McGraw Says Slump of Giants and Yanks Is Good Thing for Major League Baseball Races

Interest Swells Among Western Fans and Teams

Predictions of a Walkaway Race Have Disappeared Since Other Teams Have Come Up.

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NEW YORK, June 23.—As we were winding up the recent western tour, two St. Louis fans passed our hotel and looked over their shoulders at several players sitting in the court yard.

"Well, I reck'n them New York clubs aint so cocky now," I overheard one of them say, "the west sure took a fall out of them this time. Where do folks get that stuff about them running away with the pennant?"

And, though he may never realize it, that fellow came pretty near expressing my sentiments to a dot.

The slumps of the two leaders, while unpleasant to me and probably Miller Huggins, turned out a very good thing for the game in general. Renewed interest in the two major league races was noticeable in almost every city. Our club, even in the midst of its slump, broke week-day records for crowds in Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and St. Louis. But for bad weather it would have done so in Chicago. Fans all over the country like to see a leader smashed and they love it twice as much if that leader happens to be New York.

No Walk-Aaway Race.

But more important to baseball than that was the proof that there can be no such thing as a run-away race. In this day and time the teams are too well balanced and the players too nearly the same in individual ability for a walkover to be possible.

A month ago they were saying the Giants would have the pennant cinched by the 4th of July. The same was said of the Yanks. It is different now. In Cincinnati a well known expert is now saying: "If the pitching staff of the Giants does not improve I don't see how it is possible for them to win. The new rule which prevents any more trades this season may knock New York out of a pennant."

As a matter of fact, I do not believe that rule will have any serious effect one way or the other. Any team that has a player worth while is not going to turn him loose now. All the clubs are making money and there is no incentive to sell. None of them would trade, anyway, unless they thought they were getting the best of it.

Yanks Better Favored.

We'll go right along as we are, and I think we will win, but we are not going to do it without a tough fight. The Yanks, I believe, have even a better mathematical chance than the Giants. Their opposition is not so strong. When Detroit failed to develop the expected punch, the Yanks had and will have pretty clear sailing. I do not believe the Athletics or Cleveland will seriously challenge them. "How do you account for the great spurt by Cleveland," I was asked upon my arrival in New York.

"They will not cause the Yanks a lot of trouble," I replied. Tris Speaker's team simply caught several of the best pitchers of the Athletics, Yanks and other clubs out of kilter and took advantage of it. That was not their natural punch and nobody appreciates that more than Speaker. His great leadership alone kept that club ahead of its speed."

Slumps Have Effect.

The slumps, though, had a most salutary effect upon the players. For weeks I had been warning my club to watch out for just such a thing and not to be overconfident; that they would have to fight every inch of the way. It happens nearly every year one of those slumps—and I am glad that it came so soon. The players now believe what I told them. Last year, for instance, we went west and won but four games out of 13. After that the fighting spirit stiffened and our club waded through. No, there are no cinches in baseball. If the relative strength could be calculated with exactness baseball would lose its main interest. Nobody can anticipate the human element and that is what largely affects the races.

The strongest club I have seen so far is Pittsburgh. That is the club the Giants will have to beat. The Reds are full of fight and have a wonderful team spirit. They lack the punch of the Pirates, though. The Cincinnati pitchers, like those of St. Louis, have been working steadily and effectively. That is the answer to their stiff opposition. The Reds have the greatest fielding outfield in baseball and that added to the pitching strength accounts for their wonderful defense. In my opinion, though, they lack the hitting punch to drive them through.

It is difficult to point out the main opposition to the Yanks. That is why I look to see them easily win the race when it gets in the home stretch. Ninty per cent of the fans seem to think that the Athletics will be the dangerous contenders. I cannot quite agree with that. Connie Mack has a great young team there and it has the winning spirit, but I doubt if it is yet moulded together solidly enough to be a champion. The Athletics are a young team and there is always an element of uncertainty in club which lacks lots of seasoning under fire.

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Pigeon Race.

Midland, Ont., June 23.—More than 600 homing pigeons were released today for the international pigeon race. The birds will race to their home lofts in various parts of the United States and Canada, prizes being awarded those making the greatest speed.

Galaxy of Track and Field Stars to Perform at Ak Field Saturday

Dodgers Break Even in Double Bill With Phila

Brooklyn Rallies After Ruether Experiences One Bad Inning.

Brooklyn June 23.—Brooklyn broke even in a double-header with Philadelphia today, winning the first game, 11 to 5, and losing the second, 5 to 2. Ruether had one bad inning in the first game, the fourth, when the visitors scored four runs. The Dodgers started a rally, knocking both Glazner and Ring out. The Phillies gained a three-run lead in the first inning of the second game and never relinquished it.

Score:

PHILADELPHIA.	AB.	H.	O.	A.	BROOKLYN.	AB.	H.	O.	A.
Mok'n, cf	3	0	5	0	Nels, cf	5	1	0	
Sand, ss	4	0	4	5	John'n, ss	3	1	4	5
xLeach	1	0	0	0	Wh't, lf	4	2	2	0
Wal'r, rf	5	2	2	0	Four'r, 1b	4	2	10	0
Tiern'y, 2b	3	2	5	5	T. G'h, rf	5	2	2	0
Lee, lf	4	1	0	0	Taylor, c	4	2	5	2
Henline, c	4	2	1	1	High, 3b	3	0	1	2
Holke, 1b	4	1	7	1	Olson, 2b	4	1	2	2
Rapp, 3b	2	0	0	1	Ruet'r, p	3	1	0	1
Gla'r, p	3	1	0	1	zBailey	0	0	0	0
Ring, p	0	0	0	0	Smith, p	1	1	0	0
Hubbell, p	0	0	0	0					
xWr'e	1	0	0	0	Totals	36	13	27	12
Totals	34	9	24	14					

xBatted for Sand in 9th.
xBatted for Hubbell in 9th.
zRan for Ruether in 7th.

Score by innings:

Philadelphia	000 400 100— 5
Brooklyn	020 000 54x—11

Summary—Runs: Walker, Tierney, Lee, Rapp, Glazner, Neis (2), Johnston, Wheat (2), Fournier (2), T. Griffith, Olson, Bailey, Smith. Errors: Walker, Rapp, Johnston, T. Griffith. Two-base hits: Taylor. Three-base hits: Glazner, Wheat. Home run: Fournier. Sacrifice hit: Mokan. Double plays: Sand to Tierney to Holke; Johnson to Fournier. Left on bases: Philadelphia, 6; Brooklyn, 6. Bases on balls: Off Glazner, 4; off Ruether, 2. Hits: Off Glazner, 7 in 6 innings, none one in seventh; off Hubbell, 3 in 1 1-3 inning; off Smith, 2 in 2 innings; off Ring, 3 in 2-3 inning; off Ruether, 7 in 7 innings. Hit by pitcher: By Glazner (Fournier); by Smith (Mokan.) Winning pitcher: Ruether. Losing pitcher: Glazner. Umpires: Quigley and Pfirman. Time: 1:55.

Second game:

PHIADELPHIA.	AB.	H.	O.	A.	BROOKLYN.	AB.	H.	O.	A.
Mokan, cf	5	3	2	0	Nels, cf	5	1	2	1
W'ts'e, ss	5	2	2	0	John'ton, ss	4	0	3	1
Walker, rf	4	0	3	0	Wheat, lf	4	1	0	1
Tierney, 2b	3	2	3	6	F'rnier, 1b	1	0	13	2
Leach, lf	4	2	1	0	T'G'rith, rf	3	1	2	1
Lee, lf	1	0	1	0	Deberry, c	3	0	3	0
Wilson, c	4	1	4	0	High, 3b	3	3	4	6
Holke, 1b	4	0	11	0	Olson, 2b	3	0	0	5
Rapp, 3b	4	1	0	2	Decatur, p	2	0	0	1
Ring, p	4	2	0	0	Dick'man, p	2	0	0	1
					zBailey	0	0	0	0
Totals	38	13	27	14	Schreiber, p	0	0	0	0
					Henry, p	0	0	0	0
					zBGrifith	1	0	0	0
					Totals	31	6	27	19

zBatted for Dickerman in seventh.
zBatted for Henry in ninth.

Score by innings:

Philadelphia	210 000 010—5
Brooklyn	000 010 001—2

Summary—Runs: Mokan, Walker, Tierney (2), Ring, Neis, High. Error: Tierney. Two-base hits: Tierney, Leach, Wilson, Ring, High. Three-base hits: Neis, High. Stolen bases: Mokan, Leach. Sacrifice hits: Olson. Double plays: Wrightstone to Tierney to Holke; Griffith to Olson to Johnston; High to Fournier to High; Tierney to Wrightstone to Holke. Left on bases: Philadelphia, 9; Brooklyn, 8. Bases on bal.s: Off Decatur, 1; off Dickerman, 1; off Henry, 1; off Ring, 5. Struck out: By Decatur, 1; by Dickerman, 2; by Ring, 2. Hits: Off Decatur, 6 in 1 1-3 innings; off Dickerman, 3 in 2-3 innings; off Schreiber, 2 in one-third inning; off Henry, 2 in 1 2-3 innings. Winning pitcher: Ring. Losing pitcher: Decatur. Umpires: Quigley and Pfirman. Time: 1:42.

Reds, 5; Pirates, 4.

Pittsburgh, June 23.—Cincinnati came from behind, today, scoring three runs in the ninth inning and defeating Pittsburgh, 5 to 4. Bressler, batting for Rixey, started the Reds' batting rally with a single and successive hits by Burns, Daubert, Bohne and Pinelli, together with Roush's sacrifice fly, topped Pittsburgh's score by one run.

Score:

CINCINNATI.	AB.	H.	O.	A.	PITTSBURGH.	AB.	H.	O.	A.
Burns, rf	4	1	1	0	Mar'le, ss	2	0	1	3
Daub't, 1b	5	3	9	1	Carey, cf	4	0	6	0
Bohne, ss	5	2	0	3	Bigbee, lf	4	2	3	0
Roush, cf	4	2	1	0	Barn'r, rf	4	4	5	0
Duncan, lf	4	2	2	1	Tray'r, 3b	4	1	1	1
Pinelli, 3b	5	2	1	3	Fri'm, 1b	4	1	6	1
Fon'a, 2b	5	2	3	2	Rawl's, 2b	4	1	2	2
H'r've, c	3	0	8	0	Schmidt, c	4	0	3	2
Rixey, p	3	0	1	3	Cooper, p	3	1	0	1
xBressler,	1	1	0	0	xMue'r,	1	0	0	0
Benton, p	0	0	0	1					
Totals	39	15	27	15	Totals	34	10	27	10

xBatted for Rixey in ninth.
zBatted for Cooper in ninth.

Score by innings:

Cincinnati	000 110 003 — 5
Pittsburgh	100 120 000 — 4

Summary—Runs: Burns (2), Daubert, Duncan, Bressler, Bigbee (2), Barnhart (2). Error: Maranville. Two-base hits: Fonseca, Barnhart. Three-base hits: Bohne, Bigbee, Traynor, Barnhart. Stolen bases: Burns, Duncan. Sacrifice hits: Maranville, Roush. Double plays: Maranville to Rawlings to Grimm. Left on bases: Cincinnati, 11; Pittsburgh, 5. Bases on balls: Off Rixey, 1; off Cooper, 3. Struck out: By Rixey, 4; by Cooper, 3. Hits: Off Rixey, 10 in 8 innings; off Benton, none in 1 inning. Winning pitcher: Rixey. Umpires: McCormick and O'Day. Time, 1:53.

Giants Beat Braves.

New York, June 23.—Scoring enough runs in the fourth inning to clinch the game, the New York Giants turned back Boston today, 9 to 5. Five hits and two bases on balls combined to give the champions six runs in their big rally. Felix and Pinch Hitter Bagwell hit home runs for the Braves.

Score by innings:

BOSTON	AB.	H.	O.	A.	NEW YORK	AB.	H.	O.	A.
Nixon, cf	5	1	4	0	Ban'ft, ss	5	3	0	2
Felix, lf	3	2	2	0	Groh, 3b	3	1	1	0
Sou'th, rf	5	2	3	0	Jac'on, 3b	2	0	0	1
M'T'is, 1b	4	1	8	1	Frisch, 2b	4	1	5	7
Boe'l, 3b	5	0	1	0	Meusel, lf	4	2	0	0
E S'th, c	3	0	3	0	Young, rf	4	1	1	0
R S'th, ss	4	2	0	4	Kelly, 1b	3	0	8	0
Ford, 2b	4	0	1	2	O'Co'll, cf	3	1	4	0
Oes'er, p	2	1	1	0	Snyder, c	3	1	7	1
xPowell	0	0	0	0	Ryan, p	1	0	0	2
Fill'm, p	0	0	0	0	Jon'rd, p	2	0	1	1
xBagwell	1	1	0	0	zStengel	1	1	0	0
Totals	34	10	24	8	Totals	35	11	27	14

xBatted for Oeschger in seventh.
xBatted for Fillingin in ninth.
zBatted for Ryan in fourth.

Boston	101 011 001—5
New York	000 621 00x—9

Summary—Runs: Nixon, Felix, Boeckel, Oeschger, Bagwell, Bancroft, Meusel, Young, Kelly (2), O'Connell (2), Snyder, Stengel. Errors: Southworth (2), McInnis, Frisch. Two-base hits: Snyder, Bancroft. Three-base hit: Nixon. Home runs: Felix, Bagwell. Stolen base: Snyder. Sacrifice hit: Felix. Double plays: Bancroft to Frisch to Kelly; Jackson to Frisch to Kelly. Left on base: New York, 5; Boston, 6. Bases on balls: Off Ryan, 1; off Oeschger, 3; off Jonnard, 2. Struck out: By Ryan, 3; by Oeschger, 2; by Fillingim, 1. Hits: Off Ryan, 4 in 4 innings; off Jonnard, 5 in 5 innings; off Oeschger, 11 in 6 innings; off Fillingim, 0 in 2 innings. Balk: Oeschger. Winning pitcher: Ryan. Losing pitcher: Oeschger. Umpires: Moran and Hart. Time: 1:55.

Cardinals Beat Cubs.

St. Louis, June 23.—Scoring seven tallies in the fourth, St. Louis broke its losing streak and defeated Chicago 9 to 5. The Cardinals batted Osborne out of the box in the fourth. Tony left the game voluntarily in the second inning after a verbal tilt with Toporcer, when the crowd jeered him. He subsequently stated he had quit the Cardinals, as he believed the jeering was unjust.

CHICAGO.	AB.	H.	O.	A.	ST. LOUIS.	AB.	H.	O.	A.
Stats, cf	4	2	3	0	Flack, rf	3	1	5	0
H'cher, ss	4	0	1	2	Smith, cf	4	2	4	0
G'ham, 2b	5	0	5	3	H'nsby, 2b	5	1	2	1
O'Farl, c	4	3	1	2	B'mley, 1b	4	2	9	1
F'berg, 3b	5	1	1	0	Stock, 3b	4	1	0	0
Miller, lf	3	1	1	0	T'orcer, ss	3	0	2	1
H'cote, rf	4	2	5	0	Blades, lf	4	1	3	0
Elliott, 1b	4	1	7	0	O'Curdy, c	4	3	5	0
O'borne, p	2	0	0	1	Toney, p	0	0	0	0
C'eves, p	1	0	0	0	Stuart, p	3	0	0	0
Keene, p	0	0	0	0	zSherdel	1	0	0	0
xC'aghan	1	0	0	0					
Totals	37	10	24	8	Totals	32	10	27	3

xBatted for Cheeve in eighth.
xBatted for Toney in second.

Chicago	010 110 020—5
St. Louis	100 700 10x—9

Summary—Runs: Stats, O'Farrell (2), Miller (2), Flack (2), Smith, Bottomley, Stock, Toporcer, Blades, McCurdy, Stuart. Errors: Hollocher, O'Farrell (2), Toporcer. Two-base hits: Bottomley, Stats, Hornsby, Smith, O'Farrell. Three-base hits: Elliott. Home runs: Bottomley. Stolen bases: Flack, Heathcote, Smith. Left on base: Chicago, 9; St. Louis, 5. Base on balls: Off Osborne, 6; off Stuart, 4; off Cheeves, 1. Struck out: By Osborne, 1; Stuart, 5. Hits: Off Osborne, 3 in 7 1-3 innings; Toney, 3 in 1 innings; Cheeves, 6 in 3 2-3 innings; Stuart 7 in 7 innings; Keen, 1 in 1 inning. Winning pitcher: Stuart. Losing pitcher: Osborne. Umpires: Klem and Wilson. Time: 2:13.

New World's Record in Four-Mile Relay Made by I. A. C. Team

Chicago, June 23.—A new world's record of 17:21 2-5 in the four-mile relay was established today by the Illinois Athletic club team composed by Joie Ray, Ray Watson, Ray Buker and Emil Krogh at the Athletic carnival held at Stagg field by a local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose.

American Stars to Play Tennis at Wimbeldon

Wimbledon, England, June 23.—With several of its outstanding men and women lawn tennis stars listed among the entries, America will make a strong bid for honors in the "world's championships" to be held here beginning June 25, the last to bear recognition as international title events.

Prospects of a Yankee victory in the men's singles loom particularly bright, with three of the "first ten" in United States ranking participating. William M. (Little Bill) Johnston, who holds the next place to William T. Tilden in the America lists; Vincent Richards, brilliant yougster who ranks No. 3; and Francis T. Hunter, another youthful star, form a formidable trio. They will be reinforced, probably, by several other Americans now abroad, including Clifton B. Herd, of Los Angeles, one of the top ranking players in California.

Little Bill Is Favorite.

Johnston, fresh from his triumph in the last "world's hard court championship" at St. Cloud, France, is a favorite to capture the title at Wimbledon, which twice before was won by an American, Tilden, in 1920 and 1921. Richards has never tested the historic English turf, but Hunter's play there in 1921, when he reached the semi-final round, was one of the sensations of the tournament.

Although represented by its first two ranking stars in the women's singles—Mrs. Molla Bjurstedt Mallory, national champion, and Miss Leslie Bancroft of Boston—the United States is conceded but an outside chance in this championship, where Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen has ruled supreme for the past four years. In addition, England has several women racquet stars who at times have proved superior to America's best.

Molla to Try Again.

Mrs. Mallory will make her third attempt to lift the women's crown. She was eliminated from the 1921 tournament by Miss Elizabeth Ryan an American girl who resides in England, and crushed by Mlle. Lenglen last year in the final round by scores of 6-2, 6-0. Undaunted by past reverses, however, the American titleholder is confident she will make her strongest bid for the championship this year.

Besides Mrs. Mallory and Miss Bancroft, who also may prove real title contenders, two other Boston women are entered in the women's singles. They are Miss Eleonora Sears, No. 6 in the New England ranking list, and Miss Penelope Parkman a promising young star.

Announce Dates for International Polo Match

New York, June 23.—The polo association announced today the international games between British and army teams would be held on the international field at Meadowbrook September 3 to 8.

NEBRASKA crowned a new women's golf champion during the past week when Mrs. Russell Fowles of North Platte won the 1923 honors by defeating Mrs. Karl Lininger in the finals. Consistency on both fairways and putting greens is the charm of the links that merited the out-state woman the honors of the Cornhusker state.

RACING-RESULTS

AQUEDUCT.

Babbling, 109 (Lang).....6-1 2½-1 6-5
Spontaneous, 104 (McAtee).....6-1 3-1
Lord Bacon, 107 (Callahan).....1-3
Time, 1:01 1-5. Gold Mark, Maitland, Marpringtum, Ondia, Princess Jane, Gladys V., Furor, Red Mill, Our Star, Blackoilia also ran.

Second race: Two miles:
Faskadale, 123 (Kennedy).....6-1 1-3 out
Roi Craig, 149 (Powers).....1-3 out
Vox Populi, 11., 130 (McNair).....1-5
Time, 4:16. Over Match also ran.

Third race: Five furlongs:
Rustic, 112 (Carroll).....15-1 6-1 2-1
Fluvanna, 112 (Babin).....8-5 4-5
L'd Baltimore, 11., 115 (C. Kummer)..6-5
Time, :58 4-5. Peter King, Transmuter, Handsome, Stake Me, Sun Rajah, Flax, Sunspere, First Lady Harding also ran.

Fourth race: Mile:
Zev, 117 (Sande).....13-20 1-4 out
Dunlin, 107 (Lang).....3-5 1-4
Nedna, 103 (Callahan).....8-5
Time, 1:37. Little Chief, Dinna Care, Martingale, Flagstaff, Horologus also ran.

Fifth race. One and five-sixteenths miles:
Maryland Belle, 112 (Sande).....
.....4½-2 8-5 7-10
Dart Moor, 101 (M. Fator).....1-2 1-4
Overtake, 111 (Coltillett).....even
Time, 2:15. Bambino, Prence, Vulcain Park, Silent King also ran.

Sixth race: Six and one-half furlongs:
Skyscraper, 114 (Coltillett).....1-5 1-2 1-4
Rose Yets, 115 (Hanes).....20-1 10-1
Highhand, 110 (Johnson).....2-5
Time, 1:19 4-5. Woodlake, Soviet, Sweepstakes, True Eyes, Stoney Point, Glenlit, Sagacious, Rejection, Savoy, Khaki, Plenty Coos also ran.

LATONIA.

First race: 6 furlongs:
Belle of Elizabethtown, 102 (Fronk).....
.....22.80 12.40 6.90
Right On Time, 108 (W. Kelsay).....
.....7.60 4.90
Inquisition, 104 (B. Harvey).....5.80
Time: 1:14 4-5. Last One, Mon Pere, Martha Fallon, Westwood, Chiva, Caligula, Be Good, Lord Allen Honor Man, also ran.

Second race: 5½ furlongs:
Col. Wagner, 115 (E. Pool).14.60 6.80 4.70
Modest, 115 (N. Huff).....8.00 4.80
Frank Man, 115 (H. Innsford).....5.40
Time: 1:06 3-5. Graceme, Businesslike, O. Krishna, Liege, Cannon Shot, Fire Town also ran.

Third race: 1 1-16 miles:
Kingsolver, 98 (J. Pool).....29.70 8.60 4.50
Willow Tree, 106 (Harvey).....15.20 7.10
Opulent, 106 (Parke).....3.30
Time: 1:52 2-5. Smutz, Walnut Hall, Blue Bird, Playful, Miss War Idol, Kirk Levington, War Prize, Nuyaka, Rob also ran.

Fourth race: Mile and 70 yards:
Whiskaway, 118 (Mooney).....5.00 3.60 2.60
Prince K., 109 (Brothers).....7.70 3.50
Lady Madcap, 104 (Wilson).....2.40
Time: 1:41 4-5. (Equals track record.)
Dr. Clark, My Dear also ran.

Fifth race: 5 furlongs:
aWise Counsellor, 110 (Pool).....
.....14.80 9.90 3.70
bWorth More, 117 (Kelsay).....3.50 3.00
cHunter, 114 (Lyke).....2.60
Time: :59. (Equals track record.)
Black Gold, cClarence, Valley Lights, T. S. Gordon, Digit, Lever, Doctor, aKeegan, bWill Land also ran.
aNicholas and Bradley entry; bWorthington entry; cCamden entry.

Sixth race: 6 furlongs:
Dr. Hickman, 107 (Fronk)..5.60 2.90 3.20
Lugs, 116 (Pool).....8.60 4.60
Marine Corps, 107 (Harvey).....9.50
Time: 1:12. Aviapa, Ginger, McGoldrick, Courtship, Joujou, Brunswick, Zourro also ran.

Seventh race: Mile and 70 yards:
Guest of Honor, 100 (Harvey).....
.....19.20 12.10 6.00
Jouett, 106 (Wallace).....11.20 5.40
Lady Mary, 98 (Parke).....4.70
Time: 1:42. Grand Dame, Alard, Lady Astor, Cap Rock, Make Up, Kewpie O'Neill also ran.

Walter Hagen, Greatest Golfer of Present Times, Is Now Without a Crown and Will Seek to Lift One at American Open Tournament at Inwood Next Month

Many Minor Tournament Honors Won During Spring and Winter Months.

By GRANTLAND RICE.

CONSIDERING the —gathering storm of golfing talent that is to strike Inwood presently for the open championship of the United States, one might consider this predominant fact:

That the greatest golfer of present times, modes and manners is now without a crown.

We refer to Walter Hagen, the most consistent performer now wielding wood or iron.

This statement, perhaps, will be challenged. But suppose we consider the crude and unadorned facts.

No one tournament in golf is ever conclusive. The shifts and sudden swirls of the old game are too well known.

One must consider incidents along an extended hike.

In the case of Hagen he won the British open last June and finished just one stroke out last week.

His showing for the two championships, over 144 holes at Sandwich and Troon, is easily 10 strokes better than any other player.

After winning the British open last summer he finished only three strokes back of Sarazen in the United States open.

Add to this his five consecutive winter and spring victories from one ocean to another, culminating in his Pinehurst triumph for the north and south.

Some Rare Consistency.

Golf is a game in which consistency is one of the rarest of all jewels, and one of the most limited in production.

Even Sarazen and Barnes, two of the greatest, fail to qualify among the first 85, where they are certainly to be listed among the first five or six.

It is for this reason that one cannot predict what even a Hagen will do at Inwood early in July when the great roll call is sounded and the best pros and amateurs gather for the annual jubilee.

Sarazen, by defending his title, would jump to equal fame with Hagen—yet up to date Hagen's record for two years is far and away the best golf, as it extends from the $1,500 prize money of San Antonio to the coast of Scotland.

The amazing feature of Hagen's showing at Troon is that while apparently stale and overgolfed after a six months' campaign from California to Scotland he was able to emerge sufficiently from his slump to finish only one stroke back of Havers, the winner.

To win one year and finish only one stroke out a year later is a phenomenal showing in this day and time where there are so many able to stand with the elect.

Sarazen at Inwood.

Sarazen, through his failure to qualify at Troon, will put his entire soul into battle at Inwood, L. I., when the defense of his Skokie-won crown begins.

His Troon failure has rankled deeply. By repeating at Inwood he can gather back his glory as Hagen, Mac Smith and Kirkwood who ran 2-3-4 will be among those present.

But repeating at Inwood is another matter. The field here will be harder to overwhelm than the field at Troon.

Sarazen to repeat, must set the pace for Hagen, Hutchison, Barnes, Farrell, Mac Smith, Kirkwood, Bobby Jones, John Black, Melhorn, Deigel, Evans, Ouimet (possibly), Sweetser, Walker and many others of fine ability.

The odds will be heavy against any one man, where it must be remembered that no golfer has repeated in the United States open since McDermott turned the trick in 1912, just 11 years ago.

Hagen and Sarazen.

The Inwood battle between Hagen and Sarazen, home-breds, will be a leading feature.

It is no part of a certainty that either will beat Hutchison or Barnes. Or Bobby Jones if he is back upon his stride.

But these two will draw big galleries and will carry their keen rivalry to a new war.

It has not been four years since Hagen won a United States crown. His last achievement was at Braeburn in 1919. He feels that he is about due again and he will have a great chance if he doesn't become overgolfed, which he may do through too much exhibition play.

Hagen plays Inwood well. It was here he won his last P. G. A. championship from Jim Barnes in the final round.

Yet he will find Sarazen battling with everything he has to offer, spurred on by memories of Troon.

All of which gets back to the point that in a game noted for its inconsistency among star and duffer alike Hagen's record has been well beyond that of any other star, with no one else quite close. It remains to be seen whether or not he can carry this same consistency on through the Inwood scrimmage, where only great golf is going to finish among the first five. For Inwood is going to be the hardest test golfers have known for some years, a test that will call for control over every shot in the bag. It will be a whale of a party, a carnival that will draw out many thousands through the week and that will help to solve a number of interesting ranking problems now under discussion.

Consistency Is One of Rarest Charms of Golf and Hagen Enjoys This.

Brookins, Iowa World's Record Holder, Entered

Iowa, Nebraska, Omaha Athletic Club, Drake and Des Moines Universities to Send Teams.

WILLING wires to the great universities of the midwest, Coaches Wendell and Ryan of the Omaha Athletic club have succeeded in garnering entries of some of the best known track and field stars in the country for the annual Midwestern A. A. U. outdoor track and field meet which will be held at Ak-Sar-Ben field next Saturday afternoon.

Foremost among the entries who will perform on the local track will be Charles Brookins, wearing the colors of the University of Iowa, and world's record holder for the low hurdles. Brookings comes fresh from his victories at the National Intercollegiate meet at Chicago last Saturday where his performances were sensations of the meet.

Many Squads Entered.

Representatives of Iowa, Nebraska, Des Moines and Drake universities will compete with teams from the Omaha Athletic club, Nebraska City Athletic club and Technical High school.

With favorable weather all Midwestern records made at the meet last September should be wiped out. Present records on the Midwestern A. A. U. books which covers the territory of Nebraska, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota are as follows:

100-yard run: 10 1-5 seconds, Charles R. Brookins of University of Iowa.
220-yard run: 23 seconds, H. D. Reed, University of Iowa.
440-yard run: 50 4-5 seconds, Douglas Fessenden, unattached.
880-yard run: 2:06 1-5, G. B. Nell, University of Iowa.
One mile run: 4:21, L. M. Rathbun, Omaha Athletic club.
120-yard hurdles: 16 seconds, H. Crawford, University of Iowa.
220-yard hurdles: 25 2-5 seconds, Charles R. Brookins, University of Iowa.
One mile relay: 3:30, University of Iowa.
Broad jump: 21 feet, 4¼ inches, R. H. Hass, unattached.
Running high jump: 5 feet, 11 inches, Heb Turner, University of Nebraska.
Sixteen-pound hammer throw: 107 feet, Capt. R. G. Lohman, United Sates army.
Pole vault: 9 feet, 6 inches, H. S. Davis, University of Nebraska.
Sixteen-pound shot put: 38 feet, 10½ inches, Charles Howard, Drake university.
Throwing discus: 124 feet, 9 inches, Charles Howard, Drake university.
Javelin throw: 165 feet, 1 inch, B. E. Lingefelter, Drake university.

A special team trophy presented by the Townsend Sporting Goods company of Omaha will be awarded the team scoring the highest number of points in the meet. Official A. A. U. solid gold, sterling silver and bronze medals will be awarded winners of every event.

Close Competition Expected.

Coach Schulte of University of Nebraska is rounding his men into form and will enter his entire track team and with 30 to 40 men from Nebraska entered, the meet will be a battle between Nebraska and University of Iowa for the team championship honors, according to the dope. Coach Bresnahan of University of Iowa has entered over 20 men, including his National Collegiate record holding relay team of Brookins, Noll, Morrow and Wilson. Charles Brookins will captain the team.

Howard and Lingefelter of Drake are entered. Harry Bell of Des Moines university has entered 12 men which includes the following: Page, Little, Long, Rocho, Baxter, Tolles, Foy, Kennedy, Edwards, Moore, Montgomery and Evans.

The Omaha Athletic club's squad includes Dave Deering, L. M. Rathbun, Ray Phelps, W. F. Lyon and T. Pierce Rogers, all former university athletes of Nebraska and Iowa.

The Nebraska City Athletic club will be on the ground with two entries, Whitten and Gibson in the weight events, pole vault and high jump.

Marian Mynster will represent Tech High school in the pole vault and his brother, Marden Mynster, has entered unattached in the high jump.

Many other entries, including three from Newton, Ia., Y. M. C. A. are in.

T. J. Canty, nationally known announcer, of Chicago, will be here to announce the meet. Pete Welch of Des Moines will start the track events.

Grotte Says State Loop Ump Best in Class B

Umpires in the Nebraska state baseball league are the best in class B, according to Dick Grotte, president, who last week returned from a trip around the circuit following his election to the executive position of the league. According to Grotte the three umpires speed up each contest and make the game more interesting from spectators' standpoint.

Tom Ferguson, formerly of the California Winter and Texas leagues; Herman Meyers from the Western and American association, and W. F. Walton from the Mississippi Valley circuit are the trio responsible for the good work.

Two games have been played off in 1 hour and 17 minutes since the league started, and many others are under the hour and one-half mark.

Havers Wins Another Title.

London, June 23.—The Gleneagles, 1,000-guineas golf tournament, was won by Havers, the new champion, who defeated Ball, 6 and 5.

State League

At Lincoln—		R.	H.	E.
Hastings	220 120 010—	8	12	3
Lincoln	020 000 010—	3	8	2

Batteries: Beck and Cheek, Willets; Magill and Conkey.

At Fairbury—		R.	H.	E.
Norfolk	120 010 400—	8	13	1
Fairbury	010 010 035—	7	10	4

Batteries: Federle, Hilton and Clark; Willey and Beall.

At Grand Island—		R.	H.	E.
Beatrice	300 000 002 000 2—	7	17	2
Grand Island	000 410 000 000 3—	8	19	3

Batteries: Ketenbell, Prelean, Willette and Unger; Bowman, Rolf and Bona.

Jeers of Fans Cause Fred Toney to Quit Game at St. Louis

St. Louis, Mo., June 23.—Fred Toney voluntarily left the game in the second inning of today's Chicago-St. Louis Nationals contest, and announced he was quitting baseball. He said his action was due to jeering of spectators when he reprimanded Shortstop Toporcer for not following his sign to play close to third base while Heathcote was at bat.

Toney asserted the booing of the fans was unjust. Toney has won five and lost five games for the Cardinals this season. He was induced to report to the local club at the beginning of the season after failure to report last midseason when sold to the Cardinals by Boston after he had failed to report to Boston, which team had purchased him from New York.

New York Stops Winning Streak of Ehmke, 4-0

Boston, June 23.—Ehmke's winning streak was broken today by New York. Bush held Boston to five hits, was given excellent support by Scott, Witt and McNally, and turned in a 4 to 0 win over his former teammates.

NEW YORK	AB.	H.	O.	A.	BOSTON	AB.	H.	O.	A.
Witt, cf	4	2	5	0	Mit'ell, ss	4	0	1	4
M'N'y,