

New York Giants Likely to Upset National League

St. Louis Cue Star in Lead of Big Meet

Johnny Layton Has Edge Over Willie Hoppe and Allen Hall.

CHICAGO, April 6.—Johnny Layton of St. Louis, with three victories and no defeats, held the lead in the national three-cushion billiard tournament here today.

The veteran, Willie Hoppe, and Allen Hall of St. Louis were tied for second position with two victories each and no defeats.

Layton gained his third victory by defeating Arthur Thurnblad, Chicago, 50 to 38, in forty-four innings. Layton had a high run of 107 Thurnblad 4.

Hoppe narrowly missed defeat at the hands of Charles Weston, Pittsburgh, Thursday night. Weston led Hoppe until the 78th inning. The score was 50 to 49.

Augie Kieckhefer, Chicago, defeated Earl Lookabaugh, Chicago, 50 to 30, in thirty-five innings. Allen Hall defeated Leonard Kenny, Chicago, 50 to 40, in seventy-two innings.

Today's pairings: George Copulos, Detroit, vs. Lookabaugh; Otto Reisel, Philadelphia, vs. Weston; Hall vs. Kieckhefer; Hoppe vs. Kenny. The standings:

	W.	L.	Points
Layton	3	0	15
Hoppe	2	0	10
Thurnblad	1	1	5
Kieckhefer	1	1	5
Lookabaugh	1	1	5
Weston	1	1	5
Kenny	0	2	0

FASTEST ON REDS' SQUAD
"Pit" Purdy, a rookie outfielder, is believed to be the fastest player on the payroll of the Cincinnati Reds this season.

Performs Well

Portland Owners Raving About Fritz Knothe, Des Moines Rookie.



When Chalmers Cissell was sold to the Chicago White Sox for approximately \$123,000 in cash and players, Portland again turned to the Des Moines club in the Western League for a shortstop and plucked a youngster named Fritz Knothe. Now they say Knothe is likely to prove a better man than Cissell and should command a high price from some big league club in the next year or two. Knothe is shown here.

McGraw's Club, Imbued With New Spirit, Appears Formidable.

O'DOUL GRABS BERTH

Andy Cohen Goes Great at Second Base.

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NEW YORK, April 6.—Today's hardest baseball problem:

"Where will the New York Giants finish in the National League pennant race?"

Not rated among the first three teams of the league, the Giants have won twelve straight games and are playing the best spring baseball of any team in either league.

The Giants are coming north with a new spirit, a Jewish second baseman, a star left fielder and the greatest southpaw pitching prospect discovered in years.

On paper John McGraw's team looks no better than a fourth place outfit, but there is every chance for the Giants to provide the sensational upset which the National League fans are breathlessly waiting for.

Bucky Harris, manager of the Senators, very carefully points out that for the first time in years McGraw's team has not been picked to win the pennant.

"McGraw is content to let the Giants enter the race out of the position of favorite," Harris said. "The big burden is thrown on the Pirates and McGraw may knock the league for a loop in the first few weeks."

The Giants do not expect spirit to carry them along. Frank O'Doul, who hit .378 for San Francisco, promises to develop into one of the greatest outfielders in the league this season. He has plugged the left field gap which was a constant source of trouble to McGraw last year.

Ed Roush is playing the best baseball of his career. His late start last year greatly handicapped the Giants.

Andy Cohen has won the second-base job and already is being hailed as a better fielder than Hornsby. He can cover more ground, and he's better on fly balls. Fear that Cohen might not be able to hit big league pitching has been dispelled by his recent stickwork.

With Cohen's star preparing to shine forth in all its radiance John McGraw is about to realize his lifelong ambition of having a Jewish hero at the Polo Grounds.

Bill Walker, a southpaw from Denver, is the pitching find. He held the Senators to two hits Thursday and has turned in a number of fine pitching performances this spring.

"Walker may be the sensation of the league," McGraw said.

The Giants' infield of Terry, Cohen, Jackson and Lindstrom sizes up as the best in the National League not barring the Pittsburgh combination of Grantham, Adams, Wright and Traynor.

Hogan has developed into a first-rate catcher and the pitching staff is in far better shape this spring than a year ago. Benton, Henry, Fitzsimmons, Barnes, Walker, Marmion and Clarkson form a rather formidable pitching staff.

Delaney, Sharkey Meet April 30

NEW YORK, April 6.—The Jack Delaney-Jack Sharkey heavyweight bout is on for April 30.

Joe Jacobs, Delaney's manager, came to terms with Jess McMahon, Madison Square Garden matchmaker, Thursday. Johnny Buckley, Sharkey's manager, signed last week.

The bout, according to the articles, will be for fifteen rounds in Madison Square Garden.

Braves Seek to Complete New Trade

Boston Means Business, Slattery Confers With Owner of Club.

BOSTON, April 6.—Jack Slattery, manager of the Boston Braves, arrived here today to confer with Judge Emil Fuchs, president of the club, regarding another trade designed to strengthen the Braves.

Slattery advised Fuchs several weeks ago that the Braves needed another catcher and a right-handed hitting outfielder before the club could be considered a contender.

Boston scouts have located the players, but it may take a considerable outlay of money to obtain them, Slattery said.

City Bowling Gossip

Joe Fulton, popular lead-off for the Severin Hotel team, went seventy-nine frames without an opening of any kind, before he was finally out of the tenth frame of his eighth game. Here is a record for an average of 220's pins per game.

Row Stirk has been keeping in shape by rolling with team in the open leagues since his arrival in the Indianapolis League games Wednesday night is the high three-game total for the season in this loop. Rasmussen is next with 702.

Ward's bowling provided the big feature in the Print-Craft League games at the Delaney Hotel. Ward rolled a 686 with games of 236, 214 and 236. He had 323 and 308 in the first two games.

The Star Indianapolis Engraving Company and Print City Ink won three from the Bingham Rollers, Press Assistants and Wright Electric, while the Allie were handing the Print City Blanks a two-out-of-three lacing.

Two out of three was the rule in the Interclub League games at the Central alley, the Exchange No. 1, Universal No. 1, Optimist and Universal No. 2 winning from the Ft. Harrison, Exchange No. 2, Lumber Insurance and Mutual Insurance.

John Blue had 233 for high single game.

The Silver Flash Ladies' team had a big afternoon winning six games in a double-header series. First they took the Nancy Hart Candy for three games and then repeated against the same team.

The Nancy Hart team also rolled six, winning two out of their last three games from the A. C. Bradley No. 2 as the A. C. Bradley No. 1 won three games from the Mary Lou Lunch. Moxley carried off all high honors when she rolled games of 233, 193 and 202. Moxley was runner-up with 537.

Clarence Mack, who has been on the list for the past two weeks has returned to the line-up of the Falls City Leger team looking fit and "raring to go" in the State meet. Mack recuperated in Martinsville. Glad to see you back Mack!

In their last league games before they roll in the State meet, the Link Belt boys put on a hard-fought session at the Century alleys Thursday night. The Centurians slipped over a three-time win on the Grinders while the Centurians won two of three from the Link Belt boys.

The Shrine League games at the Illinois alleys showed a triple win for the Chicago Club over the Eagles and the Cardinals. Gus Boudard grabbed the odd game from the Eagles and Drums. Richardson proved to be the "big gun" for the Gun Club having a series of 616 on games of 180, 209 and 222.

The boys of the Capitol No. 2 League put on their best game at the Capitol alleys Thursday night a two-time win being the best any of the teams could win. The Mary Lou Lunch, Gregory & Annel, Wheeler-Scheiber, Cuttenger, Transier and Portinger defeated the Ft. Harrison, Robbins Bow, A. C. W. of A., Eastman Cleaners and Standard Grocery. Wells led the individuals with games of 216, 177 and 221. Total 614. P. P. P. had 613; Wilson, 603, and Parsley, 606.

Pyle's Runners Keep on Moving

AMARILLO, Texas, April 6.—With Arne Suominen, Detroit Finn, still leading the pack, runners and walkers left here today for Groom, Texas, the thirty-fourth control station of the Los Angeles-to-New-York jaunt.

Suominen, by consistent walking and running, has piled up an elapsed time lead of almost five hours over Andrew Payne, Claremore, Okla., who holds second position. Thursday's lap from Vega, Texas, to Amarillo was won, by Pat Demari, Los Angeles. A snow storm hindered the runners.

McAuley, Former Miller, Dies

DES MOINES, April 6.—James Earl McAuley, 37, manager of the Des Moines Western League Baseball Club, died at his home here today after an illness of almost a month. He was a victim of pneumonia.

McAuley was appointed manager of the Des Moines club last winter and took charge of the spring practice here March 5. He was a well known figure in the American Association as a member of the Minneapolis club.

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