

## SPORT NEWS PAGE

THE NATIONAL LEAGUE RACE MAY BE  
HOT BATTLE BETWEEN CLUB PITCHERSSO SAYS M'GRAW  
OF THE GIANTS

Believes He Has Edge in  
This Respect—Nifnecker  
Surprises St. Paul.

WHEELER PRESENTED  
WITH CUFF LINKS

Local Players Show Appreciation—Peters Shines  
in Pegging.

(By Ben.)

John J. McGraw, leader of the Giants, declares that the present series with the Braves is the decisive one. If either team gets the edge, that team is likely to win the pennant. But, if the two engage with an even-break, it is, then, a battle of pitchers, he says.

Here is where McGraw thinks he has the advantage. O'Toole, he believes, has materially strengthened his regular hurling staff. Sullivan, the Giant leader declares, has just a trio of regular pitchers, and with a long list of double-headers to face, the Boston manager will have to weaken his team by sending in second-string men.

But McGraw is not claiming any rock-bound clinch. The fighting spirit of the Braves, directed by Evers and Stallings, is not to his liking. This spirit, more than anything, has carried the Boston team to the front, and will keep them there. And so McGraw, crafty baseball leader and pennant aspirant, is making the fight of his life to undermine it.

For this reason, he purchased O'Toole. He has several youngsters, among them Rube Schauer, who can hurl great ball, but they lack the experience. Matty and Marquand cannot do it all, so McGraw had to look for a seasoned man. O'Toole was available, and after once offering \$25,000, the New York manager got him for \$25,000—the major league bargain price.

McGraw believes O'Toole is a man after the Ames type. He thinks a change will do him good, just as it helped Ames. The publicity he got after being sold, handicapped O'Toole, but this has been overcome by Matty's disappointment. He has wanted to get away from the Athletics, so will work harder for McGraw.

McGraw also says that an injury or illness to the regular players might decide the race. If Evers is forced out of the lineup, Boston will get a telling blow. And Evers has stomach trouble. In his recent syndicated article, McGraw says he doesn't want Evers out, but, reading between the lines, one can see that the writer's split is more appealing than winning an "untainted" pennant.

"Bobby" Nifnecker got into action with St. Paul yesterday, and, according to meager reports, did exceptionally well. Nifnecker's showing is not surprising, for he is a player that develops more speed and ability when in faster company.

And, as a matter of fact, this is the acid test of a player. Many "stars" go up from the bushes each year, but the vast number of them prove flashes in the pan. They were just a little too fast for the majors, but not fast enough for the majors. They were going at their top speed, and unable to develop when they got up.

This is Nifnecker's case. He was the class of Northern league shortstops, but was not traveling at his greatest speed. When the occasion demanded, he showed greater ability. The harder the chance, the better Nifnecker liked it and the better he handled it.

This ability to develop better and faster playing under heavy fire is what will carry him through the association and into faster company.

Nifnecker is a great ball player, and has made his star "higher up." Grand Forks fans will follow his career with interest.

The Grand Forks baseball players to a man thought well of Eddie Wheeler, their genial manager.

As an expression of their esteem they presented him with a pair of diamond-studded cuff links.

The presentation was made at Winona after the last game. There were

no formalities, none of this just-a-week business. It was just a simple undertaking, the links being thrust in his hands while the men were riding to the hotel in a bus.

Wheeler and Flaherty saw Nifnecker and Peters make their American Association bow yesterday, and each snarks enthusiastically of their showing. "Nifnecker sure played one grand, little game at short," Wheeler said this morning. He took several exceptionally hard chances and made the St. Paul fans sit up. Peters wasn't in long enough to demonstrate his real ability, but, his pegging in practice kept them on edge. Both will make good, for, alongside of some of the association players, they looked like world's series performers.

"I would have given anything to see Peters stay in the game," said Flaherty. "Several times, with the bases full, James, the St. Paul catcher, came up, and, knowing what kind of a hitter he is, the pitcher walked him. They would have taken a chance on Peters, and he might have broken up the game. He showed them a few things in practice, though. "Bobby Nifnecker did great work at short. He accepted some sensational chances, got two hits, stole three bases, and otherwise kept things moving."

UNEVENTFUL RACE  
CARD YESTERDAY

Small Fields and few Thrills  
Offered at Hartford  
Meet.

Hartford, Conn., Sept. 9.—Small fields and races with few thrills offered at the second day of the Grand circuit meeting at Charter Oak park yesterday afternoon. All three events were stake races or \$2,000 purses, the Nutmeg or pacers going to King Coughman, driven by Tommy Murphy at five heats. King Coughman was beaten by Ratus in the first two heats because of bad behavior and the latter failed to make any opposition in the last two heats for the same reason.

The Acorn, 2:24 trot for three-year olds was won in hollow fashion by Airdale, none of the other entries being able to push her hard.

The best race of the day developed in the second heat of the Elmwood, 2:12 trot when Brighton B nosed out Marta Bellini in a stiff drive down the stretch, the effort forcing Dickinson to withdraw the brown gelding after which Murphy had no trouble winning off Harry J. S. The summary:

The Nutmeg 2:10 Pace, 3 in 5  
Purse \$2,000.

King Coughman (Murphy) 3 2 1 1  
Ratus (McDonald) 1 1 2 3 3  
T. C. S. (Car) 2 3 3 2 2  
Walnut Grove (Ruthven) 4 4 dr.

Time: 2:08 3-4, 2:07, 2:07 1-4, 2:04, 2:11 1-2.

The Acorn, 2:24 trot, for 3-year-olds, best 2 in 3, purse \$2,000:

Airdale (McDonald) 1 1  
Prize Cochato (Marsh) 2 2  
Bony Sester (Crozier) 3 3  
Teddon (Dickerson) 4 4  
Kathryn Colette (Egan) 5 dr.

Time: 2:13 3-4, 2:13 1-2.

The Elmwood 2:12 trot, best three in five, purse \$2,000.

Brighton B (Murphy) 2 1 1  
Harry J. S. (Andrews) 3 2 2  
Marta Bellini (Dickinson) 1 2 dr.

Time: 2:08 1-2, 2:09 3-4, 2:11, 2:12 1-2.

WOLVERINES REPORT  
FOR FIRST PRACTICE

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 9.—The training season for the 1914 Wolverine gridiron team was tried open in earnest yesterday when seventeen husky athletes reported at athletic association headquarters ready for the initial drill this morning. "Big game" Edmunds, head coach at Washington university in St. Louis, Mo., arrived in Ann Arbor with his assistant, Harry Thomas, ready to assist Yost during the first week of drill.

Captain James Raynesford headed the big squad of athletes who applied to the official for equipment. He and Martin Galt of Ann Arbor were the only two "M" men to show up today, but a large squad of veterans is due in today.

Yesterday's consignment of candidates consisted chiefly of graduates from the 1913 freshmen among them being Maule Dunne, son of Governor Edward F. Dunne of Illinois. Others were Niemann, Spaw, Staats, Vroman, Millard, Mead, Graven, Skinner, Selger, Cohn, Morse, Roehm, Finkbeiner and Huebel.

A magazine writer says: "To love a widow is a liberal education for any man." Yes, but a little learning is a dangerous thing.

MICHAEL GIBBONS PREFERS TO TOAST  
HIS FEET IN FRONT OF FAMILY FIRE

Those engaged in the boxing profession are, to a man, too often and too readily condemned for their mercenary proclivities. True, the game is conducted purely on a commercial basis, but once in a long while there appears a fighter who dons the gloves solely for the physical benefit to be derived therefrom.

He is a man who ranks high—exceedingly high—in the resin game. He is acknowledged the peer of pugilists in two divisions. In fact, he is rated the cleverest boxer in the game today, for he is none other than Michael Gibbons, affectionately termed the St. Paul "wizard," "ghost," "phantom" and other things of the mystic realm. It undoubtedly comes as a surprise to be informed that Mike Gibbons is a widow. For the money he can extract from the gullible public by exhibiting a pair of pad-encased gloves in the ring. Nevertheless Gibbons has shown that he is not a "money fighter." That probably accounts for his many months of passiveness during the year.

Loss of Battler. Gibbons is such a classy performer that he can get engagements as often as once a week, year in and year out. He can command sums of \$1,000 to \$10,000 a fight, according to the prowess of his opponent. Yet he does not engage in more than half a dozen fights during the season.

It was not until the other day that Gibbons revealed his true sentiments

EDDIE WHEELER  
IN CITY TODAY

Leaves Tonight for South  
Bend—Flaherty to Hunt  
in the Rockies.

OTHERS PREPARE TO  
TAKE UP NEW WORK

What a Few of Flickertails  
do to Keep Cash Box  
Filled in Winter.

Manager Eddie Wheeler and Patrick Flaherty returned this morning from St. Paul, where yesterday they saw Nifnecker and Peters make their debut in American Association company. Both speak very highly of their former team-mates' work. Wheeler will leave tonight for South Bend, Ind., where he will resume his winter duties. Mrs. Wheeler, who has been spending the past month at Mackinac Island, will join him in South Bend.

Flaherty will spend the next couple of days here, after which he will leave for the Rocky Mountains to enjoy a long hunting trip. Flaherty is a big-game sportsman, and spends much of the winter in the Rockies. He will visit his mother who resides in the west. Flaherty's home is at Lough, W. Va.

When Nifnecker finishes the St. Paul season he will go to his home at Chicago, where he is connected with the Marshall-Fields company. Mark Freer, whose home is at Blue Earth, Minn., will hibernate in St. Paul. Freer is connected with the Minnesota club.

Ray Anderson, the fast first baseman, also resides in Chicago. Anderson is a stenographer and clerk, and last year attended university.

Frank McGraw, the centerfielder, resides in Duluth. McGraw is a steamfitter and has returned to the head of the lakes to resume his duties.

Mike Sampson, one of the backstops, resides at Elmwood, Ill. In the winter Sampson throws mail on a train. Thomas Kornahat, the youthful recruit hurler, is another Chicago product. Kornahat attends Notre Dame university.

Lawrence Davis, who was with the locals for a short time this summer, resides at Mishawaka, Ind. Davis also is a student.

Bill Snodgrass, one of the hurlers, will winter at Duluth. Snow is a lineman and will ply his trade in Duluth.

Eddie Carrigan, who replaced Dutch Altman in left field, resides in Sacramento, Cal. Carrigan is a horticulturist when not playing baseball. He and "Rube" Foster have played baseball together and came to the northwest together.

Donley, who was sold to St. Paul, resides in Brooklyn, N. Y., and will winter there. Larson and Peters each will return home to accept positions that have been offered them.

Paul Morse, who "jumped" the locals during the summer, still is on the Flickertail reserve list.

## HOUSTON BAGS TEXAS FLAG.

Waco Makes Protest and May Secure Pennant.

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 9.—Houston won one game and Waco two in the closing games of the Texas league season, the pennant going to Houston by half a game, according to unofficial records. Waco, however, has protested two games Houston won. If the protest is allowed Waco will be the pennant winner.

## PLAN TRICKEY MEMORIAL.

Iowa to Honor Former Football Team Star.

Iowa City, Iowa, Sept. 9.—"Jim" Trickey, all-american and second all-american tackle in 1913, will be remembered by the students and alumni of the University of Iowa by a \$10,000 club house on Iowa field. The clubhouse will be devoted to the variety team exclusively and will be given over to visiting teams when they come here. Trickey was one of the most popular athletes who ever played here. He died suddenly last winter of peritonitis.

## FEDS MAKE OFFER.

Chicago, Sept. 9.—The Chicago Federals have made an offer to Grover Loundermilk and Hank Severid, the pitcher and catcher sold by the Louisville Association to the St. Louis Americans, according to a dispatch from Indianapolis. The players have not accepted, but are considering the offer, says the story.

## POINTS TO MURDER.

Minot, N. D., Sept. 9.—Officials believe that C. A. Sundvall, who was run down by a Line express train near here, was killed by robbers before his body was struck by the train. Sundvall, a Great Northern forester for this section, had left his home with a big sum of money on his person. When his body was found there was no money upon it. The theory of accidental death seems quite discredited from every viewpoint.



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## BASEBALL

## National League

First Game. R. H. E.  
Philadelphia 10 13 5  
Boston 3 7 2  
Batteries: Philadelphia, Alexander and Killifer; Cochran, Center, Strand and Gowdy, Whaling.

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Philadelphia 9 10 2  
At Boston 3 6 6  
Batteries: Brooklyn, Pfeffer and McCarty; New York, O'Toole and McLean.

CHICAGO 1 4 2  
At PITTSBURG 5 5 0  
Batteries: Chicago, Cheney and Archer; Pittsburgh, McQuillan and Coleman.

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## American League

BOSTON 2 6 2  
At PHILADELPHIA 0 5 2  
Batteries: Boston, Collins and Carikan; Philadelphia, Plank and Schang.

NEW YORK 0 2 2  
At WASHINGTON 1 6 0  
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Scouts Comb Bushes for Talent and  
Declare They Have Found Young Stars.

(By Hugh S. Fullerton.) Detroit has grabbed Benn Kerr of Memphis, said to be one of the best pitchers the Southern has turned out in some time.

Detroit seems to have been the most active in all fields. They beat the ers to "Pep" Young, the sensational second baseman of the Sacramento team and paid a big price for Fred McMullen who has been setting the bushes afire up in the northwest as third baseman for Tacoma.

The Feds are active in proselyting in the minors. They seized upon the Indiana Bluejackets, grabbed Kirby, one of the sensations of the Southern, and now Tinker has raided the colleges and secured Pitcher Blackburne, of the University of Chicago, and two others.

I had the opportunity to go over the situation with two veteran scouts who happened to land in Chicago in one day. We looked over the leagues, one by one. Here is what they say of the major league caliber of players in the minors; giving the number of men they think good enough to stick if they come up either by purchase or draft:

International 6, American Association 5, South Michigan 5, South Atlantic 3, Southern 7, Pacific Coast 3, Northwestern 5, Western 4, Central 3, Eastern 4, Three I 3, New England 6, New York State 3, Texas 6, Tri-State 2, Appalachian 2, Ohio State 3, Canadian 4.

Kansas City 3 9 0  
St. Paul 4 14 2  
Batteries: St. Paul, Adams and Peters, James.

Split Double Card. Cleveland, Sept. 9.—Columbus won the first and Cleveland the second of a double header, errors playing an important part in each contest.

First game—R. H. E.  
Columbus 4 5 1  
Cleveland 3 6 2  
Green and Smith; George and Frank Stayton.

Game Postponed. The Louisville-Indianapolis game was postponed on account of rain.

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