Wisener and Carlson are expected to do the right named binging. Coach Wright, read a versual Cooper and Hamilton are the only southpaws. Waiter Schmidt, Lee and Nig dian tutor, it agrees in one particular Carke are the best catchers. If that team ever gets playing together, look out, and that is discipline. Returning only Brooklyn looked better than any other winh I saw this spring, and Uncie. a short time ago to Yale after years of service in the English army Nickalls. Robbie is likely to spring a big surprise. The pitching staff probably is the best in either league, with Pfeffer, Cadore, Mannux, Mohart, Grimes, Sherrod Smith and Rube Marquard on the job. These mariers were in shape early and did very good work against the hard hirting Yousees Miller, Kreuger and Rowds Elliot are good catchers, and Zuch When! H. Myers and little Bernie Neis are swell outfielders. The latter is a tolligator with all kinds of speed and a fair hitter.

But Robbie has a wobbly innest. Koney at first and Olson at second are all right, but Chuck Ward is not an impressive shortstop. He hash't shown anything yet, but Rabbie save he will be a great player before the season ends. Jimmy Johnston is playing third, but has a lot to learn at that hot corner. Doug Baird and Pete Kilduff may step into those positions before the senson gets well under way. Brooklyn might be the dark norse this year, nithough placed down in the

St. Louis is another invitorious aggregation. The infield with Fournier at first, Hornsby at second, Layan or Janvein, short, and Stock at third, is about as good as any in the league innehinery. Shotton, Haines Schupp, Sherdell and May appear to be good purchers, and Clemons and Dillhaefer are doing well behind

DICKES has a two melable going of tence busters on the payroll, but no A one knows if they will built and fences or not,

Phils Should Do Better

THE Phile, under the management of Gavy Cravath, will make a better show-ing than last year. Gavy has proved himself to be an excellent manager a natural leader, and will get results with the 1920 line-up. His pitching staff needs bolstering, but he has a great nucleus in Lee Meadows, Red Causey and Epps Rixey. George Smith hopes to make good this year, and Ray Longrel, Roy Saunders and Mike Cantwell have the same desire. Still, Gavys could use two more good pitchers this season.

Laiderus, first : Jack Miller, second : Bancroft, short, and Wrightstone, third mpose the infield, and Stengel, Williams and Meusel, the outfield. Maci

Wheat, Witherow and Tragressor are the catchers,

The Boston Braves look good only in spots. The acquisition of Frank Miller, from Pittsburgh, will help the pitching staff a little bit, but more is needed. Rudolph, Oeschger and Fillingim are the best twirlers, and they cannot carry a club through the season. Holke at first and Maranville, short, are the only infielders who have their jobs cinched. Christenberry, Charley Hick and Johnny Rawlings are fighting it out for second, and Horace Ford and Tony Boeckel are candidates for third base. Mann. Cruise and Powell are the varsity outfielders, with Dixie Carrol, John L. Sullivan, Paul Danielly and Eddie Eavres as reserves. Boston books weaker than any other club this year.

Right now before the bell, the National League clubs line up as follows: Cinchnatt, Pittsburgh, New York, Chicago, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Philadelphia and But the race will be close. At the start, it would not be at all surprising to see Brooklyn step out in front because of superior pitching with the Giants, Reds and Cubs close behind. Pitching is the main factor until June, when the

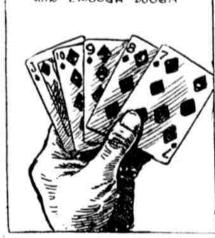
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ards, champion, and William T. Tilden,

New York, April 2 .- Vincent Rich-

Richards easily mastered Samuel Hardy, the former Californian, 6-1, 6-1. Willard H. Botsford, former Columbia captain, gave Tilden a surprise. He handled his service as if Tilden was blowing thistledown at him and actually broke through Tilden's service in four of the five games he won in the second set. Botsford lacked severity in his own volleys, a thing that assisted the tall Philadelphian to win without the aid of his powerful serve. The score of the match was 6-1, 7-5.

Tilden and Richards meet for the but Saturday morning.

The scores of the important matche in the doubles follow:

Third round—Frederick C. Andered and Benjamin M. Letson defeated Carroll J. Post, Jr., and George S. Greebeck, 6-2, 6-4; Samuel Hardy and S. Howard Voshell defeated Arthur S. Cragin and William A. Campbell, 6-7, 6-2; Wylie C. Grant and George Carton Shafer defeated Stephen V. Brubans and Raiph M. De Mott, 6-2, 7-5, Semifinal round—William T. True Semifinal round—William T. Tilden 2d, and Vincent Richards defeate Frederick C. Anderson and Benjamh M. Letson, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

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