

# GIANTS ARE STILL WELL UP TO FORM

Though Dropped Down to Third Place in Club Standing Every Week-end Save One Finds Them on Top.

By JOHN B. FOSTER  
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New York, May 28.—The National League race has shown little fluctuation when you consider what the teams have shown at the week-end. And you must consider the week-end. That is the real test, because championship races usually terminate at the week-end and it is where you stand when the old pay night rolls around that fixes your niche in the Hall of Fame if you happen to have got into the habit of playing baseball.

Take the Giants for instance, because they happen to be the principal instances in the league. Notwithstanding their sloughing around in the West, they have managed to be first every Saturday night at roll call, with one exception, since the season started.

The West can't brag much when they cannot take this team out of first place and keep them out over a week-end. They had the Giants down in the middle of last week, but no sooner had they got them down than the Giants bobbed up again. It's the inability to throw New York back where there is a difference of five or six games between them and the top that keeps all the remainder of the National League on the defensive.

Five National clubs have held the same progress for four successive week-ends. That does not indicate much progress or variety. On Wednesday there is a great hurrah because some team has moved up a notch. But by Saturday it is in the same old rut again. That has happened in the National League for the last three or four seasons.

The Giants, Chicago, Cincinnati and Brooklyn have clung sturdily to their places in the first division. Boston, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and St. Louis as sturdily have clung to the second.

St. Louis has played excellent ball against the eastern clubs. They gained heavily by mauling the Giants four times in succession. Very soon St. Louis will move east and then there will be an opportunity to see whether the Cardinals are the same old morning songsters or are a little better than in the past. St. Louis has never been noted for having a cheerful time in the East.

The American League has not shaken the Yankees out of first place for four weeks, although, it has managed to drag them down to a tie with Boston. One may imagine, though, that if they ever do get the Yankees away from the top, the Yanks will have a tougher time getting back than the Giants have had. The fighting units of the National show too little inclination to keep up a steady battle, while those of the American are on the warpath every minute.

The fluctuations in the American League, with the exception of Washington, have been terrific. The Athletics have gone from fourth to second, to seventh, to eighth. Boston started in first place, dropped to seventh and then climbed to second, to a tie for first. Detroit has been a little more conservative, having fluctuated only from first to fourth. Chicago began at the top, plunged to fourth, went up to second and then down again to sixth. Cleveland has been all up and down the list, from sixth to fourth, to eighth, to fourth, to sixth, to seventh. The Yankees and St. Louis began very humbly, both of them have climbed and you'd better keep an eye on both. The fate of the championship may be centered on these two clubs.

## BASEBALL QUESTION BOX

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Address: John B. Foster, special baseball correspondent of The Daily Advance, 811 World Building, New York.

Question—Please tell me how to tell which pitcher is the losing pitcher and which is the winning pitcher, when more than one pitcher pitches in a game.

Answer—If the first pitcher goes out with the game against him he loses unless the game is won and then the second pitcher receives credit for the victory and the first a blank. If the first pitcher is behind and the game won with the second pitcher he gets the victory. If the game is won by the first pitcher and apparently the second loses the second is charged with the loss.

Question—Baseball park has flag pole on foul line by left field fence. Batters hit ball over fence and it is fair when leaving park but umpire can see ball curving foul. Is this a home run or a foul ball? Does umpire call ball when it leaves park or where he sees it last?

Answer—The umpire is to call the hit fair or foul where the ball disappears from his sight. It is not a good rule but it sticks in the code. The ball should be judged solely on its merits on fair ground, and hits should go accordingly. To bat a hit fair over a barrier and have it called foul after it passes the barrier is equivalent to making the game falsify about itself.

## FOR THE GAME'S SAKE

BY LAWRENCE PERRY  
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New York, May 28.—Watching Bill Tilden in his recent appearances in this vicinity as the chief drawing card in club exhibitions for funds of various sorts, one received a clear idea as to what publicity does for an athlete.

Men and women who had never before attended a tennis match, who knew little or nothing about the game, turned out to see this great lawn tennis star about whom so much turmoil has been raised. There was, of course, the general impression that Bill for some unjust, unwarranted reason, was under attack and such a feeling always invests a man with an added attractiveness.

And Bill who is not so good an actor as he is a lawn tennis player—albeit a good actor at that—rose to the situation commandingly. At Montclair and at Maplewood, for example, he displayed all his stuff and in fact, rose at times to amazing heights, while all the characteristics of manner that distinguish him in regular tournaments were by no means missing.

In the end, in auctioning off the racquet with which he had played, Tilden had opportunity to display histrionic ability and availed himself of it fully.

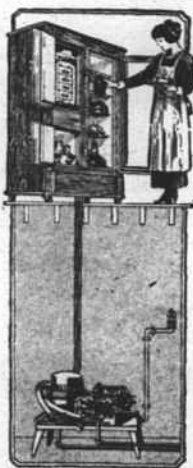
In brief, what is happening to Tilden is perfectly clear. He is putting lawn tennis on the broad public map and he himself is rapidly getting to occupy a place in the public mind such as Babe Ruth, Ty Cobb, Walter Hagen and Dempsey occupy.

## FIRPO TIRED RING SPALLA'S OPINION

Says Really Had Luis Down for Count and Is Ready for Best Heavyweight in America Very Soon Now.

By FAIR PLAY  
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New York, May 28.—Ermino Spalla didn't tarry long in New York after his arrival from Brazil on the American Legion. He went straight out to the farm near Summit N. J., where Vicentini, Rojas and other dark-skinned boxers are training. Spalla says he is ready for the best of the American heavies as soon as he gets his sea legs. He said he hit Firpo so hard in their bout that they had to give him a long, long count and that thereafter Luis avoided all efforts of a return meeting. Spalla, who talks English very well, thinks Firpo is really sick of the prize ring.

Of course Lew may be setting himself up as a man of straw to be knocked down. The way he evaded a second meeting with Nate Goldman did not argue that he is as stuck on his ability these days. But Mickey Walker is not taking any chances, is working as hard out in Bye's Summit farm as though he were preparing for Benny Leonard. Bobby Barrett is the latest lightweight to announce he is getting heavy and will hereafter fight in the welter class. This is a sure sign that the welter division is beginning to develop some prestige.



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New York, May 28.—A court battle to enforce one's right to play in a golf tournament would be a decided novelty, but the writer is not so sure but that Jim Barnes could get the courts to put him into the Open championship tournament if he chose to take such an appeal from the decision of the U. S. Golf Association against him.

The damage to a professional golfer resulting from disbarment from an opportunity to win a championship, which would be a marked financial asset to him in the business of golfing, could then be established. And in Barnes' case his record undoubtedly would be regarded as proof of the possibility of his winning or making such a showing as would be advantageous to him in his profession.

The only other thing Barnes would need to prove was that the committee failed to notify him as to the closing date for entries. And if the committee could not show a registry receipt, or otherwise prove it had

mailed a blank to Barnes, the courts probably would direct the committee to accept his belated application. It certainly is tough to be barred from the open, especially when it appears that it was through no fault of his own.

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St. Louis	4	Cincinnati	3
St. Louis	1	Cincinnati	3
Boston	10	Philadelphia	6
Boston	5	Philadelphia	4
New York-Brooklyn—rain.			
Standing of Teams.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	20	14	.588
Chicago	21	16	.567
Cincinnati	18	17	.513
Brooklyn	16	15	.513
Pittsburgh	14	18	.438
Boston	15	18	.455
Philadelphia	11	19	.365
St. Louis	16	18	.470

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Tuesday's Scores.			
Cleveland	7	Chicago	2
Detroit	2	St. Louis	4
Others rained out.			
Standing of Teams.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	19	11	.633
Boston	19	11	.633
St. Louis	17	14	.548
Detroit	17	17	.500
Chicago	14	16	.466
Washington	15	16	.484
Cleveland	13	17	.433
Philadelphia	11	19	.366

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