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BOTH MAJOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONS CLOSE IN ON FLYING LEADERS

PITTSBURGH AND SENATORS HAVE WON 3 IN ROW

New York Teams At Head of Respective Leagues

NEW YORK, April 29.—Champions of 1925 in major league baseball are making known their presence in the new race after showing poor form in leaving the mark.

The world titleholders of Pittsburgh and the American League kings of Washington have won three straight contests each and now may be considered well on the trail of the early season sprinters. Baseball in the past has shown that the last in April may be the first in September.

Two other teams in the major leagues have come through more than half of the week without defeat, the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers, offering a pace that will bring out the best efforts of both champion clubs.

YANKES SETTING PACE

Last year the Yanks had dropped to sixth place in the standing at this stage of the season, and failed to climb out of the second division, but today, with four new faces surrounding the pitcher—Pat Collins, behind the bat, Lou Gehrig at first base, Tony Lazzeri at second, and Mark Koenig at shortstop, they have battered down about every first string batsman in the east.

Lefty Groves of the Mackmen was beaten yesterday by the New York sluggers 8 to 0.

The Senators pounded Wiltz of Boston for a 5 to 2 verdict, Manager Harris getting his first home of the year. While hurling another good game for the Cleveland Indians against the Browns, who succumbed 7 to 3.

Chicago obtained its third victory of the Detroit series by hammering the service of Barfoot for a 8 to 5 victory.

WORLD'S CHAMPS WIN

Although out of 11 to 8, the Pirates bats swung at the proper time behind Aldridge to win from the Cubs 9 to 4.

Winnipeg, youngster with the Giants, tied the Phillies to five hits and carried away the honors 5 to 2. O'Farrell's ninth inning home run gave the Cardinals the decision over the Reds 5 to 3, after Bell had doubled.

Another good pitching performance by McWerry, carried Barfoot to its third conquest of the week, 5 to 4, Boston was the victim.

LOCAL BOXERS DO WELL AT TOURNEY

Harper and McNulty Win Maritime Boxing Titles in Respective Classes

HALIFAX, April 28.—Saint John boxers carried away two of the five Maritime amateur boxing championships decided here tonight at the close of the annual tournament. Three titles were taken by Halifax entrants. Reg. Harper, Saint John, won the 135-pound title when he knocked out Harry MacDonald in the first round of the final bout, and David McNulty, Saint John, won the 125-pound title by gaining a decision over Edward McCormick, Halifax, in an extra round of the final bout. In the 112-pound final Alex Fitzgibbon, of Halifax, outpointed Daniel Lee, Saint John.

Lee had outpointed Harold Murphy, Halifax, in the semi-finals. Walter Kelly, St. Mary's, outpointed Harvey Lamorey, Saint John, for the 115 pound title.

AMER. LEAGUE STILL OBJECTS TO RESIN

Will Supply Umpires But Request Pitchers to Abstain From Its Use

NEW YORK, April 28.—American League magnates today voted to abide by the letter of the resin rule.

In compliance with a recent opinion of Baseball Commissioner Landis, making use of resin optional with pitchers of all leagues the club owners adopted a resolution under which their umpires will be provided with the "foreign substance." At the same time, however, the magnates indicated continued disapproval of the use of resin by instructing managers to request pitchers to abstain from drying their hands on the bag.

BRITISH PLAYERS LOSERS

NEW YORK, April 28.—The combined Oxford-Cambridge lacrosse team has completed one of the most devastating athletic commissions. The British collegians lost 12 of their 13 games here, being victorious only against the University of Pennsylvania.

Suzanne Lenglen Will Not Enter Tourney For U. S. Tennis Title

Days of "Iron Man" Stunts For Pitchers As Regular Work Have Gone Forever

By HENRY L. FARRELL.
NEW YORK, April 29.—Joe McGinnity, who as the original iron man of baseball, used to pitch two or three double headers a week when the need was urgent, has a novel theory to explain why the arms of modern pitchers are not as durable as those of the old timers.

The theory most generally advanced to explain why even the big fellows have to have a rest of two or three days between games is that the athletes of the present day are less sturdy and that the physical standards have diminished.

McGinnity, however, is of the opinion that the blame rests upon psychological influences for which modern managers are responsible. The old "iron man" was no physical marvel and he was built along standard lines. He believed that the youngsters are just as strong now as they were in his day and that they have the additional benefit of more scientific training and pitching methods that get more out of ordinary strength.

TOO MANY PITCHERS

"Take a look at the bench of any major league club now and you will see it all cluttered up with pitchers," he said. "It is not unusual to find ten regular pitchers on a club roster and in our day a club was rich that had four good pitchers."

"With so many pitchers to work, a manager has to arrange some kind of a regular schedule for his starting pitchers so that they may keep themselves on the proper edge. The manager may start them in order and tell them they are to work every fourth or fifth day, and if there are enough relief pitchers around to act in emergencies, the regular pitchers can be worked in regular order."

MUST HAVE CONFIDENCE

"This policy has had a psychological effect upon the pitcher for him he has been influenced into the belief that they should not have to work without a long rest, and that they can't be effective without that rest. If the pitcher goes to the box with any kind of a doubt in what he has it would be far better to keep him on the bench."

Baseball, he pointed out also, has become a much better paying profession than it was in the old days and the players, especially pitchers, are more concerned than they were years ago in prolonging their period of service in the major leagues.

Complaints are almost common among pitchers that they were given a raw deal by a manager who forced them to work out of turn or do some relief pitching when their arm wasn't right. These pitchers feel when they are forced to do more than their share that they are taking life out of an arm that will shorten their life in the big money.

CRITICIZE HARRIS

Some grand stand managers criticized Bucky Harris, manager of the Washington Senators, after he had permitted Walter Johnson, starting his twentieth season in the major leagues, to pitch fifteen innings in the first game against the Athletics.

That, they pointed out, was a risky piece of business as it might have blown Johnson's arm for a part of the season or the entire year. Harris asked Johnson several times, however, if he wanted relief and the veteran nodded him away.

Johnson isn't the type of pitcher to consider himself above the interests of the team but in this particular case he would have been acting for the interest of the team if he felt that he was risking his arm by finishing the game and had retired.

Harris, no doubt, felt that Johnson, after nineteen years experience, knew much better than he did, the limitations and capabilities of his arm.

The complaint of some players that managers are heartless and mercenary in their ambitions to win as many games as possible has a counter argument.

Star pitchers are hard to find and when any manager of a contending team finds a star he is just as eager to keep him serviceable as long as the star wants to remain with a big salary. If any manager thought that Smith, Jones and Green could win a pennant for him he certainly would not do anything that would reduce the efficiency of Smith, Jones or Green.

This policy of saving men is one of Bucky Harris' pets. He said before the season opened that he wouldn't use Johnson as a relief pitcher and that the big fellow would be instructed not to exert himself in running out close outs when there was no immediate need for a runner on the bases.

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION MUST DEFEND CROWN

Kaplan Given To June 1 To Meet Opponent In N. Y. State

NEW YORK, April 28.—Louis (Kid) Kaplan, Meriden, world's featherweight champion, will have to defend his title at the Queensboro Stadium in Long Island City on June 1, or suffer suspension by the State Athletic Commission.

This ruling was made at a recent meeting of the board, when Matchmaker Tom Monteith, part-manager of Kaplan, proposed to stage the Kaplan-Bobby Garcia fight in Connecticut.

Chairman James A. Farley announced that Monteith, with Dinny McMahon, who also is interested in the management of Kaplan, had been summoned to appear today, when the situation will be investigated. Garcia was substituted when Johnny Dundee, veteran Italian fighter, who originally signed to box Kaplan for the title, Dundee voluntarily surrendered, notified the club illness would prevent him.

The substitution did not meet with the approval of Kaplan's advisers, and it was reported Monteith planned to go before the commission yesterday to protest. Monteith did not appear.

Dundee notified the board he is to undergo an operation this week for the removal of a needle from his right leg, the complaint which caused him to cancel the projected Kaplan bout.

PERMISSION DENIED SUGGS

Chairman Farley announced that permission to box Charlie (Phil) Rosenberg in a bout in Cleveland, had been denied Chick Suggs, New Bedford challenger.

This decision followed the receipt of a communication from the Cleveland Boxing Commission requesting the board's attitude on the proposed fight. The reply was that any boxer licensed in New York who fights Rosenberg during the term of the champion's ineligibility here will be suspended, since Bushey Graham has been selected as the foremost challenger. But he also struck out 231 men in the same number of innings. He won 26 games, lost six and hurled five shutouts.

EITHER WILD OR BAFFLING

Dan Howley, manager of the Toronto team, perennial foe of the Baltimore team, for the International League honors, amused Groves up when he said:

"When he's wild he's wild; but when he isn't you can't hit him. We would have won the pennant in 1924 if it hadn't been for Groves. That's how good he was against us, wildness or no wildness."

CITY BALL LEAGUE TO OPEN ON MAY 24

Each Club to Play Thirty Games—Season to Last Ten Weeks

A meeting of the City Senior Amateur League was held last evening in the office of the president, A. W. Covey. Representatives from the four teams forming the league, the Water Department, Rojans, Saint Johns and St. John the Baptists, were present.

The schedule for the playing season was given further consideration, and it was decided that the season should last 10 weeks, opening on May 24 and closing about the end of July. Each team will play three games a week or 30 in all.

The meeting adjourned without considering any further questions. Another meeting will be held on Monday evening.

Harriers Defeat St. Andrew's Team

The intermediate Harriers defeated St. Andrew's basketball team in an exhibition game on St. Andrew's last night by a score of 29 to 25. At the end of the first half St. Andrew's were leading by 13 to 11.

The line-up and individual scores were as follows:

Harriers: St. Andrew's: Forward: (4) ... Reid (8) ... McLean (14) ... Hart (8) ... Harding (10) ... McAllister (8) ... Back: Beckett ... Defence: (5) ... Clark ... Lingley ... Logie (1) ... Gaithair ...

How They Stand

NATIONAL LEAGUE. Won. Lost. P.C.
New York 9 4 .692
Cincinnati 7 5 .577
Brooklyn 5 7 .417
St. Louis 8 6 .571
Philadelphia 7 7 .500
Chicago 6 7 .462
Boston 3 10 .231

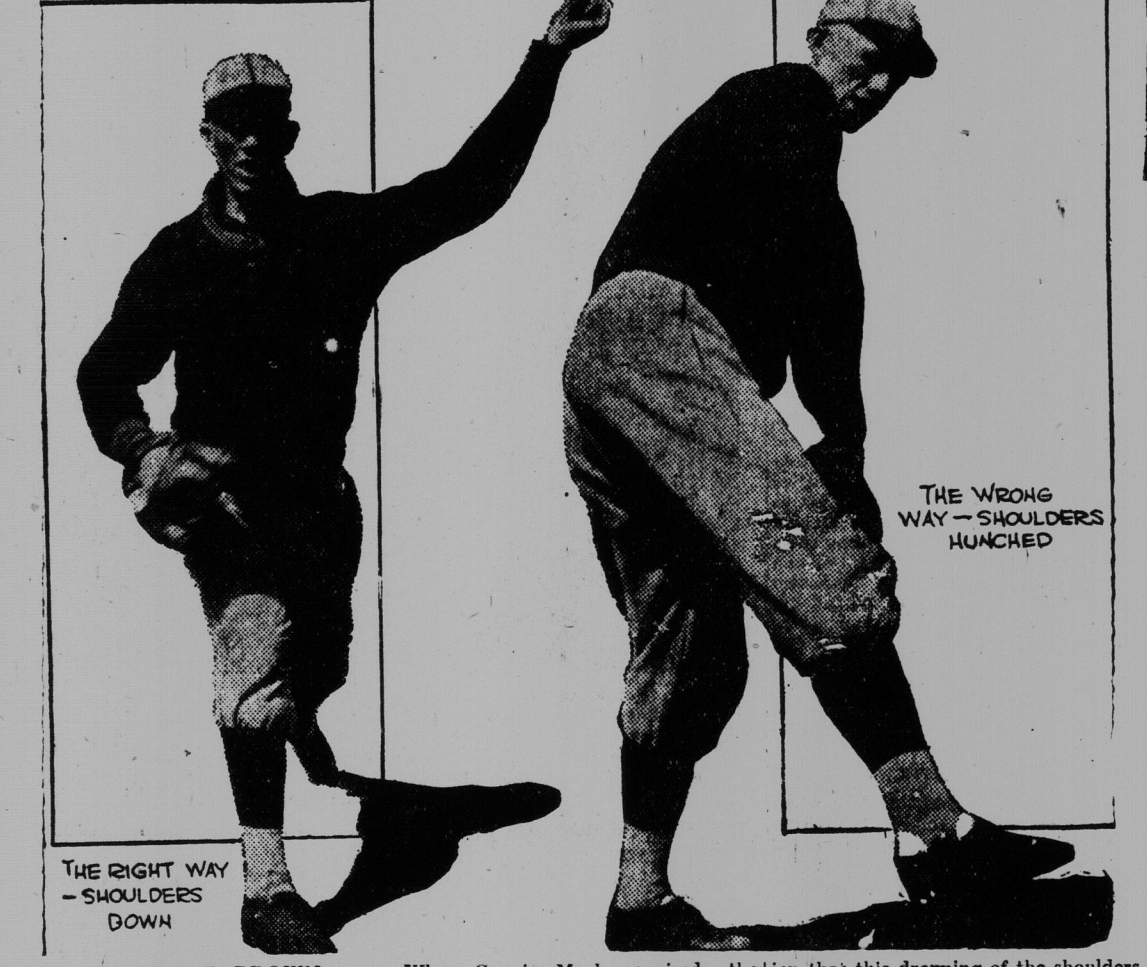
AMERICAN LEAGUE. Won. Lost. P.C.
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Cleveland 10 3 .769
Washington 9 6 .600
Detroit 5 8 .385
Boston 4 9 .308
Philadelphia 4 10 .286
St. Louis 4 11 .267

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Coach Remedies Groves' Wildness



By NORMAN E. BROWN.
HAS Lefty Groves, \$100,000 pitcher of the Athletics, been cured of the wildness that made him a failure his first year up?

Has "Kid" Gleason already "paid for his salt" by solving the mystery of the big left-hander's wildness and eliminating it?

Groves' work the other day against the Red Sox indicated as much. He allowed but three hits and fanned eight.

Lefty was the pitching ace of the Baltimore Orioles when Connie Mack paid a record price for him. Groves was wild with the International League club. In 1924, his last year with the team he issued 106 passes in 236 innings. But he also struck out 231 men in the same number of innings. He won 26 games, lost six and hurled five shutouts.

Gleason decided that Groves was pitching with his shoulders "pulled up." That is, as Groves wound up and delivered the ball his shoulders were hunched much as you pull your shoulders up and draw your head down when anticipating a slap on the back by some long lost Rotarian brother.

As he released the ball from his hand Groves let his shoulders drop. Gleason was immediately of the opinion that this dropping of the shoulders, coincident with the releasing of the ball, had a tendency to lessen Groves' control.

He explained his beliefs to Groves and set to work with the hurler to correct the fault.

"Keep your shoulders down," he drummed into Groves' ears as the southpaw unlimbered on the sidelines or lobbed them over for batters in practice.

He won 10 but lost 12 games. He issued 121 bases in 198 innings. He fanned 116.

Last winter Mack signed Gleason to coach his team and put some "right" in it.

Gleason had heard of Groves, of course. When the big pitcher showed up at Ft. Myers, Fla., last spring Gleason began to watch him. It wasn't long before Gleason determined what was the cause of Groves' inability to keep his control.

"Made" Groves. Of course it will take more than one impressive showing—more than a few innings in the box—to prove it but Lefty's work against the Red Sox was so much different from his work last season that there is cause now to speculate as to the success of Gleason's labors.

If the fault has been found and remedied Mr. Groves will have something to say in the disposition of the American League pennant.

MEET OFFICIALS DO NOT FAVOR PLAN OF STAR

French Champion To Give Exhibitions While In America

NEW YORK, April 29.—Suzanne Lenglen will not compete in the United States Women's Tennis championships at Forest Hills in August in connection with her forthcoming trip to this country to fulfill a motion picture contract, according to The Associated Press.

Charles C. Pyle, Chicago promoter, made this known recently after filing a request with the United States Lawn Tennis Association for sanction of exhibition matches contemplated for the French champion.

The Advisory Committee of the U. S. L. T. A. was to have considered this request at its regular weekly meeting but postponed action until next week without indicating what course would be taken.

Miss Lenglen's plan to stay out of the American title tournament is not expected to meet with favor among tennis officials, who pointed out that, inasmuch as she is coming to this country anyway, it would be looked upon as a return courtesy for her to compete here in view of the entry of Miss Wills in the French championships.

According to Pyle the French ace plans to arrive here late in August.

NICE, France, April 29.—The representative of Miss Suzanne Lenglen here received a cable message from New York on Tuesday advising him that Promoter Charles C. Pyle had approved the tentative agreement negotiated by William H. Pickens on his recent trip to the Riviera, calling for Miss Lenglen's appearance in the United States.

Her representative refused any statement except to say: "The Pickens agreement still holds good."

The agreement covers a tour beginning next October. Miss Lenglen to receive money, the amount unstated, for motion picture acting and also newspaper writing. Tennis playing is not mentioned.

Delaney To Fight In Montreal Soon

NEW YORK, April 29.—Jack Delaney, French Canadian light-heavyweight and outstanding contender for Paul Berenbach's crown, was signed here yesterday for a ten round bout in Montreal. He will meet Martin O'Grady, Pacific Coast battler, in the Forum A. C. on May 12.

Local Bowling

INTER-LEAGUE SERIES.
The Knights of Pythias team took three points from the C. N. R. in the Inter-League championship game on Blacks' alleys last night. In tonight's game The Telegraph-Times and McAvity teams will roll. The scores last night were as follows:

K of P—	Total Avg.
Sheppard	99 91 85 275 912-3
R. Black	93 113 83 289 961-3
Naam	103 103 98 305 1012-3
Brentnall	91 115 118 324 108-
Covey	95 91 104 290 962-3

C. N. R.—
Palmer 79 88 91 258 86
Manning 92 92 109 293 972-3
Wall 80 105 97 281 97
Lawson 89 95 127 311 1022-3
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CITY LEAGUE

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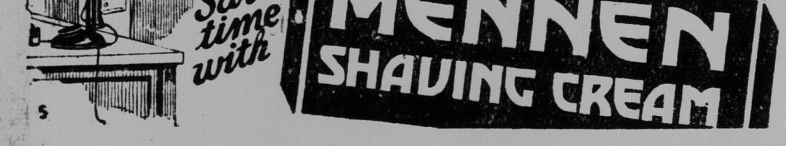
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