

BROOKLYN SHOW IS DISAPPOINTING

No Matter Where They Come From Pitchers Seem to Turn Up Their Toes When They Meet Giants

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New York, June 7.—But for the intrusion of the Chicago Cubs into the first division, the 1924 race in the National League might be almost a replica of the race of 1923. The Giants have not won quite as many games as they did last year, but they do not need them if the other clubs do no better than they have been doing.

Brooklyn, for instance, has lost nine games to New York and won only two since the season began. Last year on May 5, Brooklyn had won 23 games and lost 19. To date they have won 22 and lost 19. The Cubs, up in second place, are about five and a half games ahead of their last year's record, with a total of 25 games ahead of their last year's record, with a total of 25 won and 18 lost. Cincinnati's record is almost identical with last year's, that club having lost the ground it gained early in the season, when it looked as if Cincinnati was going to be the challenger of the Giants.

The Pittsburgh club is crawling up a trifle, but the remainder of the league is plodding along at the same old hum drum pace and there is nothing but the remotest possibility that the other clubs will do any better the rest of the season. There is nothing about the St. Louis, Philadelphia and Boston clubs to warrant a prediction of speeding up.

The showing of Brooklyn against the Giants is bitterly disappointing at this stage of the race. A team with the pitchers possessed by Brooklyn may legitimately be figured on to hold the leaders where other teams fail, but the Brooklyn pitchers are as straws against New York. No matter from what team they come, as soon as they have hibernated in Brooklyn awhile, they turn up their toes when they are asked to face the Giants.

Two more victories by the Giants will give them their half of the total number scheduled with Brooklyn this year. In 1923 the Giants and Brooklyn won 11 each out of 22 games played. This year it looks as if the Manhattanites would run away from their Brooklyn fellow townsmen. And the margin they win from Brooklyn, likely as not, will be just about the margin with which they will finish the pennant race.

Brooklyn has made a move that should help put it into the running as a National League pennant contender. It has acquired Brown, the big centerfielder of the Indianapolis club.

Brown was the best outfielder playing ball on any minor league team in Florida last spring, and looked about as good as any fielder on any other team down there. Cincinnati set a trap for him, but Brooklyn set a better one, and Indianapolis finally has been prevailed upon to let him go in exchange for Jones, a shortstop, and Bailey, an outfielder.

Jones played good ball in Portland last year. But he failed to report to Brooklyn on time, owing to a difference over whether or not he should get a big slice of the money Brooklyn paid Portland for him. Consequently, he did not get into practice, did not round into form, and did not get on the Brooklyn team. So it's back to the minors for him.

Brooklyn gets a hitter in Brown. He can't throw much, but he does not need to. He can cover as much ground as a three ring circus and is a sure catcher of fly balls.

Thirteen left handed pitchers did duty in games played on Tuesday, June 3.—There were eight contests, including the double header in New York. Left handers got in the game—on one side or both—in St. Louis, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, Boston and Chicago.

One of them, Zachary, of Washington, pitched a two hit game against Detroit. Another, Mitchell of Philadelphia, did the same against St. Louis. It was the biggest Southpaw day that major league baseball has had in many a moon. Six of the left-handers won their games.

Two major league clubs have posted a standing offer of a good round sum to anyone who will discover for them consistent left-hand pitchers who look like stayers.

Major League Baseball

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Friday's Scores			
Cincinnati	3	Boston	4
Philadelphia	9	St. Louis	6
Standing of Teams.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	28	16	.632
Chicago	26	18	.591
Brooklyn	22	19	.536
Cincinnati	23	21	.523
Pittsburgh	20	23	.465
Boston	18	22	.450
St. Louis	19	26	.422
Philadelphia	15	25	.375

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Friday's Scores			
Detroit	0	Washington	2
St. Louis	11	Boston	4
Cleveland	7	Philadelphia	11
Chicago	3	New York	5
Standing of Teams.			
	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	24	16	.600
Boston	23	16	.564
Detroit	25	20	.555
Washington	21	20	.512
St. Louis	20	22	.520
Chicago	18	21	.462
Philadelphia	16	24	.400
Cleveland	15	24	.384

LEE FOHL IS ON TRIUMPHAL TOUR

Given Thumbs Down by St. Louis Last Year Puts Boston in Top Place by Victory Over Old Team.

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New York, June 7.—Lee Fohl, manager of the Boston Americans, is conducting a triumphal tour of the West, meeting old friends who are proud to shake his hand, and leaving behind him a trail of baseball memories of might-have-beens. He has just been presented with a diamond ring at St. Louis, the city which he quit as a baseball manager last season, not altogether of his own volition. He also seized upon the opportunity to win for Boston a temporary leadership of the American League at the expense of the team he piloted last year. Thus poetic justice is served sometimes in baseball, as well as in the classics. Nothing could have been fitter than for him to take the league leadership—today reduced to second place

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—at the hands of the club which last year turned him down just as he had got the outfit going.

When Fohl gets to Cleveland, they are to give him a "Fohl Day." There is another city in which he was unfortunate. They thought in Cleveland that he guessed poorly with his pitchers, and it was the heritage of that opinion which followed him to St. Louis, where he was criticized for changing pitchers in a game against New York which had much to do with the pennant.

Second guessers have done more to hurt Fohl's careers than any other thing. He has been compelled to run a veritable obstacle race because of the attacks that have been made upon his judgment. Yet cold facts show that he has always brought forward the team he has been permitted to control.

As the Boston Americans stand now, they must be reckoned with until they come an awful flop. They have not exactly fought their way to the top of the league, because they have been in the neighborhood of the top all season. They are retaining their hold on first division

because they are good and because their pitchers are doing better than anyone expected they would. Also, because they are hitting the ball hard when hits count.

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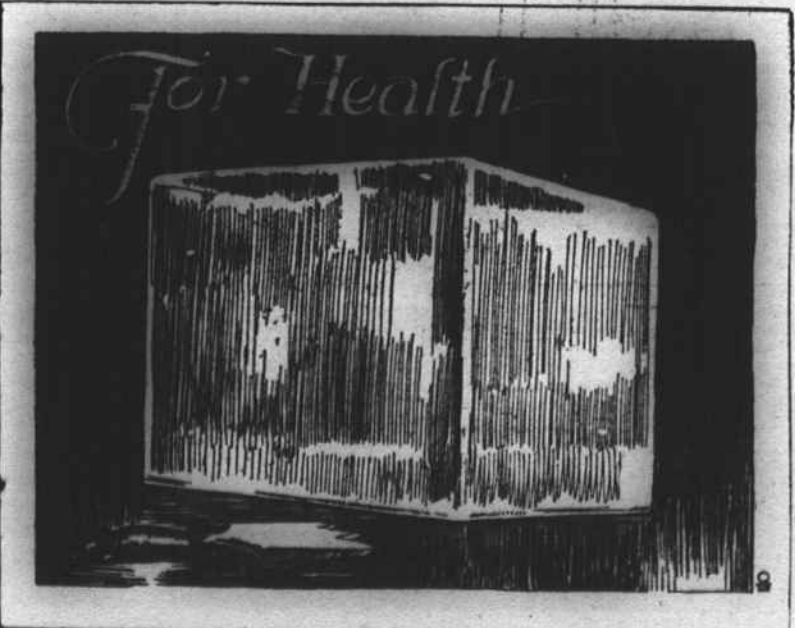
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