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Giants Are Favorites For the Series, But Henry Farrell, Noted Sport Writer Picks the Yankees

GIANTS FAVORITES FOR SERIES, BUT—
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(United Press Sports Editor.)
NEW YORK, Oct. 8.—Confidence being a large and prominent part of any battle, the New York Giants should have the advantage in mental fettle over the Yankees when they go into their third battle of successive years for the baseball championship.

After outfighting the Yankees in 1921 and routing them in 1922, it is but natural that the National League champions should go into the 1923 fight feeling that they can win. It follows also that the Yankees could not help but have a slight doubt about their chances after they had lost two years running to a team that was unanimously regarded as being inferior to the American League pennant winners.

It is this spirit of confidence, which should sway the established ability of McGraw's team to do its very best when the situation is worst that makes the National League's favorite in the betting.

Yankee supporters, if there is such a thing as partizan feeling in New York, believe that the chances of the team rest entirely upon the robust form of Babe Ruth.

It has become an accepted axiom that "as Ruth goes, so go the Yanks," and on this theory, which was proved beyond all doubt, during the last season, if the swat king shatters the spell that John McGraw has cast over him for two years, the Yanks ought to win.

Star pitching, as it is represented in the Yankee staff, will impose plenty of trouble upon the Giant batters, but it will be nothing compared to the handicap McGraw's team will have to carry if Ruth goes on a batting rampage.

It is impossible to look in the glass and see a movie of what the Babe is going to make of the change to redeem himself, but it is almost a safe bet that the battering-ram of the Yankees will not be the most chief factor in the closing days of the season will be a most important factor in getting him ready for the series. It will be remembered that Ruth came back home with the Yankees after their last western trip leading the league in batting and immediately fell into a slump. He got the idea that he couldn't hit in the new Yankee Stadium, and ideas of that kind impose a fatal mental hazard on a ball player. Ruth, however, apparently worked himself out of that mental bunker and started hitting.

Ruth has always maintained that he liked the Polo Grounds better than any park on the circuit, when the American League was sharing the home of the Giants and part of the series will be played there. He ought to hit at least normally under conditions that are as near

to ideal as possible and his normal gait this season has been around 400. Giant pitchers in 1921 and 1922 had to fool only a Babe who was trying to murder the ball and who wasn't in shape to connect with a blimp. But the Babe of 1923 is a great batter as well as the king slugger, and he is in shape.

With the Giants forced to play part of the series on a strange field, while the Yankees are at home in both grounds, the National League champions will also face another handicap. It may amount to nothing and again it may turn out to be a most important factor.

The Yankee stadium is hard to play in. Irish Meusel and "Peck" Young, the Giant left and right fielders, will have almost twice the territory to cover that they protect in the Polo Grounds and strange lighting conditions may bother the batters. American League players claim the Yankee home is the hardest field to play in the big leagues, and it is only natural that the Giants have some difficulty in adjusting themselves.

Just before the series opened last fall, the New York correspondent of a Japanese paper cabled the following expert prognostication on the series to his paper:

"All depends on how the Yankee batters bat and Giant pitchers pitch."

The same abstract dope might be applied this year, although it might be amended to predict that the series will depend upon how the Yankee batters bat and the Yankee pitchers pitch.

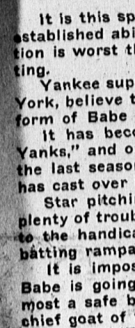
Disregarding the proof placed at hand in 1921 and 1922 that great pitching is not an insurmountable obstacle for a good ball club to overcome, it still remains difficult to reason that the Giants can get by Sam Jones, Herb Pennock, Waite Hoyt, Joe Bush and Bob Shawkey just because they did last year and is more mentally alert, a team that is actuated by better spirit and a manager who has been able to establish harmony where discord prevailed before, it is not logical that the Yankees should be out-thought and out-played again just because they were last fall and the fall before.

With Babe Ruth playing the greatest game of his life on the offense and the defense and with the whole Yankee team set to vindicate themselves, just as the Babe wants to redeem himself, it is not reasonable to take evidence from the past to draw the conclusion that once and twice wrong, the Yanks always will be wrong.

Because the Yanks have nothing better than their best which failed in two previous fights against the Giants it is not safe to depend upon the moral reformation of the team and psychology to bet that the series will not result just as it did in the two previous cases.

On form and dope, the Giants ought to win the championship again. The experts, who strung along with the Yanks for two years, have all swung over to the champions and are picking the Giants.

The Giants, it is true, have many reasons and causes why they should win, but we do not believe they will.



They Will Oppose the Giants on Wednesday.



Yankee Team. The "pill" chasers pictured above American League pennants in a world's series flag now decorating the Polo Grounds. are the famous Miller-Huggins crew row, and are out this year to down which have clinched the last three the McGrawites and add to the at- for the first time with the coveted

Sporting Comment

Notwithstanding the lateness of the season and lack of enthusiasm shown during the early weeks, the Abwegits are at last coming to life and are rounding into shape for their expected battle with the Saints this week, probably on Thursday afternoon. Judging from the material to select from the wearers of the red and black will be a hard proposition for the University squad to buck up against.

"The Odd Fellows' Sports Club"—a new local athletic organization which has come into being within the last week, has every promise of the near future of a deserving recognition among other clubs of the kind in this city. Competition at present will be confined mainly between club members, but it is the intention of the O. F. S. C. to branch out later on, and compete in all fields of athletic endeavor, the Odd Fellows being possessed of some of the Island's most prominent athletes. The following officers were elected to act as an athletic executive:—President, John A. MacNair; Vice-Pres., Theo. Sennet; Secretary, B. C. Vandercrine. The first of a series of games will be rolled on the Alleys on Tuesday night, between the Wildes and St. Lawrence teams and Port La Jolie and Kirvan Sanctuaries. His Worship Mayor Jenkins will open the series by rolling the first ball.

Interest in and around Halifax at present is mainly centred on the big 45 mile bike race to take place there Saturday Oct. 13. According to the Halifax Herald and Mail entry list, Charlottetown, the home of fast bicycle riders, will not be represented this year in the long grind. Well, be that as it may, yve have a hunch that the Garden Province WILL be heard from, as the Abwegits are sending a strong contingent over for this race, and it is a question if Walker, the present Martine long distance bike champion will again ride for the Halifax Wanderers this year. Dame Rumor has that George will be an Island competitor this time and will ride under the colors of one of the local organizations

Victor MacAulay, the Wanderer star long distance champion, upset a lot of dope in local athletic circles Saturday when he again duplicated his feat of last year by winning the Herald ten-mile road race. MacAulay's performance was all the more remarkable considering the fact that he had done very little training for the grind and only decided at the last moment to compete. MacAulay, who is well known to Charlottetown fans as a good sport and a game runner, is to be congratulated on his achievement, and wherever "Vic" competes he will always find P. E. Islanders pulling for him to win.

The "six months' clause" recently added to the constitution of the New Brunswick-Prince Edward Island Hockey League, by the M.P.B.A.A.U., is causing considerable comment and dissatisfaction throughout Maritime amateur hockey circles. The clause says that all hockeyists must be a resident of the town or city for six months before being eligible to play on their respective line-ups. The idea of this rule is to control the "jumping" habit that some players have contracted from year to year in the past, who are not slow in taking every "advantage" held out to them by different towns and cities which are after their services.

Beckett Gets "Jack" After Discussion

LONDON, Oct. 6.—The boxing officials today decided that Joe Beckett, British heavyweight champion, should receive his share of the purse for his fight with George Carpenter, payment of which was held up after the fight Monday night.

It appears that the money, amounting to £3,600 and £4,000, was withheld because the officials considered that the action of Beckett's seconds in throwing a towel into the ring as a sign of defeat after the Englishman had been knocked down three times, was unjustified. Upon further consideration, however, it was decided that Beckett could not be held responsible for this "indiscretion."

The bout was scheduled for 20 rounds, but ended 20 seconds after the opening bell was sounded.

To which ivory handles of knives which have become yellow through being made wet, rub them with fine sandpaper. If the blades have become rusty from careless usage, rub them also with fine sandpaper, and they will look as good as new.

New Angle In McTigue-Stribling Bout

COLUMBUS, Ga., Oct. 6.—The McTigue-Stribling boxing match here yesterday, in which the world's light heavyweight championship was at stake, had a new angle added to it tonight, when Major John Paul Jones, who led promotion of the fight for the local post of the American Legion stated he had in his possession a contract, showing that Harry Ertle, the referee was in the employ of McTigue.

The contract, alleged to have been signed by McTigue, Ertle and the promoters stipulated that the referee was to receive \$250 and expenses for his services. Major Jones said, McTigue agreed to pay Ertle \$125 of the amount and the American Legion post the remaining sum and expenses he said.

Major Jones added that the contract was signed in New York "after a man who claimed he was associated with the New York Boxing Commission suggested Ertle."

In cleaning gas ovens put a little ammonia in the water. They will be found to clean more easily as the ammonia prevents them from turning brown.

Guy Richard Won The First Money

LEXINGTON, Oct. 6.—The first money of the May Day stake worth \$11,000 went to Guy Richard, owned by Lee Oettinger of New York, and driven by Walter H. Cox. First money was worth \$8,000 to the winner and is Cox's second big win of the meeting. The time of 2:05.34 in the first heat equals the record set in the event last year.

Bringing Up Father.



WALKER LEAVES THIS MORNING FOR HALIFAX

He Will Ride for the Local Y.M.C.A. on Saturday.

Just before going to press we were informed that George Walker, Maritime long distance bike champion, leaves this morning for Halifax, where he will compete on Saturday in the Herald and Mail 45 mile bike race.

As is mentioned elsewhere on this page in reference to Walker's riding for the Wanderers, our hunch has proved correct, as George will represent the Island under the colors of the local Y. M. C. A.

There is quite a list of entries from all over the Maritimes for this event, and as Walker has proved himself so far the premier rider over the long distance course, he will naturally be one of the great contenders for the coveted win. Walker leaves this morning with the well wishes of his many friends and boosters with the hope that he will continue to uphold the athletic reputation of the "Garden of the Gulf."

VIC. MACAULAY WINS HERALD MARATHON

(Canadian Press)
HALIFAX, N. S. Oct. 6.—Victor MacAulay of the Halifax Wanderers won the Herald ten mile marathon here for the third successive time and the fourth time altogether. His time was 55 min. 56 seconds. The record for the course is 54:29 made by MacAulay.

George Wright of Westville, finished second.

Dalhousie Defeats Wanderers 13 to 0—Mt. A. and Moncton Play Scoreless Tie

(Canadian Press)
HALIFAX, N. S. Oct. 6.—Dalhousie University defeated the Wanderers rugby squad, thirteen to nothing here Saturday.

MONCTON, Oct. 6.—The Mount Allison football team and the Moncton rugby squad played a scoreless tie here Saturday.

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Summary:
Trotters, 2 in 3, Purse \$1,000
June Marl, blk.m. by Zom
Major Riser, blk.m. (Hinds) 1 5 1
Peter Bean, b.g. (Bean) 2 1 2
Volo Worthy, b.h. (Ruck) 3 3 6
All Worthy, b.h. (McDon-ald) 4 4 4
The Great Lull Water also started.
Time: 2:07.34, 2:07.34, 2:05.34.
The May Day for 2 Year Old
Trotters, 2 in 3 Purse \$1,000
Guy Richard, b.c. by Guy
Axworthy (Cox) 1 1
Mr. McElwyn, b.c. (White) 2 2
Trux, b.c. (McMahon) 2 3
Rachael Dillon, ch f., (Sorrel) 4 4
Eriguy, b.f. (Murphy) 5 5
Colonel Bosworth, Gloria also started.
Time: 2:09.34, 2:07.
Second Division, 2 in 3, Purse \$1,000
Gertrude F., p.m., by Dium (Belph) 1 1
Don Caton, ch.g. (Cox) 2 2
Luminta, b.m. (Curtis) 3 4
Glendille, b.g. (Billings) 4 3
Colorado Mack, blk.g. (Little-Whitehead) 5 5
Lillie Mathieson, Valko, also started.
Time: 2:03.34, 2:09.14.
2:08 Pace, 2 in 3, Purse \$1,000.
Hal N. C. A. b.g. by Hal B. McGirr. 1 1
Lula Todd, g.m. (Herring) 2 2
Orphan Anna, b.m. 3 3
King Abbe, ch.g. (Horan) 4 4
Time: 2:11.2, 2:10.12.

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In The Spotlight of Sport

By WOOD COWAN

MAX MARSTON!
WHO WON THE AMATEUR TITLE AT CHICAGO LAST MONTH
I'M WAY OFF MY GAME IT'S TWO FEET FROM THE PIN
THAT'S WHAT I CALL MUSIC!
A GREAT PUTTER
SWISH!!
MARSTON IS A WHOPPIN' BIG FELLOW WITH A TERRIFIC SWING

Golf has just about sung its swan song for the year, and the last note goes echoing across the country it closes about the most successful season of the game in the land.

The Amateur title was won by Max Marston a couple of weeks ago at Chicago, when he defeated Jess Sweetser, the 1922 champion. Sweetser made a comeback and tried to repeat his triumph of the previous year and match Jerry Travers' feat of winning the amateur title twice in succession. (Back in 1912 and 13 Travers did the trick that has never been equaled in this country.)

But at the end of their 36-hole match, Sweetser and Marston were all square and the match was carried two extra holes—where Marston put an iron shot on the green to hole out in 3. Sweetser taking a four.

Marston has been playing very steady golf all summer and at the Plossmoor he drew the bracket which included Bobby Jones, Chick Evans, and Outmet. But the husky Philadelphian defeated both Jones and Outmet and certainly earned the right to face Sweetser, for he played an uphill battle and held his nerve all the way.

Marston has been a leading factor in the game since 1914 when Outmet beat him 1 up; the following year Gardner defeated him by the same margin; then in 1916 and again in 1919, it was Gardner who proved his jinx. In 1921 the Outmet again put him out of the running, and last year at Brookline a rain storm put the course in a qualifying round that he failed to make the grade.

So in all his experience at taking crack at the Amateur title, Marston has had hard luck in being paired with a string of the game's greatest players.

He is a strapping big fellow, a fine putter and possesses an ideal softening temperament. He has great endurance and seems to be able to go through the toughest sort of tournaments without tiring.

Marston has held many titles. He was picked for the American team that invaded England this Spring to defend the Walker Cup and contributed two points toward the American victory. He has held the New Jersey state title twice and was a member of the Walker Cup team of 1921.

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