

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.

By United Press

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. Dayton had a high run of 10; 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 Kleckhefer, Chicago, defeated Earl Lookabough, 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. Lookabough; Otto Reiselt, Philadelphia, vs. Weston; Hall vs. Kleckhefer; Hoppe vs. Kenny. The standings:

Dayton	W.	L.	Score	W.	L.
Toples	3	2	Toples 50, Kenny 38	1	2
Toples	2	1	Lookabough 50, Kenny 38	1	2
Kleckhefer	1	0	Kleckhefer 50, Kenny 30	1	0
Weston	0	1	Weston 40, Kenny 30	0	1

FASTEAST ON REDS' SQUAD
"Pld" 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.



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

O'DOUL GRABS BERTH

Andy Cohen Goes Great at Second Base.

By GEORGE KIRKSEY
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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 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 at San Francisco, promises to develop into one of the greatest outfielders in this 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, the experts with the team say, 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 Traylor.

Hogan has developed into a first-base job and is being hailed as a better fielder than Hornsby. He can cover more ground, the experts with the team say, 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.

The Silver Flash ladies' team had a big afternoon, winning six games in a doubleheader, getting two wins from Hart Candy for three games and then returning to the Exchange No. 1, Universal No. 1, Optimist and Universal No. 2 winning.

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