

WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK LOOM AS CONTENDERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 6.—(AP)—Washington and New York will fight it out for American league pennant honors in 1925 with Detroit dogging the heels of this pair and Philadelphia, Connie Mack's mystery team, looming as the dark horse of the race.

This appears to summarize the situation as the teams prepare to depart for their southern training camps.

St. Louis, Boston, Cleveland, and Chicago are uncertain quantities. Detroit appears to be the choice of the league at this early stage.

But Stanley Harris, youthful pilot of the world's champions, has not been idle. He has called to his aid that element which he lacked last season—veteran pitching.

Members of the trio of twirling veterans—"Dutch" Reuther, obtained from the Brooklyn Nationals; Stanley from the Cleveland, and Vean Greig, purchased from the Seattle coast league, should bolster up the defeated staff which has dwindled to Walter Johnson, George McGride, "Tippy" Marberry and Tom Zachary.

Teams Stand Pat

Outside of his twirling staff, Harris probably will stand pat on his team this year. Like Harris, Huggins will stand pat except for the veteran Urban Shocker, who came to the Yankees in exchange for three pitchers, Joe Bush, Giard and Gaston.

"Ty" Cobb's fighting team will take the field this season, similar in every respect to the 1924 edition with the exception of second base, where a new face is sure to be seen. Derrill Pratt, veteran infielder, has been given his unconditional release.

In Philadelphia, Connie Mack is steadily building. The veteran pilot paid \$100,000 for Lefty Groves, Baltimore southpaw, but aside from this he has been working. Gordon S. Cochrane obtained from the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league, will be a big aid to "Cy" Perkins, the mainstay in the catching department.

George Sienk, St. Louis, Eddie Collins and Chicago, Leo Fohl at Boston and Tris Speaker at Cleveland, have gone in for youngsters and will experiment with several combinations.

TWO STAR ATHLETES GO ABROAD

Paddock And Murchison To Spread Gospel Of Athletics In Countries Where It Now Gets Little Attention



Left to Right, Loren Murchison, Charley Paddock. Charley Paddock, famous sprinter, is nothing if not original. He is a firm believer in doing things just little different. In company with Loren Murchison, an almost equally famous runner, he has arranged for a world tour that will give them a chance to spread the gospel of athletics in many countries where it now receives little or no consideration.

As runners, they will really be a pair of the greatest unofficial sports missionaries the world has ever known. Present plans call for them to sail for Europe early in February.

The Giants longer to recover. McGraw's teams have needed a period of three years to recuperate after losing a championship.

These teams stand out as the great teams of the last 20 years in baseball: Chicago Cubs, Philadelphia Athletics, New York Giants, Chicago White Sox and the New York Americans.

The old-timers will recall that the Chicago Cubs, managed by the late Frank Chance, then known as the "Fearless Leader," won three titles in a row in 1907-08-09.

At a time when the Cubs were regarded as well nigh invincible, Pittsburgh, under Fred Clarke, came along and knocked them off their pedestal.

It was a rather surprising victory. Incidentally the Pirates kept up their winning ways by trimming Detroit, champions of the American league.

The following season, in an effort to prove the Pirate victory was in the nature of a fluke, the Cubs finished out in front, only to be defeated by the Athletics in the world series.

The season of 1910 started the Athletics on a rampage in the American league that lasted for two years, the Boston Red Sox winning in 1912.

The Athletics proved their greatness by throwing off the rule of the Red Sox, by winning not only the next season but the following one. Then came the fall of that great team in the world series of 1914, when the Boston Braves beat 'em four straight.

The Chicago White Sox showed the way to the American league clubs in 1917, were beaten in 1918, then came right back in 1919, outclassing the field, only to be engulfed by the world series scandal and the Cincinnati Reds.

Just at the time the Philadelphia Athletics were flashing across the baseball horizon in the American league, John McGraw and his Giants were reigning supreme in the National.

The Giants won the pennant in 1911-12-13, only to be beaten in each world series by the American league entry.

The New York club passed out of the National pennant picture in 1914, when the Boston Braves surprised the baseball world.

Pat Moran sprang another equally great surprise by putting over the Phillies in 1915, while the win of Brooklyn in 1916 was almost as unexpected.

After having three seasons to rebuild, McGraw put over another winner in 1917, only to take another knockout in the world series.

Then came three more dull years for McGraw, in which Chicago, Cincinnati and Brooklyn jockeyed the pennant spotlight.

Getting back in the running in 1921 McGraw, greatest of all pennant-winning managers, copied the title.

He proceeded to win four straight pennants, thereby setting a new managerial record.

If the Yankees are to follow in the system that McGraw has set for New York clubs, Miller Huggins' entry isn't destined to come back for three years.

Unquestionably the Yankees are one of the strongest teams in the American league. The defeat last season was unexpected. It is just possible that Huggins will upset baseball tradition in New York.

Because of the even balance that exists in the American league, the race next season is certain to be an open one and the Yanks must be rated as one of the strong contenders.

JOE NOVAK LEADING
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—Joe Novak, San Francisco professional golfer, with a total score of 142, led the field in the Southern California open championship, as the tournament swung into the final rounds at Hillcrest Country club here today.

JUNIOR HIGH WINS
First and second teams of the Eugene Junior high school trounced the teams of River road school last night on the local basketball court, 19 to 12 and 19 to 3. A return game is planned. Eugene will meet Cottage Grove Junior high in Eugene next Friday night.

WHITMAN WINS
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 6.—The Pacific University basketball team met its fourth defeat for this week here last night when the Whitman Wildcats took the visitors into camp by the score of 23 to 15.

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OREGON TEAM TO PLAY AGGIES ON FLOOR AT O. A. C.

With two of its regulars, Hobson and Okerberg, still suffering from smallpox vaccination, the University of Oregon basketball team, will go to Corvallis tomorrow to play the Oregon Aggies in one of the crucial games of the coast conference. A defeat for either team practically will eliminate it from the conference race. A victory for the Aggies will put it in line for the championship, while one for Oregon will give it a new lease of life, and will make up for the loss to Washington last Saturday.

Coach Reinhart will take the following players to Corvallis: Holson, Gowans, Lowmiller and Chiles, forwards; Gillenwaters, Westergren, Gunther, Reinhart, Hughes, Anderson and Jost, guards; and Okerberg and Carter, centers.

BASKETBALL

- 1. Has any official other than the referee the right to order time taken out?
- 2. When both referee and umpire make simultaneous decisions on the same play, what happens?
- 3. What is the rule relative to putting the ball in play at the close of the quarter?

Answers.

- 1. No official other than the referee has the right to order time out.
- 2. It is customary to accept the decision that involves the greater penalty.
- 3. The ball is put in play at center at the beginning of each quarter, half and extra period.



BRIEF SKETCHES OF BIG STARS

KENNETH R. WILLIAMS
Burn—Grants Pass, Oregon, June 28, 1886. Outfielder.

Major League Career—Joined Cincinnati Reds in 1915. With Spokane, Northwestern league, in 1916; Portland, Pacific Coast league, 1916-17. Joined Browns in 1919.

Outstanding Feats—Made three home runs in single game, April 22, 1922. In sixth inning of game, Aug. 7, 1922, crashed out two circuit swashes. In April, 1922, made six home runs in four consecutive games.

The following players will be taken to Corvallis: Eberhart, Eugene; Sawallish, Oklahama and Prianx, Roseburg, centers; Beoney, Medford, Joy, Portland, Walker, Kansas, and Crowdon, Portland, forwards; and Reichstein, Medford, Hutchinson, Portland, Powers, Eugene, Morton, North Bend, Westfall, California, and Pousti, Astoria, guards.

SPORT BRIEFS

By The Associated Press
Yale has placed 54 men on Walter Camp's all-American football team. Harvard is second with 74, Princeton third with 55 and Pennsylvania fourth with 38.

Until 1891, Camp confined himself to the Big Three. Then he included Pennsylvania and until 1895 his selections were limited to the Big Four. Workout of Cornell broke in 1895 and in 1898 Hirschberger, the famous Chicago fullback, was given preference. For the first time in 35 years not a member of any of the three teams landed premier honors.

E. E. HOLDEMAN BACK
E. E. Holdeman, director of physical education of the Eugene Y. M. C. A., has returned from a conference of physical directors of the northwest in Tacoma. The northwest volleyball championship annually conducted by the "Y" at Seattle will begin April 11, Mr. Holdeman reports. Each district will enter a first and second team.

Missed One Game
Ty Cobb, Detroit manager, missed only one game all last season, that being the final contest of the year at Chicago.

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THE REFEREE

How many games did Grover Alexander of the Cubs win in 1923?—H. F. E.
Alexander won 22 games and lost 12 in 1923.

When was it that Georgia Tech had one of the best football teams in the country and what was its record?—J. T. H.
Georgia Tech had a high-ranking eleven in 1918, whipping most of its opponents by top-heavy scores. Its record to the end of the season it came north to play Pittsburgh and was defeated, 32 to 0.

Did Keene Fitzpatrick, Princeton trainer, ever hold a similar position in the middle west?—H. R. W.
Yes. Keene Fitzpatrick was at the University of Michigan before going to Princeton several years ago.

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GUARDSMEN LOSE 21-13
Headquarters company, national guard, lost to the Four Horsemen last night at the armory in a 10-sided basketball game. The score was 21 to 13.

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Oregon will start Monday with 33 fraternities and two clubs entered. The tournament will be put on by the physical education department. The opening round must be played between February 9 and 10. The losing team will be eliminated. To win a match, the victor must take two out of possible three games. The schedule in the opening round follows:
Kappa Delta Phi versus Phi Delta Theta; Friendly Hall versus Chi Psi; Kappa Sigma versus Sigma Nu; Alpha Beta Chi versus Beta Theta Pi; Bushelorden versus Phi Sigma Pi; Oregon club versus Phi Gamma Delta; Sigma Psi Tau versus Psi Kappa; Sigma Alpha Epsilon bye.

CORVALLIS PLAYS EUGENE TONIGHT

Eugene high school and Corvallis high school basketball teams tangle tonight at the University of Oregon men's gymnasium.

Local basketball fans predict one of the fastest prep school games seen in Eugene this year, as both teams stand well in the Willamette valley conference.

"Like the Oregon-O. A. C. battle, there is not much dope on this game," says Coach Spike Leslie. "All I can say is that our team is in splendid condition, and the men are all going into the game to win."

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Hank Severoid of the Browns showed the way to the rest of the catcher in both major leagues when it came to making assists. The Sialer received had 134, better than any one in the game.

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AGGIES STAND AT CONFERENCE HEAD

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, Feb. 6.—(Special)—At exactly the halfway point in their conference season, the Aggie basketball team stands at the top of both the coast and northwest divisions. This position was attained by O. A. C.'s defeat of Washington last week and the subsequent humbling of Oregon by Washington.

Having taken their road trip early in the season, the Aggies are in a fairly strong position now as all but one of the 10 games remaining on their schedule will be played on the home floor. That one game is the second match with Oregon which will be played in Eugene.

The race in the coast conference is so close at the mid-season mark, however, that the championship may easily go any of at least four ways.

The success of the Aggies so far has been quite spectacular. They have won 15 out of 19 games played, nine of these being Northwest conference games with five counting in the coast race. Nine games were played on the present season trip south, six being won. On the northern road trip Coach "Bob" Hager's men made a clean sweep of the conference teams with the exception of Washington. That defeat was evened up with the decisive victory here last Friday.

The Aggies have met and defeated every conference team at least once except Oregon.

SPORTLAFFS

Will the New York Americans be able to come back? After having won three pennants in a row, the Yankees, like most other great clubs, suffered a reverse.

Until John McGraw last season won a fourth pennant with his New York Giants, no manager was ever able to put over four successive winners.

As a rule three straight pennants have made for so much prosperity that most clubs wilt under it and taste defeat.

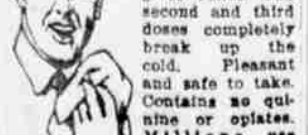
With the exception of the New York Giants, all of the truly great teams of the past 20 years have been able to come back the next year after being beaten to the wire.

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