

NEW YORK CLUBS AGAIN IN LEAD

But Not by So Great a Margin As They Were Last Year When Fans Grumbled about "Same Old Story"

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New York, May 30.—Just a year ago, the New York Yankees and the New York Giants were riding the crest of the baseball wave and the fans of other cities were grumbling about the "same old story" in the big leagues. The New York clubs are up at the top today, but they aren't out in front as they were last year. As a matter of fact, both clubs are about a week behind their 1923 records.

Last season, at this particular date the Yankees had won 25 games and lost 10. Today, the figures are 20 and 12. On the same date last year, the Giants had won 28 and lost 9. Today they have won 22 and lost 14.

Last year by this time, both clubs had made a first triumphal tour of the West. This year both have come home from the great open spaces all patched up with court plaster.

If the other clubs of both circuits have the fight in them that they pretend to have, the choice is open to overtake New York. It is true that both New York teams have a lot of doubleheaders on their cards. If they can't win those doubleheaders, they can't obtain any such abnormal lead as they had last year.

What happens between now and the next inter-sectional games may give a line on what to expect. If both New York clubs can prey on their Eastern rivals and chew them up fine, they will be in good trim to wallop the West. If the Eastern clubs play any kind of baseball against them, the Gothamites will have to pitch in as if Old Nick were after them.

The Brooklyn club over which there is so much elation, oddly enough stood exactly as well a year ago as it does now. The actual gains of this season in the National have been made by Chicago and Cincinnati. The great loss is that of Pittsburgh. There is not so much difference on the part of the other teams.

In the American League, the great ground-gainer has been Boston. St. Louis is next and Detroit a close third. Philadelphia has provided the big plunge. A year ago this time they were in second place. Now they are last. The upside down team is Cleveland.

For straight-out adherence to form, Washington has them all licked. The Washington club is almost to a game where it was in 1923. It is as good a promise as it was this time last year, perhaps better. If the Senators could hit the ball ten points harder, they would surely be in the first division.

FIRPO- WILLS FIGHT ABOUT AUGUST 1ST

"Wild Bull" Agrees to Meet "Black Panther" on Rickard's Offer and Winner Will Probably Meet Champion.

By FAIR PLAY
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New York, May 30.—Firpo is coming to the United States to fight Wills, the winner to meet Dempsey. Texas Rickard has a cable from the "Wild Bull" announcing his acceptance of a \$240,000 offer to step into the ring and oppose the "Black Panther" on or before August 1. Tex has been very persistent in this matter and has raised the ante thousand by thousand until the Argentinian has found it economically impossible to refuse the bait.

Firpo was inclined to consort with strange gods in the U. S. A., but after a period of deliberation he decided, wisely, in favor of Tex. Luis does not care at all for Rickard, but he knows that the golden rain falls in obedience to Rickard's wand, whereas other promoters talk with empty eloquence. Thus the Metropolitan outdoor season takes an enhanced aspect.

It is on the cards that the much-delayed Wills-Madden bout will be fought in this city after all. Underneath the surface affairs have been

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NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Thursday's Scores			
Chicago	5	-	Pittsburgh 2
Boston	5	-	Philadelphia 4
All others rained out.			
Standing of Teams.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	22	14	.611
Chicago	23	16	.589
Cincinnati	19	18	.514
Brooklyn	16	17	.484
Pittsburgh	16	20	.444
Boston	16	19	.456
St. Louis	17	19	.472
Philadelphia	12	20	.375

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Thursday's Scores			
Detroit	13	-	St. Louis 7
All others rained out.			
Standing of Teams.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	21	11	.656
Boston	20	12	.622
St. Louis	18	16	.529
Detroit	19	18	.513
Chicago	15	17	.469
Washington	15	18	.455
Cleveland	14	18	.438
Philadelphia	12	20	.375

stewing pretty briskly of late and there is even talk that Simon Flaherty will receive permission to stage the fight in his Queensboro arena as originally proposed.

If it is not held in Long Island City it will be put on somewhere in greater New York, possibly right on Manhattan Island.

There are plenty of sporting men who testify that Wills once said he had rather meet a lot of men sooner than he would Madden because Bartley is such a gamester. While the West Side Irishman bleeds pretty freely he does not appear to have nerves that are very prompt in telegraphing injuries to his brain. As a consequence an opponent has to wear his hands out beating the man to such an extent that the referee and

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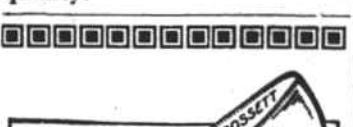
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judges will be impressed with aforesaid opponent's superiority.

Looking back into records, talking with old-timers and ransacking one's own memory fails to unearth any occasion upon which a title bout has been fought in Pennsylvania. Funny isn't it?
Thus, the bout on June 2 between Mickey Walker and Lew Tendler is bound to be epoch-making in at least one way, no matter what happens. The first championship bout ever held in the State. This is not to say that champions have not boxed in the Keystone Commonwealth, but it seems to be the first time that thrones were likely—more or less—to be overturned.

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