

GIANTS DEPEND ON HUGH CRITZ

His Right Arm Holds Much of Hopes of New York For 1932 Pennant

(Note: This is the second of a series of first hand Associated Press stories on major league baseball prospects.) By Paul Zimmerman (Associated Press Sports Writer) LOS ANGELES, Mar. 8 (AP)—On the strength of Hughie Critz' slender right arm appears to rest the hopes entertained by the New York Giants to win their 13th National league baseball pennant this season. The droll humorist from Mississippi, a great second baseman, has just about convinced Manager John McGraw and his team mates that the disturbing chapter of his baseball history, written during last season, will not be repeated in 1932. This being the case, the mighty McGraw, who has personally conducted ten championship tours, is satisfied to take his chances, for he considers his pitching good in 1931, will be even more effective this year; and is convinced his hitting strength is concentrated in the right spots. To say that McGraw is pleased with the rapid fire infield made possible by Critz' presence isn't enough. He willingly states that Bill Terry is the best first sacker in any league. Travis Jackson in the first two exhibition games with Chicago's Cubs demonstrated he will continue to be the great short fielder he was last season, and Johnny Vergez, pur-

chased a year ago from the Pacific Coast league, is back at third with a good start in the majors behind him. Critz' presence in the infield means more than just the strengthening of that portion of the club. It allows Fred Lindstrom, a heavy-hitting youth of 26 years, to move into center field where he is badly needed. Lindstrom had been expected to take over second base had Critz been incapacitated. With no one disputing Melvin Ott's place in right field, McGraw needs worry only about the other outer garden spot. Three veterans and an expensive rookie are on hand to fight it out for the remaining position. Ethan Allen, Fred Leach and Charles Fullea all hit better than .300 with the Giants a season ago to make it tough for Leonard Koenekock, a heavy batsman purchased from Indianapolis. With an array of veteran hurling talent, including the best left handers in the league, it appears that youth cannot be served on the club this season. McGraw has Fred Fitzsimmons, Carl Hubbell, Clarence Mitchell, William Walker, and young Jim Mooney, not to mention the veteran Adolfo Luque, a great finishing hurler, obtained from Brooklyn. Joseph Genewich's arm appears to be in shape again and besides there is Herman Bell who won 16 games with Rochester last season, and Jimmy Chaplin, Hubbell, Mitchell, Mooney and Walker are the porters. The catching staff remains the same as last year with Bob O'Farrell, Francis Hogan and Francis Healey. McGraw believes he will have no need for a hospital ward this year as was the case in 1931. It is his opinion that the Giants have had their share of injuries for a spell, what with Critz, Lindstrom and

Hall Says Rule On "Dead" Ball Applies To All

By Foster Halley (Associated Press Sports Writer) NEW YORK, Mar. 8 (AP)—When the football rules committee last month changed the rule to make the ball "dead" when any part of the carrier's body except his hands or feet touched the ground they intended that no exceptions be made. E. K. Hall, chairman of the committee, has made that point clear in a letter to the Associated Press. Inquiries from officials and coaches had indicated some confusion as to whether the committee intended the rule to apply to a carrier falling in an open field with no one near. "What if a ball carrier should slip and fall with a sure touchdown in sight and that play should decide the game?" one football fan asked. "Plan No Exceptions. We discussed this point at length in the meetings of the committee," Hall wrote, "and realize that at first it will look foolish and will not be popular to see a man's forward progress stopped by the automatic working of the rule in cases where he might, in perfect safety, get to his feet and rush on to a touchdown. The difficulty lies in the fact that the minute you try to make exceptions you run into trouble. Furthermore, the minute you make any exceptions the rule ceases to be of real value. What the new rule seems to do is to make it perfectly clear and instantly and automatically understood by both runner and opponents that the ball is dead and that the incentive to crawl and the excuse for piling on is absolutely out of the picture. There were so many injuries credited to piling on last season that we did not consider it wise or safe to take any chances. Anyone following football the last few years must have seen, not once but many times, a runner tackled two or three times before finally being stopped to the satisfaction of the officials. If an official was inclined to hold his whistle until there could be no doubt the man's forward progress was stopped or he was down in the grasp of an opponent, then he could not, in fairness, penalize the other side for making sure the man was stopped by "piling on." There have been rules against "piling on" and "crawling" for several years but reports to the rules committee indicate these have not been as rigidly enforced as they might have been. "The old 'dead ball' rule read: 'The ball is dead and shall be so declared by the referee.' "(A) When a player having the ball goes out of bounds, goes down or is so held that his forward progress is stopped, when any portion of his person except his hands or feet touches the ground while in the grasp of an opponent." The committee amended the rule to eliminate the phrase "while in the grasp of an opponent."

Kansas City Is Expecting Title In Net Tournney

KANSAS CITY, Mar. 8 (AP)—Kansas City and the Midwest have a snuggly feeling about the National A. U. basketball championships which will be run off here this week. Although the entry list annually represents many distant places, the national cage title has been taken outside the vicinity of Kansas City only once since the tournament became a fixture in 1921. This year the Henry team of Wichita, Kan., lodged at the pinnacle of amateur independent basketball for two seasons, will try for its third title. Henry's strengthened by the addition of Tom Pickell, former center for the University of Arkansas and the Los Angeles A. C. The Henrys will take the floor against the Kansas City A. C. and some 25 other challengers in the 25th annual tournament. For the first time since the event has been staged here, the local club will not sponsor it. Instead the tourney will be held under auspices of Rockhurst college, with Athletic Director Pat Mason and Dr. J. A. Reilly, club athletic director, in charge. Turn Tables The Henry cagers won out in the final last year over the Kansas City A. C. with a decisive triumph after having made an indifferent season record showing several defeats, two by the K. C. A. C. The champions pointed for the big event and reached top form at the right moment. The Henrys' record this season is more impressive, but includes a two-point deficit over the Kansas City A. C. with a decisive victory by Northwest Missouri Teachers of Maryville, who have moved down all opposition and are prepping for the national. The Kansas City A. C. is rebuilding a squad with additions from the ranks of university players who have completed three years of college eligibility. Six teams have won the title twice, but none had held it three times. Butler university of Indianapolis, then Butler college, won in 1924. Five times since 1921, Kansas City organizations have kept the title in the tournament city; twice it slipped up to St. Joseph, Mo., home base of the Hilliards; once went to Washburn college at Topeka, Kan.

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Large Turnout Of Bearcat Track Men

SALEM, Mar. 8 (AP)—With more than 30 men responding to the call of Coach Leslie Sparks, Willamette university reported the largest track turnout in four years last night. More will be out later in the week. Sparks announced the first out was "Weenie" Kaiser, who won honors in the 89-year run last year and who is being groomed for several additional events this year. Sparks said that Willamette would pull itself out of the track and field conference cellar this season.

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144 Tag End I firmly believe that this Gasparilla tournament at the Palma Cels Golf Club, Tampa, produced the fastest scoring ever recorded in any tournament, regular or irregular, in which 32 competitors were qualified. As stated, the co-medalists were Macfarlane and Metz, at 136. But it required the equivalent of a hand of 72 to get into the play-off for the last two places! Tony Manero, Abe Espinosa and Ted Smith tied at 144, and Manero and Smith got in. As a matter of interesting comparison, the medal record for the United States amateur championship is 142, which has been scored three times only. This record would have been just good enough to get into the 32 at Palma Cels, not too comfortably. There were 23 competitors who scored 142 or better, in that tournament. Of course, conditions favored fast scoring. Palma Cels is a very pretty course, not at all long—it measures 6115 yards. The greens were in good shape, and the wind, which complicated some of the ensuing matches, did not disturb the medal rounds. Scoring conditions were good, the field was one of the best ever assembled—and the boys fairly burnt up the pretty course. 'Qualify—No Good' One disappointment was the failure to qualify of Tommy Magamoto, the little Japanese open champion. Tommy missed it by two strokes, and those two strokes were expended before he got started on his second round—he pulled two drives out of bounds. I asked Bob Harlow, tournament manager, if Tommy spoke much English yet—Arthur Sato, California amateur, acted as interpreter in the next round. "Why not?" said Mr. Harlow. "He says: 'Corn flakes; four boiled eggs; black tea.' Also, 'Qualify—no good.' And about those two drives out of bounds: 'Plenty punk!'"