

Law of Averages Looms as New York Giants' Greatest Stumbling Block

No Team Has Won Five Flags in Succession

McGraw Retains Club's Reserve Infield Strength Built Up in Last Two Champion Campaigns.

By NORMAN E. BROWN.
A. R. A. S. O. T. A., Fla., March 23.—It's natural that the query a sport writer should hear a dozen times a day down here is "What do you think of the chances of this team or that team or individual players?" And the query in this fair city is, "Will the Giants repeat?"

After looking over McGraw's team for a second time my feeling is that the law of averages is the main stumbling block in their row to their fifth National league pennant. The club retained the reserve infield strength it built up in the last two campaigns. It has added reserve batting strength, needed at times last season and the pitching staff has been strengthened. This year is not going to deal with the comparative amount of strength added by the various clubs. Suffice it to say the Giants, who were too good for the other seven clubs last season, have strengthened their weak spots. Only the season will tell how that added strength is to help them. The same holds true of the other clubs.

But the law of averages is against McGraw. No club has ever won five straight pennants. Only two clubs in the history of the game have won four straight. Boston won that number in a row in the old National association, St. Louis performed the feat in the old American association.

Few managers have even flirted with three straight flags. Connie Mack has never won three. Miller Huggins made the grade only to fall at the barrier when he tried to make it four straight. The law of averages was against McGraw when he won his fourth. It seems almost impossible that he can repeat that feat again—hold the league in check for five gaudy campaigns.

Yet why shouldn't he? The Pittsburgh Pirates loom once more just as they always have—pennant possibilities. But it is the history of the last four years that they have looked the part when it was needed. The Cubs have had Wrigley millions behind them in past years in their frantic efforts to halt the McGraw machine. This year they have been hit hard by the injury to Rabbit Maranville. And so it goes through the list of contenders.

At a moment's notice—
This team in which McGraw is counted for the drive to hold his throne presents something new in baseball. Usually a team is at the peak of its play when it wins its first pennant. The very next season sees one or more of the main cogs in that machine crumbling under the pace. Teams repeat, though, because the machine as a whole clings together. They carry on under the impetus of the first campaign. Then the machine cracks. That is the history of the game.

McGraw, however, has carried spare parts all through the four years past. He finds himself now with a "young" ball club—a club built under the stress of pennant play. The young team of today is formed of men he threw into the breach in seasons past to stem the tide of defeat.

Frankie Frisch, Travis Parkson, Freddie Lindstrom, Bill Terry, Rosy Ryan, Jack Bentley, Lew Wilson, Virgil Barnes. These men stepped in when his outfield, his infield or his pitching umbleb and cracked. Now they have become integral parts of his machine.

Plan Cue Tourney.
New York, March 23.—The National association of amateur billiard players, at its annual meeting here last night took steps for conducting an international tournament next year, probably in Philadelphia in February or March.
Officers were re-elected.

With TWO PUGS.
Phoenix, Ariz., March 23.—Ira O'Neal, Phoenix negro middleweight, won decision over Tom Franche, Los Angeles negro, in an eight-round bout here tonight. Franche, Nelson G. Menzies, was given the decision over Louis Garcia, Los Angeles lightweight, after eight rounds of fast milling.
Holyoke, Mass., March 23.—Russell Leroy, Fargo, D. T., defeated Francis Ross, Holyoke, in a ten-round bout here tonight. Leroy was outclassed by the shiftier Ross and managed to stay the limit through running and holding tactics.
Detroit, March 23.—"Plinky" Mitchell, Milwaukee welterweight, was defeated in the sixth round of a fight with "Red" Herrington of Guilford, Miss. here when after repeated warnings he failed to fight clean in the clinch. In the sixth round Mitchell ordered the men to break. Herrington dropped his arms to his side. Mitchell caught him on the end of the chin with an uppercut, knocking him cold. Mitchell promptly stopped Red Mitchell and awarded the fight to Herrington.
Boston, March 23.—Judith Lee was defeated shortly after the Red Sox in New Orleans yesterday. Back in his regular position after being out of favor for some time at the training camp Lee had a fine exhibition of fielding.

Amateur Leagues Await Sound of "Play Ball" April 26

Can McGraw Prove Different to Judge?



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STANDARD OIL CO. LEAGUE.				KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS LEAGUE (Dr.)				CARPENTER PAPER CO. LEAGUE.			
Team Standings.				Team Standings.				Team Standings.			
Diesels	48	27	549	Mochoel	31	612	Mosier	48	27	549	
Florida	49	26	534	Hubalns	49	26	549	Better Milk	48	27	549
Boys Factory	49	26	534	Rayley	49	26	549	Fernam Allen	48	27	549
Asphalt	49	26	534	Robn	49	26	549	St. Smith	48	27	549
Stanolena	49	26	534	Dargawaski	49	26	549	Western Union	48	27	549
Red Crow	49	26	534	Cogan	49	26	549	Individual Averages.	Winn	100	100
Polaris	49	26	534	Individual Averages.	Winn	100	100	Winn	100	100	
Individual Averages.	Winn	100	100	E. Milos	100	100	100	Winn	100	100	
Winn	100	100	100	E. Mehek	100	100	100	Winn	100	100	
Winn	100	100	100	E. L. Lohr	100	100	100	Winn	100	100	
Winn	100	100	100	E. Hoemer	100	100	100	Winn	100	100	
Winn	100	100	100	C. Burke	100	100	100	Winn	100	100	

Many New Marks Looked for in Kansas Relays

Jayhawk Meet to Offer Star Athletes Opportunity to Show Stuff Against Large Field.

Lawrence, Kan., March 23.—Another outdoor season of pre-arranging track and field performances is forecast by the numerous indoor records that were smashed in all of the big meets of the winter. From two to a half dozen meet records went by the boards in each of the middle western meets, and this despite the fact that many set last year were unusually good due to the incentive of training to make the United States Olympic team.

The third annual University of Kansas relays will offer star athletes of the middle west their first opportunity to show their stuff against a widely representative field of athletes and to prove that many new meet marks will be set up.

Last year 18 new meet records were established for the Kansas games and some were of such class that they may remain safe this year.

The Texas university medley team set a new world and American outdoor record in the mile and seven eighth mile relay at 7 minutes, 35.2 seconds last year at the Kansas relays. The Texas also won the same race the year before, so will be back again this spring to try for a third victory. Iowa university is also a two-time winner at the Kansas relays in the mile relay and holds the record at 3 minutes, 22.6 seconds. The Hawkeyes will be here April 13 to again defend their laurels.

Field events exhibit strong competition again this year and even the mark of 13 feet, 1.2 inch, set by McKown at the Kansas relays last year, seems likely to fall at his own hands. Harinton of Notre Dame, Nunsley of Illinois, Kreiger of Wisconsin and Potts of Oklahoma, Wisconsin of Nebraska and Dally of Drake all appear to have an excellent chance to push McKown for honors.

The Kansas high jump record is held by Lee of Kansas at 6 feet, 4 inches. Both Poor and his teammate, Graham, have won the high jump this winter in several meets by a tie at 6 feet, 3.12 inches so the two Jayhawk jumpers seem to be among the leading jumpers of the country.

McKown, winner of the western conference high jump and second in the Illinois relays, stands a good chance to take the Kansas pair into camp, and it is probable that several of the schools entered will produce dark horse jumpers to get into the placing.

MURPHYS WILL PRACTICE SUNDAY

The Murphy Dids' amateur baseball team, Omaha champions, will hold their first practice at Creighton field Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. "Big" Mahoney, manager of the champs, reports that all who wish to tryout with the Murphys be on the field tomorrow.

TRAINING CAMP NEWS

Tarpon Springs, Fla., March 23.—Manager Mahoney of the Omaha baseball team announced the release of four players who are scheduled to leave for Omaha tomorrow. They are: Earl Smith, outfielder; Earl Smith, outfielder; Earl Smith, outfielder; Earl Smith, outfielder.

Trophies, Medals Galore to Be Awarded Athletes Competing in Drake Relays

DES MOINES, Ia., March 23.—Athletes competing in the 16th annual Drake university relay meet here, April 24-25, will receive trophies and medals worth several thousand dollars for winning efforts.

K. L. Wilson, athletic director at Drake, today announced that a handsome silver team trophy will be awarded to each institution winning a relay race, and gold medals will be given to men running on winning teams. Gold-filled medals will be given to athletes on teams finishing second, sterling silver medals to those finishing third, and bronze medals to those coming fourth at the top.

In the special events scheduled, a gold watch will be given to the winner of each event, a gold medal to the man placing second, a silver medal to the one getting third place and a bronze medal to the athlete placing fourth.

In addition to a team trophy to be given to each institution winning a relay in the university section, beautiful challenge trophies will be given to the winners of the 440-yard, half mile, mile, two-mile and four-mile relay races in this section.

Director Wilson also announced the complete schedule of events today, as follows:
Special events: 100-yard dash, 120-yard high hurdles, high jump, 220-yard dash, pole vault, 15-pound shot put, discus throw, javelin throw, long-step and jump. University section relay events: 440 yards, half mile, mile, two-mile and four-mile.
College section relay events: Half mile, mile, two-mile, three-mile, four-mile, five-mile, six-mile, seven-mile, eight-mile, nine-mile, ten-mile, eleven-mile, twelve-mile, thirteen-mile, fourteen-mile, fifteen-mile, sixteen-mile, seventeen-mile, eighteen-mile, nineteen-mile, twenty-mile, twenty-one-mile, twenty-two-mile, twenty-three-mile, twenty-four-mile, twenty-five-mile, twenty-six-mile, twenty-seven-mile, twenty-eight-mile, twenty-nine-mile, thirty-mile.

Beaumont Trims Jackrabbit Track Buffaloes, 12-4

BEAUMONT, Tex., March 22.—Beaumont slugged Smith and Adams for 17 hits, totaling 23 bases and took advantage of five misplays afield to take the first of a three-game series here today, 12 to 4. And while Leach, Osborne and Mitchell were crashing out there procession of safeties, Larry Pinto, sent here this year by the Phillies, was setting down the Weasler on league clumps regularly, giving up but six hits in as many innings and but one run. The Exporters, Beaumont's Texas league entry, appeared well at home in their own park and fielded flawlessly, frequently necessary, as seven passes and nine safeties put many Buffaloes aboard the sacks.

OMAHA.	A. B. R.	H. P. O. A. E.			
Monroe	2	1	0	4	2
O'Neil	3	1	0	0	0
Robinson	5	1	0	0	0
King	4	0	1	3	0
Grimes	4	0	0	0	0
Carroll	3	0	1	0	3
Adams	1	0	0	0	0
Wilder	1	0	0	0	0
Smith	1	0	0	0	0
Adams	1	0	0	0	0
Swartz	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	2	13	5

CAMBRIDGE CREW BEATS OXFORD

Putney On Thames, England, March 23.—Cambridge won its annual boat race with its rival, Oxford, on the historic Thames river this afternoon. It was the 80th meeting of the two crews.
Oxford was virtually out of the race when Cambridge passed the three-mile mark. At that time Oxford had not appeared at the two-and-a-half-mile post.
It was an easy victory for the light blue oarsmen. After jumping away to a half boat length lead at the start, they steadily pulled away from the Oxford crew.
Oxford was out of the running after the second mile and the Cambridge crew finished the last mile paddling in easy fashion.

KENNEL CLUB WILL MEET SOON

Owing to the fact that several officers of the Nebraska Kennel club were absent from the city this week, an annual meeting of the club has been postponed to Friday evening, April 10. The meeting will be held at the Chamber of Commerce at 8 p. m. Officers and directors to succeed those whose terms expired will be elected and a report on the activities of the club will be submitted.

NEBRASKA RIFLE TEAM WINNER

Kingston, R. I., March 23.—The rifle teams of Wisconsin, Nebraska and Tennessee scored victories over Rhode Island State college in matches shot last week, according to scores made public here. Wisconsin won, 3,746 to 3,573; Nebraska won, 3,381 to 3,375, and Tennessee won, 3,353 to 3,370.

Rain Halts Game.

Cleveland, O., March 21.—Rain today deprived the Cleveland Indians of playing Milwaukee in what was scheduled as the final game at Lake land.
Washington, March 23.—Manager Harter today announced that the batting eye of the Glensia with every victory over the Glensia. Harter said the team today at Tampa, in an effort to win the series, will have a batting eye on the Glensia with every victory over the Glensia. Harter said the team today at Tampa, in an effort to win the series, will have a batting eye on the Glensia with every victory over the Glensia.

Prospects for Large Season Appear Bright

Majority of Munny Loops Ready for Opening Game—Two Saturday Loops Organize.

MATEUR baseball, in the parlance of the racetrack, is galloping towards the starting line. In just four weeks to the day the amateurs will patiently be awaiting the hour on which the barrier will be sprung.
Prospects for a big season loom up like a harefoot boy clad in overalls on his way to the soda fountain. Just what the amateur season holds in store for the coming months remains to be seen.

So far much headway has been made by the Sunday leagues and the two commercial Saturday leagues—the Industrial and the Greater Omaha. The two Saturday loops are ready as far as the organization of the circuits is concerned.

The Metropolitan league, fastest of the amateur leagues, is all set with but one exception, and that is in the passing on the eligibility of players. This will be done at the loop's meeting on Monday, April 12.

American league, a Sunday outfit, will meet this week and finish up several matters which are of small importance, with the exception of the Metropolitan, which can boast of a membership of eight teams.

Organization of the Gate City and Southern leagues is completed. Schedules have been drawn up and the managers are busy buying themselves lining up pennant-winning combinations. Both of these loops will hold other meetings before the opening of the season.

The Junior Omaha league, composed of youngsters all under 18, was easily filled at a meeting of the league held last week. A schedule was drawn up and the teams are anxiously awaiting the opening gong. The Intercity Junior loop, the other youngster affair, has not met with the same success that the sister outfit has. So far only three teams have applied for franchises.

The Church and Sunday school leagues are a little late in organizing, due to the fact that the loops underwent a thorough reorganization. Final preparations for the season will be made at meetings to be held this week.

Happy Hollow After "Pro"

APPLICATIONS for the position as golf professional at the new Happy Hollow 27-hole course are in order.

With the announcement last Wednesday that "Billy" Wotherspoon, for three years "pro" at Happy Hollow, had accepted a similar position as professional at the Hillcrest Country club, Kansas City, Happy Hollow club officials have started casting about for a new golf instructor.

Wotherspoon expects to leave Omaha next week for his new post. The Happy Hollow club expects to make an announcement soon in regards to the new professional.

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Chicago, March 23.—Galaxy, which struck the Chicago Cubs two weeks ago when Rabbit Maranville was out, has scored off them again. Yesterday Galaxy's pitcher, Ed Egan, gave up a center fielder, broke his collar bone. He will not be able to play again until the middle of May.

The casualty occurred when the outfielder was struck in the chest by a line drive from the pitcher. Egan was hit in the chest by a line drive from the pitcher. Egan was hit in the chest by a line drive from the pitcher.

Cincinnati, March 23.—A freak home run by Captain Eddie Ross featured the 15 to 1 victory of the Cincinnati Nationals over leading of the International League at Lexington yesterday. It was a terrific drive to right field, where the ball struck a lightning gate and forced it wide open. As the ball dropped outside the playing field it became a homer.

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