

WORLD SERIES BASEBALL—THURSDAY'S CROSSING—FOOTBALL

Pitchers For First Tilt Question of the Moment

Rigler, Quigley, Moriarty and Chill Named to Umpire the Big Series.

By WILLIAM B. HANNA.

Charles Rigler and Ernest Quigley for the National League, George Moriarty and Ollie Chill for the American, will umpire the world series games.

Rigler and Quigley were the National League umpires in the series of 1919. Klem and O'Day had the job last year, so it was pretty likely that they wouldn't be chosen again this year.

The fact is that in world series the umpiring nearly always is high class. That may be because players are less likely to know them than in the regular season, and players by their growls and manner of greeting a decision often make it appear bad when it was perfectly good.

One of the lively questions of the hour is who will pitch the opening game? It is the general opinion that Carl Mays will be on the mound for the Yankees.

There's a great deal in "dope" and what this or that player is likely to do that may upset a whole lot when the game ceases to be played on paper.

It may be that the two days' rest won't do the players any harm, a few on each side needing the vacation; but observation and experience have made it known this year that neither Yawkey nor Giant benefited from idle days.

If Schang is throwing well he'll turn back any set of runners, no matter how fast. The runner hasn't been discovered who can outfoot a thrower fast.

The Giants are resourceful, smart, and it is difficult to find four players who can bat, run and field—all of their duties—as well as Burns, Bancroft, Frisch and Young—a wonderful quartet.

The Giants all season have shown their adaptability in shifting from one line of action to another; nobody ever saw better work than those experts than.

Latin Americans on the Way to Baseball Clash

Hotels Receiving Many Orders for Reservations.

The world's baseball series will attract a much larger patronage to the city's hotels than was at first expected, judging from the stacks of reservations being received for the duration of the series.

Roy Carruthers of the Waldorf-Astoria, a Westerner himself, has personally received more letters and telegrams from California perhaps than any other hotel man.

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Three Umpires Who Will Officiate in Games Between Giants and Yankees



GEORGE MORIARTY CHARLES RIGLER ERNEST QUIGLEY

RAIN LIMITS YALE TO SIGNAL DRILL

Football Squad Works Indoors—Varsity Men in Good Condition.

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THE LISTENING POST

By WALTER TRUMBULL

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THE world's series which starts at the Polo grounds to-morrow probably will be the greatest in point of interest and in point of financial returns that ever has been played.

We can't tell you who will win and neither can any one else, but we can look over the dope with you and perhaps thus aid you to form an opinion.

Let's go into this a little further. In the seven positions which are played regularly by the same men Kelly, Bancroft, Frisch, Mousel and Young of the Giants, and Ward, Ruth and Meusel of the Yankees are hitting over .300.

Among the catchers all are hitting over .300, with the single exception of Hofmann of the Yankees. Sallee, Mays and Shawkey are the 300 hitters among the pitchers. It does not appear likely that Sallee will start a game.

Therefore, if Mays or Sallee pitches the first game the Yankees will have five and the Giants six .300 hitters in the batting order.

In 159 games the Yankees made ninety-five more runs than the Giants, but only five more hits. This is partially explained by the fact that the Yanks made fifty-seven more home runs and forty-three more two-baggers.

Much of that difference can be attributed to the bat of Babe Ruth. The Giants made six more three base hits and stole fifty-seven more bases. From all this we conclude that while the Yankees are no more frequent hitters than they are harder hitters than their opponents.

They are known as a team which, when it starts hitting, is apt to tear the cover off the ball and get a cluster of runs.

Fielding figures put the Giants in front. With about 200 more total chances McGraw's men have made almost fifty less errors.

And the figures would appear to us to indicate that the Giants are steadier around the middle base. As we have pointed out before, the territory around second base is where in the neighborhood of one-third of the supporting strength behind a pitcher lies.

While the hitting of Rohe, Baker, Gowdy and Lewis played an important part in the past season battles of other years, nevertheless, pitching and fielding have been the big factors in past world series games.

Diogenes, Mathewson, Overall, Adams, Coombs, Faber, Bush, Malis and other twirlers wrote their names large on the tablets of baseball history in championship struggles. Yes, a combination of pitching and fielding is apt to tell the story.

THREE PITCHERS ENOUGH. Three pitchers are enough to win a world series. Frequently victory has been due to the efforts of one man. But it never is possible to tell just which twirler is going to come through.

Youngsters who were thought little of during the season have made themselves heroes during the stretch of the series. Both Giants and Yankees have enough pitchers to see them through. It is a question of which pitchers have enough stuff in these particular games.

As a whole, the Giant pitchers appear a little steadier and a little less apt to blow up in the later innings. But Mays of the Yankees, if he is right, would appear to be the most formidable pitcher of the lot.

On the other hand, if Huggins starts Mays and the Giants beat him in the first game, they will have secured a big jump on their rivals. And yet the most effective pitcher in this series may be Percy or Shea or some one from whom absolutely nothing is expected. But that is not likely. Mays, Hoyt, Shawkey, Harper, Quinn, Neff, Douglas, Toney, Barnes and one or two others are the twirlers who will make a long or short appearance on the slab.

One thing in favor of the Yankees is that no lead is safe from them until the last man is out. They are just as apt to start alarming the ball in the ninth inning as in the first. And the Giants are a fighting team, in their record books. Therefore this series should be filled with absorbing element of suspense.

World Series Umpire Asks for Release Next Saturday. National Cushion Tournery. Layton Defeats Weston in National Cushion Tournery.

Palace S. C. Bout to-night. Vincent Pepper Martin tackles Eddie Brady in the main bout of the double at the Palace Sporting Club, Coney Island.

Rod and Gun News. HIGH WATER TO LOCAL ANGLERS OCTOBER 4 TO OCTOBER 8.

ALERT. STEAMER SATILLA. Kionda Banks, 400 tons, Capt. J. M. WEISS & SONS.

CUE STARS ASPIRE TO POCKET HONORS

Champion and Former Title Holders Are Entrants in Philadelphia Tournery.

Prospective contenders for the pocket billiard championship, to be decided by a tournament to begin at the Continental Hotel, Philadelphia, October 17, were announced yesterday by the Brunswick-Balke Colender Company, promoters of the event.

Seventeen players made entries, but inasmuch as the number of competitors was limited to ten, seven were excluded.

Those whose entries were accepted are E. Ralph Greenleaf of New York, Jerome Keogh of Rochester, Thomas A. Hueston of Los Angeles, Bennie Allen of Kansas City, James Maturu of New York, Arthur Church of Yonkers, Arthur Woods of Minneapolis, Walter Franklin of Kansas City, Michael Kovach of Trenton and William F. DeLaugh of Philadelphia.

Greenleaf is the present champion, while Keogh, Hueston, Allen have been title holders. Woods finished second in the championship games, held at Chicago a year ago.

Last winter at Lawler's, Brooklyn, Church won the New York state championship. Franklin played impressively in the Chicago tournament.

In the last ten years Maturu, a keen contender in championship tournaments and a champion himself, has realized his ambition to lead his profession. At Philadelphia in 1912, in a titular series, he was beaten by Edward I. Ralph of Hightstown, N. J.

Ralph of Hightstown, N. J., defeated Maturu in a match. De Laugh, who resides at Germantown, will be the representative of the tournament proper, exclusive of possible ties, will involve forty-five games. The winner will receive \$1,300 and a championship emblem which, if challenged, will be required to defend every sixty days, excepting in June, July and August, and so long as he holds the title of champion will receive a salary of \$200 a month from the Brunswick-Balke-Colender Company.

The player finishing second will receive a prize of \$1,000. The third will get \$800 and the fourth \$600.

Players will be entitled to challenge according to the order in which they finish. Should a title holder be defeated in an official match, the successful player will acquire possession of the emblem and become the recipient of the salary it carries.

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No Real Odds, No Big Bets, As World's Series Looms

Force of Momentum Seems to Be in Favor of the Giants.

By DANIEL.

Never before was there a series about which there was so much hemming and hawing, fence straddling and talk about odds which did not exist as there is preliminary to the classic which is to be opened at the Polo grounds to-morrow. It seems impossible to get leading baseball figures to go on record for one club or the other.

Odds on the Giants are reported from one place, odds on the Yankees are reported from another—and investigation proves that in reality nothing but even money prevails, and mighty little of that.

So far the betting has been very light—down in Wall Street and up at Forty-second street and Broadway it has been almost negligible.

Jack Doyle, stake holder for wagers on all important sporting events, said yesterday that several bets had been made, but that no stability in price had been attained, and that no real sums had been put up.

All the bets are small, most of them of the friendly kind. Fred Schuman over in Boston reports that a few wagers had been deposited with him, all small except one of \$1,300 against \$1,000, with the Yankees favorite, but no more than 13 to 10 money was in evidence.

The usual number of freak wagers no doubt will be made before starting time. Some are ready to bet that Ruth makes five runs in the first game, others are willing to wager that he will get ten bases on balls.

Some want to bet that Neff will win his game, others are just anxious to fight and they may take his. One enthusiast is willing to lay 1 to 5 that the Yankees would take four straight.

Without a Parallel. There may be an eleventh hour veering of serious proportions, but the chances are that the betting will be as light as it was last year, when the Indians were favored over the Dodgers.

The decision as to which club is the stronger for a set of nine games is without a parallel in the long history of the classic. In 1905, when the Yankees were out of 154, compared with a remarkable total of 282 stolen bases and a team hit for .324—a fine average in the days before cork centers and lively balling.

The White Sox scored their great triumph because they had behind them that great force of momentum. And it may be momentum rather than the Yankees' advantage over the Yankees which will settle the impending struggle.

In 1906 the Cubs were first at the start, and they carried it through the season. They played out of 154, compared with a remarkable total of 282 stolen bases and a team hit for .324—a fine average in the days before cork centers and lively balling.

The White Sox, however, had to fight for their pennant. They won nineteen straight on their second Eastern trip, but not until the Yankees had beaten them, and then they fell back. They came to the fore again in September and fought off the Yankees. The Hitless Wonder developed a terrific record, but it carried only to the pennant, but to the world championship over a club which was rated far superior in every department. So much for mathematical "dope" in a world series.

Giants' Momentum Greater. The Giants, it appears to us, are impelled by a greater force of momentum and it carries over into the world series. This force in the great series with the Pirates, in which they took five straight, cut down a lead of seven and a half games to only two and a half and then kept right on to triumph.

The McGraw outfit still is very much on edge. In the last days of the season the players indulged in the luxury of a little letdown, but they have been there. The Yankees, too, developed considerable momentum in that great series with the Clevelanders. Which force will be the greater in the coming world series is a matter which has been written about the comparative strength of the Giants' and Yankees' pitchers. To tell the truth, there is no edge either way.

But in the record of twenty-seven victories and nine defeats. But the underhand right hander is a very tried pitcher. He worked in fifty-two games in the regular season. Carl Mays beat there. He showed that last Saturday when he was maced by the Athletics. He admitted it that day.

So Mays really does not stand out any more, Wilbert Robinson included, who pass up Neff and look for Toney to do the stellar work. And do not be surprised if it is Toney who opens for the

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Final Local Clubs' Team Batting Record.

Trotting Meet Postponed.

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