

ALL THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE ATHLETIC WORLD

M'GRAW OUTRANKS MACK; CLAIMS TO BE GREATEST PILOT

In one of his writings Frank Merkle, a critic, claims that McGraw outranks Connie Mack and proves claim as the greatest pilot. In his remarks of the two great baseball generals, he says:

Connie Mack of the Athletics and John McGraw of the Giants, as widely separated in temperament and in their managerial methods as the north and south poles, rank as the greatest leaders in baseball's history.

But which is the greater? It's a natural question that follows such a situation, and it's a question that at first seems hard to answer. Yet, after studying the records of both men, it seems that the honor of being the greatest leader might rightly be given to McGraw. The statement is made in face of the fact that Mack has won as many pennants—five in number—as has McGraw, and that Mack has grabbed three world series championships in four starts, while McGraw has won but once in four starts.

The success of the Athletics has been due mainly to the ability of the players; the success of the Giants has been due mainly to the wonderful, uncanny power of McGraw to weld a bunch of mediocre ball players into a pennant winning combination.

In 1913 Mack won the American League pennant, because his team as a whole ranked as not only the best in that league, but the best in the world. With McGraw it was different. He entered the race in the spring of 1913 with only one reliable, brainy pitcher—the wonderful Mathewson—and with a team that on paper, and in actual natural strength, ranked below three other teams in the National League.

McGraw is Answer.

Yet the Giants won the pennant by a wide margin. Why? The answer is, McGraw. He took his ordinary mechanical ball players and made them into a machine. Then he oiled the machine with his own wonderful fighting spirit, supplied the brains that his team lacked, thought for them, acted for them and did everything but play the game for them.

With any other manager but McGraw at the helm, the Giants never would have been in the race last year. When the team crumpled up early in the summer and seemed to have gone to pieces utterly, it was McGraw who would have felt that there was no chance to finish in the lead. But McGraw was different. He never gave in and he never let his men down. The more they were pummeled and pounded around by their rivals the faster he sent them back at their opponents.

The situation in 1913 was no exception to what it has been in other years. Fate seems to have ruled that each year Mack is to have a wonderful galaxy of brainy players, and that McGraw is to have nothing but mechanical men.

Look over the list of the men who have played on the Giant teams since McGraw took charge back in 1903. Excepting Mathewson, there never has been one man on the Giant roster who compared in brains with Eddie Collins, Danny Murphy, Harry Davis, and the other heady men that Mack has had.

Mack started in the American league with a team noted for its brains. And it seems that each year when some star has dropped from the Athletics' firmament, another has risen to take his place. Always on the Athletics' roster have there been men of brains, men who count on their own thinking, who could plan their own actions.

In McGraw's case, he has had under him year after year, only men who were mechanical baseball stars, with Mathewson the exception of course. Yet he has taken these men, lent them some of his brains, aroused their

CAPTAIN OF THE AMERICAN POLO TEAM.



At the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Polo Association, the minutes of which were made public recently, "Money" Waterbury was selected captain of the American team for the coming matches against England. Mr. Waterbury's selection was brought about through the resignation of Henry Payne Whitney, who stated some time ago that he would no longer be a candidate for the international four. There was some doubt expressed over Mr. Whitney's not playing this year, but the fact that Mr. Waterbury has been chosen officially to lead the defenders of the cup practically settles all argument on that score, and it means that the "Big Four" is at last broken up.

RETIRES RUNNER WITH NO BALL

Joe Kernan, the little third baseman tried out by the Chicago White Sox last spring, once put out a runner in a league game without having the ball in his hands.

Joe was with Oshkosh, in the Wisconsin-Illinois league, at the time and the battle was close. A visiting runner reached third; two were gone and a strong batter was up. This was when Joe framed it up.

He ran over to his pitcher and whispered to him to keep the ball covered. Then he hustled up to the umpire, held out his hands as if concealing the ball, and said "Watch this play I'm going to spruce." As he trotted back to third he opened his hands and the runner saw no sign of the ball. The latter led off the base. Immediately Kernan darted at him, touched the man and threw his glove on the ground.

"You're out" yelled the umpire, who had his eyes peeled for the play.

The Oshkosh boys ran to their bench, Kernan managed to get near the pitcher and taking the ball out of his hands he threw this back to the diamond.

The howl which arose from the opposition was something frightful. But the umpire refused to budge. He actually claimed he had seen the ball in Kernan's hands.

LANKEY BOB FEELS HE IS STILL GOOD

Pittsburgh fight promoters are negotiating with Bob Fitzsimmons for a six round bout to be held in Duquesne Garden with Joe Choyanski.

When Fitzsimmons came out the other day with a challenge to the white hopes, Pittsburgh engineers of boxing bouts, realizing that they have another old time drawing card in their city in the person of Choyanski, who was contemporary with Fitzsimmons when both were topnotchers in the fight game, got busy by wire and mail.

Choyanski at first was not wildly enthusiastic over the proposal, but it was pointed out that a bout between the two, even though they are around the half century mark, would make up in human interest what it lacked in real fighting. Choyanski is boxing instructor at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association, is comfortably berthed and is in no particular need of either such coin or advertising as might accrue from a bout with Fitzsimmons.

Choyanski has not yet positively announced that he will go on, but the promoters believe they have practically landed him. He stands pre-eminent among the gentlemen, however, with James J. Corbett and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien and is busily engaged teaching Pittsburgh millionaires, young and some some who are not so young, and the aesthetics of boxing.

WOODSTOCK HORSE RACES YESTERDAY

Specials to The Standard.

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 23.—The first of a series of quarter mile matinee races which will be continued every Friday afternoon during the season took place on the St. John river ice this afternoon and created great interest. They were in charge of the Woodstock Driving Club. The officials were: Starter, A. W. Brown; Judges, H. Gallagher, Andy Williams and Alex Shaw; Timer, Frank L. Thompson.

Class A. Trot.
 Scotia, Frank Plummer 1 1
 Nella Archille, W. B. Belyea 2 2
 Time—39, 36½.

Class A. Pace.
 Shongo, Walter Mott 1 1
 Rex Alfordly, Walter Treacartin .. 2 3
 Lady Parkside, Judson Briggs 3 3
 Time—35¼, 34¼.

Class B. Pace.
 Muster Boy, Geo. Boyer 1 1
 Princess Pat, F. L. Thompson 2 2
 Time—33¼, 34.

Class C. Pace.
 Baron Todd, C. Crouse 1 3 2 3
 Lady Lightfoot, A. Shaw A. 2 1 3 1
 Harry M., H. M. Martell 3 2 1 2
 Molly, Geo. Nicholson 4 4 4 4
 Time—40, 37½, 38, 37¼.

Class B. Trot.
 Verna, H. Lindsay 1 1
 King Alfordly, Harvey Hopkins 2 2
 Time—42½, 44.

REMARKABLE FIGURES

It will no doubt be interesting to many people to know that by actual computation the output of "BALADA" from the Montreal branch alone, for the year 1913, was equivalent to 30,000 one-hundred pound chests of tea, which, if placed one on top of the other would reach a distance of about 60,000 feet, or nearly twelve miles high. This may convey some idea of the enormous sale of the famous "Balada" tea.

WOMAN JUROR IS RELEASED OF DUTY.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 23.—The jury was completed today in the trial of Charles F. Mandel and Archie W. Shields, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of coal lands in Alaska. The one woman who had been on the jury was released by mutual agreement as the trial may last six weeks.

HOUSES IN LEPANTO SHAKEN BY 'QUAKE.

Athens, Jan. 23.—A severe earthquake occurred today at Lepanto. Almost every house in the town was more or less damaged, and the fortress partially wrecked, but nobody was injured.

LOCAL BOWLING YESTERDAY

ON BLACK'S ALLEYS

Last night on Black's Alleys in the City League, the Nationals took three points from the Imperials. The individual scores follow:

Nationals	Total	Avg.				
Brown	79	85	73	241	80	1-3
Garryn	85	85	95	265	88	1-3
Campbell	77	83	81	241	80	1-3
McLeod	88	92	95	275	91	2-3
Cosgrove	99	92	85	276	92	
	428	411	429	1295		

CRESCENTS WIN AGAIN FROM SYDNEY TEAM

Halifax, Jan. 23.—Over four thousand excited hockey fans saw the Crescents defeat the Sydney team tonight for the second time this week by the score of five goals to three, in one of the most exciting and interesting games played in the Arena this season. On a perfect sheet of ice the players entered with vim into the contest and from start to finish there was not a dull moment. In the opening exchanges the Sydney team had the best of the play.

Trenouthe opened the ball by scoring for Sydney. Later on the Crescents scored two goals.

Malone scored for the Crescents in the second period, and Trenouthe tallied for Sydney.

The play was very fast in the third period, with the Crescents having the best of the argument. Smith scored number four for the Crescents, and Bellevue added number five. Then Trenouthe by brilliant play scored the third and final goal for Sydney. Dunphy was not used for Sydney.

THISTLES vs. ST. ANDREWS.

The first match of a series in the 1914 season between the St. Andrew's and the Thistles will be played this afternoon and evening in both inks. These matches are very keenly contested and are witnessed by a large crowd of spectators who are interested in the game.

BASEBALL DEATHS.

Fifteen deaths was the baseball toll of 1913. Twelve players were killed by being hit on the head by pitched balls. Three spectators were killed by foul tips. In Chicago three players were killed by pitched balls.

GRAND "ROYAL EDWARD" CONCERT

In the Seaman's Institute on Monday, January 26th, at eight o'clock, by the famous "Royal Edward" Concert Party of seventeen favorite artists. A special programme has been arranged for the first appearance of these splendid entertainers. Admission 25 cents.

THIS DATE IN RING ANNALS

1885—Jack Dempsey stopped Jim Fell in 4th round at New York. Fell was a Canadian lightweight, and a rugged, clever boxer, but he was not in the same class with the Irishman. Dempsey and Fell had fought the previous year, when Jack was the victor. In that year, too, Dempsey won the lightweight championship of America by defeating another Canadian, George Fullames. The Canuck held out for twenty-two rounds, when he was so terribly beaten that his seconds threw in the sponge. Both the Dempsey and Fell and Dempsey-Fullames bouts were fought with kid gloves under London prize ring rules.

1844—George Smith and "Marie" LaBlanche fought 8-round draw at Boston.

1911—Jim Barry defeated Sandy Ferguson in 12 rounds at Boston.

A NEW APPOINTMENT.

James E. Sullivan, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union, has been made director of athletics at the Panama-Pacific exposition to be held at San Francisco. Mr. Sullivan was athletic director at the St. Louis world's fair and at the Paris exposition, in addition to representing the United States as commissioner at the Olympic games in Athens, London, Stockholm and St. Louis. He is the best known American athletic authority.

POLICE GAZETTE ANNUAL.

The Police Gazette sporting annual in pocket form has arrived with all the world's records and is a most valuable pocket edition.

PITCHERS ARE SIGNED.

Boston, Jan. 23.—Jack Quinn, a pitcher obtained by the Boston Nationals late last season from the Rochester International league club, signed a contract with the local team today.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—David Roth, rated as one of the best pitchers in the International league last season, today signed a contract to play with the Chicago Americans.

CYCLING FEAT.

The Math. Paris, gives an account of an extraordinary bicycling feat by the racer, M. Berthet, who is alleged to have beaten all records for cycling without pacers. Riding a machine fitted with a special torpedo-shaped hood enclosing the rider, M. Berthet covered a distance of over three miles at a speed of thirty-two miles an hour.

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