

Pirates Prove Classic Team in Heydler Loop

Manager McKechnie Rotates Successfully With Five Hurlers—Yde Is Outstanding Sensation.

By THOMAS L. CUMMISKEY. EVY York, Aug. 17. The cry in the National League that has been heard so long, who is going to stop the Pirates?

Outside of New York, there is jubilation. The outside clubs appear to have little chance of winning the pennant. And it's no secret that a victory for the Pirates rather than the Giants would be all to the money with all but New Yorkers.

A little over a week ago, the National League didn't have a race. It looked like a walkway for the Giants with a lead of 10 games. Now, mainly through the Pirates gaining four quick falls on the Giants, the men of McGraw are only leading by the comparatively inconsiderate total of three games.

There's lots of room for the assertion that the Pirates have been proving themselves a better team than the Giants. On the run of the season, they have licked the Giants 13 times and fallen but six times before the National League champions.

Manager McKechnie has been rotating very successfully five hurlers—Cooper, Yde, Kremer, Meadows and Morrison. He has Jeff Pfeffer and young Stone in reserve, using the latter for "undulating" jobs, which have been rare.

Yde won eight games before being beaten for the first time in the majors by Brooklyn. He is an outstanding sensation and is believed by some critics as due to being the greatest southpaw in the business. Cooper and Meadows have never been better in their long careers. Kremer has

hurled brilliantly all season, while Morrison, expected to be the big star, is now coming around finely. The Pirates, usually a strong hitting team, are not batting as well, being fifth in the league with .282, but they have been picking up smartly and timely. Smacking has been big factor in their speedy ascent.

Defensively, there seems hardly anything to be desired. And as for speed—they have shown the way to every club in the majors with 124 on recent statistics. Piffing is nothing if not important. They've worked the double steal to perfection, making the Giants look silly several times in trying to stop it. The Giants have only stolen 50 safeties—nothing at all compared to the Pirates.

The hitting of Hazen Cuyler, who can wallop them afar or place them niftily, has been one of the luminous features of the Pirates' work. Another player who has helped the Pirates greatly is Earl Smith, the catcher, who was a thorn with McGraw and not much more popular with the Braves. This rough-and-ready son of Ozarks has been catching the best game of his career with the Pirates, and was good enough to take the job away from Walter Schmidt and Johnny Gooch, two of the best.

However, it must be said that all the Pirates are pulling together and doing mightily. It would be an injustice, however, not to mention the veterans, Max Carey and "Rabbit" Maranville, and young "Pie" Traynor as other leading lights. The Pirates' climb has made a terrific hit with the magnates. The terrific race between the Yankees, Tigers and Senators in the American League, with the Browns spurring now and then, had the fans all hopped up.

Mead is anxious to match Britton with Morris Schaefer of Omaha. Major League Review. New York, Aug. 17.—The week's major league totals of games won and lost, runs, hits, errors, openings runs and home runs, including Saturday's games, follow:

Table with columns for League, Team, W, L, R, H, E, O, R, HR. Includes American League and National League data.

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WITH each running a risk of being relieved of his title, three world's pugilist champions will meet worthy foes to feature this week's program of fistic entertainment in the United States.

Harry Greb, midweight king, will try conclusions with Tiger Flowers, a negro, rated as the champion of the south in his division, at Fremont, O.; "Kid" Sullivan, junior lightweight title holder, will box "Pepper" Martin in New York; and Pancho Villa, flyweight champion, will clash with "Kid" Carlin in New Orleans, the home city of the latter, who is rated there as the coming king of the mites.

Another interesting bout on the list brings Georges Carpentier, fallen boxing idol of France, into a ring with Jimmy Slattery in Buffalo—likely the last stage of the orchild man before he returns to his native country to retire from the humped enclosure. Of the three champions who are to swing into action, the one who seems to be in most danger of being knocked under his crown, is "Kid" Sullivan. This veteran of many years of campaigning in the squared circle took the crown from Johnny Dundee a short time ago, surprising the entire boxing world. For years the Italian boy from the Gowanus section of Brooklyn was rated a good semi-finalist but never had prominent as a main event performer. He was too old to improve, but he entered the ring in perfect condition against the "Scotch wop" and surprised even his own backers by beating Dundee by a safe margin at the end of 15 torrid rounds.

So far out of the main event class was Sullivan that his name had never appeared in a record book. He was in the great herd of good scrappers who never attained enough prominence to attract much attention. But

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