

REDS OUT OF IT FOR THIS YEAR

Defeat in Double Header by Boston Dashes Last Hope to Get in Sight of 1924 Pennant.

By JOHN B. FOSTER
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New York, Aug. 2. — When Boston took Cincinnati over its knee and slipped it to the extent of a double header, confronting the Reds with the fact that they had run only a 50-50 race up to the first of August, one pennant aspiration for 1924 was pretty effectually spangled off the National League slate.

Probably the Reds had felt that it was coming to them before then, but Boston dealt them a body blow as they had been cancelling the Ohio team all season. To date, Boston has won more games in Boston than the Reds than they did last year.

The double defeat left Cincinnati with 54 games left to play and with 50 victories and 50 defeats already chalked up. Should they win two-thirds of the 54, they would finish with 86 victories and 68 defeats. That would not win a championship. And the Reds will not win two-thirds even, unless they play better ball than they have been playing. It appears therefore, that the best they can get is a place in the first division and they will have to keep busy to get that. Jack Hendricks will have to burn a lot of gas to keep them ahead of the clouds.

Injuries have been blamed for putting the Reds where they are. There have been a good many injuries, but after all the outcrops of the race so far as they are concerned is only the local finish of a gamble that tried to win a pennant with a team that had none beyond the stage of juvenility. Age is taking its toll of the Reds.

The team started with a theoretically strong pitching staff that was to atone for the possible lethargy of players whose possibleness did not move as nimbly as of old. It had rough going from the beginning of the year. In fact it had all that it sought, with the exception of Pat Moran as manager. His death deprived the outfit of a leader before the practice season had fairly begun.

The Reds, however, cannot say they did not get a good start. They were up with the elect until the end of May. Then they began to crumple and they have crumpled ever since. Many old heads on the team did a lot of talking and that is one reason they are where they are. Many old legs did a lot of snapping and that is another reason they are where they are. The pitching staff did not show the strength it was presumed to have and that is another reason they are where they are.

Hendricks had a wrong opinion of May from the start. At Orlando he predicted a good season for the left hander who had been brought East from California. Some critics never could see how Hendricks figured that, for May looked no better in the spring than he did with St. Louis some seasons before.

Cincinnati, of course, can make it hard for all teams from now until the end of the season. But it is beyond the pale of average computation to figure they are in the pennant hunt.

What's more, they have a long way to go to get ready for the season of 1925.

Major League Scores
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Friday's Scores
Chicago, 9; Brooklyn, 4.
Pittsburgh, 1; New York, 3.
Cincinnati, 2; Boston, 3.
St. Louis-Philadelphia—rain.

Standing of Teams

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	52	34	.604
Chicago	55	41	.573
Pittsburgh	52	42	.553
Brooklyn	52	45	.537
Cincinnati	50	51	.492
St. Louis	41	55	.423
Philadelphia	38	57	.400
Boston	37	60	.381

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Friday's Scores
Boston, 1; Chicago, 2.
New York, 3; St. Louis, 2.
Washington, 7; Detroit, 3.
Philadelphia, 4; Cleveland, 3.

Standing of Teams

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	57	43	.570
Washington	57	43	.570
Detroit	55	44	.556
St. Louis	49	48	.505
Chicago	49	50	.495
Cleveland	46	54	.453
Boston	43	54	.443
Philadelphia	41	59	.410

A Winning Leap in Leap Year



In the recent track and field meet of the middle west Women's Athletic Association at Detroit, the broad jump was won by Marie Haas of Cleveland, pictured above, her mark of 14 feet 6 inches setting a new local record.

WILSON TALKED TO FIGHT GREB

His Knockout of Jack Malone Made Sensation and Assures Big Crowd at His Next Fight.

By FAIR PLAY
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New York, Aug. 2.—Plans are on foot to match Harry Greb and Johnny Wilson for the middleweight title. Tex Rickard said today that he would be glad to stage the bout and pay for it with commensurate liberality. Jimmy Johnston would also be glad to put it on. So would any promoter.

Johnny Wilson in knocking out Jack Malone turned a mighty sensational trick and could have done nothing better qualified to make his stand well in the eyes of fans of the country.

Greb presumably is not averse to meeting Wilson again, but just now is preparing for a battle this month that looks to be a tough one, namely a go with Tiger Flowers, the battling negro middleweight from Atlanta.

Flowers, by the way, is in the city right now, getting ready for a fight on Saturday night with Jack Townsend, the Chicago bruiser.

Bartley Madden who has gone out to Jersey to prepare for Jack Renault said upon leaving his West Side haunts that after boxing Willis he viewed the meeting with Renault with no alarm.

"Willis is credited with being as hard a hitter as there is," said Bartley "and I never heard any one class Renault with the negro as a wallower. Anyway what the fans overlooked in the Willis bout was that I handed out more than

FOR THE GAME'S SAKE

BY LAWRENCE PERRY

New York, Aug. 2.—Bill Johnston is not worrying about the present status of his game of tennis. In past seasons Bill has come East and swept all before him, only to find himself backed when the supreme test came in late August and September and did not arrive at the peak of his form in May and June. The evil results of doing this are indicated, they point out, in such a brilliant European season in 1923 and then in America went steadily down hill.

Johnston, by the way, has a much better appearance, physically, than when he returned from Europe last year. He looks as though he weighed more, his eyes are bright and his color good.

The Californian has been concentrating himself in general grooming himself carefully with an eye to the future. Marked improvement will surely be noted in his play at Newport this month and in other tournaments, and by the time the National singles begin at Forest Hills he should be on his toes physically and with all points of his game under control. At least little Bill hopes this will be so. He is tremendously interested in the experiment he is making.

English comment on the play of our stars at Wimbledon shows a lot of fair minded discernment. It is pointed out that whereas English and Continental players work up to their best form early in the season, so as to be ready for play in France and at Wimbledon, American stars are look-

ing for a decision. None of the wise ones has attempted to pick a winner yet, but there is the general belief it will be the bout of the year.

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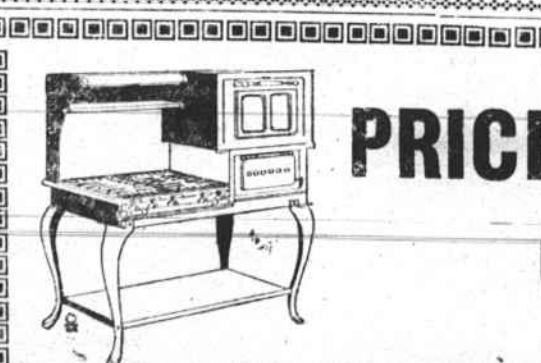
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