Athletics' Repetition Over Phillies Looked Like Battle of the Marne

NEW YORK LOOMS AS WINNER IN NATIONAL

Giants Appear to Have Strength, With Good Infield and Fine Hurling Staff, to Win First Pennant Since 1916—Dodgers and Pirates in Running

By GRANTLAND RICE

THE New York Giants look strong enough once more to win their first pennant in four years.

Last year McGraw, starting with a wabbly infield and a pitching staff in poor condition, finished seven games back of Brooklyn.

But the Giant infield is no longer rickety, and the pitching staff is in better shape than it was a year ago.

The three clubs that should lead the zippy whirl are New York, Brooklyn and Pittsburgh.

They ought to finsh in this order if the dope isn't knocked cock-eyed by upsets, accidents and other incidents of a more or less disturbing nature.

The Leading Trio

NEW YORK has the better outfield and the better infield, with considerable battery strength.

Last season the Giants got under way with Dave Bancroft in a Philadelphia uniform and Frank Frisch in the hospital.

This year they will have both Frisch and Bancroft in harness and "Goldie" Rapp at third, although Bancroft will not get into the opening games.

This combination, with Kelley at first, gives them a great infield. And when you figure Ross Young and George Burns for outfield duty, you have named the two most valuable outfielders in the league, not even barring the temperamental Roush. Young is suffering from water on the knee and will be out of action for ten days.

As McGraw has a strong catching staff, it all gets down to a matter of his pitching strength. And with Nehf, Barnes, Douglas, Toney and others, no one could label this department weak.

Last season the Giants scored more runs than any team in their league, losing through wide gaps in their defensive barrier. These gaps have now been plugged. And even Brooklyn's exceptional pitching power doesn't look exceptional enough to win the day.

Brooklyn and Pittsburgh

LAST year Brooklyn led Pittsburgh by fourteen games. The gap won't be quite so extensive this summer. Brooklyn has the edge through her pitching alone, but the edge is now extremely thin, for Maranville will make a big difference in Pittsburgh's play.

It is no gayly bedecked certainty that Pittsburgh won't finish second, as Robby has drawn a tough assignment this spring through holdouts and bad weather, where a year ago he was under way at top speed. But Robby himself is no unimportant factor in any final summing up. He has a winning way with his men-at-arms that will yield many a victorious battle before the leaves begin to fall along October's right of way.

Closer Race

NATIONAL LEAGUE clubs are much better matched than American League entries, for after leaving the first three we come to another well-knotted group in Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis.

The Reds skidded from their high estate last summer, and with their great hold-out crop working overtime, they are not booked to do any great amount of climbing this summer.

They may counter-attack to regain a few lost trenches, but there will hardly be sufficient force to break through.

Johnny Evers, somewhat pessimistic back in February, has taken on renewed heart, with the feeling that he can finish as good as third or fourth.

He has a running start with Alexander and Vaughan pitching to Killefer, but there were too many weak spots to be strengthened on short notice.

For all that, there will be no rival clubs cheering the Cub approach for a four-game series with these two pitching birds fluttering into the field.

BRANCH RICKEY'S Cardinals would be far more dangerous with another capable pitcher, but lack of strength here may keep him out of the first division. The battle for fourth place among Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis will be a spirited tilt, with the first two favored in spite of the hard-hitting Hornsby. If Pat Moran's holdouts remain in a disgruntled state of mind the Reds will take the topple into sixth place, as it was more of an attack of swellheadedness and peevishness on the part of a few stars than lack of ability which wrecked the Reds' machine last year.

BOSTON and Philadelphia should mingle in a polite embrace for last place. We can hardly figure either of these clubs climbing out of seventh place. Not unless one of them can smuggle in a carload of dynamite or guncotton, or employ the services of a hidden derrick.

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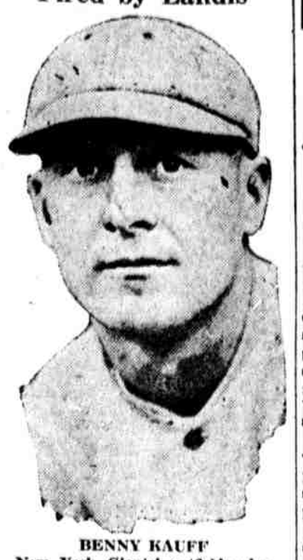

BENNY KAUFF

New York Giants' outfielder has been expelled from baseball because of indictments on charges of stealing an automobile

HUTCHISON WINS AGAIN

Pro Golfer Wins Third Straight Tourney Since Return From Abroad

White Sulphur Springs, Va., April 7.—Jock Hutchison, North and South, Western and professional golf champion, won his third straight tournament in succession when he won the open tourney with the total of 288. Jock recently returned from abroad.

Hutchison won at Asheville with 278, then the North and South at Pinehurst with 291 and now he has won here with even 4s for seventy-two holes. He made a 69 at Pinehurst for a course record on No. 3, and set the course record here yesterday with a 67.

Peter O'Hara broke into a tie for fourth with a 68 in his last round here. George Fotheringham had a 69 in his third round.

Joe Kirkwood, Australasia champion, tied for fourth, while Walter Hagen was eighth.

The final summaries follow:

	3d	4th	Final
Jock Hutchison	67	74	288
Cyril Walker	71	74	291
Fred McLeod	72	71	292
Peter O'Hara	73	68	293
G. Fotheringham	69	74	293
J. Kirkwood	73	76	293
Leo Diegel	73	73	294
Emmett French	75	74	296
Walter Hagen	74	77	298
J. Golden	74	73	298
Pat O'Hara	74	76	300
W. Weisser	78	79	307
Bill Leach	77	72	308
V. Anderson	78	75	309
J. Kelly	78	75	311
R. Barnett	79	80	315
W. Wilson	82	81	322

FORM LEAGUE TONIGHT

New Circuit May Be Organized at Basketball Meeting

A number of former club owners of the Eastern Basketball League will meet tonight at the Hotel Windsor to form a new circuit. The Eastern League was disbanded last Friday night to avoid legal complications when several men of the Germantown champions threatened to bring suit if they were blacklisted for playing at Trenton.

According to Will Myers, of the Philadelphia five, the circuit has been virtually agreed upon. A new president will be elected, but W. J. Scheffer, former president of the Eastern League, may be chosen secretary or some other officer.

Boots and Saddle

There are two features at Bowie today, the Midway Handicap, for three-year-olds, and the Martha Washington Purse, for fillies and mares. In the Midway Mythology appears best, with Master Jack and Runquoi dangerous contestants. There are only four entered in the Martha Washington. Escarpolett has shown good speed at the present meet and may annex the stake. Uncle's Lassie and Tailor Maid also are favorably placed.

Horses among the entries in the other races that have shown to advantage in preliminary trials are: First—Miles S., Belle Wrack, Wilfex. Second—Ballast, General, Circulate. Third—Jock Scott, Mister's Emblem, Ima Frank. Sixth — Golden Dawn, Sentimental, Zuave. Seventh—Tan II, Salute, Paddy Dear.

Saratoga Stake entries are well filled for the August meeting. Such names as Purchase, Lucullite and Eternal appear among the number. The entries for the twenty-one stakes, which closed March 31, total 2143 horses. There are seventy-eight nominations for the Saratoga Handicap, which was won last year by Exterminator. The Saratoga Cup has drawn fifty-six entries, the Whitney list topping the others.

Coltiletti rode the winners in the first two races yesterday at Bowie.

KAUFF EXPELLED FROM BASEBALL

Judge Landis Decrees New York Giants' Outfielder Is Ineligible to Play

ACCUSED OF AUTO THEFT

Chicago, April 7.—Benny Kauff, star outfielder with the New York Nationals, today was declared ineligible to play in organized baseball by Commissioner Landis because of the indictments returned against him in New York, charging him with the theft of an automobile.

The indictment also charges Kauff with having a stolen automobile in his possession knowing that it had been stolen. The case against him is still pending in New York.

In rendering his decision, Commissioner Landis said:

"Of course, the mere return of an indictment does not imply guilt. The grand jury inquisition is ex parte. The defendant has no opportunity there to defend against the charge. But indictment does not imply that, in the judgment of the grand jurors, there is probable cause to believe the accused guilty.

"More than thirteen months have elapsed since the filing of formal charges of the commission of felony. The record does not show that this long pendency of the accusation was altogether over the player's protest. On the contrary, the conclusion is irresistible that the reverse is true. It is perfectly apparent that earnest insistence on a hearing by the defendant would before this have brought the matter to a finality.

Presence in Line-Up Unjust

"Section 2 of Article IV of the major-minor league rules, relating to players under indictment for conduct detrimental to the good repute of baseball applies here. That provision is that any player who participates in a game with or against a club containing a player under such indictment shall be considered ineligible. An indictment charging felonious misconduct by a player certainly charges conduct detrimental to the good repute of baseball.

"The mere presence of such a player in the line-up would be so unjust to the other players, so deeply offensive to the baseball public and so strongly suggestive of a lack of appreciation of elemental morality on the part of those charged with protecting the good repute of the game, that it is an obvious impossibility. Therefore, this player will go on the ineligible list."

Kauff went South with the Giants for the spring trip, but was ordered to appear before Commissioner Landis two weeks ago to explain his connection with the alleged automobile thefts. After the hearing Kauff returned to New York instead of joining the team in the South, pending Judge Landis' action on his case.

Worked In Mines Few Years Ago

A few years ago Benny was working in a mine in a small Ohio town and playing semi-pro ball. He drifted into various bush leagues and made good. Eventually he landed with the Brooklyn Federal League team, from which he jumped in 1916 to the Giants. Later the New York Nationals paid $30,000 for his release after the surrender of the Federal League.

No ball player received more publicity than Benny when he entered the big league. He had a buoyant personality and was a drawing card all over the circuit. But last year the wrong kind of publicity came to him.

On February 18 he was arraigned in a New York police court on a charge of grand larceny in connection with the theft of a motorcar owned by James F. Brennan, of New York, on December 8. He was released on bail.

Kauff was formerly engaged in the automobile accessory business in New York. He employed his half-brother, Frank Hone, who was arrested on a charge of stealing an automobile, which he sold in Lancaster, O., last November.

The charge against Kauff was the result of information which the police received in the course of an investigation into the activities of Hone.

As a result of his arrest Kauff was transferred to the Toronto Club of the International League, but was recalled by the Giants.

HEISMAN MEETS GRIDDERS

Talks to 100 Penn Students on Next Season's Prospects; Praises Helpers

Coach Johnny Heisman, of the University of Pennsylvania football team, announced yesterday afternoon to a hundred-odd football candidates that he would take thirty men to George School on the 5th of next September for preliminary practice. The announcement caused considerable consternation in the assemblage, due to the fact that an announcement was made several weeks ago that preliminary practice would be held on Franklin Field and nowhere else.

The men to be taken upstate are to be selected by the coach and will be veterans of the varsity and freshman teams of last fall and the best of the new candidates. The remainder of the squad will work out on Franklin Field in the interim under the direction of the assistant coaches. The preliminary practice at George School will last for two weeks, when the thirty chosen gridders will return to Franklin Field.

Rear Wins at the Bijou

Charley Rear was a winner in the main bout at the Bijou Theatre last night. He defeated Johnny Morgan in a four-round bout. Joe Carlo, brother of Pat Bradley, knocked out K. O. Kid Gross in the first. Charley Foster stopped Ray O'Brien in the third.

MANY GIRARD MEN REPORT FOR TRACK

Squad of 138 Candidates Reports to Coach Walton. Nine Are Vets

MUNZENMAYER IS CAPTAIN

A call for track candidates recently issued at Girard College brought out 138 men for the initial work-out. This wealth of material that responded to Coach Walton's call greatly pleased the noted tutor, and he is expected to turn out a championship aggregation of runners this year.

Lots of promising material is out. The vets are Captain Munzenmayer, Munyan, Keen Hart, Viohl, Gavitte, Mendenhall, Guernsey and Bittner.

Captain Munzenmayer is well known in Philadelphia cross-country circles, having been the first Quaker City harrier to finish in the scholastic cross-country run held last Thanksgiving Day. This lad probably will be used in the middle and long distance runs.

There are three other men in the school who should score a lot of points in the runs for Girard this year. They are "Doc" Munyan, who does the same distances as Munzenmayer; Viohl, the best century dash man in the school, and Hart, the 220-yard demon.

All-Round Field Man

In the high jump "Cow" Gavitte, the big man of the college, leads the field. This pocket edition of Hercules can do better than 5 feet 6 inches and stands a good chance of breaking the record held by Jimmy Hirst, of Central High. Gavitte also will be seen in the discus, shotput, javelin throw and pole vaulting events.

For the broad jump Girard's best bet is Mendenhall, who performed in this number last season. He also will be seen in the high jump and javelin throw.

Although the schedule for the team has not been completed yet, a number of dual meets will be booked by the collegians. They will open their season with the Philadelphia Textile aggregation on April 16.

Camden High Dates

The completed schedule to date for Camden High School has been announced by Manager George Dubel. The "Skeeters" opened their season on April 5 with the Clayton High School nine. Their next scheduled game will be played on April 15 with Burlington High at Camden. April 8 and 12 still are open. The schedule follows:

April 8, open; 12th, open; 15th, Burlington High, home; 19th, Clayton High, home; 22d, Collingswood High, away; 29th, Coatesville High, home; 29th, Wilmington High, home.

May 3, Trenton High, away; 7th, West Philly High, home; 10th, Chester High, away; 14th, Atlantic City High, away; 17th, open; 24th, Northeast High, away; 27th, open; 31st, open.

June 3, Lansdowne High, home.

Aquinas Trims Hancock

The Aquinas basketball team defeated Hancock local league champions, at St. Thomas' Hall, Eighteenth and Morris streets, 20-19. This evening Aquinas and Mount Carmel clash at the same hall for the Catholic championship of South Philadelphia.

Racing Schooner Launched

Sherburne, N. S., April 7.—Launching of the schooner Canadia, a proposed entry in the international schooner race off Halifax next autumn, was witnessed here by virtually the entire population of this town.

KARST TO MANAGE STENTON F. C. NINE

Former Brooklyn Infielder Will Have Strong Team on Diamond This Season

TO ENLARGE GRANDSTAND

The Stenton Field Club, champions of the Philadelphia Suburban Baseball League and winners of the Connie Mack trophy, have reorganized, and the services of Jack Karst, former Brooklyn infielder, have been obtained to manage the team. The Athletic Committee has decided to play strictly independent ball on the home grounds, Chew and Pleasant streets.

"Liz" Powell again will be the mainstay in the box, and will be assisted by Hack Frederichs and Jack Bloomfield. Lew Fleck will take care of the receiving. In the outfield will be Rapine, West, Lumbstrond and Morton. Manager Karst is a trifle dubious as to the make-up of the infield, as he has a host of candidates to select from.

Plans are under way for the enlargement of the grandstand, which will permit of taking care of more than twice the number of spectators as in previous seasons. First-class traveling teams wishing a place on the Stenton schedule are directed to get in touch with George Morton, 6540 Germantown avenue.

Silverbrook in Field

The Silverbrook Stars expect to put a team on the field that will hold its own with the best in this vicinity. All the players have seen service in minor leagues or on sem-pro teams throughout the state. The battery will consist of Johnny Downs, last season with Fleisher, and Harry Wixted, former catcher of the Toronto Internationals.

The infield with Kelly, Brunett, McKenzie, Dunn and Gleason is fast and well balanced, while the outfield will be composed of "Buck" Wixted, Swede Swint, Flook, Cosgrove and Graham. Teams wishing games at home with Silverbrook should address Frank V. Graham, 2022 North Eighth street.

Audubon will open the season on April 30 with East Side A. A., of Camden. On May 7 North Philadelphia Browns will be the attraction, and Brookdale, of West Philly, is booked for May 14. Others on the Audubon schedule are Tulpehocken Reds, Indiana, Stowe, Pa., and Tamaqua, Pa.

Fidelity Signs Reynolds

Fidelity and Casualty Co., which finished second in the Insurance League last year, expects to have a stronger club than ever this year. It has secured the services of Jack Reynolds, who was sought by Connie Mack this year. To receive Reynolds, will be "Heinie" Pool, a P. M. C. protege.

With a battery of this caliber and backed by seven other players of note, the team expects to finish number one in the Insurance League and also defeat a few of the best among the semi-pros. Mid-week games will be played in the Insurance League and dates away from home on Saturdays and Sundays are sought. Address Fred H. Madden, 330 Walnut street

The Continental Club, of Germantown, will be managed this season by Cap Wagner, who managed St. Michael's last season. The team solicits Sunday games out of town. Address W. A. Wagner, 61 Pastorious street.

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