

SARASOTA STAY PROVED NOTHING

Florida Weather This Season Terrible and Hot Weather Team Like Giants Unable to Make Condition

By JOHN FOSTER
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Jacksonville, Florida, April 2—The Northbound trip of the New York Giants, in which they are playing a series of exhibition games with Chicago White Sox, should tell the tale for 1924 about the National League champions.

Their stay in Sarasota, which they broke Saturday, did not tell much about the condition of the team. The weather there was terrible. Even the natives admitted it, which is more than the natives of some states will do. And the Giants are a hot weather club, so they took things pretty easy.

It can be said however, that the Giants are all right so far as arms, legs, necks, backs and pocketbooks are concerned. There is still some cash left in the club for trival amusements on the trains going North and by the time they play their way to Chicago, the Giants should have all the spending money the White Sox possess. That of itself will compensate for many prior grievances.

The chassis of the Giants presents two material changes. Travis Jackson is shortstop in place of Davy Bancroft, who is managing the Boston Club this season. And in center field, Southworth, former Boston right fielder, is treading the turf Casey Stengel trod last season. Jackson and Frisch will get better acquainted and much faster as they play side by side, but they probably will never be any faster than the old combination of Bancroft and Frisch.

Kelly, Groh, Frisch, Meusel and Young are all back in the positions in which they learned their game, and are back apparently as good as when they said goodbye to the polo grounds in 1923. That's all you can say about them. Maybe they're slower, but how is anyone going to know until they are put to the real test? They surely know how to play, and that is not to be overlooked. They are not the sort of players you have to tell to do this and that to acquire the final polish. If they haven't it now they never will get it.

To the backstops has been added Almsmith. He was with St. Louis last season but the Cards let him go. Through the spring they trained just sixteen miles from Sarasota without a good seasoned catcher.

The Giants may need Almsmith, but goodness knows the Cards need him worse. Besides Almsmith, the Giants have Frank Snyder and Hank Gowdy, who, like Almsmith, have been in the midst of top notch baseball. One doesn't expect them to run around like school-boys at the start of the season, but when the smoke of battle blows thick these old fellows will decorate their grizzly scalp locks—if they have enough hair to make a scalp lock—and sail into the game with a growl like that of a Tiger for the bone some weaker cat is trying to get away with.

The team took a little trip through Florida before they hopped off for the North but did not show much. In fact they looked pretty bad with the bat but part of the time they were hitting against good pitching, and part of the time they were playing on slow diamonds. You can't get the Giants to exert themselves when they fear they will turn an ankle or pull a tendon.

If they are doddering by the time they reach Chicago, there will doubtless be some changes. But it does not seem likely that this will be necessary. There is much excellent material in the club and when they really get under way they should show a lot more than they have in the Southland.

Referee's Error Gave Delaney Fighting Name

Holyoke, Mass., April 2—While he is known only to the country as Jack Delaney, the real name of the young middleweight who brought a dramatic end to Paul Berlenbach's remarkable string of knockout victories in New York, is Ovilla Chapdelaine. Chapdelaine took up boxing while working in a paper mill here. One night when he stepped into the ring as a preliminary performer in this city, the referee asked him his name.

"Chapdelaine," came the reply.

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From that time on he has been known in pugilistic circles as Jack Delaney.

FOR THE SAKE OF THE GAMES

BY LAWRENCE PERRY
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New York, April 2—Looking ahead in the national indoor tennis tournament now in progress in this city, there is the promise of a thrilling finale. Vincent Richards versus Francis T. Hunter.

Either one or two of the stars may fall down in the course of his progress toward the final round, but the prospects of this seem remote. In Richards' memory, there lurk thoughts of the national singles at Germantown, when the hard hitting Hunter eliminated the little New Yorker from the tournament. Not a pleasing memory, however, sportsmanlike was the spirit in which defeat was accepted.

And for Hunter, there is the stark fact that in spite of his victory over Richards he was none the less rated below him when the United States Lawn Tennis Association ranking committee bent their intellects to

the task of naming players in the order of merit as conceived by the aforesaid committee.

Determination is characterizing the player of both stars in the fight they are making toward the indoor finals and if both survive, their battle should be an epic of tennis under roof. Hunter, grim, heavy shouldered, deadly on his forehand; Richards, young, fragile, master of all sorts of strokes. Even Tilden's absence from play in the current tourney is compensated by a prospect of the meeting of these two stellar performers.

The tourney is being well attended and while the players may be finding some difference in the sort of game they must play on this brown wooden floor, from the spectator's standpoint, there is no difference at all. They are inspired by a great deal of the skill, finesse and hard hitting that characterizes the outdoor game.

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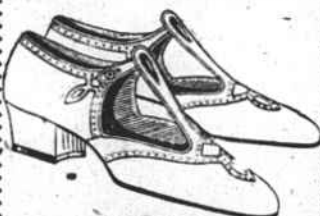
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Question—There are three runners on the bases. Two are out. Catcher drops the ball on the third strike and then touches home plate claiming the runner on third was forced home. Was he right?

Answer—Yes. Two are out and there is no objection to putting out the third hand in any regular way.

Question—Umpire permitted five men to take part in a play to run a base runner down between third and home. Please give me the rule which says this is not right.

Answer—There is no rule of this kind. Nine players may run a player down if they are needed.

Question—Runners are on first and third and the pitcher makes a balk toward third. Are both runners permitted to advance or may only the runner from first take the next base?

Answer—The runner on first goes to second and the runner on third scores.

Question—Batter hits to shortstop who throws to first base. The ball hits the glove of the first baseman and bounces from the glove to the other hand by which it is held. Is the batter safe or not?

Answer—If the runner, or batter, touches the base while the ball is being juggled he is safe. If the first baseman actually holds the ball in his ungloved hand before the batter touches first, the batter is out.

Question—Runner on first advances and the batter bunts the ball which hits the runner. Is the latter out on a bunt?

Answer—Yes. A bunted ball is the same as any batted ball.

Question—Runner is on first and the pitcher makes a motion as if to deliver the ball to the batter but does not do so. Does he make a balk?

Answer—He does. The pitcher

must not make any false motions with a runner on first.

Question—Is a runner allowed to slide to first base? Umpire in a game here called a runner out for sliding to first base because he said the first baseman would be interfered with if runners were permitted to slide to first.

Answer—The runner may slide to first as to any base. There is little danger that the first baseman will be interfered with.

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