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## In the World of Sport

### CAN GIANTS AND WHITE SOX WIN BIG LEAGUE PENNANTS WITH ONLY THREE PITCHERS?

The Giants and White Sox, who are leading the National and American league pennant races respectively, are depending almost entirely on the effectiveness of three pitchers. McGraw is pinning his hopes to Fred Toney, Jess Barnes and Rube Benton, while Kid Gleason's ace is Eddie Cicotte, Urban Shaver and Claude Williams. The Giant's leader also has Coach Casey, Jess Dugan and Pol Perritt to help the big three, but they are by no means reliable. The White Sox also are carrying Schellenback, Danforth, Kerr and a semi-pro named Sullivan to be used now and then when Gleason's regulars need a rest or in the event of a surplus of double headers. But the New York and Chicago teams, unless new boxmen of first-rate quality can be obtained, must each get along with three regular hurlers.

Mickey Welch, once a star pitcher for the Giants back in 1888 and 1889 when the National league schedule was limited to 126 games, declared the other day that with 140 games to be played by each of the big circuits this season the pennant could be won by a team relying on three or four good pitchers. Welch pitched 47 games in 1888 and 41 in 1889. The giant's other boxman in 1888 was Keefe, who was used in 22. In 1889 Keefe pitched 41 games. Ned Crane and Hank O'Day 23. The Giants record in 1888, when they captured their first National league pennant, was 84 victories, 47 defeats and 641 percentage. They again captured first honors in 1889, with 83 won, 48 lost and 659 percentage.

Gleason, although he admits that he needs at least one more seasoned boxman, believes that the White Sox will pull through. He always has argued that three or four capable pitchers, worked regularly, can produce better results than seven or eight, some of whom must lose their effectiveness as a result of overwork. Gleason learned the intricacies of baseball as a member of the Baltimore Orioles, managed by Edward Hanlon, more than twenty years ago. The Orioles who won the pennant in 1894, 1895 and 1896, never carried more than five pitchers. Gleason, McMahon, Hawke and Esper were the boxmen in 1894. Hoffer, McMahon, Hemming, Esper and Arthur Clarkson did the work in 1895, while in 1896 Hanlon's strategists were Hoffer, Esper, McMahon and Hemming. Gleason, therefore, is trying to take a leaf out of Hanlon's book.

When the Boston won pennants in 1873, 1874, 1875 and 1876, the late A. G. Spalding was the only pitcher under contract. Spalding pitched the 60 games for the Chicago in 1876 and they finished on top, playing 66 contests. Tom Bond pitched all of Boston's games in 1877 and 1878, the Beaneaters winning two championships. John M. Ward and Bobby Mathews did the pitching in the champion Providence team, which won 59 games and lost 25 in 1879.

Capt. Anson's Chicago, who won victories in 1880, 1881 and 1882, carried only two side boxmen, Larry Corcoran and Fred Gleason, both right handers. The Chicago played 84 games in each of these campaigns, and Anson paid salaries to eleven players. The Boston won another pennant in 1883, with a record of 83 victories and 35 defeats, yet Manager John P. Morrill had but two curve artists, Jim Whitney and Charlie Buffington. Providence landed on top in 1884, playing 112 games, of which Charlie Radburn pitched 74 and Sweeney the others.

Again in 1885 and 1886, playing 132 and 124 games respectively Anson's Chicago triumphed with John Clarkson, Jim McCormick and John Flynn in the box, the last named being signed in 1886. The Detroit who won the flag in 1887, had three pitchers, "Lady" Baldwin, Charley Getsein and Pete Conway, who participated in 136 games. Playing 124 games and winning 86, the Brooklyn carried off the honors in 1890, with Carruthers, Lovett and Terry pushing the enemy. Then the Boston managed by Frank Seale, won three pennants in succession, but they never used more than the four pitchers. They played 140 games in 1891, with Clarkson, Nichols and Staley on the mound. Stivetta was added to this famous staff in 1892, when 150 games were played. Clarkson was succeeded by Cowright in 1893, the latter sharing the burden of 131 games with Nichols, Stivetta and Stanley.

Following the three triumphs of the Triols, Seale developed two more pennant winners for Boston in 1897 and 1898. In the former year Nichols, Kobayashi, Lewis and Stivetta worked in 132 games, while in the latter campaign the same staff, excepting the substitution of Willie for Stivetta took part in 149 games. Hanlon won two championships for Brooklyn with pitchers Hughes, Kennedy, Dunn and McJames in 1899

### Sport Has Certainly Done The Come-Back.

Has sport survived the grueling effects of war? Well, rather! Last Saturday was the heaviest day in Canadian athletics since before the outbreak of hostilities away back in August, 1914. There was the Canadian Henley at St. Catharines, the Northern Division C.C.A. regatta at Rockcliffe, the Ottawa-Shamrock and Cornwall-National lacrosse games; the Connaught Soccer Cup semi-final at Toronto; the opening of the Ottawa Hunt and Motor Club, amateur ball games, lacrosse, bike races and bowling galas, golf, tennis and swimming, in addition to pro baseball and many other big features. Verily, sport seems to have come back into its own.

Incidentally, the Big Four Football Union convened at Montreal and completed arrangements for a resumption of play. Everything in sport seems due for one grand old boom.

### They're Approaching The Skidoo Mark.

Major Bill Gordon and Mr. Baldoek, Montreal, lately elected vice-president for the Dominion of the Army and Navy Veterans, announce that they have arranged and obtained Government sanction for a fifteen-round boxing contest to be held in Montreal at the end of next month between Jack Britton and Ted "Kid" Lewis.

The receipts will be for the benefit of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association, and the bout will be held in the open air. The bout between Jack Britton, the welterweight champion, and Ted Lewis in Jersey City recently is the twentieth meeting between the pair, and folks have ceased to take seriously their efforts, despite the fact that Britton forgot himself and knocked Lewis out the last time they met. There seems to be some animosity among them, engendered by that last fight, and the boxers are promising divers kinds of damage to each other. It is even reported they have made a side bet of \$10,000.

### "I Know I Got More Than My Share."

Taxes levied by the Government on the \$100,000 which Jess Willard received when he lost his heavyweight boxing title to Jack Dempsey decreased the amount to \$68,590, according to figures announced by E. J. Lynch, an internal revenue agent. Dempsey actually received \$23,970 of the \$27,500 called for in his contract, he added. The former champion paid a normal tax of \$7,840, and a surtax of \$23,570, in all \$31,410, according to the figures, while Dempsey's normal tax was \$3,040, with a surtax of \$1,490.

### Now For The Bright Lights.

Jack Dempsey, heavyweight pugilist champion, is in Chicago, where he expects to sign a theatrical contract for a period of seven weeks. He was accompanied by his manager, Jack Kearns. Dempsey has been visiting his mother since Monday.

### Queal Wants a Return Race.

Billy Queal, the N.B. champion, beaten by Indles by Tom Lodgepost in a three-mile race at the Island Stadium last week, has written challenging the Indian to a race any distance from 100 yards to five miles, and offers to post a \$250 side bet.

"I haven't heard about any match being arranged with Bill Brennan," Dempsey, referring to Leo Flynn's heavyweight house, who lost to Dempsey in pre-tittle days. Dempsey gives the impression that he would rather meet Georges Carpentier next.

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