

# Sharp Battle at Season's End Kept Yankees and Giants in Shape for the World's Series

## GIANTS FAVORITES IF POWER OF BABE RUTH CAN BE DISCOUNTED

### McGraw Has Edge in Speed and Inside Play, But National Leaguers Must Reckon With Home-Run King in Series Battles

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THIS is the open season for dragging in the grandiosities and try to prove that one ball club is better than the other in the World's Series. The bigger fibbers are busy figuring, the guessers are guessing and business is brisk—until the first game has been played. After that all of the advance stuff usually goes to the dogs and it is every man for himself. Doping a World Series is interesting and highly exciting BEFORE the battles. When the contending teams swing into action the net is all washed up, because you never can tell what will happen in baseball.

However, after taking these things into consideration, we will predict without fear or trembling that the series will draw more cash customers than ever before, the gate receipts should make a new record and the club owners will have a chance to lay aside some kale for a few rainy days. There will be no expense attached to the games as in former years. The teams will not have to take long railroad trips, the players will not be placed in hotels and allowed to sign checks in the dining-room or anything like that.

Instead they will stay in their own homes and travel to the Polo Grounds each day on a street car or somebody else's automobile. Thus the club owners will have it soft.

In regard to the merits of the contending teams, it is a cinch to figure a victory for the Giants and also one for the Yankees. It's all in the way you look at it. One thing is certain, however, and that is both teams are on edge and there is no danger of either becoming nervous or over-confident. The races were close in the National and American Leagues, the winners did not have a walkover and it was not until the last day of the season that the pennants were clinched. This means they had to battle to the end, go at top speed and take nothing for granted. They still are in that condition and are in top shape mentally for the big show.

In a short series nothing can be taken for granted. Last year it was figured that Brooklyn, with the best pitching staff in baseball, would secure an easy victory over Cleveland. The Dodgers got the first two games, but then they folded up. The pitchers were not so effective as was supposed. Pitchers will again figure prominently in this classic, but not so much as last year. McGraw had three dependables in Neff, Toney and Longias, while Huggins will bank on Mays, Shawkey and Hoyt. Neff, the left-hander, is likely to cause some trouble, as Dick Kerr, the Chicago southpaw, did to the Yankees last season; but to offset this Carl Myers, with his underling delivery, has a chance to stand the National Leaguers on their heads. The other—meaning Toney, Longias, Lawler and Hoyt—are uncertain. They may or may not come through with the goods.

### More Stars on Giants

THE Giants are a much stronger team than Brooklyn last year, probably not in the box, but in morale, speed and resourcefulness. The Yankees have a powerful attack with men like Ruth, Pipp, Meusel and Peckinpah, who are likely to bust up the game any time with long hits.

IT SEEMS as if Babe Ruth dominated the whole situation. Bambino, with his big batting average and the fifty-nine home runs for the season, is the big noise, and the Giants will have to play him as much as the other eight members of the Yankees. It's a cinch he will be handed many bases on balls, but if this is done Babe Meusel must be taken care of. This young man also hits into the realms where outfielders NEVER roam and is dangerous at all times.

The dopsters figure that Young is faster and a better outfielder than Meusel, Burns has the edge on Miller, Kelly is better than Pipp, Baneroff shades Peckinpah, Frisch has all over McNally and Ward gains the decision over Rawlings. Snyder and Smith are about as good as Selig; the pitching staffs also are fifty-fifty, so the big noise is Ruth. If the Giants can discount the speed of the majors, Babe, then they can be considered favorites. However, this only can be determined after the teams start playing. We wouldn't attempt it now.

In the matter of team-hitting, there is little to choose. The Yankees have an average of .301, while the Giants are .298. However, there are more individual stars on the National League team. Every regular, with the exception of Rawlings, hit .300 or better for the season, while only four of the Yankees passed the .300 mark. Burns, Young, Irish, Meusel, Kelly, Baneroff, Frisch, Snyder and Smith are in the select class, as compared to Ruth, Bob Meusel, Ward and Selig.

This means we will not have many close ball games. The scores should be large and the battles long drawn out. Outside of Neff and Mays, the pitching should not be anything to brag of, although somebody is likely to step out and grab the hero's spotlight.

Taking it all in all, we have a pair of slugger ball clubs, with the Giants holding the advantage in speed and inside play. Some of the critics believe the National Leaguers have a good chance to win if the pitchers stand up, but if that's an argument the same can be said of the Yankees.

### Indians Led for 115 Days

THE Yankees were hard-pressed most of the season by Cleveland and it was a battle royal. One club would slide into first place for a couple of days only to be ousted by its rival. The race was between two clubs and there might be slight consolation for Cleveland fans in the fact that the Indians, badly crippled a good part of the time, occupied first place longer than any of their rivals. They were on top 115 days, against forty-nine for the Yankees. The other leaders were Boston, Detroit and St. Louis for one day and Washington four days.

However, nothing counts until the last day of the season. The club in first place on that day grabs the glory, kale and everything else.

First place had three occupants on April 13, two on April 15; the rest of the time one club was at the top and that club, most of the time, was Cleveland.

The leaders on April 13 were the Red Sox, the Yankees and the Browns, the Tigers being idle on kick-off afternoon and thus escaping a chance either to be at the head of the class or at the bottom of it. Resting with them were the White Sox.

On the second day of the season all three clubs that got off to a flying start were beaten and Detroit, winning, occupied first place. Cleveland and Washington were perched on the drivers' seat on April 15 and then for eight days the Yankees went into front.

Cleveland went into first place on April 24, Washington on April 27, Cleveland again on April 29, and Washington again on April 30. The Nationals got on top one more day at the top—this day was the first—and then the Indians dislodged them and maintained their position at the summit until May 17. On that day Waite Charles Hoyt led the Yankees to an 8-to-2 victory over Stanley Coveleski and the Tribe surrendered first place, to regain it three days later and to hold it constantly until July 20.

Coveleski again was unable to keep Cleveland at the top on this date, being outpitched by Shawkey and losing 7 to 1. July 21 found the Indians again relocated at the top and they stuck there this time until August 1, when feeling hitting put them into second place. In Washington they lost a doubleheader to McBride's men, the Yankees being beaten once by Detroit, but nevertheless going into first place.

## BURNS ONLY GIANT SURVIVOR OF 1917

### McGraw Outfielder Lone Member to Escape Sweeping Changes in Four Years

#### FACTS ABOUT PLAYERS

So sweeping have been the changes in the New York Giants since McGraw's club last won the National League pennant in 1917 that only two of the athletes who helped New York climb to the top four years ago are now with the club. They are George Burns and Slim Sallee. The former has been at McGraw continuously, but Sallee went to Cincinnati and returned.

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Where Giants Came From  
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Burdette—Acquired from the Giants in June from the Philadelphia Athletics.  
Burns—Acquired from the Philadelphia Athletics in a trade for outfielder Carl Walker and King McKeever.  
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## THAT GUILTIEST FEELING



## TORRID PRACTICE FOR RED AND BLUE SQUAD

### Heisman Excuses Varsity From Scrimmage, But Sends Scrubs on Regular Eleven—Thurman Injured

If seriousness and a desire to rectify the mistakes made against Franklin and Marshall last Saturday count for anything, Pennsylvania is going to send a rejuvenated football eleven on the gridiron next Saturday afternoon until it was so dark that the players made huge shadows over the gridiron. Coach John W. Heisman and his assistants drove the varsity squad and the scrubs with a force that plainly spelled business.

The disgust manifested by the coaches after the game of last Saturday continued yesterday and from the time the first piskin hit the turf during the heavy downpour until the coaches ordered the men to the showers there was work, and not of the kind that is usually associated with a football team.

As usual on the Monday after a game, the regulars were excused from scrimmage for the afternoon. The scrubs, however, many of whom saw considerable action against the Lancaster team, worked like demons yesterday. Heisman, Hollenback, Bell, Ziegler and Hobe Light were seen at Franklin Field this season. Words were not missed any, and when a player made a mistake he was soon apprised of it.

Starting with a long signal drill, the practice opened up with a scrimmage between the scrubs and the second varsity that lasted for well over an hour. There was no let-up. As soon as a player was seen to be tiring one replaced him to keep up the drive.

The tackling drill was as severe and as vicious a one as the coaches have had this season. Not a man was spared. Even the varsity regulars were forced to scurry down the field and wrap the man with the ball. Tackling was done in a bad as well as a good way, but the coaches made the men work yesterday as though they had never tackled in their lives before.

The interference which was smashed against E. and M. was gone over thoroughly yesterday with the result that at the end of the scrimmage drill the second varsity looked like the varsity did against Delaware. The ends worked properly and the linemen made the holes through which the backs shot. When the scrubs carried the ball, which was infrequently, the linemen charged low and got the man before he had reached the line of scrimmage.

Big John Thurman, the veteran tackle, who was one of the five Redies who were seen to be tiring yesterday on the field yesterday in civies wearing the drills. He injured his ankle on Saturday seriously enough to keep him out of the game today, but he probably will be back in the game this afternoon.

## RICE PICKS YANKS; TEAMS APPEAR EVEN

### Heavier Attack Gives American Leaguers the Edge, Unless Giants Get Good Pitching Throughout the Series, for World's Baseball Championship

By GRANTLAND RICE

GIANTS or Yankees? For the second time in baseball history the volatile dope in a world series was in all masses in one community—which doesn't make it any easier to untwine.

We recall fifteen years ago attacking the same problem when the Cubs and White Sox met—and that year we picked the Cubs. That year every one picked the Cubs except possibly Fielder Jones.

Such discrepancy exists today as appeared to exist in 1906. It is much tougher going. But in the same way which club eventually will win, no matter how pitched, it isn't well geared up against the Yankee assault.

There is no extreme difference in so far as the two outfields are concerned. The two Outfields are as close to 50-50 as 49-51, which is close enough. They have about the same number of hits and scored about the same number of runs.

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## Facts and Directions For World's Series

Following are some facts, figures and directions concerning the World's Series, which will be valuable to Philadelphia fans who intend to be among those present at the Polo Grounds.

Dates for Games  
First game: Tomorrow. Games will be played daily, including Sunday, until one club sweeps in winning five games. Giants will be "at home" on odd games and the honor will go to the Yankees on even games.

Time of Games  
Every game will start promptly at 2 p. m.

## Boots and Saddle

Racing begins at Laurel this afternoon. The feature for the opening day is the Capital Handicap, with \$5,000 added, at six furlongs.

Two West Virginia Casualties  
Morgan and W. V. Oct. 4.—The team's fortunes have been dark. The Hawks, who were in the lead, were defeated by the Blue Jays, who were in the lead.

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