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MAJOR LEAGUES OPEN NEXT WEEK

Clubs Will Concentrate Attack on Champion New York Teams.

(By Henry L. Farrell.)
New York, April 10.—(United Press.)
Next Tuesday sixteen major league ball clubs will step out on the right foot or the wrong foot in the general direction of the 1924 world's series.

As the teams line up for another race, that may reasonably be expected to be as good, if not better than any of its predecessors, there will be but one set of instructions whispered to fourteen of the starters: "Go out and get New York. Use your own judgment, but do it."

Most of the baseball populace removed from the spacious territory known as the metropolitan district any faint recollection of the rivalry between the Yankees and the Giants, and to restore the grand old national pastime to its former state of virility some potent serum must be injected into another part of the baseball anatomy.

One side of the baseball house which has for its constituency the National League can have its lust for the revitalization of New York satisfied, for its teams that the Giants have been least improved when they were most in need of improvement to hold their own in the attempt at a new record of four pennants in a row.

The American League side of the family recoiled to the belief that New York will die only of old age, may have to bear up with the hope that if the demise of the Yankees is not in the cards this year, it must necessarily come sooner or later.

The susceptibility of the Yankees to any attack of a line that is supposed to attend an effort at more than three consecutive championships will not be because of any frail condition of the constitution, but would come only from an over-accumulation of strength and power from the opposition. There seems to be nothing of that sort in prospect.

It would be violating tradition to refrain from remarking that the baseball heads are right when they rub their mitts together, move up to the border-line of the chairs and gloat: "Now for the biggest and best season of all."

The size of the season depends largely upon the economic condition of the country and the inducement that the club owners can offer their public to spend. Times are good now and there is in prospect a race in both leagues that should justify the well-known strings on the well-known p.b.

Four teams are standing for the pennant in the National League, and the others are not far removed from dark horse prospects. There should be no top-heavy classification from the start to the finish.

If the word of New Yorkers can be taken that there is to be no contest in the American League and that the Yankees are in by at least the sixteen-game margin they finished in last season, there will be an interesting fight for the runner-up positions.

Teams and managers in both leagues have been changed around to an unusual extent. Four new managers are to be tested in the American League and two in the National League.

"Black" Harris, the youngest manager in the big leagues, is a newcomer with the Washington Senators; Frank Chance went to the Chicago White Sox after being replaced by the Boston Red Sox by Lee Fohl, who was ditched

Burns Only Cincinnati Regular Three New Pitchers Added to Squad In Danger of Losing His Berth



LEFT TO RIGHT: AKIE MAY, CARL MAYS; (INSET) TOM SHEEHAN.

Orlando, Fla.—George Burns, veteran outfielder of the Cincinnati Reds, is facing the shadows of obscurity.

A hero of many world series skirmishes, and for years one of the great outfielders in the game, Burns this spring finds himself with his back to the wall, battling to hold his job.

Except for the possibility of Burns passing to the bench the Reds remain practically intact, with a holdover catching department, a veteran infield

and three additions to the pitching staff, May from the Coast League, Sheehan from the American Association and Mays, late of the Yanks.

Burns, who grows no younger as the springs roll along, is having a hard time getting started. His old speed is gone and drives that used to fall into his gloved hand are now going for base hits. He has taken on weight and is no longer a feared man on the paths.

George Harper, for three years the Reds' reserve outfielder, and Ed Hock, 300 hitter from Oklahoma City, are

Southworth, Bradshaw and Oeschger. The Pirates have Glen Wright, reputed a star shortstop.

The Cards will try Bell, a new shortstop.

The Braves have Stengel, Cunningham, Kelleher, Bancroft and Tierney. The Robins have Jones, another new shortstop.

Connie Mack has done most of the important building in the American League with the purchase of Strand and Simmons, two highly recommended outfielders, and Max Bishop, a second baseman.

The Yankees have Combs, a new outfielder.

The Indians have Burns, Walters and Fawcett, acquired in the deal which sent O'Neil and Wamby to the Red Sox. The Red Sox also have Budley Lee, heralded as a shortstop wowed, and Bobby Veach, who came from Detroit.

George Sisler's attempted comeback as a first baseman will be one of the most interesting features of the season and one of the most important because the Browns should be in the pennant race if their star manager can play the game of which he was once capable.

Babe Ruth, of course, will be the big feature he has been for years. The Bam has taken unto himself the assignment of breaking his home run record, leading the American League in batting and making himself the winner of the prize again for the most valuable player in the league.

If there is to be a tremendous sensation in baseball this season, it will have to be the dethronement of the New York Yankees, because the Na-

leading candidates for Burns' old stand, Harper is not a great hitter and if Hock, who is both fast and a skilled fielder, can keep close to the 300 mark against major league pitching he will out, Burns.

This is Hock's third trip to the Reds' camp.

The passing of Burns would mark the end of an outfield combination that has ranked with the elite in the big leagues. Roush is one of the great ones of all time and Duncan, with his timely hitting, is more than fair.

M'GRAW TO KEEP BENTLEY PITCHING

Hurling Staff is Weak, and He Has Kelly for First.

New York, April 10.—Only the fact that he needs pitchers and has a competent first baseman in George Kelly keeps Manager McGraw of the New York Giants from using Pitcher Jack Bentley at the initial corner.

Bentley likes to play first base. Bentley does not like to pitch. Manager McGraw knows just how Bentley feels about it, would like to shift him to first base, but the pitching department keeps him from doing so.

Bentley is a dangerous batsman. He proved that conclusively in his National League debut last season. While Bentley is not a great pitcher his style is peculiarly effective against certain clubs and McGraw picked the spots for him last summer to great advantage.

During his days of starring for the Baltimore club, in the International League, Manager Dunn had Bentley as much as McGraw is doing, except that he always used Bentley as a first baseman when not pitching him.

One year while pitching against clubs that were soft for him Bentley only lost one game in the International League. Were not George Kelly such a good fielder and dangerous hitter, McGraw would probably use Bentley exclusively at first base.

It is a rather interesting fact that Babe Ruth and George Sisler, two of the outstanding stars of the American League, entered that organization as pitchers, only to be played elsewhere regularly because of their hitting.

HARRIERS VICTORS OVER HIGH SCHOOL

The Harriers defeated the High school basketball team, provincial intercollegiate champions in a fast and furious game of basketball at the Y. M. C. A. last evening by the score of 20 to 10 in favor of high school.

In the second half, the Harriers made a rally and outscored their opponents 25 to 11. Humphrey and Wittman were the best for high school and for the Harriers, Boyce and Young did some excellent shooting, while the other players worked in some good defence work.

TO CHECK INSANITY.

Madison, Wns., April 10.—Fully 60 per cent. of persons suffering from mental diseases and nervous breakdowns, are victims of emotional conflicts and not afflicted with diseases known to cause insanity.

Dr. Stanley Blanton of the University of Wisconsin told a conference of public health workers here. Dr. Blanton said that proper supervision of childhood emotions on the part of parents would eliminate most of the "emotional insanity."

MISS WILLS AND MLE.

Paris, April 10.—Spain, through the 19-year-old Senorita de Alvarez, probably will make a strong bid for honors in the women's tennis championships at the Olympic game lawn tennis tournament. So greatly has the Spanish girl improved her game this winter that it is believed in many quarters that the final may not prove to be a controversy between Miss Helen Wills, the American champion, as was generally expected. Senorita de Alvarez, in the recent Cannes tournament, defeated Mrs. Covel of England, 6-7, 2-6 and 6-4, after she had disposed of Miss Elizabeth Ryan of California, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, in the semi-finals.

CHAMPIONS BEATEN.

The Y. M. C. I. juniors defeated Central Baptist, the junior provincial champions, last evening, on the "Y" floor, 14 to 11. This is the first reverse for the Central Baptists. The line-up and scores were:

Y. M. C. I. Forwards: Chandler (2), (2) Arthur, (2) Barnes (6), (2) Waring, Centre: F. Britt (4), (2) A. Barnes, Defence: McCarthy (2), (2) MacRae, Stevens (2), (2) McRoberts

WIN FINAL MATCH AND CLINCH TITLE

Victoria Alley Team Defeat Y. M. C. A. in Well Contested Game.

A sensational finish decided the championship struggle between the Victoria alley team and a quintet representing the Y. M. C. A. in their final match for premier honors in the City League, bowled on the Imperial alleys last evening. In which the former captured two points and the title. The result was in doubt until the final frame, when Sommerville and Covey came through with strikes and gave their team the necessary margin to win the point and the championship.

Covey had the high single 116, while Sommerville had the highest average, 84.2-3. On the losers, Pothay, Sullivan and Jenkins were all over the century mark. The individual scores followed:

Victoria	Y. M. C. A.	Total	Avg.
Thornton	91	99	92
Winchester	92	100	108
Stinson	82	85	255
Jenkins	96	94	111
Dow	98	110	98
Sullivan	108	101	104
Covey	76	81	116
		449	475

Y. M. C. A. — Total, Ave. Melville 77 91 85 253 87-3 Pothay 111 95 106 312 104 Sommerville 82 85 255 82-3 Jenkins 96 94 111 301 100-3 Dow 98 110 98 296 102 Sullivan 108 101 104 314 104-3 Covey 76 81 116 272 92-3 481 476 481 1448

ST. MARY'S WON.
St. Mary's Band won over Christo Woodworking Co. Ltd. last evening, the scores being:

St. Mary's Band	Christo	Total	Avg.
Emery	95	92	128
Nelson	78	78	288
Ellison	84	81	249
Ellison	86	88	171
		428	484

Christie W. W. Co. — Total, Ave. Christie 78 104 77 259 87-3 McArthur 77 80 74 231 77-3 St. Julien 82 85 258 85-3 Gilles 81 87 253 81-3 Sear 77 83 73 233 77-3 398 417 379 1194

G.W.V.A. LEAGUE.
In the G.W.V.A. League last evening, the St. Julien took three points from the Monks Stars. The scores were:

Monks Stars	St. Julien	Total	Avg.
Moore	86	78	88
Thorndyke	83	74	68
Gabriel	83	74	68
Wilson	81	70	65
Irvine	84	79	102
		422	398

JEWETT'S LEADING.

Jewett lengthened their lead in the senior for the House League bowling championship against the Ford and Rogers last night. Jewett now lead Rogers by 81 points and the Ford by 122 points. It has not been decided yet when the next game will be played. The scores last night were:

Jewett	Ford	Rogers	Total	Avg.
McDonough	79	77	82	128
Oliver	94	107	103	304
Dupont	97	85	81	273
W. Wall	80	81	84	265
Cosgrove	81	83	82	266
			445	452

Ford — Total, Ave. Sinclair 75 79 83 237 80-3 Magee 74 82 82 238 79-3 J. Wall 84 101 82 267 81-3 F. Power 77 82 68 227 79 Nixon 82 85 85 252 82-3 582 444 416 1242

Dodges — Total, Ave. Gallagher 78 77 78 233 78-3 Simpson 80 85 73 237 82-3 McNulty 81 86 89 256 88-2 Jenkins 102 85 86 273 91-3 454 487 408 1299

TWO-MEN LEAGUE.

In the Two-Men League on the Imperial alleys last night, Team No. 1 took four points from Team No. 3 and Team No. 4 took four points from Team No. 2. The scores:

Team No. 1	Team No. 2	Total	Avg.
Paritt	94	81	87
Elworthy	82	80	271
		182	177

Team No. 3 — Total, Ave. Shephard 71 76 89 236 78-3 Allan 84 94 94 272 90-3 155 170 183 608

Team No. 4 — Total, Ave. Wright 103 83 83 274 91-1 Simpson 105 114 77 296 93-3 208 197 166 670

Team No. 2 — Total, Ave. Brown 74 85 73 232 76-1 Hart 81 96 89 266 88-2 155 182 156 613

Cotton manufactures in this country in 1921 represented a valuation of \$1,279,168,000.

Billy Evans Says

To be knocked out doesn't necessarily ruin the career of a fighter.

Until his knockout by Jack Delaney, which, by the way, was entirely unexpected, Paul Berlenbach was the reigning sensation in pugilistic circles. Berlenbach, an amateur and professional, had hung up an impressive string of knockouts. Fight fans like the baby with the sleep-producing wallop, just as baseball enthusiasts idolize the home-run hitter.

The unexpected knockout of Berlenbach, caused by over-matching the younger, caused many of the critics to remark that it meant the passing of Berlenbach as a possible champion. The ability to take it and come back fighting is often the best index to a fighter's possibilities. Berlenbach didn't quit under fire. He was game to the finish and the wise referee stopped the fight rather than permit an actual knockout.

Interviewed after the fight, Berlenbach took his defeat philosophically. A cool, calculating ass, who lacks color, he simply remarked:

"Dempsey was knocked out, only to later knock out the same man and finally win a championship.

"The great Stanley Ketchell was stopped by Papke, only to reverse the performance the next time they met and win back his title.

"Benny Leonard was knocked out early in his career, yet became light-weight champion, and is generally regarded as one of the greatest fighters of all time.

"Most of the great fighters have gone through the experience of taking the count. I am not worrying. Inside of a year I will stop Delaney."

It certainly is going to be hard to keep a fellow with such a temperament down. Berlenbach packs a punch in either hand. Generosity and cleverness, that come with ring experience, are now lacking.

A more recent surprise than the defeat of Berlenbach was the losing of the bantamweight championship by Joe Lynch to Abe Goldstein.

For a year Lynch has been playing the small towns, engaging in no decision bouts, often picking his opponent. Risking his title for the first time in 15 months he failed to come through.

About three years ago Lynch fought Goldstein, knocking him out in the 11th round. Goldstein, noted for his timidity, was hardly conceded an outside chance to win over Lynch.

The feeling prevailed that Goldstein would remember that knockout and wouldn't take any chances, thereby losing the big opportunity of his career. Goldstein surprised from every angle and won a popular decision.

Either Lynch can no longer make the bantam weight and be strong or he has gone back a city block.

Goldstein proved that a knockout doesn't spell finish, by winning a championship from a fighter who three years previous had stopped him.

TRINITY WON.

Trinity church Boy Scouts defeated Centenary last evening on the former's floor, 28 to 13. The game was interesting and featured by the shooting of the forwards on the winning team. The scores:

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LEAVES TUESDAY.

Victor MacAulay, Windsor runner, leaves on Tuesday next to compete in the Boston Marathon on April 19. This will be MacAulay's third attempt—the first time he finished in fourth place. Last year he was bothered with a weak ankle but he is in much better condition and will do his best to win this famous race.

Poker Face Saves Employees \$998

Newark, N. J., April 10.—A Western Union telegraph office was held up by two armed bandits who got only \$2 out of a \$1,000 note due to the quick wit and "poker face" of Michael Scolamero.

When confronted by the two bandits and two guns, Scolamero pulled two one dollar bills from the top of a \$1,000 pile in the cash drawer and handed them to the bandits. They took the \$2 and backed out of the office.

FRISCH LEARNS TO SLIDE.

Manager McGraw of the Giants says Frankie Frisch is going to be more valuable than ever this year. He has learned to slide first, which will enable him to get more out of his great speed.

BOXING CARD ATTRACTS FANS

Marked Interest in Provincial Championships—Record Entries.

The New Brunswick amateur boxing championships, which are to be held in the Armory tomorrow evening under the auspices of the Y. M. C. I. are one of the chief subjects of conversation among local fans. The large entry list and the calibre of the boys who will participate assure them of one of the best tournaments ever held in this city and there is considerable speculation as to the prospective winners.

Chief interest seems centered on the 125 and 135 pound classes, in which Champions Donovan and Kennedy will compete, although the other classes, especially the 118 pound, are also coming in for a share of their attention. The outside talent has created this marked interest in the bouts, which from all indications will attract a record crowd.

Must Have Cards.
Boxers who have entered, it was announced last evening, must produce their amateur cards, otherwise they will not be allowed to go on. It was also announced last evening that the entrants would weigh in at the Y. M. C. I. on Friday afternoon from 2 to 5.

Y. M. C. I. officials are working hard on final details now to ensure success in every particular. In view of the large number of entries, the job of clerks will be an exacting one, but in the hands of Ernie Stirling the fans know it will be filled to satisfaction.

The Entries.
The complete entry list is as follows: 70-pound class, special—C. Gallagher, Y. M. C. I.; John Devlin, Y. M. C. I. 85-pound class, special—John Lefard, Y. M. C. I.; G. Donovan, Y. M. C. I.

100-pound class—L. C. Burns, Y. M. C. I.; F. McGraw, Y. M. C. I.; W. Damery, unattached; E. Goldworthy, unattached; O. R. Boyce, East End Boys' Club; W. Carigan, St. Mary's, Halifax.

108-pound class—A. L. Ricketts, E. B. C.; Harvey Lumley, Y. M. C. I.; Murray Young, Y. M. C. I.; G. Mason, E. B. C.

125-pound class—Pat Whipple, Y. M. C. I.; J. S. Monteith, unattached; H. W. Lee, unattached; W. Ferguson, St. Mary's, Halifax.

135-pound class—Roy Ballard, Y. M. C. I.; James Sands, unattached; C. Carter, E. B. C.; Leslie Britt, Y. M. C. I.; Harold Warnock, St. Mary's, Halifax; Billy Cavanaugh, New Glasgow.

155-pound class—Eric Snow, Tronans A. C.; Crawley, St. Mary's A. C.; Louis Donovan, Maritime champion, Y. M. C. I.; Bruce Winchester, St. John A. A.

135-pound class—Raymond "Nicky" Kennedy, Maritime champion; St. Mary's A. C.; Halifax; Parrell Britt, Y. M. C. I.; Reg. Harper, Royals A. C.; J. Franklin, Y. M. C. I.

147-pound class—Harold Johnson, St. Mary's A. C.; Halifax; George Wright, Westville, N. S.; Roy Joyce, unattached; E. Spelman, unattached; J. McIntyre, Y. M. C. I.; Roy Spragg, Y. M. C. I.

Johnson To Meet Renault May 24

Montreal, April 10.—Arrangements have been practically completed for a 15-round match between Jack Johnson, former heavyweight champion, and Victor MacAulay, Canadian heavyweight, at the Mount Royal race track, on May 24, according to Tom Duggan, promoter.

Negotiations have also been opened for a match between Jack Delaney, Bridgeport, Conn., middleweight and conqueror of Paul Berlenbach, and either Young Stribling, Macon, Ga., schoolboy, or Mike McTigue, world's light heavyweight champion.

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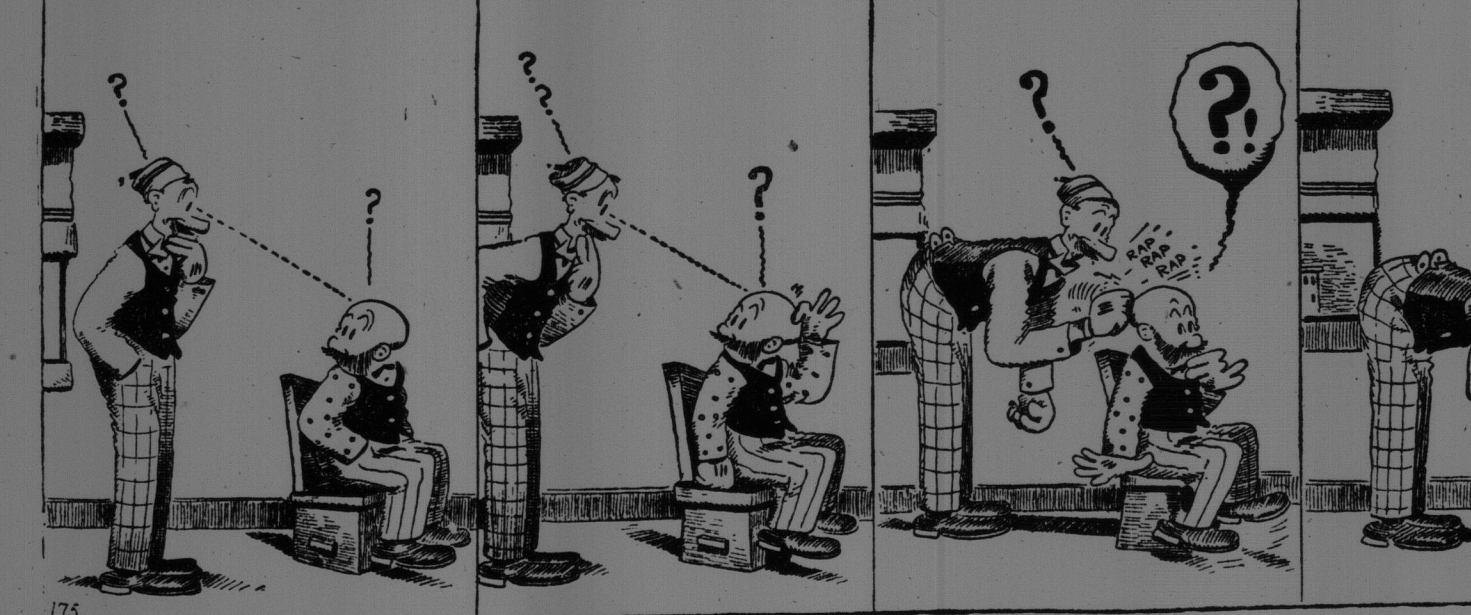
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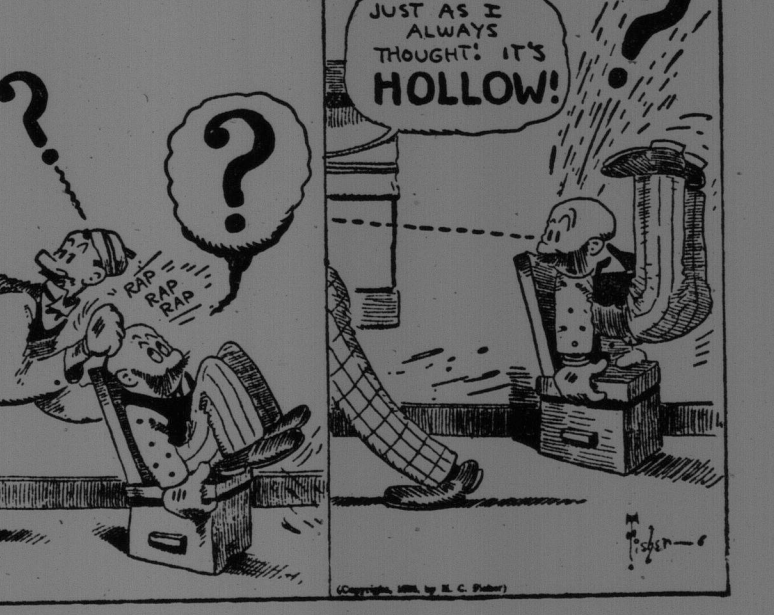
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