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ALONG THE SPORTS LINE

Local and Outside

BROOKLYN ONLY TEAM GIANTS HAVE TO FEAR

New York, June 5.—While the work of the Giants last week did not approach their remarkable achievement of the three weeks prior to that, still no fault may be found in their performance of winning four out of seven.

What appears to be most gratifying to Giant partisans is that Manager McGraw appears to have ironed out his pitching problem. Despite the fact that Jim Trossea, the recognized star of the staff, has not pitched a full nine inning game since he won the club's first home victory on the Polo Grounds on May 2, McGraw has been working Anderson, Beaton and Forster in such rotation that his team has been a consistent winner.

Matty still remains a puzzle. After his successful pitching in St. Louis, Cincinnati and Boston, it looked as though the old fellow was coming back strongly, especially after the game with the Braves, when he shut out Stallings' team with four singles, and did not permit a runner to reach second. In St. Louis he was almost as effective, permitting only six hits and one run, and when called upon to check a Red ninth-inning rally, he nobly responded. However, just as everybody was singing Matty's praise, the Reds, formerly the easiest team in the league for him to beat, gave him an awful tanning during the home-coming celebration last Friday.

The happenings of last week strengthen the opinion expressed a week ago that Brooklyn is the National League's only hope for a close race. The Braves have fallen far below expectations. Stallings was under the impression that Compton and Wilhoit, minor league sluggers, with Sherwood Magee, would give him one of the hardest hitting outfielders in baseball. Magee got back into the game after being laid off last week, but neither Compton nor Wilhoit are hitting a lick. Snodgrass, who started to flicker out on the Giants a year ago, is going no better with Boston and appearing to be back to the Phillies remain in and outers. Alexander is their backbone, though Cravath is coming back into his own.

ANNUAL FIELD MEET OF FAIRFIELD SCHOOLS

The fourth annual interscholastic field meet of the public schools of Fairfield was held recently on the green at Mill Pond. A large assemblage was present to witness the efforts of the children and the various events were entered into with a zest that was refreshing. Sherman, Pequot, Silliman, Lincoln, Dwight and Lafayette schools were represented. The scores by schools were as follows:

Sherman school—Senior boys, 35 points; senior girls, 20 points; total 55 points. Pequot school—Senior boys 36 points; senior girls 26 points; junior boys 33 points; junior girls 30 points; total 125 points. Lafayette school—Senior boys 20 points; junior girls 15 points; total 35 points. Lincoln school—Junior boys 15 points; total 15 points. Dwight school—Senior boys 8 points; senior girls 6 points; total 14 points. Silliman school—Senior boys 1 point; total 1 point.

Sterling star medals were awarded to the winning girls and Sterling silver watch fobs were awarded to the winning boys. A handsome trophy was awarded to the Pequot school for winning the greatest number of medals. This trophy is a bronze medalion mounted on an oak panel 12 by 15 inches square.

CORNELL, PENN AND COLUMBIA CREWS ON HUDSON COURSE NOW

Poughkeepsie, June 5.—The Cornell varsity and rowing crews, in charge of Assistant Coach John Hoyle, arrived here yesterday and had their first practice on the Hudson today.

BRAVES WIN CONTEST ON WATERBURY FIELD

Waterbury, June 5.—In their first game as a Waterbury team the Colonials, formerly of New Haven, lost to the Boston Braves, 10 to 6, here yesterday.

At the outset the Braves piled up a six run lead and the game looked like a walkover, but the colonials finally got to Ruelbach and greeting Barnes, who replaced him, with a fusillade of hits tied the score in the sixth. Some long hitting in the final stanzas again put the big leaguers in the lead.

Wilcox, although hit hard, showed flashes of great twirling and looked better than either of his opponents on the slab.

GRADUATION BASKETS AND BOUQUETS, JOHN RECK & SON.

PRINCETON OARSMEN HAVE MADE BEST 1916 SHOWING

Coach Denies Tigers Will Row at New London and Poughkeepsie Next Year.

New York, June 5.—With the exception of the four mile regatta at Poughkeepsie and New London, the intercollegiate rowing season has closed with honors rather widely distributed so far as the dual and triangular events are concerned. All told eleven events have been decided; three on the Pacific Coast and eight in the East. Considered broadly Princeton and Washington have made the best showing in these shorter contests which are for many of the crews but preliminary to the real title races of the year.

Princeton competed in three regattas, winning two and finishing second in the other. The Tigers defeated Harvard at Princeton on April 20 by a foot in a mile and 7-8 race and won the Child's Cup at Philadelphia on May 15 by outrowing Navy, Columbia and Pennsylvania in a one mile 550 yards race. On May 27 at Ithaca, Cornell won from Princeton after a sensational two mile race by a quarter of a length. Washington and Princeton tied at Seattle on April 7 by five lengths in a three mile event and winning from California by sixteen lengths over the same course on May 27.

The Navy crew won from a Washington boat club eight in a two mile race on April 15, and later defeated Pennsylvania only to lose to Syracuse and Princeton in other races. Stanford also had a victory over California; Pennsylvania defeated Yale; Harvard won from Cornell and Cornell defeated Princeton at Yale, a complete record of the races of the season to date shows the following results:

April 7, Seattle—3 miles, Washington (5 lengths), 17 m. 6 s., Stanford, 17 m. 37 s.

April 15, Annapolis—2 miles, Navy (12 lengths), 10 m. 37 3-5 s., Annapolis, B. C., 11 m. 19 s.

April 20, Princeton—1 1-2 miles, Princeton (1 foot), 10 m. 12 1-2 s., Harvard.

April 22, Philadelphia—1 1-2 miles, Penn (1 1-2 lengths), 7 m. 31 1-5 s., Yale.

April 29, Annapolis—1 5-16 miles, Navy (2 lengths), 7 m. 10 s., Pennsylvania 7 m. 19 s.

May 13, Philadelphia—1 mile 550 yard; Princeton (1 length), 7 m. 5 s.; Navy, 7 m. 20 s.; Columbia 7 m. 25 s.

May 20, Boston—1 7-8 miles, Harvard.

M'GRAW SHOULD GET CREDIT FOR GIANTS, FINE WORK

Ray Fisher tells Ban Johnson his umpires are bad

New York, June 5.—Had the prophets declared on the eve of May 8 that John J. McGraw would bring his New York Giants back to the Polo Grounds within one game of first place, the good fans might have reverted to the days of our Colonial forefathers and ordered a trial for witchcraft. Then, a trial for alienism might have been called in on the case, or an observation ordered in the psychopathic ward of our prominent sanatorium.

But there is an axiom in the game, "Take nothing for granted in baseball." The more one studies the game, the more forcible that fact is driven home.

It was on May 8 that the Giants left the confines of this island city of ours, taking with them an average of .133, compiled by winning two scraggly victories and suffering no fewer than thirteen drab defeats. They were deep in the dark and lonely cellar.

It is said that seven cities claimed the dead Homer. There wasn't a town in the National or American league, 16 cities in all that would have claimed the Giants. New York admitted that they represented her, and that was all.

But out on the scampers through the westerly country McGraw's men fed on that root which makes heroes. The story of how the Pirates, Cubs, Cardinals and Reds were hurried to defeat by the Braves is well known. Weak resistance, and the Phillies, with Al Demaree in the box, stopped the New Yorkers only after 17 straight victories, a major league record, is that they did not know how they did it in winning the games may be of interest.

McGraw performed a task almost equalling the labors of Hercules in assembling the integers of a machine which, mighty in potentiality, was sadly disorganized. He had a strong attack, but that was nullified by a weak defense and a crying need for strong pitching.

On the Harlem meadow the mound-men could not get going. Away from some, however, they started. Twenty-one games were played on the field, about route from Pittsburgh to Philadelphia, and of these 19 were won.

On the return to the Polo Grounds on Friday the Braves defeated them, making the record 19 out of 22 games won from May 8 to June 1, an average of .864.

On the trip Fred Anderson stepped into the trap. Fred Anderson stepped into the trap.

DENINGERS IS STILL LEADING LOCAL HITTERS

THE PASSING SHOW

In spite of the fact that he is with a losing club Otto Deininger is wallowing that ball for Bridgeport. The burly left fielder is clouting .310 and the rest of the crowd. About the only other player who boosted his average was George Mosher. The local boy, who has been hovering around .351, collected a few hits last week and advanced to .213.

Ball, Odell and Hoffman all seemed although Hoffman made several timely clouts that drove in runs. The official averages up to date:

Table with columns: Player Name, A.B., H., P.C. Deinger 58 18 .310, Walsh 21 5 .238, Reiger 17 4 .235, Ball 15 2 .229, Odell 77 17 .221, Hoffman 41 9 .219, Mosher 80 17 .213, Curry 15 3 .206, Smith 63 13 .206, Whalen 42 7 .167, Dye 6 1 .167, Werre 19 3 .158, Martin 25 3 .120

Including yesterday's contest Manager Ball has stolen 13 bases and is away head of other local players in this respect. Danny Hoffman and Ball are fighting for extra base honors, Hoffman having six doubles and a triple to his credit while Ball has five triples and two doubles. Ball leads in sacrifice with five.

The official figures: Three base hits, Ball 5, Deininger 1, Hoffman 1, Mosher 1, Whalen 1, Home run, Walsh; Two base hits, Hoffman, Odell 5, Mosher 3, Deininger 2, Ball; Crock 1, Walsh 1, Smith 1; Sacrifice hits, Ball 5, Smith 4, Deininger 4, Whalen 2, Odell 2, Hoffman 2, Mosher 1; Stolen bases, Ball 13, Odell 1, Hoffman 3, Smith 1, Deininger 2, Curry 1, Hoffman 1, Reiger 1, Walsh 1.

ONLY ERROR OF PASTIME IS FATAL TO LOCAL HOPES

The class of hate for Gene McCann. The worst fans wish him is that he should fall down and break one or maybe two legs. Every Sunday when McCann beats a running rival, the scene the fan puts on his House of Kuppenheimer and basks in the Sabbath calm at Newfield park. And then McCann and his trecking crew from New London but the boys to make a holiday. Until the eighth yesterday Bridgeport was leading 6 to 5 but McCann had to go and bust the game right in our faces. Admittance of both feet, the score was 3 to 6.

The jinx that always follows a losing clump camped on the trail for the only error made by either side gave New London the game. This was a high throw by Al Odell in the eighth, which permitted two runners to count. George Mosher had a passed ball which later gave a run, but the damage had been done.

Bridgeport played good ball. The locals hit hard and fielded smartly. They couldn't do much under the handicap of bad pitching, however. Detroit, in our opinion, was helped by knocking Dye out in the first when they got three tallies. Johnny Reiger pitched well in spots but couldn't prevent the Planters from bunching hits.

Mosher made his debut as catcher for the locals and pleased the crowd. His two hits drove in three runs. He was outstayed by a catching moment behind the bat. Mosher will be a good second string catcher but the management must get an experienced backstop to bear the bulk of the work. It is ever expected the team will climb out of the cellar.

Pat Martin, who started to hurl for New London, was tapped so freely by Detroit he was yanked in the fourth. Garry Fortune was also soaked hard and was lucky to win. The score:

Table with columns: Player Name, ab, r, lb, po, a, e. Marhefka, 3b 3 1 1 1 1 0, Dowd, 2b 3 0 0 6 6 0, Odell, 1b 5 2 3 1 0 0, Whitehouse, cf 5 2 3 1 0 0, Rodriguez, lb 5 1 2 9 1 0, Becker, rf 4 0 1 0 0 0, O'Connell, ss 4 1 1 2 6 0, Russell, c 4 0 2 7 2 0, Martin, p 2 0 0 2 0 0, Fortune, p 2 0 0 0 0 0, Manning 1 0 0 0 0 0

There may be an aftermath in the shape of a suspension for Fisher. If there is it will be proof that the quality of mercy does not enter into baseball, for from the press box and stands it sure looked as if Ray had caught that pop of Schalk's on the fly.

WON'T LET LEONARD CALL OFF BOUT WITH DUNDEE FOR WEDNESDAY

New York, June 5.—Benny Leonard, the New York lightweight, was yesterday warned by the State Athletic Commission that if he failed to go through with his advertised bout with Johnny Dundee in Madison Square Garden next Wednesday evening he would face a six months' suspension by the commission.

Chairman Fred A. Wenck received a complaint that after all arrangements had been agreed to and the sale of tickets was actually under way Leonard's manager, Billy Gibson, had, without authority, called off the bout and had staged one with Freddie Welsh and Leonard at Washington Park for June 14.

The chairman summoned Manager Reiger, J. Johnston of Madison Square Garden and after hearing his side of the story, made his announcement.

HARVARD AND YALE OARSMEN REACH THAMES

New London, June 5.—Yale's rowing squad is settled in the training camp at Gales Ferry, all the oarsmen having arrived from New Haven yesterday afternoon.

The first 'Varsity crew was the last to reach quarters, having made the trip on Mrs. E. H. Harriman's steam yacht Sultana. The second 'Varsity men sailed down Long Island Sound on Colonel C. L. F. Robinson's auxiliary schooner yacht Savarona, and came to anchor directly off Broadwater.

Harvard's shells reached New London from Cambridge in special coaches at 4 o'clock yesterday morning, with Charley Hart, the veteran boat-steerer in charge. Later the boats were sent to Red Top and will be in readiness for the Crimson squad when it arrives late this afternoon.

BAT NELSON'S BIRTHDAY

Denmark will celebrate its national holiday today, and everybody, from members of the parliament down to the king, will knock off their regular jobs and celebrate. Some say the observance commemorates the anniversary of the constitution or the by-laws or something like that while others allege that the general jubilation is in honor of the birthday of that most distinguished of modern sons of Denmark—we refer, ladies and gents, to Oscar Batting Matthew Nelson. How- ever, that may be, the Danes celebrate today, and this is the natal day of the once Durable Dane.

Although it is commonly supposed that Nelson is a Dane, as a matter of fact he still has nearly two-thirds of the way to go, for he was born in Copenhagen, June 5, 1882, which makes him thirty-four. Already he has reached the serene yellow leaf of pugilism, and kick as he may and does at the decree of Daddy Time, he is all through as a thing of beauty, a work of art, a man, the Durable Dane used to boast, in the heyday of his youth and vigor, and the way he assimilated punishment, his diagnosis seemed to contain his life's own importance. When his however, Nelson has learned the lesson that all flesh is but grass and the grass withereth away, or words to that effect.

Now it wouldn't surprise Bat to learn that the Danes have transformed their "glorious Fifth" into a celebration in his honor. Nelson has never had the falling of underestimating his own importance. When his was king of the lightweights he would have considered it a condescension on his part to shake hands with the King of Denmark. He is a man of iron, but his ego was of shellproof steel, guaranteed to be impervious.

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the beginning of Nelson's ring career. His first opponent was a circus boy known as Wallace's Kid, and Bat flattened him. After that he fought only occasionally until 1900, when at the age of eighteen, he made boxing his profession, and fought his way up over the prostrate bodies of his foes until he attained the pinnacle of the heavyweight ladder.

Nelson secured a divorce a few months ago from Fay King, the pretty cartoonist and special writer of a Denver newspaper whom he led to the altar early in 1913. The marriage was unsuccessful, for a matrimonial viewpoint, but it got a lot of publicity for the Battler, for his bride refused to live with him, and the dramatic mix-up, which was the cause of the "that was tough on Nelson who fairly hates to see his name in print.

THE GREAT BARGE FIGHT

Today is the twenty-seventh anniversary of one of the classics of California pugilism—the famous fight between Corbett and Joe Choynski, which was pulled off on a barge in the bay in 1889. Corbett and Choynski had fought four rounds a few days before, when the authorities interfered. The aquatic battle was one of the hardest on record, for although Corbett had broken his right hand in the previous scrap, he fought so well with his left that Choynski was cut to pieces with jabs and hooks and finally was worn out in the twenty-eighth round. Corbett's left was badly banged up before the end of the fight, and he put over the finishing blow with his wrist.

ANNIVERSARIES OF RING BATTLES

1900—Eddie Connelly defeated Matty Matthews by 25 rounds at Cooney Island. This was the second bout that year between Eddie and Matty, the first having resulted in a victory for Matthews. A few months later Matty won the welterweight title by whipping Rube Ferns, but he did not long retain that honor, Ferns putting him to sleep in a return engagement at Toronto early in 1901. Connelly arrived Sunday in government cars and is isolated on a siding in the Whiting street yards. With the aid of railroad engineers they will appraise the value of all equipment. Between one and two weeks will be required in Bridgeport.

COMMERCIAL COMMISSION INVESTIGATING VALUES OF RAILROAD PROPERTY

Representatives of the Interstate Commerce Commission, engaged in estimating the physical values of railroads throughout the United States, are now in Bridgeport. The party arrived Sunday in government cars and is isolated on a siding in the Whiting street yards. With the aid of railroad engineers they will appraise the value of all equipment. Between one and two weeks will be required in Bridgeport.

SALESMEN RETURN.

The Bridgeport delegation to the New England convention of the United Commercial Travelers of America, which was held at Holyoke, Mass., Saturday, returned to this city from Springfield, Mass., last night. The party traveled in 40 automobiles and materially swelled the ranks of the delegates and visitors to Holyoke. Thomas K. Adams, grand executive councilman, of Bridgeport, acted as major leading the local delegation.

Coney Island had its largest crowd of the season, the warm weather attracting 100,000 persons.

BROKEN FINGER HAS DELAYED DICK COTTER.

The reason Dick Carter, the veteran backstop, hasn't reported here is because he broke a finger catching on Memorial Day. The former backstop for the Cubs and Phillies informed the local management of his predicament today. He said he would be ready for work in about a week. Howie Baker was expected to join the local squad today but it is not known where he will be used. Hartford plays again here tomorrow.

There will be some new pitchers here this week but the management decided not to announce any names until the men actually arrive. Regarding the forfeiture of that game in Worcester, Saturday, it is said that Umpire Stafford was too hasty in declaring the contest forfeited. He did not give Manager Ball time to get off the field, local players declare. Stafford worked the same trick on Lowell a short time ago.

Now that the Cleveland Indians are home for a long stay they evidently intend to get a big lead in the American league race. They have already downed the Red Sox two straight. Lee Fohl's players are hitting hard and getting good pitching, too.

The Pittsburgh Pirates stopped off in Stamford yesterday and beat Stamford 7 to 4. Earl Champion of this city, tried for Stamford. He was slugged for 11 hits.

Gene McCann was sore because he had to use Fortune against the locals yesterday. He wanted save his star pitcher for Lynn today. McCann and Pieper, the Lynn manager, are great rivals and it is said they make a bet on each contest. McCann has never forgiven Pieper for that post season series the Lynn manager, then with Lawrence, won from New London in 1914.

NATIONAL LEAGUE YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

No games were played, all teams being in the East.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table with columns: Club Name, Won, Lost, P.C. Brooklyn 22 15 .595, New York 22 16 .579, Philadelphia 22 18 .550, Boston 19 20 .487, Cincinnati 21 24 .467, Pittsburgh 19 22 .463, Chicago 20 24 .455, St. Louis 19 25 .432

GAMES TODAY.

Cincinnati at New York. Pittsburgh in Brooklyn. Chicago in Boston. St. Louis in Philadelphia.

AMERICAN LEAGUE YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Chicago 12; New York 4. St. Louis 4; Philadelphia 3. Detroit 4; Washington 3. Cleveland 9; Boston 3.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table with columns: Club Name, Won, Lost, P.C. Cleveland 27 17 .614, New York 23 17 .575, Washington 24 18 .571, Boston 22 20 .524, Cincinnati 21 23 .478, Chicago 19 23 .452, St. Louis 18 25 .419, Philadelphia 15 26 .366

GAMES TODAY.

New York in Chicago. Philadelphia in St. Louis. Boston in Cleveland. Washington in Detroit.

Eastern League YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

At Bridgeport— R. H. E. New London 8 13 3, Bridgeport 8 10 1. Batteries—Martin, Fortune and Russell; Dye, Reiger and Mosher. At New Haven— R. H. E. New Haven 2 6 3, Bridgeport 6 6 3. Batteries—Weaver, Donovan and Devine; Wallace, Leroy and Stephens.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table with columns: Club Name, Won, Lost, P.C. New London 21 6 .778, Springfield 18 11 .621, Portland 17 10 .620, Lynn 15 14 .517, Lawrence 15 14 .517, Lowell 15 15 .500, Worcester 14 14 .500, Hartford 9 15 .375, New Haven 9 10 .345, Bridgeport 9 25 .265

GAMES TODAY.

Hartford at Bridgeport. New Haven at Springfield. Portland at Lowell. New London at Lynn. Lawrence at Worcester.

Southern Association YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

At Nashville— R. H. E. Nashville 7 7 1, New Orleans 4 10 0. Batteries—Wells and Street; Walker and Higgins. At Memphis— R. H. E. Memphis 3 5 2, Atlanta 1 6 0. Batteries—Kerr and Ruel; Perry and Neiderkorn. No other games scheduled.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Table with columns: Club Name, Won, Lost, P.C. Nashville 20 16 .552, New Orleans 29 17 .633, Chattanooga 25 22 .532, Atlanta 25 22 .532, Birmingham 21 27 .438, Memphis 20 28 .415, Little Rock 18 27 .400, Mobile 17 29 .370

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