

JUDGMENTS

READER OF THE Bee recently asked why in this column the American league was so often commended to the disparagement of the National. The reason is that the American league conducts its affairs in a business-like manner, free from petty jealousies and puerile bickerings...

PROSPECTS OF THE HILLMEN, GIANTS AND BROOKLYNS.

WHAT GOTHAM WILL SHOW

Managers Have Laid Plans for the Pennant Races—Points Concerning the Many New Players to Be Tried.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Within a week Manager John J. McGraw and some of the players who hope to be regular Giants this year will be hustling on a ball field at Marlin Springs, Tex. Before the end of the first week in March the veteran members of the team will report to the Hill leader...

What will the harvest be? Thousands of base ball fans in Greater New York, eager to hear the crack of the bat, are wondering whether one of these three major league teams can finish on top.

True, the American league is the product of piracy, and our critic tells us things about the personnel of some of the magnates which we could not print. We might admit for the sake of argument that all he says is true...

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hustling ball at the third corner of the diamond last year, has a formidable rival in Otis Johnson, a big fellow from Portland, Ore., in the Pacific Coast league. Johnson is described as a hard hitter and a lively fielder, with the skill enough to hold his own in the big leagues.

NEW YORK AMERICAN LEAGUE CLUB. Player Position Batting Fielding. Criger, catcher 170 . 947. Sweeney, catcher 207 . 947.

Manager McGraw has a difficult task before him. He has a regiment of new material in the south and hopes to pick up a few competent young men to fill up the gaps. Base ball men in general say the Giants need a first-class catcher.

Onelda Indian from the Marion club, Ohio State league, will also receive a thorough trial in the outfield. He is a whirlwind on his feet and is said to be a powerful hitter. He stood fourth in batting in that league last year, playing 139 games, in which he hammered out 149 safe drives, including twenty-one doubles, six three-baggers and six home runs.

Herzog and Devore will also receive another chance in the outfield, while Shaffer and Fletcher, the young infielders, who showed up well last year, will be retained for emergencies.

In Bergen, who caught 112 games in 1909, the Brooklyns have an able backstop, but they also have a good man in Erwin from Rochester, the leading catcher in the Eastern league last year.

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Foreign Auto Racing Dates

All Dates Requested Are Granted by the So-Called "Calendar Congress."

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