

Rixey's Recent Showing Proves Theory That Big Pitchers Are Best in Pinches

Physical Strength of Big Hurler May Often Swing Series

McGraw and Moran Both Have Confidence in Slabman of Giant Stature to Keep Team From Slump.

By JOHN J. MCGRAW,
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A baseball fan wrote to me 10 days ago wanting to know just why I made such a point of seeking big men—men of big stature—for pitchers. He pointed out that several smaller ones could show just as good records. If that fan could have been present at the moment I opened his letter there would have been no necessity for a written answer. Eppa Jephtha Rixey of the Reds had just beaten our club for the second time in one series. The fan would have known that Pat Moran also knows the advantage of big pitchers. The expression of my face would have told the story.

Outside of his knowledge and art of the game the mere physical strength of a man of gigantic stature will often swing a series. I seek big men simply because they have more strength, more endurance. What is hard work to a smaller man is little more than light exercise to men like Rixey, Mathewson, Tamm, Overall, Slim Harris and Babe Ruth.

The fact that a small pitcher has a good record is merely an indication of how much greater pitcher he would be if he had the extra strength of a giant.

As I say, Pat Moran knew that. He used the strength of Rixey against us twice, saved the strength of his smaller men and still won the series. There is the answer.

Reds' Comeback Is Remarkable.

The sudden comeback of the Reds after seeming to be in slump is a remarkable tribute to the wisdom and leadership of Pat Moran and is one of the surprising new features of the National league race.

The Reds have a wonderful pitching staff so effective that they have been able to win with it despite a lack of batting punch. Three weeks ago this staff seemed to be tiring. Pitchers, you know, wear out toward the end of a season just as a machine does when it is worked too hard. When the pitchers tire there is a slump. It is to prevent that slump that I always have sought big pitchers.

Pat Moran was quick to see this sign of weariness. Consequently he immediately put the burden upon Rixey, one of the largest men in baseball.

The others were able to get in a little more rest. The use of this system soon brought the pitching staff back to regular form. Luque and Donohue came back. The Reds are on their feet again and going strong.

Up until two weeks ago I believed very strongly that the Pirates were a stronger team than the Reds. I would have picked them to beat Cincinnati out. This sudden comeback of the pitchers, though, has thrown a new light on the matter. I still think Pittsburgh has more punch and should be a stronger team. Moran has been so clever with that pitching staff, though, that I will make no predictions about second place from now on.

Phillies Are a Surprise.

Next to the surprising comeback of the Reds the most interesting feature of the National league race recently has been the showing of the Phillies. Fletcher has built up a fighting spirit there that is beginning to tell. It told heavily in making our position more secure on the last western trip as well as the early games at home. The Phillies made it much harder for the Reds and the Pirates than they had expected. A few weeks ago, you will remember, these teams were glowing over the scores which gave them so many games to the Braves and Phillies. At the time I remarked that one can never figure on a think like that, and I am glad that I said it. That's one prediction, anyway, that worked out satisfactorily.

As the season went along Jimmy Ring and Clarence Mitchell began to gain strength and their help to the Phillies has been a real factor in the race. With a spell of good pitching the Phillies braced up and played hard baseball.

Another big help to Fletcher has been Heinie Sand, the young shortstop. That youngster by the way, looks like a real corner. He is lucky in having a man like Fletcher, one of the best infielders that ever lived to coach him. It takes a lot of coaching to give a young infielder the finer points of play, even though he may have exceptional natural qualifications.

The Braves also have shown two youngsters who promise to cut quite a figure in big league baseball in the next few years. In the outfield Gus Felix is getting better every day. He looks like a find.

The big surprise of the spring was the showing of Joe Genewich, the Boston pitcher. Like an unknown he stepped out and showed something. More than that he had the nerve and confidence to show it against the best clubs. He was no flash in the pan. He kept right on Genewich ought to be a great pitcher. He studies his business. Any young pitcher who will spend some of his extra time in studying the various battles of the league and will then remember their weaknesses is bound to succeed.

And, speaking of young players who have come to the front this season don't overlook that boy, Clarence Mueller the Cardinal outfielder. At the same time put Frigan down in your notebook. They look to me like two very valuable baseball developments.

Caveney of the Reds, is another



The Greater Omaha bowling season will open September 18. The Nourse Oils, Sanford Cafes, Standard Laundry, Blue Taxis, Beddeos and Mapacubas will enter. More teams are needed. Another meeting of the league will be held next Friday.

Mathewson of Walthill won the championship in the Northeast Nebraska Tennis association tournament Friday at Randolph, Neb.

E. C. Wheeler, Indian of Pawhuska, Okla., Friday won the North American championship with a score of 24 out of 25 at the annual grand American tournament of trap shooters at Chicago.

Cy sez: "Didja ever hear of a bootlegger who got so interested in a ball game that he forgot to make his deliveries?"

At a meeting of the Omaha District Soccer league last night at the city hall it was decided not to join the National Association of Soccer clubs. The Caledonians, champions of the Omaha district last year, will not be in the field this season.

Shortstop Turgeon, former Des Moines player, has been sold to the Chicago Cubs.

A three-day race meeting will be held at Avoca, Ia., in October.

The celebrated Billy Evans says the squeeze play is a failure. This merely shows how little Billy knows about the game as it is interpreted on the park benches.

It is practically certain that Battling Siki, the French negro, conqueror of Georges Carpentier, will not be permitted to sail for America tomorrow.

Paavo Nurmi, a famous Finnish runner, established a world record at Stockholm Friday for one mile and 1,500-meter runs. The mile was made in 4 minutes 10 1/2 seconds, and the 1,500-meter in 3 minutes 53 seconds.

Swimming pools at the Omaha Athletic club and the Nicholas Senn hospital will be reopened as usual today.

The Giants' lead is being threatened by the Reds, and, gosh, how the boys in the box office dread it!

Pete Wendell, swimming instructor at the Omaha Athletic club, will act as one of the numerous officials at the Amateur Athletic union track and field championships at Chicago August 31.

The suspicion is growing that the gentleman from the Pampas is one part wild and three parts bull.

Dave Shade, welterweight, outpointed George Ward in a 15-round bout at Washington, N. Y., last night.

Bert E. Collyer, publisher of Collyer's Eye, a Chicago weekly sports paper, has urged Commissioner K. M. Landis, official baseball arbiter, to make a thorough investigation of charges that gambling circles were operating in baseball circles.

Somebody seems to fit right in. I don't believe I ever have known a man to develop more rapidly unless, perhaps, it be Travis Jackson, our young shortstop.

To me one of the most unusual happenings in baseball was the way Jackson stepped right into the shoes of a veteran like Bancroft and made good from the start. Often a player does that for a flash but the remarkable part of it is that Jackson has kept it up and gets better every day. Recently he made 10 hits in a series. That is where the class tells. As yet the veterans have failed to outguess him. It takes time to learn the finer points of shortstop play but Jackson is mastering them by the hour. His speed on the bases had baseball people throughout the west talking in wonderment.

Right now I have more confidence in the championship possibilities of the Giants than at any time this season. Despite their many troubles they have come through the tight moments in the league a majority of games excepting Cincinnati. We still have a chance to beat them out for the season. If we can do that the Giants will certainly be entitled to be classed as real champions.

At this time there is little to be said about the Indians, the Browns and the Yankees appear to be the class, without any question. No club is able, it seems, to challenge their leadership. The interesting part of the race from now on will be the fight of the Indians, the Browns and the Tigers for second and third places.

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Luis Angel Firpo's Wardrobe Grows

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 25.—Luis Angel Firpo's wardrobe grows. Alongside the gold and purple checked dressing gown he has worn into the ring for every fight engagement in the United States, the Argentine pugilist has hung an even finer dozen suits of var-colored tights.

He has black ones for Sunday, blue for Monday, red for Tuesday, green for Wednesday, maroon for Thursday and Friday, and lavender for Saturday. He is having a set of trunk made to order for the fight with Jack Dempsey on September 14.

In these trunks the Argentine nationals, baby blue and angel white will be worn.

Money Winners at Spring Meeting Will Return for Ak-Sar-Ben Races Next Month



YUKON F. CANTRILL - UP.



SECOND THOUGHTS - E. PETZOLD UP.



DORINS OF PUEBLO STABLE - HORN UP.



WILLIGAN, G. SUTTON UP.



FULL AGAIN - H. ZANDER UP.



LORENA MARCELLA, E. PETZOLD UP.



B.A. Jones

Scrambled Sports by Wag

EVERY day in every way those Omaha Buffaloes move nearer and nearer to Oklahoma City in the Western league standings.

Yesterday the Herd defeated the lowly and funny Sioux City Packers in a double-header, 13 to 11 and 10 to 2. While all of this was going on Wichita was giving the Oklahoma City Indians a nice 12-to-3 beating, all of which helps Omaha in the standings.

Oklahoma City has won 72 games and lost 51, while the Buffaloes have won 71 and lost 58. If the Buffaloes can win this afternoon's game, and Sunday's double-header with Sioux City, and Wichita continues defeating the Indians in the next three contests, the Herd and the Tribe will be tied for third place.

Friday was a gala day for the Omaha batsmen. Every one of the Buffaloes got a hit and some got as many as four in one game. Dick O'Connor, rightfielder, collected four hits in five times up in the first game. Little Johnny Kerr got three doubles, a triple and a single in the double-header, while Bonowitz got a triple and two singles during the afternoon.

The Buffaloes collected a grand total of 23 runs off a flock of Sioux City pitchers. Thirteen runs came in the first game and 10 in the second. Omaha was at bat in 14 innings and got a grand total of 32 hits for another grand total of 49 bases, not so bad for one afternoon.

Don Brown, outfielder, played second yesterday. Now, Don isn't a second baseman and can't be expected to play the second sack like a regular infielder. He made a couple of errors, but these can be overlooked when one considers that playing the infield isn't Brown's business. It's the outfield.

Bluffs' Ball Tournament Hits Buffaloes Hard Blow

Harry Manush, Omaha Second Baseman, "Jumps" Contract to Play With Corning, Ia., Club in Southwestern Iowa Baseball Tournament—Second Member of Herd to "Blow" Team for Outlaw Ball This Year.

BY "WAG."
Council Bluffs' Southwestern Iowa semi-pro baseball has started to take its toll of Western league players. The opportunity to grab off some loose change before the season closes has presented itself to members of "Pa" Tearney's circuit.

As usual, organized baseball suffers badly. The Omaha Buffaloes have been hit, and as in previous years, said blow has injured the Herd's chances considerably this late in the season.

Harry Manush, brother of Henie, former Buffalo outfielder now with Detroit, is said to have "jumped" his contract with Barney Burch and joined the Corning, Ia., club. No reason was given for Manush's "jump." According to Burch, there was no misunderstanding between the two. Harry was satisfied with everything, say his teammates. But, Manush "jumped" organized baseball; his way of making a living, to play semi-pro ball and then be classed as an "outlaw" in the baseball world.

Such former Western league stars as Lefty Daniels, Otto Merz, Chief Robinson and Bud Know are playing with Corning. Other Western leaguers, American association and some former big leaguers are in the lineup of these Iowa clubs competing for the prize purse in the Bluffs' southwestern Iowa tournament, an annual affair.

The case of Harry Manush is hardly believable. There wasn't a harder worker on the Buffalo club than Manush. He was liked by his teammates; he played second base and was making quite a hit at the position—a position hard to handle on any ball club. But—

When \$1,400 is stuck under a ball player's nose for two weeks' work it's a hard matter for a minor league mogul with a salary limit to keep his players from "jumping."

Tony Defate was the first Buffalo to "jump" this season. Manush is the second.

Manush will play with the Corning team against Creston, Ia., at Creston Sunday, according to the schedule of the former club. The Corning team will journey to Council Bluffs early next week.

Barney Burch is "burning up the wires" trying to land a second baseman. According to the league rules, Burch cannot get a player from higher classification or classification equal to the Western league this late in the season.

Like Mahoney, manager of the Murphy-Did-Its, Omaha amateur club, may get a chance to trout at second with the Buffaloes. He was to meet Burch this morning.

St. Paul Saints Equal World's Baseball Record

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 25.—By scoring in every one of the eight innings in which they batted, members of the St. Paul American Association club Friday equaled the world's record, according to available statistics here.

The Saints trounced Louisville, 24 to 6, getting one run or more each inning. Major and minor league records show this record has been equaled only five times. The teams turning the trick were Cleveland, Washington, Chicago, Pittsburgh and Boston.

World Series to Start Later This Season Is Plan

New York, Aug. 25.—This year's world series between the National and American league champions will start on October 9 or 10, according to present plans.

The major league season, closing a week later than in 1922, is scheduled to end October 7. Should both New York clubs maintain their places at the top for the third successive year, the annual title struggle probably will begin Tuesday, October 9. In the event either or both is displaced, however, and the champion teams separated by a greater distance, the series likely would start October 10.

Buffalo Second-Sacker "Jumps" Club



Harry Manush

Chicago, Aug. 25.—Mike Dundee, Rock Island, Ill., knocked out Stewart McLean, Minneapolis, in the 10th round of a scheduled 10 round bout; Sammy Mandell, Rockford, Ill., was given a newspaper decision over Harry Kakaboff, St. Louis, 10 rounds, and Bud Taylor, Terre Haute, Ind., beat Jimmy Levine, New York, in 10 rounds, in the headline events at Aurora last night.

Mike Dundee Kayoes McLean

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Baseball Dope

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The Cincinnati Reds won, 4 to 6, in Brooklyn. Adolfo Luque held the Robins to four scattered hits and struck out seven, taking the National league for strike-outs with a total of 123.

New York Americans in Detroit also returned to their winning form, defeating the Tigers, 7 to 1.

The Washington Americans pounded five Cleveland Indians pitchers in Cleveland and won the final game of the series here, 20 to 8. The Washington team used three pitchers.

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The Pittsburgh Pirates won, 7 to 2, in Boston. Singles by Hawkins and Maravilla, an error by Ford and a double by Cooper gave the Pittsburgh team five runs in the fourth inning.

The St. Louis Americans defeated Boston in St. Louis, 6 to 5, and made a clean sweep of the four games there.

Wally Williams hit his thirty-second home run of the season with the Philadelphia Nationals, enabling the Phillies to win, 6 to 4, and tying Babe Ruth for the home run leadership of both leagues.

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Pittsburgh bunched hits behind Cochrane's bullpen and easily defeated the Braves.

The Philadelphia Americans beat the White Sox, 2 to 2.

Robertson allowed the Philadelphia seven hits while Chicago gathered only six off Naylor and Harris, Robertson getting half of these.

The Philadelphia Americans took the show game from the Chicago Americans by taking a three-run lead in the opening game from Charles Robertson and never being headed thereafter. Harris coming in to pitch, and the White Sox having been advised that the suspension was lifted.

Interest Centers Upon National Amateur Golf Meet

For First Time, Amateur and Open Champions Will Compete in Brilliant Field.

By GRANTLAND RICE.

For the third time in the history of golf in the United States, the open champion and the amateur champion will be part of the brilliant field which goes after the amateur championship.

Four amateurs have won the open, yet Chick Evans is the only one to date who has won both titles the same year. Ouimet won the open late in September of 1913. He had lost his title to Walter Hagen at Midlothian in June before he had another shot at the amateur, which he won at Ekwanok.

So while Ouimet held the open and amateur crowns upon successive years, he was never able to hold both at the same time.

In 1915 Jerry Travers won the open at Baltusral. He had a shot for the double crown at Detroit, but fell before the spectacular play of Max Marston. Travers was 2 up when the pair came to the seventh hole in the afternoon. At this short hole his pitch was only 12 feet away. Marston dropped a mashie shot within six feet of the cup. Travers went for his 2, missed, overran the cup and laid Marston a dead stump. Marston pitched over and holed his 2, and from that point ran off a string of birdies. Travers, 2 up at the sixth, played the last 32 holes in exact par, and yet lost four of them.

Against the Field.

Picking four men against the field isn't so simple as it sounds. In tennis it would be easy. One can name Tilden and Johnston and find no one to offer even money against this pair.

In 1915 one enterprising bettor stated that he was willing to put up \$2,000 on the three men against the field.

His bet was covered and he named Travers, Ouimet and Evans. None of the three survived the third round.

In 1919 the four men named against the field were Evans, Ouimet, Jones and Gardner, Herron won.

In 1920 the doped ran truer to form. The four leaders called for that date were Evans, Ouimet, Jones and Gardner. Three of these reached the semi-final round and two fought out the finals.

That 1920 championship at the Englewood came closer to prophecy than any other ever played.

Ouimet, Gullford, Jones and Evans were listed as the four most formidable antagonists when Sweetser broke through, and Sweetser beat three of these on successive days—the rarest of all championship achievements.

The Flossmoor Order.

Who are the four to be named against the field at Flossmoor?

Three of these must be Jones, Sweetser and Evans. After these follow Ouimet, Gardner and Gullford, with such stars as Marston, Hunter, etc., to be considered.

Our pick for the fourth man will be Ouimet. His fine play in England was the leading feature of the American invasion. He won the St. George's challenge cup, went to the last eight in the British amateur and held Wethered to a tie at St. Andrews, after a great battle.

Jones, Sweetser, Evans and Ouimet stand as a formidable combination. What is their show against the field? There are Gardner, Gullford, Marston, Rokencham, Rotan, Knepper, Goodchaux and other stars—not forgetting Chicago talent in the persons of such young stars as Dexter Cummings and Ira Couch.

Where the Odds Are.

We favor one of the first four named against the others—four against six is what it means.

Considering the last 10 champions, one of the first four favorites won in 1911, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16 and '20.

There were upsets in 1919, '21 and '22—upsets to the extent that none of the first four selections came through.

One point to consider here is that golf ran truer to form from 1911 through 1916. For six straight years one of the four leaders arrived in front.

But there has been now a greater development of talent, and so in three of the last four years we find the top of the batting order stumbling upon serious trouble.

In this next championship there will be three open or exopen champions and six or seven who have won the amateur championship on one or more occasions. Added to this strong marching order are the younger stars, who have been coming along, gathering experience and steadiness, perfecting skill and form, who will again threaten from many ambushed places. Last fall at Brookline two youngsters almost unknown, carried Bobby Jones to the 35th green by the finest of golf, and Jones at the time was playing his standard game. Flossmoor is a long, hard test, and these youngsters like to ride the ball. There isn't a longer hitter in the game today than Dexter Cummings, the Yale star, who is up with Mitchell, Wethered or Tolley.

So Sweetser in defending his crown and Jones in going after his second scepter will have as hard a week's work as they have ever known. Both have just passed 21, and so will be able to stand the marathon route where stamina will play an important part. If they should ever reach the final frame the gallery would set a mark for championship stampees.

Manager Jimmy Austin of the St. Louis Cardinals was so dissatisfied with the play of President Ben Johnson several days ago for protesting ball and strike decisions that he had handed down after having been advised that the suspension was lifted.