

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

MAXWELL PICKS REDS FOR FIRST PLACE AND PHILLIES FOR SEVENTH

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

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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' 'twixt 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.

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 of first place.

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, I consider the Giants, Dodgers and Cubs going at top speed in 1918 and last year, but they fouled near the end and lost out. The strain seems to be too great and opposition is too strong.

BIG league ball clubs hate to see anybody win the pennant but themselves and take supreme delight in socking the favorite. While this is being done a dark horse develops unexpected speed and breezes home under wraps. Thus it can be seen that copping the flag is not a lead pipe cinch.

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 clubs. You never can tell when a team will develop a winning streak and come up from behind, and from present indications, the little team 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 learned, the club must be strengthened considerably in order to be considered a pennant possibility. The outfield, with Plack, Robertson and Barber, is not the best in the league by any means. Then the infield is rather uncertain. Hollister may not start the season, as his left hand has been operated upon to remove a growth from one of the tendons, and it will 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 before the pot is opened, waiting for the draw. He would like to draw two cards, meaning Roger Hornsby and Milton Stock. Those young gentlemen would make his infield, and any other, for that matter.

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

GIVE McGraw a good infield and he will be dangerous. But he needs an infield and where is he going to get it?

Brooklyn Is Dark Horse

PITTSBURGH cannot be kept out of the first division, and many of the players on other clubs pick the Pirates to finish first. The outfield, with Bigbee, Carey and Southworth looks good, but, as was said before, the infield is uncertain and wobbly. Manager Gibson has George Whitted to pitch, and says the former Phil will play either at first or third. If Grimm falls down, he will go to first, and if McKechnie and Barbara 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 Cooper and Hamilton are the only southpaws. Walter Schmidt, Lee and Sig Clarke are the best catchers. If that team ever gets playing together, look out. Brooklyn looked better than any other club I saw this spring, and Uncle Robbie is likely to bring a big surprise. The pitching staff probably is the best in either league, with Pfeffer, Cadore, Mammox, Mohart, Grimes, Sherrod Smith and Rubt. Mammox on the job. These pitchers were in shape early and did very good work against the last hitting Yankees. Miller, Kreuzer and Rowdy Elliot are good catchers, and Zach Wheat, He Myers, and little Bernie Neis are swell outfielders. The latter is a youngster with all kinds of speed and a fair hitter. He looks like the end of the year.

But Robbie has a wobbly infield. Koney at first and Olson at second are all right, but Chuck Ward is not an impressive shortstop. He hasn't shown anything yet, but Robbie says 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 Klifford may step into those positions before the season gets well under way. Brooklyn might be the dark horse this year, although placed down in the list.

St. Louis is another uncertain aggregation. The infield with Fournier at first, Hornsby at second, Lavan or Javrin, short, and Stock at third, is about as good as any in the league machinery. Shotton, Haines, Schupp, Sherrod, and May appear to be good pitchers, and Clemons and Dillhoefer are doing well behind the bat.

RICKY has a considerable gain of fence busters on the payroll, but no one knows if they will last any longer or not.

Phils Should Do Better

THE Phils, under the management of Gavy Cravath, will make a better showing 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. Walter Schmidt, Lee and Sig Clarke are the best catchers. George Ship has to make good this year, and Ray Longrel, Roy Saunders and Mike Cantwell have the same desire. Still, Gavy could use two more good pitchers this season.

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