

National Leaguers Look Dangerous in Coming World's Series Because of Terrific Batting Powers

GIANTS HITTING MAY OVERCOME CRACK BOX WORK OF THE YANKS

Great Offense of McGraw's Club Must Be Considered in Picking Probable Winner of the 1923 Baseball Classic

THE Great White Aler—which is New York's pet name for dazzling Broadway—is beginning to warm up to the second straight World Series to be staged on its own back lot.

St. Louis, Cincinnati, Boston Falls and many another metropolis may yawp about "tough pennants," but Broadway leans back with a slightly superior smile. Four pennants in two years is a record that no other city in the land can boast—and in New York results count nothing else.

Now, the only thing bothering the Gotham fan is just which team is going to win the coming series.

The Giants topped last year. They had the breaks in the luck. Ruth's poisoned arm kept the Yankees' biggest threat on the sidelines, and the National League pitchers were pretty lucky—any pitcher is lucky when he doesn't have to face the Blasting Bombino.

But this is a different season, and the gamblers of Broadway who follow the races at Appolito and Stratoga are beginning to figure up the odds on the big game team. So far, the Yankees rate as favorites, not predominating ones, but up about it to 5.

THEY were thought last year, the usual run observers. Why should anybody expect them to have a better show than the team who defeated them during the last fall of the last?

Giants Better Hitters

McGRAW'S players as they stand today are the best hitters in baseball, better by a long shot than the Yankees, better even than the Browns, who boast the highest batting average in either league.

Their line-up shows hardly a crack hitter in it. Spectacular Heinie Groh has had the season of his scorching career, but the man who hits over .400 can hardly be called a batting dumb-bell. That has been the former Red Sox's speed during the last summer.

Close at the other hitters in his lineup, compared with that of the Yankees:

Hanrott	321	Witt	304
Groh	272	Dugan	288
Frisch	326	Ruth	219
Wessel	321	Pipp	328
Young	321	Meusel	320
Kelly	329	Sehag	321
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In every department of offense the Giants show the way except in the spectacular but not utterly essential area of home-run hitting. Groh has topped, but the unprecedented number of these Stengel-faced demigods, who could hit a regular berth on the tall-feller Philadelphia-ship, than made up for it.

The Yankees are far under last season's mark in wall-punching. Witt, after a phenomenal season, apparently had all these hits knocked out of his system by a St. Louis pop home.

Ruth isn't the batter he was this past season, either, and most of the other sluggers have slipped and slithered down the greasy ladder of batting averages.

Only Walt Papp, who was said to be the weakest man in a pinch on the square, has done well as a slambanging champion of the sphere—the best hitter on the team.

YET the best hitters of Broadway are being out-acted by their rivals. They will see the clean exit of baseball once their hitting falters. They say that hitting strength is not an essential in winning ball games as pitchers.

Yankees' Powerful Pitching

THE American League, with Shaver, Bush, May, Hoy and James, presents a powerful staff of right-handers who may be far in the lead. True, they lack an experienced southpaw. Frank O'Dog being the only wrong-handed pitcher on the team, but Huggins' "Big Five" have set down the best hitters in their own land and they are expected to crank up the Giants' terms attack.

Moreover, it must be admitted that a sail-looking gang of nucleus for a championship team. So far, as pitching that staff to a league title stands as the greatest triumph of the season.

When the first round of pitching was organized, and the new acquisitions, McQuillan and Scott, showed signs of faltering, when Nook, the Barnes bowler, and Reed could not master the track of sinning ball games, and high-priced Garmon Hill failed to get the route, the Lattie Napoleon, by switching pitchers at special moments, brought stability after victory to the metropolitan camp and proved himself beyond dispute the master strategist of the show.

These boys, however, pitched well in the first round, succeeded in winning a pennant against the St. Louis Cardinals, and against the dangerous Pirates against the New York Yankees in the league.

The Broadway managers apparently believe that the stout moundmen will fall against the Yankee juggernaut, or at least that the Big Five will have better success in the games than the McQuillans.

Shaver was beaten last year, but Red Shirt Bob is better now than he was then. May won and lost in 1921, but the understanding artist had not had his usual good luck this last summer.

He did not contribute to his World Series banishment of free, and has been fairly effective all this year.

Bush and James are the moundsmen against Giant hitting. Buller Joe, in particular, probably will be the peg on which the Yankee pennant hopes will hang.

THE whole series, however, doubt will be a question whether the Yankees pitching staff will be able to hold up against the St. Louis Cardinals, who have a staff of right-handers who may be far in the lead. True, they lack an experienced southpaw. Frank O'Dog being the only wrong-handed pitcher on the team, but Huggins' "Big Five" have set down the best hitters in their own land and they are expected to crank up the Giants' terms attack.

Early Crowds Show Football Interest

REPORTS from the various grounds in the last indicate that football is entering upon another successful season from a financial point of view. From almost every ground where sporting games were played on Saturday came attendance figures far in excess of the usual turnout for early games.

Up at Yale 20,000 were seated in the corporate bowl when the Elis took on Bates. This was the largest crowd on the history of the grid-iron sport at New Haven. At Lafayette, Frank and Marshall played Albright and 20,000 were seated in the stadium, which interest is not confined to the large colleges.

Next Saturday Pennsylvania will break into the football season against E. and M. The Red and Blue is struggling under the burden of a heavy debt as a result of the construction of the new stadium and training home. The Quakers' officials need the attendance figures at Saturday's games through their efforts. A large crowd at out-of-town contests certainly presage profitable gatherings here.

Interest, however, are partly due, perhaps, to turn out a winning team this fall in order to increase still further the interest of the public in the Quaker games. Pennsylvania needs the support of the Philadelphia fans now as it never did before. The new stadium when completed will seat 51,000.

Through the four years of the last few years, there has been more of a demand for late season tickets than ever before. With the extra stands erected on the old Franklin Field some 20,000 would be accommodated. If the Red and Blue gets off to a good start it is safe to predict that more than 50,000 will seek tickets for the big game.

PHILADELPHIA'S football will start the season of the concrete stadium in the Quakers arrive to the Pittsburgh game without suffering a defeat.

Boots and Saddle

Horses which were lost at Hatter's Grace today are: First race, Lady Liverpool, Coniferade, Nippon Glide; second, Little Hope, Red Top, Nippon; third, Miss S., Lady Zeus, Crook o'Gold; fourth, Miss Brimble, Glycerine; fifth, John Morrill, Welcoming Stranger, Thriller; sixth, Miss Flilly, Widow Hecker, Little Ammie; seventh, Phoebe, Bellbird, John.

The Babylon Handicap, \$2500, is the feature today at Appolito, in which Runyon carries weight. Great Man has a pony of five pounds, giving him 120. The Belmont apprentice, Osprey has 112. Horses which were lost are: First race, on Watch, Appterman, Muskalings; second, satelph-chase, Meadow Grass, Domingo, Repagation; third, Rowspan, Diamond Dick, Beatington; fourth, Runyon, Cherry Pie, Osprey; fifth, Regal Lodge, Overtake, Canyon; sixth, Cour de Lion, Pittston, Fullon.

Chicago racing will be launched Saturday after an absence of the thoroughbred from the shores of Lake Michigan for many years. The business men of that city—1000 of the most prominent—are behind the move. The great features of the meeting will be:

Five Leading Batsmen in Each Major League

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SIKI A PRIMITIVE MAN, 23 YEARS OLD

Slashing Senegalese Was Sixteen When He Fought on French Front in 1915

A PICTURESQUE FIGURE

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

Slipped his hard and woolly head under the net, and with a single stroke of his bat he had sent the ball flying into the bleachers. The crowd roared. Siki, a Senegalese, had just made his debut in the big game. He was a primitive man, 23 years old, and he had fought on the French front in 1915.

Siki is a primitive man, a most picturesque figure and also a trouble-maker. He is a Senegalese, a good soldier, brave, daring and a great fighter, all of which he proves by wearing the Medaille Militaire and the Croix de Guerre.

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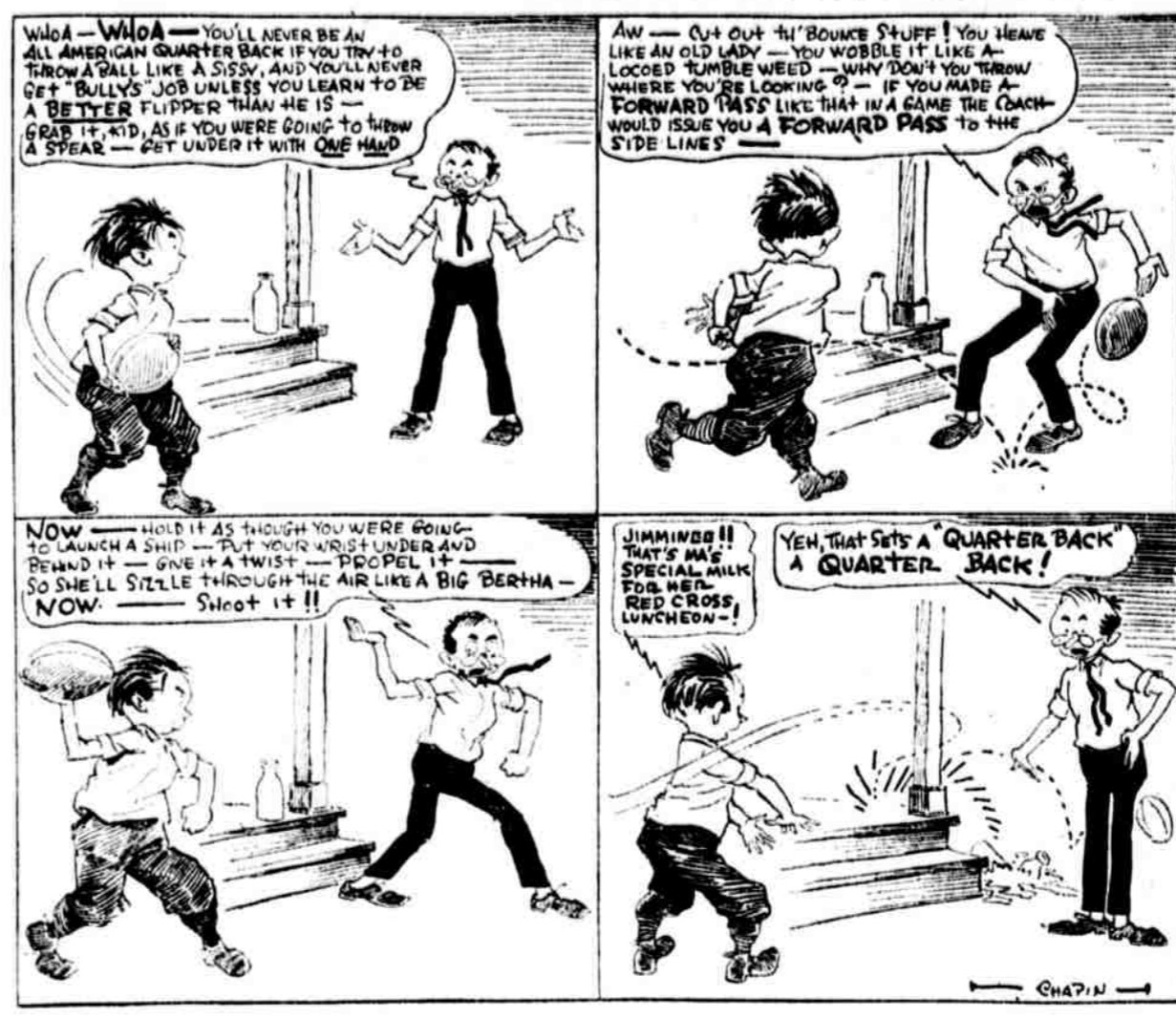
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JIMMY THROWS THE BALL AND MA THROWS A FIT



STILL AWAIT NO-HIT WORLD SERIES GAME

Ed Ruelbach's One-Hit Performance in 1906 Best Feat of Baseball Classic

COOMBS NEVER BEATEN

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What May Happen In Baseball Today

National League	Win	Loss	P. C.	Win	Loss
New York	81	59	.575	63	62
Pittsburgh	78	62	.558	63	62
Cincinnati	81	66	.553	56	54
St. Louis	77	67	.532	56	54
Chicago	79	71	.522	56	54
Brooklyn	75	73	.507	56	54
Philadelphia	54	85	.387	56	54
Boston	51	88	.364	56	54

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

National League	Win	Loss	P. C.
Philadelphia, 5; New York, 3	210	190	52.5%
New York, 3; Philadelphia, 2	128	128	50.0%
Chicago, 1; Pittsburgh, 0	128	128	50.0%
St. Louis, 1; Cincinnati, 0	128	128	50.0%

HONOR PAUL COSTELLO

Gets Gift of Racing Shell at East Falls Celebration

Over 200 rowing enthusiasts and friends attended the testimonial dinner to Paul Costello, national sculling champion, at the Cate River last night.

East Falls, the home of Costello and Kelly, did itself proud in paying homage to Costello, who lifted the national championship on the Schuylkill in August.

A parade was first held through the streets of East Falls, in which several thousand took part. Mayor J. Hampton Moore was at the banquet.

The Ward Brothers, makers of racing shells, announced that they would present a single shell to Costello. He can have the boat built to his own specifications.

Members of the Vesper Boat Club national championship crews occupied prominent places at the banquet table. Freddie Ford was toastmaster.

WIDENER RETIRES FAMOUS CHAMPION

Dolf von Deusternbrook Will Exhibit, but Not Compete, in Manheim Dog Show

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P. A. B. Widener, whose kennels in Elkton Park are the envy of every dog fancier in this country, has retired his famous shepherd champion, Dolf von Deusternbrook, from show competition, according to an announcement made yesterday by George Foley, the local superintendent. Dolf von Deusternbrook will be on exhibition at the fourth annual dog show of the Germantown Cricket Club Kennel Association on October 14 at Manheim, but will not compete for points.

Widener's famous shepherd was imported to this country two years ago at a cost of \$8000. Since then he has been shown consistently and has never been defeated. He was shown last at the Huntington Valley on June 10.

Widener, however, will have a strong entry in the shepherd class in Dolf of Joselle, a son of the champion. Dolf of Joselle is a year and a half old and was shown for the first time at Lancaster last January. He has beaten many important champions and already has earned eight points toward his championship.

Dolf of Joselle was bred at Elkton Park and is a strictly local dog as far as birth and breeding is concerned. He is expected to follow the fame of his noted "dad."

Henry Pope, Driver, Dead

Suffered from death in South Glasgow

Henry Pope, driver of the South Glasgow, died last night in the city hospital after a long illness. He was 55 years old.

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Penn Spirit
Shuffling Ponies
"Laying Down"

By THE OBSERVER

THE fighting spirit of University of Pennsylvania athletic teams is noted and respected in every section of the United States and yet this spirit has grown and been nourished under conditions adverse to its development.

It is in the small towns where college spirit has every advantage to thrive. The students at Princeton, at Ithaca, Ann Arbor and towns of similar size cannot get away from the college atmosphere wherever they go in the township boundaries.

Let a Pennsylvania undergraduate step off the small campus and he is swallowed up in city life. The city has crowded in, but it has not crowded spirit out.

During the last two years football spirit has not been of that fine, keen caliber evident under the regime of Bob Fawcett, but judging from the enthusiasm displayed by the candidates in their practices these days, the fires are burning with a vivid glow once again.

The squad is big, the men husky and brainy and they seem to possess the fight so essential to a good gridiron eleven. The atmosphere has changed. No only is there a willingness to try, but they do try.

As an example, there is Jimmy Dewhurst, demoted to the scrubs. He is going about with an air of indifference? He is not. He played with the scrubs yesterday and when he got into the scrimmage he tore the varsity line ragged with his vicious punches. Fight? He has the heart of a fighter.

If John Heisman can work up this spirit among all his candidates Pennsylvania will not have to apologize for their football team.

The long trial has not started yet, but if the Quakers show the same enthusiasm in November that they are showing in September, victory will not be plucked so easily by visiting teams on Franklin Field as it was in 1921.

I PENNSYLVANIA this season has a deep-rooted spirit that cannot be shaken by the shocks of big games, the Quakers have three-quarters of a successful team.

YOU'VE heard of the card shark who wouldn't bet on the ponies because he couldn't shuffle them. They are shuffled, but not every one who risks his coin gets a deal; that is, a square deal.

They shuffled them at Aqueduct the other day and at the end of the deal Nose Dice came out a winner and Raleo copped second money. Tufter, the favorite, was six and one-half lengths behind the victor.

Nose Dice and Raleo are not exactly champion three-year-olds. One New York writer said they were a "couple of anteaters, playing hooker from a livery stable."

There was a hot tip out on Tufter. It was straight from the feed box and through the various channels open to the gentlemen of chance it gained widespread circulation. They bet "Nose Dice."

But the night before the race something else came "straight from the feed box." It was a sponge and it crawled up one of Tufter's nostrils and went to bed for the night.

The sponge, of course, interfered with Tufter's breathing, but he was pronounced "fit" for the race in the morning after the sponge had been discovered. But the shuffling wasn't over with the Tufter incident. When the race began Costigan broke in a good position, which was immediately lost and this well-played horse made a belated effort to catch the leaders in the stretch. His jockey had a tough battle to keep him from winning, if accounts tell the facts. Horses can be shuffled as easily as pasteboards.

THE new basketball league has built its foundation on the rock of a salary limit. That's a good start.

More Anent Athletes Who "Lay Down"

THE other day we took a roundhouse wallop at the athlete who "lays down." We were afraid we would be misunderstood. We were.

W. C. S. is one fan to whom the criticism was not plain. In a letter he asks these questions:

"Can you blame Dugan and Witt for wanting to be traded when New York is willing to pay real salaries, while Philadelphia argues about pennies? Would you put your best efforts into your position for an office boy's pay envelope?"

The salary of a ball player is business; his play on the field is sport. Philadelphia clubs may not pay enough money. That discussion has no part in the argument.

The athlete who signs a contract thereby pledges himself to play his best. If he thinks he is not getting enough money he should go to the mat with his manager and fight it out. If he doesn't get what he wants, let him quit or do anything before quitting on the ball field. It is poor sportsmanship.

Any man who does not give his best to everything he undertakes is not deserving of consideration.

Now for the second question: Hughie McLeon, our office boy, reported yesterday in a new tweed top coat, camel's hair cap, cordovan oxfords and a neat-looking blue pin-striped suit.

And last night we dug into the camp, pulled out the old overcoat and wondered how it would last us through the winter.

PHILADELPHIA has asked waiters on seventeen ball players. If the Phillies refuse to waive, Philadelphia may have a ball club next year.

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