

# BROOKLYN'S ON GIANT'S HEELS

### Club That Giants Have Laughed at All Season Beat Them for Chance in World Series.

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New York, Sept. 13.—For the first time since another team than the Giants has crossed the 600 mark in the National League percentage column, Brooklyn made the new ledge Thursday afternoon while the Giants were resting after their nightmare of the day before with Boston.

Being above .600 does not necessarily mean that the Brooklyn will win the pennant, but it denotes some eling on the part of a team that never had been given the slightest consideration by any of the first division managers until it forced itself upon their attention.

There was a great deal of yelping on the part of baseball bosses about the necessity of Pittsburgh Cincinnati and Chicago walling the Giants if John McGraw was to be done out of his fourth consecutive pennant. Even the Giants held the Brooklyn in contempt. But they don't tank more.

Another fact turned up Thursday. It was that the St. Louis Americans are out of about everything but the necessity of building up a ball team for 1925. It did look for a time as if they had a Chinaman's chance provided they licked everything that came along, but Cleveland put the finishing touches on their chances by winning Thursday's double header.

The Yanks and Washington got along fairly well with the east team they will tackle before going west.

The Yankees are through with both Washington and Boston for the season. They lost the series to Washington, 13 games to 9. They won from Boston 17 to 5. The success of the Senators against the Yankees this year has brought forth a wall from one fan who thinks that when a team gains seven victories on a championship team as Washington has gained on New York as compared with the results of their 1923 series there should be some way in which to reward the gaining team more than it has been rewarded. This is assuming that Washington does not gain the grand prize of the pennant.

However such a reward is out of the question. If baseball is played on a percentage award basis, the only manner in which teams may be recompensed for their better work is the advantage it gives them in the percentage column. To give them a standing on a basis of victories alone is not a true method of decision.

In the old days there was an attempt to award championships by a system of victories. It was hopeless from the start but those who essayed to grant titles by that method had never gone into the percentage system and the old time baseball player was full of the idea that there was some bomb attached to it which would blow him out of his just deserts. It was quite the other way around of course but it took time to bring the players around.

They wanted to give pennants according to the greatest number of victories and occasionally without regard to the total number of games played and the quarrels which resulted were fierce and enduring.

In these days the ball player is so accustomed to the percentage idea that he can be led to the hitching post and tied with one if necessary.

## Major League Scores

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Friday's Scores			
New York	1	St. Louis	5
Philadelphia	8	Chicago	10
Boston	4	Pittsburgh	5
Standing of Teams			
W.	L.	Pct.	
New York	84	57	.604
Brooklyn	82	56	.603
Pittsburgh	80	55	.588
Cincinnati	75	61	.549
Chicago	72	64	.529
St. Louis	59	82	.419
Philadelphia	51	86	.372
Boston	48	90	.342

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Friday's Scores			
St. Louis	5	Cleveland	4
Standing of Teams			
W.	L.	Pct.	
Washington	87	58	.599
N. W. York	80	68	.540
Detroit	77	63	.555
St. Louis	71	67	.514
Cleveland	65	76	.461
Boston	60	78	.435
Philadelphia	61	77	.442
Chicago	59	78	.431

## HARRY HAS LOST FAREWELL PUNCH

### Could Not Stow Argentine Away and Probably Lacks Ability to Put to Sleep Any Powerful Opponent.

By FAIR PLAY  
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New York, Sept. 13.—If Jack Dempsey has been cautious about meeting Harry Wills in the ring he need be so no longer.

It was demonstrated in the big arena on Boyle's Thirty Acres, when Wills met Firpo in a twelve round bout on Thursday night that Harry has lost his farewell punch—if he ever had one against a powerful opponent—and that his general ability as a fighter would not be sufficiently high to stand the champion off.

Against a man such as Firpo who not only telegraphs his wallop but sends a letter of warning, but then Harry will always be perfectly at ease. But Dempsey doesn't telegraph. His punches come from a short distance and behind them lurks oblivion.

Wills' punches have not the deadly snap of Dempsey's and the snap is what spells knockouts. As for the Thursday night battle, it was clearly graphically shown that the rapier is greater than the war club. The star of science rose clear above the cause of brute force.

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night the matador a superb figure in bronze toyed with the wild bull of the Pampas stabbing when and where he would easily evade the rushes of his opponent and his club like blows, and eventually through scores of body punches taking the steam out of his man, rendering him helpless so far as attack was concerned.

Yes, Wills was the clever matador but he fought the bull, so to speak, with a blunted sword. No thrust was a deadly thrust and the fight ended with Wills the winner by eight miles on points. If ever he was to lay Firpo supine it was the second round when he clouted the South American on the jaw with all he had. It sent Firpo to the canvass. But it did not keep him there.

The Dempsey-Firpo fight was taken as an indication of what would probably happen and so the customers turned out in droves. Not a fighter, a manager or a critic had any idea apparently, the other than either Firpo or Wills would be pounded into an unrecognizable mass before they had gone many rounds.

So far as the writer knows he was the only one who picked Wills as the winner of this battle on points. When the two men stepped in

to the center of the ring Firpo was scowling like a Sioux Indian, who not only holds an undying grudge against cullud men but has private troubles of his own such as a nagging wife, indigestion and so forth. He would not shake hands with the stevedore.

How curious it was then, how almost humorous in fact to see how affectionate Luis became after he started. He hugged and hugged and hugged until Harry grew weak from supporting the big gink.

It was a cautious fight, so far as that goes on the part of both fighters. Each acted as though he knew the other fellow was carrying a pound of dynamite in his right fist and even when Luis gave evidence that even if his right was propelled by T. N. T. there was no aim behind it, Wills still played safe.

In the last two or three rounds when Harry might have been expected to take utmost advantage of his superior skill and muss up

## AMERICA KEEPS THE DAVIS CUP

Philadelphia, Sept. 13.—The United States yesterday retained the Davis cup, symbolizing world supremacy in tennis, by defeating the Australian team in three straight matches.

the Argentine good and proper he became more conservative instead. What Wills did was to show Jack Dempsey seated at the ring side—how he might have handled Firpo without being knocked out of the ring.

But Dempsey played the part of a champion took a chance and as a result today he stands so far ahead of any other heavyweight in the ring that it would be difficult to draw a respectable crowd to see the fight.

Wills did not dare take such a chance. One of those terrific rights of Firpo's would probably have ended him and Harry did well to respect it. At the same time to stow away a man like Firpo, a fighter has to unhook everything—which means taking a chance. This Wills did not do, even granting he could have hit hard enough to knock Luis out if he had taken a toe hold and socked

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