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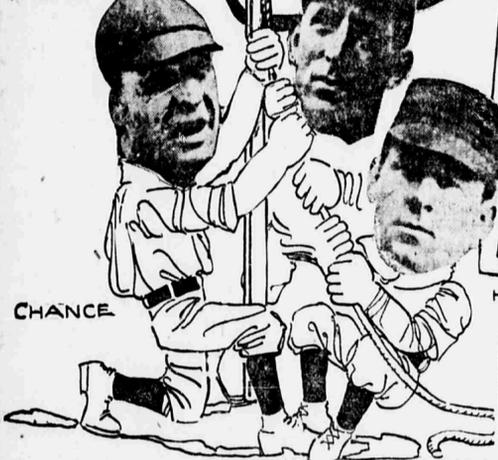
HERE IS HOW THE MANAGERS FIGURE OUT THE PENNANT RACE



MATTHEWSON



WILTSE



CHANCE

CLARKE

MCGRAW



H.C. PULLIAM

"We've got a first-rate fighting chance," says Manager John McGraw, of the Giants. "and that's all. This fight isn't going to be a runaway race for anybody concerned. New York, Pittsburg and Chicago have all got a good look in, and while I hope for the sake of the team, that we can manage to win out, it is going to be an awful battle to retain first place. I wish that we were a little stronger in the box. Of course, our main reliance is on Matthewson and Wiltse. Matty is having another of his great pitching years, while Wiltse is just now doing better work in the box than at any time since he joined the team. The race would not be close only for the fact that we played bad ball in the spring. We got a bad start, but it was rotten baseball that accounted for it. By rotten baseball, I mean foolish base running, off hitting and an entire absence of the team play that is necessary to leadership in such an organization as the National League."

"I still pick my own team to win," says Manager Frank Chance, of the Cubs. "Why not? Playing against every sort of ill-luck and repeated accidents we have managed to stick where we are, and now that the boys are all in top condition and the pitching staff reinforced, I can't see what will stop us. Coakley will help out, and the return of the pitcher to White's form means everything—it takes the burden off the pitchers and fixes things so we can look double-headed in the race without trepidation. We have the batsmen, the fielders and the pitchers all in good shape and all confident. New York will give us an awful tough fight on the Polo Grounds, but I think we'll beat them out."

"I am not predicting," says Manager Fred Clarke, of the Pirates, "but I am hoping that the Pirates will win the pennant. I believe we have as good a chance as any of the New York and Chicago, and I think the Cubs have a slight hunch on the Giants."

DONLIN



DEVLIN



BRESNAHAN

Greatest Race in History of League, Says Pulliam

By Harry C. Pulliam, President National League. Pick the winner of the National League race? Not me. Nor any one else. New York, Pittsburg and Chicago are too closely bunched to attempt anything like picking a winner. But that Philadelphia team must not be overlooked. True, they look out of it right now, but they are liable to be a big surprise before the season is over. I'm not making any predictions, but watch Philadelphia. Our race this year has been the most closely contested and the best race the National League has known for years, in fact it is the best race the National League has ever had, and the club that wins the pennant will be entitled to all the honors that go with winning the biggest honor outside of the world's championship. No matter whether it is the Giants, Pittsburg, Chicago or Philadelphia that wins the pennant in our league, I am confident they will beat the club that wins the championship in the American League for the world honors.

GUESS WHO WILL WIN THE NATIONAL LEAGUE PENNANT

BY ROBERT EDGREN.

Put the Giants, Pittsburg and Chicago in a hat. Shuffle the hat. Put in your hand and pull out one of the clubs. Then you will have the winner of the National League pennant this year. Unless that Philadelphia bunch come through and do things between now and the end of the season.

It sure is a case of guess right now as to who will win the race. Of course here in New York we are all pulling for the Giants. Down in Pittsburg the Pirates look good. In Chicago they can't see anything but the Cubs, while Philadelphia still has faint hopes of being the topnotchers when the season ends on Oct. 7.

But the fans must figure their own dope on the race. Statements from all the managers in the National League as well as President Harry Pulliam are given on this page to-day.

They are as follows: McGraw, Giants—Giants will win. Chance, Chicago—Cubs will be on top at the finish.

Clarke, Pittsburg—We have a fighting chance, and we'll be there at the finish. Murray, Philadelphia—Don't count us out. We have a fine chance to cop the race.

Kelley, Boston—Looks like Giants to me. Ganzel, Cincinnati—Guess the Cubs will win out.

McCloskey, St. Louis—Race is too close to make even a guess. Donovan, Brooklyn—All I will say is, we can't win the pennant.

There you are. The opinions of all the managers in a nutshell. And it's a mighty good expression of opinion, too. For no one can tell, guess, or even think what the outcome of the present race will be.

Admirers of the Giants think they have the best chance. Pittsburgers think the same way, while out in Chicago the fans can see nothing but another championship for the Cubs. That's what makes the game. The rivalry between the teams. Even the tallenders are taking an interest in this year and doing their best to knock down the topnotchers.

St. Louis, a team that does not figure in the race at all, has given both the Giants and the Cubs a knockdown at vital times this season. Brooklyn has walloped the Giants. Boston took Pittsburg over the hurdles early in the season for two games.

Right now it is the greatest, the tightest race the National League has ever known. The Giants are out in front, but they don't dare lose a game. If they do, Pittsburg or Chicago will be so close on their heels that it will take an expert mathematician to figure how they stand.

FOOTBALL COACHES TO CUT BIG FIGURE THIS YEAR

Day of Individual Player Is Gone—Team Work Is Necessary.

FOOTBALL under the new rules which will be used this season will depend more upon the ability of the individual player, for success can only come by a careful scrutiny out of the merits of each player who presents himself on the field and the proper preliminary coaching which will enable him to meet certain individual responsibilities which may come during the course of each game. Under these conditions success on the gridiron this season offers more to the coach than before, and it is for this reason that every college is seeking talent in this direction.

The development of the kicker and those who can pass the ball accurately will cause the coaches the hardest study, and the faculty of inventiveness by the player to meet all emergencies will commend that player to the coach more than any other faculty. The ability to recover the ball on a forward pass, provided it does not touch an opponent, according to new rules, will give a player plenty of study for accuracy, while the use of his tips to acquire the team to be on his tips at all the time to meet the exigencies which a coach could not prepare for.

Although the preliminary training season will start next week, at some of the colleges it is yet too early to figure out the comparative merits of any team. The specialists as a rule are harder this season and their arrangement such that interest awakened by the opening games will be carried out on their lines for a strong coaching staff, and it is this season that the "go in and win" team somewhat different from Bill Reid's Chicago Daily, captain of the 1907 team, Mori Newham, Harry Seberg, Bagdon and Gray, the West Point team, will probably be seen in the list.

Coach Morehead will have first practice for the University of Pittsburg team next Tuesday. Frank Barrett, from the University of Washington, is expected to enter the Western University of Pennsylvania this fall.

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CUE CHAMPS PREPARING FOR BIG TOURNAMENTS

BILLIARDS will be given a great boom this season by a big championship tournament which is being planned for the fall months following the elections. All the professional stars are getting into shape, and from the ranks of the shortstops it is expected that several new men will be brought into prominence. The falling off of the old champions and the rapid advancement of several in the younger generation is giving the billiard world a variety of changes.

Jake Schaefer, who has been the bright particular star for a half century, has been taking a complete rest for several months out in the Rockies following his breakdown last spring when he forfeited the 181 solidline championship to George Sutton. In a letter to The Evening World, Schaefer says his health has considerably improved and that he hopes to again wear away the trophy from his old rival, even if it is a dying effort, as he expresses it. Sutton is just getting in his fall crops on his Illinois farm and will soon be back in his Chicago room to begin his cue practice. George Slosson is not out of the game by any means, and as the result of his summer practice declares he is now playing the game of his life and invites any who doubt his word to take him on for a game in his Broadway room. Ora Morningstar is back from a summer vacation and is perfectly sure that he can beat Sutton for the championship emblem, for which he will challenge this fall, this being his third effort in this direction, he missing by a close margin in the other two.

MURRAY LIKES HIS TEAM.

By William Murray, Manager Philadelphia. Don't count us out of the race. We may be in fourth place now, but we are liable to surprise a whole lot of the wise ones before the season is over. I'm not claiming the pennant, but I will say this. The club that wins the pennant will have to beat us out.

DONOVAN HAS NO CHANCE.

By P. J. Donovan, Manager Brooklyn Team. There is only one thing I can say that is sure. We will not win the pennant. As to picking the club that I will pass. It's too tough a proposition. The Giants may, I hope they do, but Pittsburg and the Chicago team will give them an awful battle before it is ended.

M'CLOSKEY LIKES GIANTS.

By John J. McCloskey, Manager St. Louis. I'd hate to make an exact prediction on any race as close as the present, and can only say that the Cubs seem to have a pretty even show. Logically New York has a shade the best of the chances owing to the Giants large number of home games. They are capable of some great rallies on their own grounds, and the shade of probability coupled with the present standings of the teams is therefore in their favor. There are many things that can happen, though. If Matthewson got hurt, or if Bresnahan got a broken finger, it would throw all the weight of the probabilities on the Cubs and Pirates' side. Closest thing I ever heard of all the way through.

TALBOTT AND WAGNER CLEARED

The five athletes protested for the Metropolitan track and field championships on Sept. 12 had their credentials of residence examined before the registration committee last night. Lee J. Talbott, the hammer thrower, of the Irish A. C. appeared before the committee and answered a few questions which seemed to satisfy the two members present that he was eligible. W. A. Wagner, of the New York A. C., explained that he had not run for the West Side Y. M. C. A. within a year and his entry was marked O. K. The three others—J. A. Rector, New York A. C.; J. J. Taylor and Frank Mount Pleasant, of the Irish A. C.—were referred to the championship committee on the day of the games, and if they are able to show proof that they are bona-fide residents of the district they may be allowed to represent their respective clubs. It is said that Taylor resides in West One Hundred and thirty-fourth street, that Rector has a legal residence at One Hundredth Street and Broadway, and that Mount Pleasant lives on the Indian reservation near Buffalo. The case will be tried by the championship committee at Travers Island before the games begin. H. Oberhaussing and T. J. Nevens were present. T. J. Hughes being absent.

TESTIMONIAL FOR TRAINER MURPHY, OF YANKEE TEAM

Arrangements are now being made to raise a fund for Trainer Mike Murphy, of the Olympic team. The committee who had the games in hand are in charge, and the following letter was sent out by J. E. Sullivan, Secretary: While giving the fullest credit to the athletes who represented the United States in the recent Olympic Games, there is one person whose services were practically invaluable, and without whose interest and knowledge it is doubtful whether the men would have performed so splendidly as events proved—Trainer Murphy, who devoted his best energies in the face of numerous difficulties to have the team in shape. It has been proposed that a fund be suitably organized, and with this object in view a committee has started to raise money to show Mr. Murphy that his work is neither cared about being bettered, and as a result they only fought one hard round in the entire six, and that was the last, when they really did some stinging, with Keys having the best of it. Baldwin was as slow as a truck horse, which was caused by his failure to do the proper training for the contest. Keys on the other hand did not tear into Baldwin as he has always been in the habit of doing when fighting other men. The bout was very even, and Keys' work in the last round entitled him to a draw.

BALDWIN AND KEYES FIGHT A TAME DRAW

The six-round bout between Matty Baldwin and Bert Keyes at the stage of the Fairmont A. C. last night was a very tame one. The fact that both boys were promised a battle in California in the event of a win was probably responsible for the miserable showing, for neither cared about being bettered, and as a result they only fought one hard round in the entire six, and that was the last, when they really did some stinging, with Keys having the best of it. Baldwin was as slow as a truck horse, which was caused by his failure to do the proper training for the contest. Keys on the other hand did not tear into Baldwin as he has always been in the habit of doing when fighting other men. The bout was very even, and Keys' work in the last round entitled him to a draw.

KELLEY LIKES NEW YORK.

By Joe Kelley, Manager Boston Team. There are three teams, any one of which may win out. New York, Pittsburg and Chicago are all in splendid condition and fit for the month's battle that is to wind up the season. Of the three I should say New York has an advantage in the fact that they have practically the balance of the season on their home grounds and with the support of their own people. Nothing encourages a team more than the well wishes of its own patrons, and this will surely be accorded the Giants at the Polo Grounds.

CLAMS AND ROAST OX FOR AUTO PEOPLE

THOSE who are fortunate enough to participate in the two-day mechanical efficiency motor-car test and run around Long Island, which will be held on Sept. 16 and 17, are not only to be envied, but are cautioned to begin hard training at least a week before the start, for in the latter matter human endurance may count for quite as much in the result as mechanical perfection in motor-car parts. Aside from the test of autos, those who make the runs will be put to the greater test of digestion and cubic capacity of their interiors.

CARSEY'S UNIONS WILL TACKLE WASHINGTON TEAM.

"Kid" Carsey has booked the Washington team, of the American League, to play the Unions at Union Park, Two Hundred and Thirty-second Street and Broadway, Sunday afternoon. As this game promises to be one of the best at Union Park this season, Carsey has secured the services of a couple of the big league players to strengthen the Unions for the Unions. Tammill will do the twirling for the Washingtons. There will be a preliminary game which will begin at 1:30 o'clock, between the St. John's team, of Kingsbridge, and the St. Dominicans.

Advertisement for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the medicine's benefits for various ailments.