Giant And Yank Stars In World Series Classic, Today

OLDTIME GATE RUSH MISSING FEATURE OF SERIES CLASSIC

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Polo Grounds, New York, Oct. 4——Promptly at 5:54 the orange tip of a new born sun appeared on the sky line off to the East and the opening day of another Worlds' Series dawned clear, bright, warm and kindly.

Another opening day. There is something about it that gets under the skin. The air of expectancy that pervades, the rush for tickets, the arguments pro and con, on the respective merits of the Giants and Yankees, the rush of out of town guests, the feverish attempts to make one ticket grow where none exists, the scalpers droning their nefarious business in out of the way corners of hotel lobbies is infectious, contagious. You feel, somehow, that you are sitting in at one of life's large moments.

It is singularly quiet as the sun flings tall, rakish shadows across Broadway. This is Manhattan's zero hour, the vague lull before the storm. A great city still sleeps.

Quiet On Battlefront.

It is very quiet out at the Polo Grounds where empty stands look down upon an enclosure that will seethe with life within a few hours. It is very quiet along the line of watchful waiters extending from the box office down into Eighth avenue. They are baseball's incurables, the kind that cannot take their sport or let it alone. They are quiet because they are tired. They should be. That line started to form about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Those in line are waiting to get the choice seats in the unreserved sections of grandstand and bleachers. All of the others are gone beyond recall unless one cares to go to the mat with the speculators. In spite of all precautions the scalpers have managed to cull their usual quota of tickets from the coffers of the baseball offices.

Box sets they said were not to be had for love nor money are being offered for sale by various smug-looking gentlemen who talk out of the corners of their mouths. As much as $175 and $200 is being asked and received for boxes that sold at the baseball offices for $79 for three games. Ordinary grandstand seats, originally costing $33, may be had if one cares to part with $150.

It is passing strange, this unusual demand for tickets for an event that is repeating itself. Manhattan played host to the same kind of a private little world series last year and it was thought that interest might be lacking when the Giants and Yankees again won the pennants this season.

Cash Customers' Big Day.

As a matter of fact, interest is greater if one may judge by the advance sale of tickets. No one may care a tinker's tantrum about the winner or loser but the spectacle of contending teams in a big series brings out the cash customers and probably always will. They are here from all parts of this country and several others including Cuba, the West Indies and Canada, and they have just about inundated the town. So many of them, in fact, that hotel accommodations have become very unaccommodating.

Most of these worthy souls still sleep. They have nothing to worry about because they already have their tickets. Meantime the long line outside of the park grows longer as white coated vendors pass up and down with coffee and sandwiches.

Fortunately it is a warm, Sunny day and the prospective customers may discuss the merits of the situation without discomfort. Their talk is of the probable pitchers, Joe Bush for the Yankees, and Art Nehf for the Giants. Bush, a fast ball wonder, won 26 ball games in the American League this season and is Huggins' choice to bring home the victory in the first game. Nehf is a curve ball left hander. He has not enjoyed a very proseperous year but he held the Yankees to 13 hits in three games last year and may do the same again. He is just the type that figures to annoy our noble Yankees.

The talk is also of McGraw and his system of running his team, play by play, from the bench, of Huggins and his little, warped countenance, his inclination to allow his athletes to do their own thinking if any.

Eyes on Babe Ruth.

It is also of Babe Ruth, dethroned home run king, and the fact that the honorable Babe is coming to the series in first class condition, whereas he was forced to remain in the dugout during the last three games last year because of injuries. It is common gossip that when Ruth hits, the Yankees hit, otherwise seldom and more often not.

The talk is also of the betting odds, which have fallen from seven to five to six to five and even money on the Yankees. Some small bets are made but most of them are just talked about. There is still an inclination in evidence to do little or no wagering. Somehow the boys are laying off the series as a speculative proposition and are making small bets of the game to game variety.

The rumor that Hugh McQuillan, right hand pitcher of the Giants, might be out of the series, furnished food for gossip. He was hit on the leg by a batted ball in yesterday's practice but confidence was expressed at the Giant clubhouse that he would be ready to go in and pitch any time.

Mathewson On Hand.

The talk ranged along to the fact that Christy Mathewson is in New York for the first time in three years. Matty is down for the series from his convalescent cottage at Saranac Lake where he fought a winning fight against the dread disease and is now almost well. He is here to 'expert" the series and spent his first day gladhanding old timers, of which there is the usual quota.

The old wonder pitcher of another age is as sun tanned as an apple and ten pounds heavier than when he was the big star of the game but he has aged some and his strength is not what it was. A comparison of two infields helped to while away the tedious hours. They discussed Kelly, Frisch, Bancroft and Groh, the Giants so-called million dollar infield, in relation to Pipp, Ward, Scott and Dugan of the Yankees, and the concensus of opinion called it a standoff. It was much the same with the outfields and catchers but even ardent pro-Giants could not deny that the Yankees carry the big edge in pitching with Bush, Bob Shawkey and Waite Hoyt primed to pitch the first three games against a Gaint pitching staff that has been nothing short of pitiful through the last six weeks of the season.

"Pitching wins," was the sense of the gathering, "and the Yankees have it."

Back of it all, however, is the realization that the Giants must be the best hitters in baseball, a guiding genius second to none in John McGraw. They are a great ball club, outside the box, and they have a great system.

The Yankees have none or extremely little. But they can turn loose a flock of good pitching and behind it they have the slugging of Ruth, Schang, Bob Meusel and Pipp, not as consistent as the Giants' hitters but more dangerous.

In short, these weary watchers argue, it will be a case of the Yanks defense versus the Giant hitting and speed and they are not so far wrong at that.

Many contend that the first game will decide the ultimate outcome. The series has been shortened from nine to seven games and the fact that both clubs hang much of their success upon Bush and Nehf means that a defeat for their favorite today will embarrass the future plans of his club exceedingly.

VIRGINIA GETTING SET FOR PRINCETON GAME

Charlottesville, Vt., Oct. 4.—A light workout with signal practice Monday and a harder drill with a stiff scrimage yesterday marked the first two days of Virginia's preparation to go North to play Princeton Saturday.

While the varsity and scrubs have been sweating the staff of managers has been hard at work arranging for the next home games. B. M. Baker, Jr., track captain, is planning a relay team public trial against five picked runners.

MANN STARTS WORK AT INDIANA

Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 4—Leslie Mann, St. Louis National outfielder, arrived here and began his work as backfield coach for the Indiana University football team.

GIANT INFIELDER

KING PINS AWAIT GRID PRACTICE GONG

The King Pins football outfit will hold practice Friday night at 7:30 p. m. and all players failing to show up will be declared ineligible to participate in Sunday's game. The following players are requested to report: Brewster, Bike, Bolson, Costigan, Costello, Deers, Hoyt, Jason, Lavery, Schmidt, Stable, Seward, Serfozo, Paddock, Youngs, Robstock and Lancaster. The Pins have a few more open dates on their schedule for Sunday and would like to book a game with any team holding a permit for that date. The Lone Stars, Victors, Mohicans and Acorns take notice.

SCHOOL SOCCER GAMES, TOMORROW

The opening games of the Public soccer league will be played this afternoon. Two games are scheduled in the West Side division and the same number in the East Side. All teams playing today are of Class A aggregations. The teams in Class B will start their schedule Friday. Games today:

West Side.

Maplewood vs. Longfellow.
Prospect vs. Black Rock.

East Side.

Lincoln vs. Read.
Waltersville vs. Shelton.

COLUMBIA OARSMEN AT WORK.

New York, Oct. 4—Coach Jim Rice, of the Columbia University crews, sent five boatloads of freshmen, with two varsity candidates in each barge, out on the Hudson yesterday afternoon for the first row of the season, each eight pulling for about a mile. In addition, eight varsity candidates took their first spin of the year before the first year men got going.

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SEE THE WORLD SERIES PLAYED ON THE TIMES BULLETIN BOARD

During the struggle for the world's baseball championship between the Giants and the Yankees, which stars this afternoon. The Bridgeport Times electric player scoreboard will be in operation. Experts who have made a business of baseball pantomime will tell the story of the battle play for play practically simultaneously with the actual contest at the Polo Grounds, conveying, too, much of the thrill of the real tussle as players run the bases, make their hits, complete putouts, or even make their errors. Every ball that is pitched at the Polo Grounds will be pitched on the player board, so that the fan in Bridgeport will be able to follow the tide of fortune of the two New York clubs almost as well as if in a grandstand seat, even to the extent of watching the little ball cut the plate for a strike or miss it for a ball..

Scores of the 1921 World Series Games

FIRST GAME—October 5.

										R.	H.	E.
Yanks	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0—	3	7	0
Giants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	0	5	0

Batteries—Mays and Schang; Douglas Barnes and Snyder. Hits—Off Douglas 5 in 8 innings; off Barnes, 2 in 1.

SECOND GAME—October 6.

										R.	H.	E.
Yanks	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	x—	3	3	0
Giants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	0	2	3

Batteriex—Hoyt and Schang; Nehf and Smith.

THIRD GAME—October 7.

										R.	H.	E.
Giants	0	0	4	0	0	0	S	1	x—	13	20	0
Yanks	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0—	5	8	0

Batteries—Toney ,Barnes and Snyder; Shawkey Quinn Collins and Rogers; Schang and Devormer. Hits—Off Toney 4 in 3 innings (none out in third); off Barnes, 4 in 7; off Shawkey, 5 in 2 1-3; off Quinn, 8 in 3 2-3 (none out in seventh); off Collins, 4 in 2 2-3; off Rogers 3 in 1 1-3. Winning pitcher—Barnes. Losing pitcher—Quinn.

FOURTH GAME—October 9.

										R.	H.	E.
Giants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1—	4	9	1
Yanks	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1—	2	7	1

Batteries—Douglas and Snyder; Mays and Schang.

FIFTH GAME—October 10.

										R.	H.	E.
Yanks	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0—	3	6	1
Giants	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	1	10	1

Batteries—Hoyt and Schang; Nehf and Smith.

SIXTH GAME—October 11.

										R.	H.	E.
Giants	0	3	0	4	0	1	0	0	0—	8	13	0
Yanks	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	5	7	2

Batteries—Toney, Barnes and Snyder; Harper, Shawkey and Piercy, and Schang. Hits—Off Toney, 3 in 2-3 inning; off Barnes, 4 in 8 1-3; off Harper 3 in 1 1-3; off Shawkey, 8 in 6 2-3; off Piercy, 2 in 1. Winning pitcher—Barnes. Losing pitcher—Shawkey.

SEVENTH GAME—October 12.

										R.	H.	E.
Giants	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	x—	2	6	0
Yanks	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	1	8	1

Batteries—Douglas and Snyder; Mays and Schang.

EIGHTH GAME—October 13.

										R.	H.	E.
Giants	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	1	6	0
Yanks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	0	4	1

Batteries—Nehf and Snyder; Hoyt and Schang.

	AB.	R.	H.	E.	Ave. Bat.	Ave. Fldg.
Giants	264	29	71	5	.249	.970
Yankees.	241	22	50	6	.207	.980

GIANT PITCHER

WAGNER WINNER ON PIONEER CARD

Kid Wagner, Philadelphia's representative for featherweight honors, was declared the winner over Larry Regan of New Jersey last night in the third round of their boyt at the Pioneer Sporting Club when Regan was disqualified for hitting low. Sammy Seiger was originally scheduled to meet Wagner, but Billy De Foe was substituted, and when the latter could not put in an appearance Larry Regan was selected.

Wagner was easily winning up to the disqualification, his heavy body smashes sapping all the power out of the Skeeter boxer.

Willie Harmon knocked out Frankie West in three rounds of the semi-final. Kid McFarland defeated Happy Smith in eight rounds; Johnny Noble whipped George Lange in six rounds and Battling Leon was handed the decision over Battling Lang in the four-round opener.

GROTTO BASKETEERS PRACTICE TONIGHT

The Obeh Grotto basketball tossers will practice at the Y. M. H. A. Hall next Sunday afternoon in preparation for an impending game next week. The schedule which is being arranged by Chick Anthony, will include some of the leading quintets in the state. The following players of last year's team and others wishing a tryout will report for practice Sunday: Chick Anthony, Doc Rosenthal and Charley Heise.

NEW COACH FOR TIGERS.

Princeton, N. J., Oct. 4.—Thirty members of the Princeton varsity football squad were put on the training table today. Seventeen are linesmen and thirteen backs. Joe Scheerer, 1919 fullback, has been added to the Tiger coaching staff

FIRE STOPS SOCCER PRACTICE.

Easton, Pa., Oct. 4—An $5,000 fire, which destroyed an old ice house and damaged a number of buildings a few blocks from the campus, broke up the Lafayette College soccer practice for half an hour here yesterday afternoon.

BANG! WORLD SERIES BATTLE ON TODAY; YANKS FAVORITES

THE BATTING ORDER

GIANTS	YANKEES
Bancroft, ss.	Witt, cf.
Groh, 3b.	Dugan, 3b.
Frisch, 2b.	Ruth, lf.
E. Meusel, lf.	Pipp, 1b.
Young, rf.	R. Meusel, rf.
Kelly, 1b.	Schang, c.
Stengel, cf.	Ward, 2b.
Snyder, c.	Scott, ss.
Nehf, p.	Bush, p.

(Special to The Times).

New York, Oct. 4.—In the horseshoe shaped stadium under the lee of Coogan's bluff, John McGraw's Giants, National League pennant winners, were ready today to engage Miller Huggins' American League champion Yanks in the first game of a series for world baseball honors.

It is the second time these Manhattan teams have battled for the title. McGraw's relentless fighting machine brushed aside the trim Yank band after getting away to a poor start last year. The Giants were favorites then and came through, though the battle lasted through eight games.

This year the Yanks, because of a great pitching staff, composed of "Bullet Joe" Bush, "Sailor Bob" Shawkey, the red-undershirted flinger; the youthful Waite Hoyt, and the dependable Jones, are rated best by a majority of the experts.

Giants Are Fighters.

But the Nationals are as ever, the fighters, at their best when against odds, and though their pitchers on paper do not appear so well as those of Huggins, they are a dengerous lot.

Arthur Nehf, the young left handed pitching star of the Giants, was in shape for mound duty, while Miller Huggins announced he had selected Bush to oppose him. Wallie Schang was to work behind the bat for the Yankees and Snyder was McGraw's backstop selection.

Iem, the chief of National League umpires, was assigned to call strikes and balls as the National League club, having won the toss, will be the "home team." Hildebrand, of the American League, was assigned to duty at the initial sack, McCormick of the Nationals had the job at the keystone station, and "Brick" Owens of the Americans was named to officiate at third.

Club officials expected a capacity crowd. The Polo Grounds is large enough to accommodate 40,000 spectators. The lower tier of the great horseshoe stands have been reserved and all seats are sold. The upper tier, with room for 22,000 of the fans, have been left open for those buying tickets at the gate today.

Despite the fact that the series principals are both Manhattan teams, the games have attracted baseball enthusiasts from the nooks and crannies of the continent.

Millionaires Are There.

Men of finance, here attending the American Bankers Association convention, decided to postponed their talk on nickels and dimes and enjoy the sport. They will mingle with a number of governors and former governors, a score or more of mayors and lesser lights of officialdom and some of the country's leading sportsmen. Gov. Miller of New York, Gov. Edwards of New Jersey, Gov. Davis of Ohio, and Gov. Allen of Kansas have reserved seats. J. P. Morgan, Harry Payne Whitney, Charles H. Sabin, Harry F. Sinclair and Finley J. Shepard are among the box holders.

These fellows waited until almost game time before leaving for the Polo Grounds, but others, not so well provided with coin of the realm, took up an early stand in a crooked line that ran from the ticket windows down the square. There is always this line at world series games. It is made up of fans who are willing to take a chance on getting tickets in the cheaper unreserved sections. They stood patiently until the ticket windows opened at ten o'clock, then as the pasteboards were placed in their hands, found places in the upper stands and lunched on frankfurters and peanuts, of which there seems to be an ever increasing supply.

And while lunching they started the usual arguments on the game—weighed the ability of the opposing players and fought out the best known games of the season over again. They had learned that Hugh McQuillan, of the Giant hurlers had been hit in the leg by a ball during practice yesterday afternoon but that the injury was not regarded as serious and McQuillan would be available for duty if needed.

Some of them declared that the Yank infield, Dugan, Scott, Ward and Pipp, was the greatest in baseball, and that it would stop anything the Giants put on the ground. Others asserted that McGraw's infield keepers, Groh, Bancroft, Frisch and Kelly were equally as good.

They started speculating about home runs. Somebody opined that Babe Ruth would gather at least three during the series and that his teammates, Bob Meusel and Whitey Witt, and maybe First Baseman Pipp would garner a few too. But what, another said, about Irish Meusel, long George Kelly, Snyder and Stengel of the Giants. They are able to send a ball far enough to run around the bases.

And so it went until the teams were ready to parade across the field and engage in the usual limbering exercise. Then the parade of the officials, including Mayor Hylan and the governors, the former governors, Commissioner Landis, the white headed boss of the national pastime and the band.

SOL MOONEY WILL BE Y. M. H. A. BOSS

Charlie Rosenbluh will not be back as manager of the Y. M. H. A. quintet as he is now working in Danbury, and in all probabilty Solly Mooney, speedy forward, will handle the managerial reigns this season.

The team this year will be strictly local, with Mooney and Kaplan forwards, Fitelson, Wexler, guards, and Rockowitz will probably hold down center.

TWIN OAKS ELEVEN READY FOR SEASON

The Twin Oak football players of the North End have organized an eleven for the coming season and are desirous of booking games with any 125-130 pound teams in the city. The Twin Oak lineup contains practically the same players as last year when they won all of their games but the last one that to the Irans for the championship of the city. Practice will be held tomorrow night and all members are asked to report.