Giants Are in Shape for the Beginning of 1922 Season—Work Hard in Camp

M'GRAW EXPECTS NO CINCH WINNING FLAG; HARD FIGHT PLANNED

Giants' Manager Believes He Will Be Threatened by Cards, Braves, Pirates and Reds—Has Lots of Talent Working Out in Camp

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL
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JUST because he won the pennant in the National League and the world's championship, John McGraw shipped several carloads of players down here for spring practice and established one of the largest training camps in either league. Nobody was overlooked by the manager of the Giants. Pitchers, catchers, infielders and outfielders were purchased by the dozen, and it took more than a week to learn each other's names.

During the practice sessions the baseball park was crowded to the water's edge, and it was feared that Henry Fabian would have to build side boards on the fence to keep the athletes from overflowing into the residence district. Men in uniform were every place, and research work was put on by Jawn and his assistants, Hugh Jennings, Cozy Dolan, Jess Burkett and Dick Kinsella, to discover some regular ball players. At this writing they still are researching.

It is difficult to figure why the large bunch of talent was brought here for the official once over, because the Giants appear to be all set for the season with the exception of one outfield position. Irish Meusel will be in left and Ross Young in right field, and four high-class players are trying for the vacant place. The infield, with Kelly, Frisch, Bancroft and Groh as regulars, and Johnny Rawlings as utility man, is riding nice and pretty.

However, a flock of aspirants seek infield positions. The catching staff will consist of Snyder, Earl Smith and Gaston, yet a half dozen others have hopes of stepping into the line-up. And McGraw and his assistants are closely observing the work of every man on the field.

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THERE are so many rookie pitchers that some of the names are not on the official list yet. The old stand-bys, meaning Jess Barnes, Douglas, Toney, Art Nehf, Bill Ryan, Cecil Causey and Pat Shea are on the job, and one or two more would be welcomed with open arms.

College Spirit Shown by Players

DESPITE the large number of candidates for his varsity, McGraw has put the men through a strenuous three weeks, and it has been all for the best. The players have had no time to think of how they won the pennant, and later the World Series, and act like ordinary athletes with everything to gain and nothing to lose. In fact, the Giants are different from even last year. They are not so cocky, and if they are confident of repeating, they are keeping it to themselves.

It took the infielders and outfielders just one week to get into condition. This is indeed strange, but the players were so far advanced that McGraw had to slow down and call off afternoon practice a couple of times. They worked their heads off because they enjoyed it and had something to work for. The spirit is like that on a college team and this is seldom seen in professional baseball.

Groh has completed the $500,000 infield, and the little third sacker has put a lot of pep in the inner works. Heinie, Bancroft and Frisch form a lightning fast trio, and before the season is over the fans should be so accustomed to seeing double plays that they will be howling for something more exciting. With Kelly this is easily the best infield in the league, and it not only is a strong defensive combination, but also quite formidable on the attack. Bancroft is the only one who might fall below .300 in his hitting.

Johnny Rawlings, hero of the World Series, will be on the bench ready to step in if one of the regulars is injured. With him will be one or two rookies to be selected later.

At present, Bill Black, a Philadelphia boy, has the call. Bill played with Portsmouth last season, dazzled the natives with his sensational fielding and hit only a few points below .300. McGraw likes his work and that means he has a good chance to stick around.

Walt Kopf, Larry's kid brother, also is a likely looking prospect, and the same goes for Howard Berry, the famous athlete from the University of Pennsylvania. Ed Hale, who gained fame at Mississippi University, looks very good, but lacks experience. He probably will be farmed out.

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THERE are other candidates for infield jobs, but they never will see the bright lights in New York. They will be laid away in the alfalfa for further seasoning.

McGraw Anxious for Another Regular Pitcher

"I PROBABLY will carry two extra infielders besides Rawlings," said McGraw. "I have learned through experience that the best place for youngsters, who have shown more than ordinary ability, is on the bench with the regulars, where they can learn something. I tried it with Larry Doyle, Art Fletcher, Rube Marquard and many others and never was sorry.

"You have noticed the unusually large number of recruit pitchers at the ball park. I know the chances are slim to pick a few good ones from the crowd, but I don't want a few. All I want is one. If somebody could go out today and show me a man who is good enough to take his turn in the box and win a majority of his games, I will give him all of the others for nothing. Picking pitchers from green material is a big gamble, with the odds about 20 to 1.

"The veterans, Jess Barnes, Douglas, Toney and Nehf," continued McGraw, calling off the names rapidly, "can be depended upon. I expect Causey to have a good year because he is a first-class pitcher and has improved considerably. Bill Ryan and Pat Shea also are due, and should be ready to take their regular turn.

"Virgil Barnes is ready for the big league. He has been with us on three training trips, and for two years we have farmed him out. Last year he was with Milwaukee and finished with a good record. I think he will help our ball club this season.

"Art Nehf is the only left-hander on the club, but I am not worrying. I don't think I need any more portsiders, but if I can get a first-class man I won't pass up the opportunity to buy him. But where can you get one? I will be perfectly satisfied if my right-handers come through. A good pitcher is a good pitcher, regardless of the arm he uses to throw the ball."

Claude Jonnard looks like the best of the recruits. He was with the club last year and beat the Phillies the latter part of the season, which is nothing to brag about. Jonnard was with Detroit in 1920, and Jennings says he looks like a different pitcher. Claude has but one eye.

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McGLOUCHLIN, of Portsmouth, is another good prospect. He is six feet three inches tall and throws a low ball which has baffled the hitters here. Others who have shown flashes of form are Benton, Melone, Proctor, Rachac, Shores and McFarland. All are right-handers.

Stengel Sure to Stay With Team

CASEY STENGEL, Cunningham, Ike Boone and Ralph Shinners are candidates for the job left vacant by George Burns. Stengel is sure to stay because he has taken off considerable weight, is faster and looks more like a ball player than at any time in the last two years. If he does not make the regular team he will be used for utility purposes and pinch-hitting.

Ralph Shinners, who was purchased from Indianapolis for $35,000 in cash and players, looks good. He is remarkably fast for a big man and covers lots of ground. McGraw calls him a roaming outfielder.

Shinners is a right-handed hitter, and at times looks good at the plate. He steps into the ball and hits everything but inside pitching. He can't get his bat around quickly enough to connect with fast ones on the inside. However, the boy has been out for only two years and has lots of time to improve.

Ike Boone, of New Orleans, is a natural left-handed hitter of the Beals Becker type. He hits to all fields and connects solidly with the ball. He was one of the best hitters in the country last season, finishing with an average of .389. Boone is not a good fielder. He reported weighing 220 pounds, and the first two weeks were devoted to taking off weight. He won't get so fat again next winter.

Cunningham, who joined the club last June, looks like the best of the lot, and probably will be retained. Thus McGraw has quite a job on his hands. Every man is valuable, and it will be difficult to attach the tinware when the time comes.

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FRANK SNYDER, Earl Smith and Alex Gaston will be the catchers. Floyd Brown and Frank Samide also are trying out, but they might just as well be some place else.

Giants Look Like Real Club

TAKING it all in all, this looks like a real ball club. The infield is wonderful, and the outfield will be strong. Experienced catchers will be behind the plate and everything is up to the pitching staff.

However, the twirlers should not have such a difficult time. With men like Groh, Bancroft and Frisch making sensational stops and giving wonderful support the man on the mound should not worry. Confidence in himself has made many mediocre pitchers good ones. Pitching just a little above the average is what McGraw needs this year.

But the manager of the Giants will not predict a pennant.

"I don't believe we will walk away with the flag," he said. "There will be quite a little opposition, and several clubs are pretty strong. St. Louis, Boston and Pittsburgh will be in the running, and Cincinnati also may cause trouble.

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"WINNING the pennant will be a difficult job, and my men will have to be on their toes all the time, giving everything they have, to get into the World Series."

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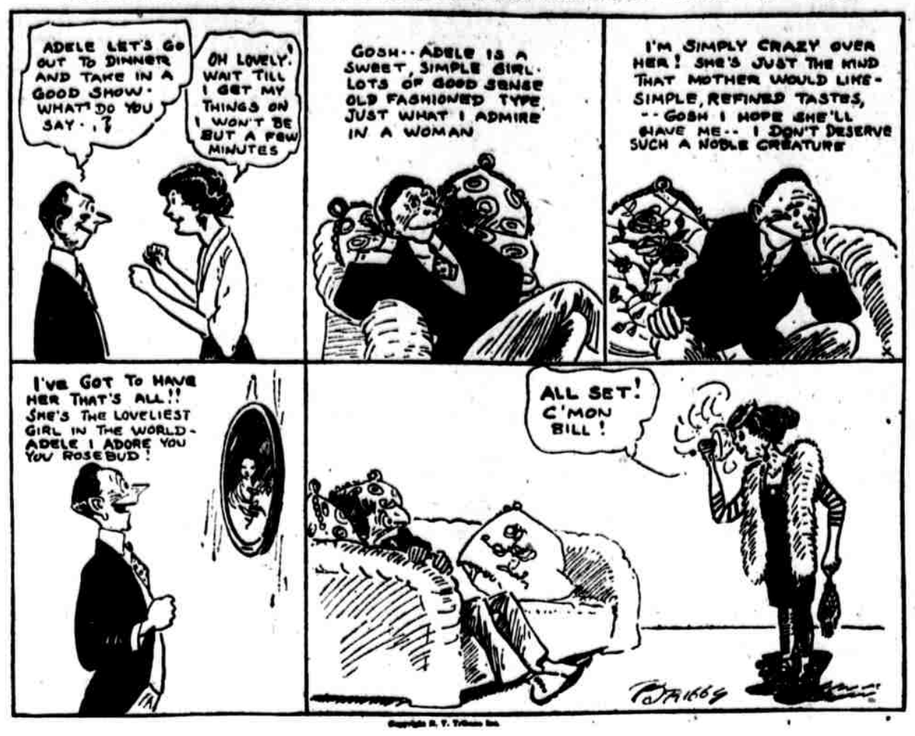
Three Knockouts at Catawissa

Catawissa Pa., March 17.—Three of the four scheduled six-round bouts here failed to go the limit, two being technical knockouts in the third being stopped on account of foul. In the wind-up, Battling Shriner, of Williamsport, won over Kid Julian, of Shamokin, on a foul. The semi-windup between Kid Bailey, of Williamsport, and Mike Shura, of Wilkes-Barre, was a draw. Kid Shaffer, of Bloomsburg, had Jimmy Hickey, of Danville, down when the bell rang in the first round and he was unable to come back. Seconds of Kid Fox, of Catawissa, saved him from a knockout in the fourth round when they threw the towel into the ring.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



SCHOOL ATHLETES TO TOUR EUROPE

Delegation Representing 25 Institutions Will Compete in England and France

IN SWISS FIELD DAY

By PAUL PREP

INTERNATIONAL sports competition will be given another boost this summer when a galaxy of athletes from leading preparatory schools throughout the country will invade Europe. The boys will compete with Eton, Rugby and Winchester schools, in England, and several French institutions.

Henry A. Dresser, of Penn Charter School, will be the assistant in charge of the trip. The boys are not going to Europe for athletic purposes; they are going to make the trip for the educational value. But as the English and French schools will be in session at the time, athletic events will be arranged.

"So far," said Mr. Dresser, "twenty-five schools have announced they will be represented in the delegation. This, by the way, will be the first trip to Europe since the start of the war. J. F. Haley, of New York, will direct the tour.

"I expect to make arrangements for several athletic competitions on the other side. It is almost definitely decided that we will compete with the British and the French in soccer and track, and probably several other branches of sport.

"We will visit Switzerland, where we will have a field day some time in August. A tennis tournament will be arranged. Boat and canoe races also will be the card, and they should be interesting."

The list of schools that will be represented in the tour follows:

Penn Charter, Swarthmore Prep, Mercersburg Academy, Exeter Academy, Andover Academy, Bordentown Military Institute, Hill School, Culver Military Academy, Tome School, Hackley School, Gilman Country School, Taft School, Haverford School, Hotchkiss School, Middlesex School, Riverdale Country School, Adelphia Academy, Tower Hill School, Browne and Nichols School, Montgomery School Detroit Country Day School, Howe School, St. John's Military Academy, Brunswick School and Chestnut Hill Academy.

Spring football practice will get under way at the West Philadelphia High School within the next week, according to Warren Weiller, coach of the football and basketball teams at the Orange and Blue institution. The practice will be held on Kirkbrides Field, Forty-sixth and Market streets.

"The weather will give me a great chance to teach the young fellows how to hold the ball and other little tricks they have to learn. We haven't the time in the fall because the season opens too soon. But with the aid of spring practice we will be able to start real work immediately in the fall."

Spring soccer practice also has started at West Philadelphia. Coach Vail has his candidates working out every day, and says that he has some fine material. "This is a great chance for a boy to make the soccer team," said Vail, "because only two of last year's team are back."

The baseball squad has been practicing outdoors for the last week. Coach Lukens has divided his Orange and Blue tossers in four teams and a game is played every day. The teams have a little league and the varsity nine will be picked from this league.

Boots and Saddle

St. Patrick's Day Purse, fifth on the card, is the feature at Havana today. Plus Ultra appears best, with Stanley second and Petrarch third. Other horses well placed are:

First race—Sylvano, Humpy, Blaise; second — Waterford, Bengalese, Bacchanalian; third — Hutchison, Swift Cricket, Awning; fourth — Whippet, McAdoo, Counsel; sixth—Buckingham, Diversity, Mary Erb.

At Mobile Exhorter, Execution and Cacambo appear best in the St. Patrick's Handicap, in the order named. Horses which seem best in other races are:

First race—Crest, Sun Time, Kitty M.; second — Portlight, Seaboard, Alverida; third — Marmite, Horeb, Annette Teller; fifth—Corydon, Lieutenant Perkins, Lorena Moss; sixth—Granny Lee, Flying Orb Aunt Deda.

Weights have been announced for the Coffroth $20,000 Handicap to be run at Tijuana Sunday. The big race is at a mile and a fourth. Top weight of 134 pounds has been assigned to Be Frank, the veteran purse winner at the California track. Irish Kiss gets in at 122 pounds; East Indian, 114; Motor Cop, 108; Flags, 114; Planet and Slippery Elm, 110; Pit, 102. A large field likely will start, the above being some of the best horses entered.

The minimum purse to be hung up at Lexington and Louisville this year will be $1300. The purses at Latonia, averaging $1450, remain unchanged. Financial conditions in the Blue Grass are reported much better than last spring.

Tilden Picks Australia as Possible Davis Cup Finalist

"Hard to Pick Challenger From Best List Ever," Says Champion of World

ANDERSON PROMISING

By WILLIAM TILDEN, 2d

THE Davis Cup competition of 1921 set a mark that has never before been approached in number of countries entered, in attendance and in general public interest. The entrance into international competition of Japan, Argentina, Denmark, Spain, India and Czecho-Slovakia brought new blood into play that must spur on the other countries. England and France hardly measured up to their past teams, while Australia relied on the young players, who were to be seasoned for future teams. However, she introduced to America a man who seems destined for great things in the future—J. O. Anderson.

Some Teams Picked

The 1922 challenges are already coming in to the United States Tennis Association, and in some cases the teams have been tentatively chosen. Challenges are assured from Australia, which is sending its strongest team in a desperate effort to regain the treasured trophy; England, which has announced that at least two stars who were unable to play last year will be with the team this season; Japan, which will send back the two great players from the team of 1921, Shimidzu and Kumagae; Spain, which will head her representatives with that marvelous young player, Manuel Alonzo, and France, which will depend on her old stars, Gobert and Laurentz, supported by Brugnon and either Samazieuhl or Danet.

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It is hard to pick a challenger against America from such a magnificent list of teams, but my order of choice is Australia, with Norman Brookes, Gerald Patterson, J. O. Anderson and Pat O'Hara Wood.

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SECOND, Japan, with Shimidzu and Kumagae. Third, England with Colonel A. R. F. Kingscote, B. I. C. Norton, Randolph Lycett and either Max Woosman or F. G. Lowe. Fourth, Spain, with Manuel Alonzo and Count de Gomar. Fifth, France, with her team of veterans.

The American team must face a hard and grueling task to retain the cup. Nothing but our best will suffice.

It is imperative that William M. Johnston be on hand for these matches, if we are to retain the cup, for there is no greater match player in the world than this little Californian. Vincent Richards is a certainty for the team if he retains the form he displayed last season.

I'll Be There

Unless I fall off, I should be among the members, so that the fourth position is the only one open for much discussion.

Notwithstanding the fact that Watson Washburn is ranked ahead of R. N. Williams, and Wallace Johnson leads them both for 1921, I look to see Dick Williams the fourth member of the team in 1922.

His years of international competition should give him preference, provided that the form of the three contestants is virtually equal, as it was last year.

Will America retain the cup? That is a hard question for any one but a clairvoyant to answer at this time. My opinion is that if Johnston comes East we will, but only after a close and bitter struggle in the challenge round.

Should Johnston not come East, as he announced last autumn might be the case, I believe that there is a big chance that Australia might defeat America.

However, I am sure that September will see Johnston at Forest Hills in his usual form, so I am awaiting the Davis Cup matches with eagerness and confidence.

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THE tremendous growth of the game of tennis throughout the world, which is so clearly emphasized in the number of nations that now challenge for the Davis Cup, should make us pause for a moment to consider the future of tennis in America. True we have many wonderful young players of the type of Vincent Richards and Arnold Jones, but these boys are now on the edge of graduation from the junior ranks. What are we doing for the boys who are to follow these stars? What is your club doing to develop the young players from whom must come its future teams? What are you doing personally? It will not injure your game to play twice a week for half an hour with some promising youngster, and it may well mean the making of a great player in the future. I believe that every man who knows tennis should help at least one boy in his own club if he wishes the game to thrive in his community.

Mr. Tilden's next article will be, "The Australian Davis Cup Team."

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Tilden in Exhibition School Tennis Match

William T. Tilden, 2d, world's tennis champion, will appear with five other leading racquet wielders in an exhibition tennis match at the Germantown Academy April 22. The matches will be played on the G. A. courts, which will be completed by the middle of April.

Tilden arranged the exhibition in order to defray expenses for the new Germantown Academy field. He attended the Greene street and School lane institution several years ago.

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Speaking of when the Robins will appear in Philadelphia, Brooklyn plays here on April 17.

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"I never back up from the plate," murmured the rookie as the waiter stopped with another order of potatoes.

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The N. Y. ball teams ought to be good at golf—always playing for the flag.

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BIG SCHOOL MEET AT COLLINGSWOOD

South Jersey Interscholastic Track and Field Carnival Billed for May 13

Collingswood High School has organized a miniature "Penn Relay" carnival of its own entitled "The South Jersey Interscholastic Track Meet." This will be open to the Class "B" schools of South Jersey.

The following schools have been invited: Haddonfield, Palmyra, Woodbury, Moorestown, Vineland, Haddon Heights, Hammonton, Burlington, Woodstown, Bridgeton, Merchantville, Pennsgrove, Riverton, Ocean City, Neptune, Gloucester, Bordentown, Glassboro, Millville, Mount Holly, Egg Harbor, Salem, Pemberton and Cape May.

The meet will be held Saturday, May 13. Collingswood has long felt the need of such an event and will be the host to all contestants. The interscholastics in track was in reality organized by Woodbury last year, but only included about eight schools. Collingswood will hold one every year.

The school amassing the greatest number of points will receive a silver cup. The highest individual score will receive a small silver cup, and gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded for first, second and third.

Manager Emmott, of Collingswood, issued the call for track candidates this week. From the squad of last year the following are left: Captain Ellis, whose specialty is the 440 and 220 yard dashes; Emmott, 440 and pole vault; Roberts, 440 and javelin; Jones, javelin and shot-put; Graham and Weidman, shot-put; Sturmer, javelin; Nichols, broad and high jump.

Captain Ellis, Roberts and Emmott were members of the relay team that won first place in the Penn relays last year, so that Coach Irving has only one man to develop for the relay.

Jones and Roberts handle the javelin, averaging 135 to 140 feet each time. The one event Collingswood is weak in at present is the 100-yard dash. Brierley, the star last season, was lost by graduation.

Manager Emmott has prepared the following schedule in track:

April 20, Palmyra; 28-29, Penn relays; May 6, Cheltenham; 11, Y. M. C. A.; 13, C. H. S. interscholastics; 17, Haddonfield; 20, Woodbury; 27, Girard College; June 3, Norristown.

Ruth's First Homer With Bases Loaded

New Orleans, March 17.—Babe Ruth's bludgeon has started on its murderous career. In the fifth inning of the game between the Yankees and the Pelicans yesterday, with all the bases occupied, the mighty mauler drove the ball over the right-field fence for his first official homer of the year. Three other runs which came New York's way in this same frame gave Hug's men a lead the Pelicans could not overcome, and the final score was 9 to 3 in favor of Gotham.

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