

Babe Ruth's Fifty-nine Thrills Didn't Equal Play Filled by Rawlings in World Series

RAWLINGS PROVIDED GREATEST THRILL OF YEAR IN BIG LEAGUES

Stop and Throw of Former Phil Second Baseman on Frank Baker in Final Play of World Series Was Sensation of 1921

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BABE RUTH, on fifty-nine different occasions, sent thrills quivering down the spines of baseball fans during 1921. The home run is one of the biggest sensations in the game. The fans like to see the old sinner given the long ride, and a crowd could never fail to bring lusty and prolonged cheers. The Big Bambino was the hero of many a ball game last summer, but the supreme thrill of the season was produced by an athlete who enjoyed none of the glitter that is attached to Ruth. It was put over by Johnny Rawlings in the last game of the World's Series.

Rawlings' sensational play that will live down through the ages ended the long-drawn-out struggle between the Yankees and Giants for the championship of New York and the world. It pulled the curtain down on one of the most dramatic settings ever made on baseball's stage, and for that clever piece of work John will sit on the bench for McGraw in 1922. Such is the life of a ball player.

There were several other important features in baseball in 1921, and the least among them was the cracking of the Pittsburgh Pirates. The Bucs looked like the National League champions. Barney Dreyfuss already had notified the University of Pittsburgh that the Panthers would have to stay away from Forbes Field during the early part of the football season, plans were being laid for the distribution of tickets and everything was all set for the World's Series in Pittsburgh, when the Giants tore down a seven-game lead and the Smokey City citizens realized that their idols had clay feet.

The race between the Indians and the Yankees was no less thrilling, and the battle between Harry Heilmann and his boss, Ty Cobb, for the batting laurels also held a large share of the public attention. Rogers Hornsby's remarkable hitting average also stood out prominently, as it was the first time in many years that a National League champion outbatted an American League titleholder.

Locally, the big thrills came when strangers were met at the ball parks. Those who attended daily knew each other by their first names. All three of them.

The Play That Left Yankee Fans Gasping

NO OTHER important sporting event ever had a more dazzling finale than the World's Series last fall. In the first inning an error by DeCinghough gave the Giants a run, and as the game progressed that one lone tally looked as big as a million. Tinning after tinning, twice beaten in the series, turned back the Yankees as they appeared at the plate. Then came the ninth, the last flicker of the fast-fading Yankee light of hope.

At the start of the session Ruth, crippled with a sprained muscle in his leg and threatened with a poisoned arm, limped to the plate. His face twisted in pain as he swung his bat. He fouled off two and then rolled to Kelly for an easy out. The light was becoming dimmer for Miller Huggins, but brightened a bit when Ward drew a base on balls. One out, one on and one run needed to tie the score. Frank Baker stepped to the plate, and thoughts came back of ancient defeats inflicted on the Giants in other series by the one-time king of home-run swatters. Baker got the appointment to play third base when Mike McNally was forced out by an injury, and he had been hitting the ball viciously.

One of those ancient swats and the two clubs would be tied in the series with four victories each. This was the setting for the great play executed by Johnny Rawlings. He fouled a couple and watched three balls pass. Then he swung. He clipped the ball down the alley between first and second at a mile a minute. There was a mighty roar from the huge gathering, for it looked like a sure hit. Ward was on his way to second with the crack of the bat. He already was making his turn around second when a bush fell over the throw.

Johnny Rawlings, several feet away from the flying sphere, made a leap in the general direction of the ball. He thrust out his gloved hand as he fell in a half somersault. He straightened, threw back his right hand and tossed sharply to Kelly. Somehow he had dug that ball out of the dust.

It was the second out, but the light still was burning. Ward was streaking for third base. His flying feet covered yardage like a ten-second man. Kelly, using his head and realizing that he had a chance to end everything by picking off Aaron, swung back his arm—one of the best arms in baseball— and the diamond like a bullet. Straight into Frank's hands it went and the Porchman, Finley, tied at Ward as the Yankee infielder started to slide. It was the third out, the end of a double play, the end of the game, the end of the World's Series of 1921.

Both Pennant Races Furnished Thrills

THE pennant races in both leagues were thrilling, but the National League brush was more surprising. Even if the Indians had copied in Ban Johnson's circuit it wouldn't have caused as much comment as the victory of the Giants. The Pirates had a commanding lead as late as the closing days of August. In fact, on August 21 they were out in front by seven full games.

Everything was sad and gloomy among Giant rosters. The team didn't have the winning spirit, and even the acquisition of Irish Meusel didn't help. The former Phil fell into a slump right after he joined the New Yorkers, and it looked like a foolish move on the part of McGraw in obtaining Meusel from our Prez Baker. Then something happened. The Giants came to life and they began to kick around every ball club in the league, including the Pirates. In the Pittsburgh-New York series ended August 28 McGraw's highly paid athletes took five games in a row, and the big lead melted in the heat of the "giant fire" to two and a half games.

For two weeks thereafter the Pirates held on to first place, but their play was listless and it was apparent that they had shot their bolt. The Giants passed to the front on September 12 and were never headed. Pittsburgh had cracked completely and there was talk about internal trouble. It was reported that harmony was a perfect stranger to Dreyfuss' hired men, but this was later denied.

The struggle between the Yankees and the Indians was of a much longer duration. These two clubs virtually led the race between them from the early part of the season. The lead switched several times, and when August was reached the New Yorkers were in first place with the healthy margin of one point. A week later the Indians were leading by the same percentage, and they held the advantage until September 18, when the Yankees dashed to the fore. Cleveland came back on September 18, but the following week they were shored to the rear in the series with the Huggans. Even then Spacker's clan did not give up, and it was not until the last week of the championship race that the pennant was decided.

TRIS SPAKER and his athletes put up some a fight as has ever been seen and are deserving of great credit.

Battle of Boss and Bossed

ANOTHER of those lengthy battles was staged between Harry Heilmann and his boss, Ty Cobb, for the batting championship. Heilmann got away to a good start and at one time was leading the guy who nicked Georgia by a big margin. Early in August he was twenty-three points ahead of the unofficial figures for that date:

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Cobb in the days that followed kept climbing toward 400 and Heilmann dropping toward the same mark. Around the middle of September the Tiger manager passed his employe, according to the unofficial averages, and if you believed the dope from the same source Tykus won the championship with 380, while Heilmann ended the season second with 364. However, there was a different story told when the official figures were announced. A comparison of the figures, official and otherwise, is interesting:

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ALL of which goes to show that one never can tell about figures.

Boots and Saddle

Irish Kisa appears best in the mile dash for four-year-olds and up at New Orleans today. Herd, Bird and Valor probably will furnish the contention. Horses well placed in other races are: First race, Hashful, Tricks, Hermoden; second, Herald, Rainbows; third, Penitents, Comic Song, Harry Eyes; fifth, Repeater, Wrecker, Walespa; sixth, Miss Fontaine, Transia, One Birthday; seventh, Pirate McGee, Michaelis, Pretender.

Yale Hockey Team Wins

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 5.—The Yale hockey team, playing an improved game over the former season, won the championship, defeated the strong New Haven amateurs team 4 to 2, in the arena here.

MULLER'S BASKETS TUMBLE SKEETERS

Jack Lawrence Also Big Factor in Wilkes-Barre's 39-30 Victory Over Camden

EASTERN MOGULS TO MEET

Basketball Statistics

W. L. P. C.	W. L. P. C.
Trenton 22 3 365 11.8	Wilkes-Barre 9 12 429
Camden 20 6 359 10.8	Reading 10 13 355 10.8
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SCHEDULE FOR TONIGHT

Reading at Wilkes-Barre.

Last Night's Scores

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THE Camden basketball team of the Eastern League was furnished the surprise of the season last evening when Wilkes-Barre humbled the Skeeters on the Armory court, score 39 to 30. The defeat was a big setback to the Jerseymen in their race to overtake Trenton for the league title.

Whether the Skeeters have any chance of being or winning the race will be determined at a special meeting called for this evening to discuss the recent loss to New York when Trenton was scheduled to play the Celtics.

The players suspended will in all probability be on hand to give their side, or at least should have been notified to appear. What the managers want to know is who sent Trenton to New York to play the Celtics when they had agreed that Wilkes-Barre be the team and only under the condition that \$1025 due the league be in the president's hands on Saturday noon, or no team go at all.

The second half will also come up for discussion, but it is a foregone conclusion that the next series will get under way with but six teams. Players may be switched around considerably, as is said that Owen Walker of Trenton will never play for the team again and already has made arrangements for trading them.

First Home Defeat

The defeat sustained by Camden last evening was the first home reversal of the season, and they were completely outclassed by the Barons. The visitors started right to pile up a big lead and accomplished this in the first ten minutes.

Before the Skeeters had scored a single point they led 9 to 0, and at the end of the first half they were 23 to 1. The first half ended 23 to 11. With the victory against the home team, 35 to 17 in the second half, they rallied and scored thirteen successive points, making the score 35 to 20, and the game still saw visions of victory. But Wilkes-Barre rallied and won the decision with ease.

At the start of the game was "Chief" Muller, the veteran, who was credited with seven baskets, and Jack Lawrence at center, who made four goals and blanked Eddie Dolin. Dave Kerr was out for the game and Campbell took his place at guard, while Costello was at forward.

Sphas Meet Hancock

One of the big games on this evening's list of contests will be played on the home floor of the South Philly Hebrew Association, at Seventh and Snyder avenues, and will feature the Sphas and their old rivals, Hancock.

These clubs have waged many bitter battles in the American League in previous campaigns and pennants have gone between them. Another hard battle is expected tonight, as Hancock will have one of its strongest teams on the floor.

Forward will be Laz Powell and Stevenson, a pair of the fastest players in the game. Possett will be at center and Armstrong and Woods at guards. The Sphas will have the regulars, and the floor and the downcourt will have to be at their best to win, as the Hancock have been going great and during the holidays won eight straight games on a trip through the state, which included all the leading teams. Dancing will follow the cage contest.

LEONARD-DUNDEE BOUT OFF

Milwaukee Club Had Failed to Secure Permit for January 12

Milwaukee, Jan. 5.—It was announced today that the proposed bout between Johnny Dundee and Ben Leonard, tentatively set for January 12, was off.

Leonard had agreed to box before the club that night, but the scheduled Mitchell-Leonard fight, called off last Monday because of Mitchell's illness, but it was found that the club had failed to obtain the date from the Boxing Commission, and all plans fell through.

Y's Krax

RING champs are keeping very busy these days dodging matches.

Belton of New Orleans was thinking of substituting "Add LANG" Signer for Durie.

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Reason for Tilden being ranked No. 1 in tennis is because he can do everything any other player can do, and do it better.

Ruth's singing act nets him \$3000 a week. Hub—Leonard caps 13 grand for a few minutes' dancing.

Differences in American and Chinese sports. Here one is checked, there they are waded.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'



CHAMPS CAREFUL WITH RING TITLES

Buff, Kilbane, Lgonard, Britton and Wilson Not Eager to Defend Crowns

CONTENDERS 'OUT OF LUCK'

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

CONTENDERS for championships in the various classes are 'out of luck,' as the saying is, and that also goes for fans who indulge in watching titleholders in competition where diamonds depend on the results of decisions. There isn't any exception in this case, other than Jack Dempsey, who probably would appear in a titular title if an opponent were to show himself off as worthy of a crack at the big boy's crown.

Going on down the list from Johnny Buff to Johnny Wilson, none of the champions appear to be at all willing to jeopardize his championship in a contest with a verdict to be given. It looks like a tough year for challengers. Tex Rickard has made several efforts to get every one of the titleholders to appear in fifteen-round bouts to a doing, Little Buff, although he has agreed to no matches abroad, is preparing to go overseas, and it looks as if his challengers in this country are going to be fluff, as it were.

Murray After Buff

Take Battling Murray, local biffer, for instance. He paid us a visit yesterday, and said: "I can't understand that fellow Buff. Johnny Burns has been trying to get him for me, but the champ won't listen to any proposition. I kicked him three times. Maybe that's the reason he doesn't want any of my game."

Johnny Kilbane has had several offers made him for championship bouts in New York, but he has been turning them down. Several youngsters stand out as competent challengers for the 120-pound laurels. However, Johnny isn't taking boxing seriously any more and the year may roll by without a contender.

The "chill feeling" or whatever it is between Benny Leonard and Rickard is keeping the lightest crown from being contested, no doubt, in a class by weight, other than the fact that the weight question is causing many fans to be skeptical about Benny's ability at this position at 115 pounds.

Low Teller, of this city, is recognized all over the country as Leonard's logical opponent, but even a promoter, other than Rickard, in any place where a decision is permissible, would be unable to clinch such a set-to. There seems to be some "chill feeling" between the Leonard and Teller factions too.

Britton, Is Tale

The welterweight champion, Jack Britton, who is talking about taking a rest these days, being in drydock, is to speak. However, his ears pricked up whenever a match with Leonard is mentioned. It is said that Morgan has gone forward with the statement that one would not box any one until after a contest with Benny. So the welter must wait until Jack meets Leonard.

As now comes the Wilson angle. Every one is calling him the "accidental" champion. The middleweight dictator, "ran on legs" in the ball game, was barred from competition in New York State and now the Massachusetts Boxing Commission also has put the ban on Wilson.

Wilson's reason for taking out of the match with Greb, he avers, was that he had been forced into signing for the contest, because, he says, that was the only way he could collect \$50,000 which Rickard was holding up after John's poor exhibition with Bryan Downey.

That may be true—still, it also is true that if Wilson had the confidence of winning from Greb, he would have gone through with the match.

MAY COACH WHITE SOX

"Kid" Gleason Seeks "Long Tom" Hughes as His Assistant

Chicago, Jan. 5.—"Long Tom" Hughes, former major league pitcher, is being considered for the position of team coach of the Chicago White Sox.

Manager "Kid" Gleason has indicated to the Sox officials that he needs an assistant to aid in developing recruits and is said to have mentioned that Hughes would be the ideal man for the slot.

Gleason was team coach under Managers Jimmy Callahan and Clarence Rowland before being named manager.

Two More for Immaculate

YOUNG BLOOD PUTS PEP IN ALLIED SOCCER TEAMS

Sections A and B of First Division Playing Snappy Game. Keen Competition for Places on Various Elevens

By DOUGLAS STEWART

Coach of the Penn Soccer Team and President of the Football Association of Pennsylvania and District

ONE of the striking features of the development of soccer in Philadelphia is the number of teams comprised of young men which are playing a really good game, something like fourteen teams, which make up the A and B sections of the first division of the Allied League.

Hitherto the powers that have been very well satisfied as many as ten good teams could be gotten together, but in making up the first division schedule there were found to be fourteen teams capable of playing first-division ball, and as fourteen teams in one competition are too many, the first division was split into two sections with seven teams each.

The wisdom of this move has been shown as the season progressed, because it provided a degree of elasticity which has not only enabled the sections to work freely, but gives the individual teams an opportunity of trying their strength on other than first-division teams.

The lack of old-time cracks in the line-ups of these first division teams has energized the elevens causing the youngsters just from the schools and the college teams to come to the fore; it has taught the team managements that their day of dependence on the older players to put a good team in the field is past.

The advantages attached to this move are many. There is more competition, the boys are so keen about getting on the teams that the manager has, instead of being obliged to play only those who turn up, an opportunity of selecting and putting on the field the strongest available.

Where Youth Counts

Last season the Marshall E. Smith team, which is leading section A of the first division, lost all of its stars, with the exception of one, and was obliged to recruit from the ranks of the youngsters. The youngsters figured the team did not have a chance, but the young blood has infused a fighting spirit in the team which has enabled it to come through virtually unbeaten in its games with a win. The new center half of this team is regarded as one of the best men in this position on any team in the city, and as the center half is the key position, the job he does at it, being well filled, spells the success of the team.

Wolfenden-Shore, which is running the Smith team, is one of the best coaches in the city, which has seen a light, and instead of importing players to fill vacancies, has adopted the wise policy of giving the youngsters a chance and restricting the wise policy of filling the vacancies with youngsters. The result is that the team is this season about 50 per cent stronger than last season.

Cardington for many years has been one of the strongest soccer teams in this district and always has been able to put a good team in the field. There was a time, in fact, when the team was called the "chickens" because all of the eleven players were Jacksons.

Scrap About Scrapers

Hughes Hutchinson fighting Scapellato of Philadelphia, meet Philo Robinson of New York, and a match with the former. A victory for Hutchinson will give him a chance to meet Scapellato in the Garden at Port-au-Prince, Me., on Tuesday night.

Captain Bob Koper, who is being promoted to the position of champion, will meet Scapellato on Tuesday night, Jan. 22, at the Garden.

Joe Lynch is on a campaign to bring back to Philadelphia the "chickens" team. After stopping Al Walker in a round bout at the Garden, Lynch will meet him at the Garden on Jan. 22.

Indian Russell, who has been promoted to the position of champion, will meet Scapellato on Tuesday night, Jan. 22, at the Garden.

Vince Maha, of Milwaukee, is said with a high probability to be the best boxer in the world. He is a Dane. Wallace stood off George Charley in Baltimore last Monday.

Chalet Weiringer was well pleased with the showing made by Joe Hutchinson, his new champion, in his last bout with Philo Robinson. He will have him up among the best of 'em in a few months.

George Shude, the California light heavyweight, will make his first appearance in Philadelphia on Tuesday night, Jan. 22, at the Garden. He will meet Scapellato in a round bout at the Garden.

Jack Worman, an English featherweight, is making his home in Philadelphia. On his arrival in this city he was met by the local champion, Scapellato, and Worman says he doesn't bar any one at 126 pounds.

Johnny Hanson, of the Sixteenth Ward in New York, is the best of the 125-pounders.

GIANTS WON'T PLAY A'S

McGraw Declines Mack's Invitation for Exhibition Game

New York, Jan. 5.—Members of the New York Giants will start for their winter training camp in San Antonio, Tex., on February 26, Manager McGraw announced today.

The players will reach the Texas city on the night of February 28 and start work at the Texas League ball park on March 1.

Manager McGraw said that he had received a telegram from Connie Mack asking him to arrange six games with the Athletics, three in San Antonio and three at Eagle Pass, Texas, where the Athletics will do their training.

The New York magnate declared, however, that he had been forced to decline the invitation because the Giants' schedule already was complete.

Big Cage Game Tonight

The Delco Club, of Darby, will present a strong basketball team against the All-Chinese Collegians at the Blue Theatre tonight. Many of the suburban club's followers will accompany the team to watch the game.

The All-Chinese team will line up with at center, Von and Kato forwards and Long and Lee guards. Tomorrow night the Orioles will journey to Jersey City.

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