

ANS ARE LOSING FAITH IN GAME BECAUSE OF POOR JUDGMENT OF DIRECTING HEADS

IF THE MAGNATES ABOLISHED THE WORLD'S SERIES, BASEBALL WOULD BE BETTER OFF IN END

Many Ways Are Open for Arrangement of More Interesting Classic, With All Players Sharing in Receipts and Salaries Unchanged

BASEBALL magnates were amazed at the storm of criticism directed at the New York Giants for their indifferent work in the game that clinched the pennant for Brooklyn, and still are inclined to treat the matter lightly.

If the magnates would brush away a few cobwebs and look back a few years they might be able to recall that there was a time when the baseball scribbles had implicit faith in the magnates, while the fans naturally followed the scribbles.

The desire of the magnates to grab all the money in sight was the beginning of the end, so far as the fans were concerned. It showed the baseball fan that the magnate was not the philanthropist he had been led to believe, and every day a certain percentage of fans are becoming attracted to golf, tennis and other sports from which they can get more recreation and benefit instead of spending their money to watch other exercise.

The establishing of a world's series between the champion teams of the National and American Leagues was, in a measure, responsible for the wonderful growth of the game, but it also is going to bring trouble before long.

Abolish the Series and Help the Game

THE baseball magnates, and the National Commission in particular, want to help baseball and restore the confidence of the fans, let them abolish the world's series. The sudden change will not meet with approval for a few years, but in the long run the game will be healthier and the salaries will be just as high.

The mad desire of magnates to have pennant-winning teams in order to get a slice of the world's-series melon does a lot of good for a few teams and satisfies the fans of a few cities, but the fans and players of the teams in seven cities in each league are bitterly disappointed year after year.

They say that to the victor belong the spoils, and perhaps it should be so in a two-cornered battle, but in baseball it is different, and if the magnates desire to continue the big series, which in many ways is fascinating, let them divide the money differently, so that every player in the league will get his share, no matter how small it may happen to be.

There Would Be No More Fiascos

FINISHING in second or third place had meant about \$10,000 more to the Giants for each notch above fourth position—which could not be lost—does any fan believe that the final series would even have been "listless"?

Every one familiar with baseball knows that a game cannot be fixed or bought, if it is possible and ever had happened the magnates would forever be in the clutches of one who could threaten exposure of the whole thing.

Alex Is King of Them All

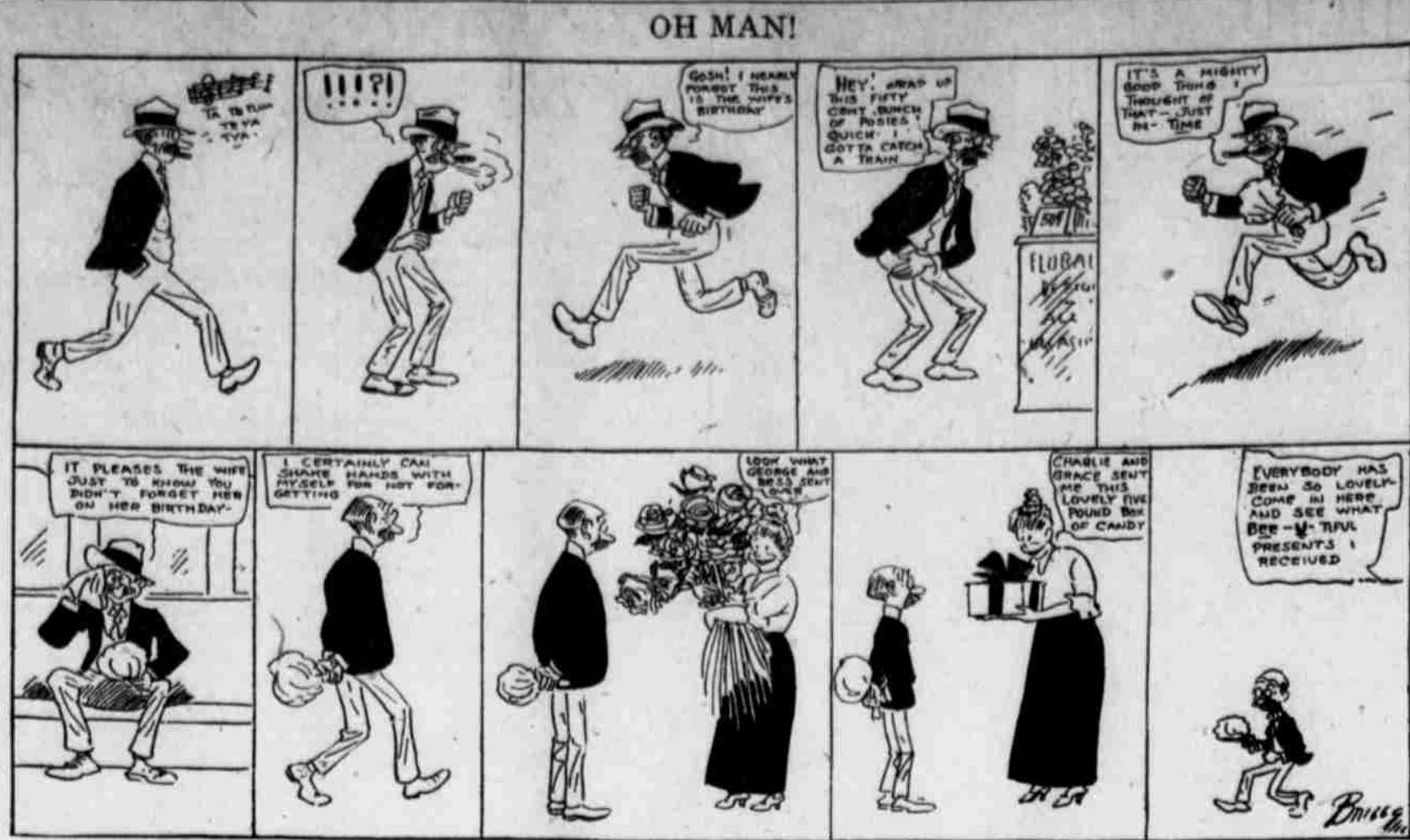
ALEXANDER THE GREAT is convincing the fans more every day just why he is the greatest pitcher in the game. The Boston Braves were amazed when the Nebraska went to the mound in the ninth inning yesterday and saved the game, thereby clinching second place.

When we saw the score of the second Philly game posted on the scoreboard in Brooklyn, denoting that the Phillis' last hope for the pennant had vanished, our thought was of Alex.

He Always Brought the Team Back

IF THE fans look back over the past season, which was full of ups and downs, they will recall that every time the team skidded it was Alex who brought it back.

Alexander has proved without the shadow of doubt that he is a greater pitcher than Young, Matty, Johnson, Walsh and all the other great stars, including even the great and only George Edward Waddell.



SOUTHERN FOOTBALL TEAMS WILL INVADE NORTHERN GRIDIRONS SATURDAY AFTERNOON; ELEVENS FROM DIXIE LOOK TO BE STRONG

Virginia Likely to Give Yale a Great Battle at New Haven—Princeton Men in Fine Fettle to Tackle Bunch From North Carolina—Defensive Play of the Blue Encouraging to the Coaches

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THE great Northern invasion is on. Three high-class football teams from the Sunny South, all primed for battle, hopped aboard three different trains today, set sail for three different towns, where they will mingle with three different college elevens next Saturday.



Washington and Lee vs. Army, at West Point, University of Virginia vs. Yale, at New Haven, North Carolina vs. Princeton, at Princeton.

This means that three interesting battles will be fought in the Northern States which will be pushed to the limit. Perhaps Yale and Princeton will win, but Washington and Lee should score an easy victory over the Cadets.

Virginia's strong The General—which is slang for the eleven from Lexington, Va.—have a very good team this year and Walter B. Elcock, the coach, says they should go through the season without a defeat.

It will be remembered that Washington and Lee played Cornell off her feet in the first half and scored three touchdowns before Doctor Sharpe's athletes knew what happened.

Yale will have its first try-out under the Jones regime and it will be a tough one. The team from Charlottesville has been practicing for several weeks and is in good shape.

On the other hand, the Blue still is in the experimental stage, the players are not accustomed to playing with each other, teamwork is ragged and a well-defined system of play has not been adopted.

Defensively, Old Eli is very good and that is the only thing which will help stave off defeat. It is impossible to predict the outcome of the battle, but it is safe to say that Virginia will put up a hard fight and Yale will be forced to play better than against Carnegie Tech in order to win.

Tigers in Form North Carolina has not been up this way for some time, but has made a great reputation in its own section. Last year the team was defeated by Virginia 14 to 6, but all of the other southern elevens were beaten with ease.

Princeton and this should be the hardest struggle of all. The Tigers showed good form against Holy Cross last week and there is no reason why they shouldn't do even better this week. Speedy Rusk's team should win.

The mails are working again and the office boy just wandered in with the following: Dear Mr. Maxwell, If possible, I would like to get some data on a subject which has been much discussed down here—and there is plenty of room for argument.

Does a field goal count if the ball first touches the ground? R. R. Lexington, Va. In 1911 the Witt, of Princeton, made a drop kick which beat Dartmouth, 3 to 0. The ball, after leaving the kicker's foot, bounded along the ground, struck a lump of mud and bounded over the cross bar. This caused quite a little discussion and the rules were changed to cover the point.

Here is the dope from the rule book: If the ball, after being kicked, strikes an opponent and then passes over the cross bar, it shall count as a goal. In no case, however, shall it count as a goal if, after leaving the kicker's foot, it touches the ground before passing over the cross bar or goal posts.

Now that Ertle has been eliminated by Benny Kaufman and Benny knocked off the high perch by champion Kid Williams, the much talked of bantam weight snarl has been straightened out. Ertle must take a back seat and meet opponents who have not been hand picked by his manager and Kaufman must go on the same as before meeting all comers, but keeping quiet about winning the championship.

When Johnny Kilbane was here a couple of weeks ago he boxed three rounds with O'Keefe, and after the bout said that Eddie was one of the cleverest boxers in the business. There is no doubt about O'Keefe's cleverness, but it is a long time since we have seen it in an actual battle.

Another letter reached the office through some mysterious channel known only by the office boy. Have a look: Sports Editor, Evening Ledger, Sir—I wish to say a few words about Eddie O'Keefe, who has been refused matches by all of the leading bantams. Without fear of contradiction, I wish to state that Eddie never has been beaten by any of the leading bantams over such boys as Dutch Brandt, Billy Fitzsimmons, Shubert, Mattie Hendon, Patsy Brennan, Billy Evans, Eddie Wallace, Louisiana Young, Holbert, and when he weighed but 110 pounds, fought a ten-round draw with Johnny Coulson, who was champion in Kansas City.

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Johnny Ertle also sidestepped all of my challenges and I could not get even close to a match. Once I posted \$500 with Harry Edwards, but Mike McNulty refused to talk business. He said that if he got a few soft ones for his boy, he would take on O'Keefe. He got the set-ups, but afterward said that O'Keefe was too tall and had too long a reach. That was another match lost.

Frankie Burns will not meet Eddie, so what can he do? He is willing to put up any amount of money as a forfeit, will take on any bantam in the world, but no one will box him. I would like to take on Benny Kaufman, but it will take some time before Benny will consider a match.

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BIG WAGER ON SERIES

Smithers Bets \$20,000 Against \$14,000 on Red Sox

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—The first big bet on the world's series was reported today when E. J. Smithers, former owner of Dan Patch, bet \$20,000 to \$14,000 the Red Sox would clean up. Smithers also is reported to have bet \$80,000 against \$50,000 the Giants won't win the National flag next year.

A second world's series bet today was one of \$5000 laid by John A. Drake, prominent horseman, against \$3500 that the Sox would beat the Robins.

LUCK IS FEATURE IN GOLF TOURNEY ON BOSTON LINKS

Women Players Say Course "Never Would Be Chosen for Man"

GREENS ARE VERY POOR

BELMONT SPRING COUNTRY CLUB, Waverly, Mass., Oct. 5.—There is too much of a premium on luck at the Belmont course, where is being played the women's golf championship of the United States.

One of the Philadelphians expressed one of those "very interesting" and then shrugged her shoulders as if to say "that lets it out." The hot sun and vigorous winds of the last two weeks or so have baked the course very hard, and this has had much to do with the element of luck that attends the fair golfers' shots.

Many of the greens slide away from the shot. One ball may roll across and overboard, while another ball, way off the line of the pin, may stop on the green and give its owner a putt for the hole, while the other player is getting out of a trap.

This is what happened to Mrs. John H. Topham, champion of Texas, in her match with Mrs. G. Henry Stetson, the Philadelphia star. On the second hole she hooked out a drive which came around perfectly to rest low high some few yards off the green. The green sloped away from her approach and she went right on across and over. Mrs. Stetson, meantime, was in heavy rough close to the road on the right. Her out was on the green and she sank in two putts for the hole.

The short fifth hole is nothing but a green at the other end of a stretch of fairway and rocks. Many have jokingly said that the best way to play it was to top the shot and let it roll on the slight slope in the green. Many a pitch has taken leave across the sloping-away green. On many another hole "the best" shot is not the best shot.

It is a fine place for a great big iron horse show. But there are all kinds of shots and the course is decidedly picturesque. The course has been kept in fine shape and the players who have "had the breaks" of luck so far are most enthusiastic over the Belmont Springs links.

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