

Giants Lose to the Dodgers; Pirates Defeat Cubs In Monday's Games

Three Divisions In the Pennant Races

Season Offers Contenders, Outsiders and Hopeless Clubs, All Playing for the Bunting and the World Series.

By JOHN E. WRAY. S. T. LOUIS, Mo., April 15.—Instead of two divisions in the big league races this year there are really three, judging from the makeup and records of the clubs at this stage.

Contenders: National—New York, Pittsburgh, American—Red Sox, Athletics. National—Chicago, Cincinnati, Philadelphia. American—Washington, Cleveland, White Sox.

Hopeless: National—Cardinals, Brooklyn, Boston. American—Browns, Detroit, New York.

Champions have no "snaps." The contending teams speak for themselves. The similarity in the races in the two leagues is this year further enhanced by the fact that both clubs which are expected to furnish the heaviest batting are in the pennant races.

Dark Horses Rarely Win. As the others are only pull a Griffith or Jennings stunt in baseball.

Mu'doon Would Bar Use of Toe Hold

Grip by Which Champion Gets Best of Foreign Opponents May Be Sent to the Discard.

By W. W. NAUGHTON. SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., April 15.—No less a personage than "Billy" Mu'doon—he to whom the wrestling game has been but a momentary diversion since the days of Clarence Whistler, Tom Cannon and Matsuda Sorakichi—takes exception to the "toe hold," the foul embrace with which champion Frank Gotch subdues the foreign strong men who descend upon this country occasionally.

Mu'doon says the toe hold should be eliminated from the sport; that it is as much out of place in a wrestling bout as boxing gloves would be in a golf tournament.

According to Mu'doon the toe hold is borrowed from the Jiu Jitsu, the Japanese pastime, and it only differs from bloodless surgery in the respect that the latter has for its purpose the curing of humanity, while the toe hold is employed to maim or cripple.

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Jim Jeffries started it, and now other veterans of the fighting game are falling in line. Bob Fitzsimmons has given out that he would like to control his "toe hold," and try his hand with some of the white boys who at present insist on the "toe hold" as a means of preference for Luther McCarty.

If the records state the case correctly, Fitzsimmons began his fifth career back in New Zealand two years ago. It is 23 years since he had his first match in this country, and that line catches the Cornishman to the ring-service medal.

His first contest in America was with Billy Moran at the California Athletic club in this city. If he boxes Luther and makes it his farewell appearance he will have had a McCarty at each end of his string.

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As Somebody Once Said, "War is Hell"



BASEBALL RESULTS

MONDAY'S GAMES

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No Chance For Cobb To Get His \$15,000. Fearing Numerous Holdouts if Player Is Granted Demands, Club Owners Want President Navin, of the Tigers, to Hold Tight in His Refusal.

By CLARENCE F. LLOYD. brought to a head with the club owner the winner.

Cobb draw annually \$9000 for his services during three years. It was reported that he would not come in unless paid \$15,000 this year.

Cobb is considered a better chance of winning his holdout argument than any player in the game, because he's the best performer in the national game.

Sheppard Is a Shrewd Fly Chaser. Former Cub Player Will Be Doing Regular Work With Cardinals by July 1—Magee Will Cover Keystone Sack.

By W. J. O'CONNOR. The acquisition of Jimmy Sheppard should be joyful news to the Cardinals fans.

INCINNATI, OHIO, April 15.—The acquisition of Jimmy Sheppard should be joyful news to the Cardinals fans.

Another angle to be considered is that Huggins, in his first attempt as manager, has an easy job. He's following in the footsteps of Roger Bresnahan, who was popular in certain quarters; Hug must make a show-

CRUCES DEFEATS CACTUS BOWLERS

A strong rally in the last period, by the Cactus rollers, saved the local team one point Monday night at the Cactus arena in a phone match with Las Cruces.

Sukerman rolled high game and total, 72; Straton rolled a strikeout. The New Mexicans won by 45 pins. Freeman was high roller for the Las Cruces fire, crashing 667 pins.

The scores: Cactus club. L. Hill, 171 182 225 251. G. Graham, 172 175 172 221. L. Callisher, 166 182 191 219. W. B. Stratton, 215 159 248 221. R. Sukerman, 182 278 282 228.

Totals. 999 937 1109 2346. Las Cruces. T. L. Brown, 138 261 180 279. G. Amey, 200 172 198 170. Stevens, 97 187 202 187. Freeman, 204 211 275 251. Oldham, 189 209 202 200.

Totals. 990 980 1021 2291. Margin, 45, Las Cruces. Tucson. S. W. Brown, 278. High total, Sukerman, 728. Strikeout, Stratton.

In a game at Las Cruces Saturday night the Cactus club team lost to the New Mexicans by a margin of 113 pins. The Las Cruces team, composed of Wood, Freeman, Glaskin, Stevens and Oldham, rolled a total of 4235. The El Paso team, composed of Clark, Houck, Tuttle, Andrews and Sukerman, bowled a total score of 4068.

TENNIS PLAYERS TO COMPETE AT DOUGLAS. El Paso tennis experts are getting in training to win the prize at Douglas the latter part of May. It is expected that 20 or 25 El Pasoites will journey to Douglas to take part in the Southwest Tennis tournament.

Los Angeles at Portland. Sacramento at Venice. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION. At Kansas City—Toledo, 3; Kansas, 2. At Minneapolis—Columbus, 8; Minneapolis, 6. At Indianapolis, 1; St. Paul, 5.

At Milwaukee—Louisville, 6; Milwaukee, 2. SOUTHERN LEAGUE. At Nashville—Nashville, 7; Chattanooga, 5. At Mobile—Mobile, 5; Memphis, 6. At Montgomery—Montgomery, 5; Orleans, 2.

COLLEGE BASEBALL. At Philadelphia—Dartmouth, 5; Pennsylvania, 2. GRAND CIRCUIT HORSES WILL RACE FOR \$10,000 AT KALAMAZOO. Chicago, Ill., April 15.—Stewards of the Grand circuit have decided that the richest stakes of the harness racing, shall be decided during the meeting at Kalamazoo, Mich., Aug. 4 to 9 inclusive.

COBB MAY ENGAGE IN THE AUTO BUSINESS AT CHICAGO. Chicago, Ill., April 15.—"Ty" Cobb, champion of the American league, may become a resident of Chicago if he fails to come to terms with the management of the Detroit club, according to a telegram sent by him from Augusta, Ga. Cobb replied to an offer of \$15,000 a year and automobile to a Chicago agent for an auto supply company of Loganport, Ind.

COBB WILL GO TO DETROIT WHEN ASKED TO DO SO. August 4, Go to Detroit—"Ty" Cobb, "holdout" of the Detroit team, gave a statement here giving his position according to the Detroit management, in which he said: "I go to Detroit whenever I am asked, and an answer to confer with the officials of the club. I have advised them of my desire to adjust matters according to the Detroit management. I will get for demanding more money; will be banishment from baseball this year," he said.

SMALL ATTENDANCE CANCELS SHUGRUE-LORE BATTLE. New Orleans, La., April 15.—The scheduled fight between Young Shugrue and Johnny Lore, New York lightweight, was called off last night as the financial gate was estimated to be too small to justify a bout.

BROSNAN MEETS GRIFFITH. Cincinnati, O., April 15.—Ray Brosnan, of Indianapolis and Billy Griffith, of this city, fought 10 fast rounds here last night before the Olympic Athletic club. No decision was rendered. Griffith had much the better of the early fighting, but Brosnan finished strong.

TIP TOPS WIN ANOTHER GAME. The Tip Tops won their second consecutive victory when they defeated the Detroit team last night. The Tip Tops, managed by S. Hammonds, of the Tip Tops, pitched an excellent game, striking out 10 batters and allowing only five hits. Batters: Tip Tops, Hammonds and C. Cunningham; Southwestern, Gilbert and Landry.

AMATEUR TO PLAY HOPE. Philadelphia, Pa., April 15.—Joseph Mayst, the winner of the recent national amateur championship billiard tournament, will meet Willie Hoppe, the professional champion, in two exhibition games in this city next Thursday and Friday.

MANTLE LOSES TO O'KEEFE. London, England, April 15.—At Black Friars last night the American fighter, Frank Mantle, of Pawtucket, R. I., was beaten on points by Pat O'Keefe, of London, in a 20 round contest.

Rivers and Cross Due For Another Battle

Lightweight Contenders Are So Numerous an Elimination Tourney Would Interest Fans—Prospect Is Bright for Battle Between McCarty and Gunboat Smith.

By T. S. ANDREWS. JOE RIVERS, the California boy, has had his second 10 round contest with Leach Cross, the New York Jew, but there has not been a decisive verdict either way, although most of the papers in the big city say Joe had the shades, while some of them claim he had a big margin. Others were content to give it a draw, so all in all it seems fair to say that the shade was with the California boy. It leaves the two in a good position to challenge Willie Ritchie for a title bout, but on the coast it is a cinch. Rivers will be the boy to get the call, as he is a big favorite here and he has earned his laurels.

Cross has also come along better than his most ardent admirers had expected. There are so many lightweight claimants that it is hard to pick out the best man to meet Ritchie in an international contest. With Jimmy Willie may be matched up with Freddy Welsh, the British champion, for an eight round championship bout, and doing the "come back" stunt at New Orleans with Johnny Lore and Bud Anderson, and Knockout Brown sailing on the coast, besides Pat Brown, the Minnesota claimant, and Ray Temple International claimant, with Jimmie Ad Wolfart and Harlem Tommy Murphy, there should be some cracker-jack matches in sight. Any one of the above named are ready for a match with either Ritchie or Freddie Welsh.

George Enrie, manager of Frank Klaus, the Pittsburgh bearcat, who beat Billy Eppke recently in France, writes that Frank has all the makings of a match with the Illinois thunderbolt; in fact, that Billy never had a look in and that he was lucky to go as far as he did. George proclaims his man champion middleweight of the world, but he forgets that there are others in the race besides the Pittsburgher; for instance, Bob Moha, Eddie McGearty, Jack Dillon, Leo Houck, Jimmy Clark and now Gus Christie is advancing along the skirmish line.

Dillon, Moha and McGearty certainly have a right to figure in the race and if they make the weight what it should be, they are in a special class with class with anyone of them. Moha and Dillon are to meet in Milwaukee in 10 round main event, and with Moha in fine shape he will set an awful pace for the Hoosier champion, who is one of the real contenders for the title. A match may be made between the two later on, also between Moha and Papke or Papke and McGearty.

With the prospects bright for a meeting between Luther McCarty, the white champion heavyweight, and Gunboat Smith, the conqueror of Bombardier Welch, the interest among the heavyweights will be revived. For a time after the defeat of Welch at the hands of Gunboat soon caused it to dance out of their heads. Now it is back in operation, but when he is right a gain he will be all the more sought after for a meeting with the winner of the McCarty-Smith bout.

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