

Game Has Grown Since Mack's First Series: Street Says Cards "Cinch to Handle"

LOST TO GIANTS IN 1905 BUT GOT REVENGE IN 1911

World Championship Tilts in Early Days Had Little in Common With Aspects of National Importance Involved Nowadays.

BY CONNIE MACK,
Manager, Philadelphia Athletics.

PHILADELPHIA, September 29.—For the seventh time next Wednesday afternoon I will be leading a team in a world series when the Athletics and Cardinals watch the first pitch shoot toward the plate at Shibe Park.

My first world series was in 1905 with the Giants, there being no such inspiring climax to the season of 1902, when we won our first American League pennant.

As I look back to that series of 1905, I can see the great expansion in base ball since then. When it was scrubby pines then, it's mighty oaks now.

Part of those games were played in old Columbia Park here, which boasted of a half-soled-and-heeled wooden street, but nevertheless has many fond memories to us for being the cradle of the Athletics.

The old grounds, then the biggest plant in the country, but nothing to compare with the present day modern stadiums.

Then it was simply a good series and did not bear the national importance it does today when a big proportion of the Nation is seeing it, listening on radio or reading accounts in the papers.

Now it is one of the biggest sporting events of the year and requires 500 reporters, photographers and radio men to cover it. Visitors come from all over the Nation. The parks here and in St. Louis could sell four times their capacity.

Expanded After 1905.

Base ball commenced to pick up great following 1905 when the Athletics were defeated by the Giants four games to one.

We were denied admittance to the classic until 1910. Then base ball had expanded. Parks were becoming larger because of increased public interest. Old Columbia Park had been replaced by Shibe Park, which has since been enlarged several times.

In 1910 nobody gave us a chance with Frank Chance's Cubs and we started the base ball world when we won four out of five games.

Our team that year, in which Eddie Collins, J. Franklin Baker, Jack Barry, Stuffy McInnis and a sturdy pitching staff stood out, was good enough to repeat in 1911 and that fall we were called on to meet the Giants for a second time in the big game.

The Athletics avenged the reverse of 1905 by beating McGraw's Giants in four out of six games, and that victory swept all traces of our win over the Cubs being a fluke. We were very much respected as a ball team after that.

Boston Toss Pennant.

Nevertheless, we did not win the 1912 pennant, although I considered the team that year one of the strongest teams I ever managed. The players took too much for granted, failed to hustle and the Red Sox won the flag.

They learned their lesson, and in 1913 they came back as a pennant winner, and for the third time they were required to face the Giants in the big game.

Again the Athletics proved their mastery by taking four out of five games. We won the pennant again in 1914, but never looked worse in a world series, for the Boston Braves beat us four straight. The 1914 series ranked in my breast much worse than the defeat in 1905.

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1905, because the team that year was good enough to have won.

I almost forgot there was such a thing as a world series, for I had to wait until 1929 to get back into the games again.

Then last year the same team that meets the Cardinals next Wednesday took the measure of the Cubs in the most dramatic set of games ever played. We won four out of five games and had to perform miracles with the bat to score the last two victories.

With a record of four victories and two defeats, I am now getting ready for my seventh world series.

HOT DUCKPINNERS AWAIT COOL SPELL

Cornell Lunch Team Will Take on Temples and Tailors Meet Specials Tonight.

WASHINGTON'S thousands of the maple splitters, minus much of the avoidpools they carried before the opening of the pin season, again take to the drives tonight for another week of spare and strike hunting, earnestly hoping that the mercury tumbles.

"Bowling's a great sport," remarked a sweltering pinman last week, "but in this kind of weather it's work."

Despite the heat, several new records were hung up last week and blessed with typical bowling weather, there's no telling what's next.

NORMAN SCHROTH'S Cornell Lunch five has a chance to shine tonight when they take on Maxie Rosenberg's Temples at 8 o'clock on the Coliseum mapelways. Both quintets won their initial starts in the District League and one will lead the procession for a day at least, after tonight's fray.

The Cornellies are banking on Brad Mandley, Kenny Thorpe, Dutch Newman, Phil Heffelfinger and Schroth, while Rosenberg presents his usual aggregation of pin-toppers in Red Megaw, Paulie and Joe Harrison, George Honey and himself.

THE National Capital League also has an all-star attraction on the books tonight when the Rinaldi Tailors and Coliseum Specials hook up.

Leo Rinaldi's crew, losers in its first start against the Fountain Hams, will strive to keep the Specials from taking the league lead.

HEAVIES MEET TONIGHT.

CHICAGO, September 29 (AP).—Nisse Ramm, Swedish heavyweight, and Tex Moore of Texas will meet tonight in a 10-round bout at White City. The card also offers Eddie Ran of Poland and George Kerwin, a Chicago welterweight, in another 10-rounder.

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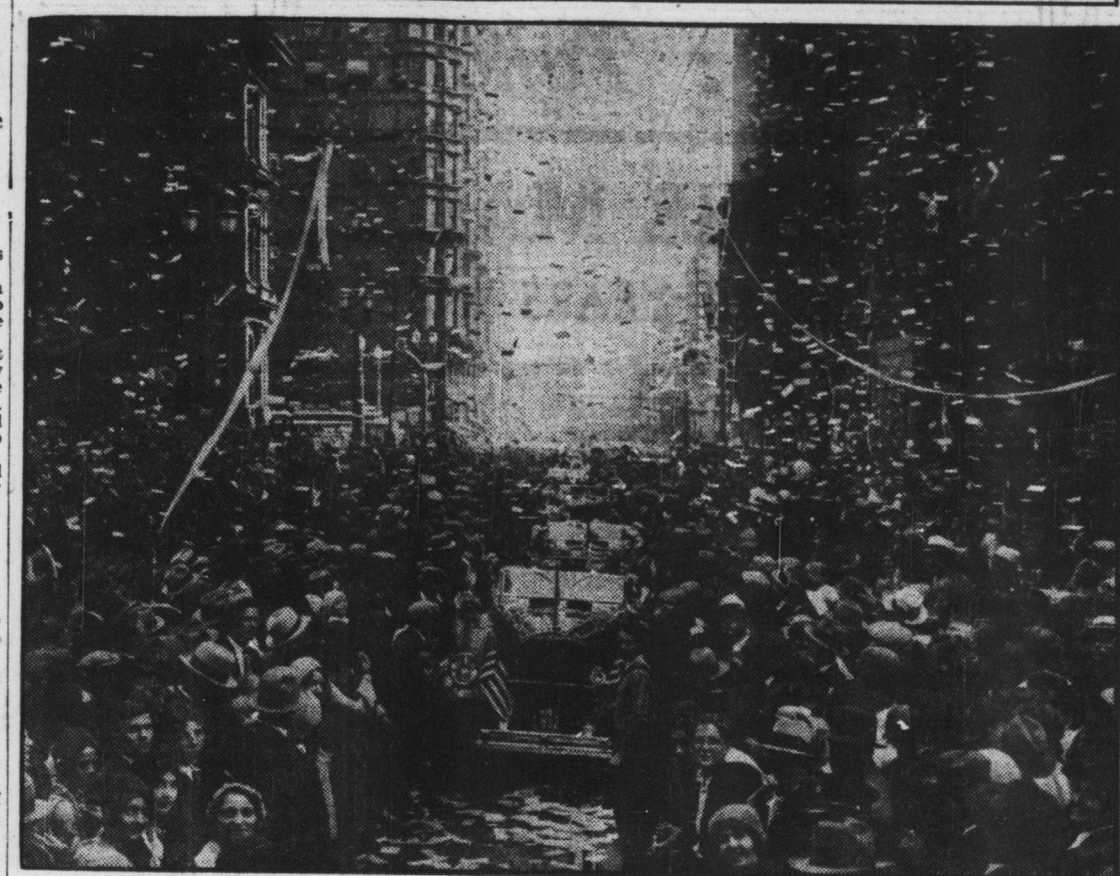
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ST. LOUIS CELEBRATED CARDINALS' VICTORY



There was plenty of enthusiasm when the Mound City honored its Red Birds the day after they clinched the National League pennant. Here's a snapshot showing how the natives honored victorious athletes as they paraded by auto down the main stem.

CARDS REVERE WISHBONE AS HARBINGER OF FLAG

Before Faring Forth to Battle in World Series Each Player Will Touch Chicken Relic That Started Team to Fortune.

ST. LOUIS, September 29 (AP).—It was a wishbone of a chicken that brought the 1930 National League pennant to St. Louis.

Some followers of the old national pastime probably thought right along it was Gabby Street's master-minding or the excellence of the pitching staff or the high explosives contained in Cardinal bats that put the St. Louis entry "in," but such reasoning was a mistake.

The story of why and how the Cardinals won the pennant is this:

Before the team started its last Eastern trip, which boosted it from fourth to first place, Ray Blades, coach and utility outfielder, invited a number of players to have chicken dinner with him at the home of a farmer friend in Illinois.

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Hodapp Is First Collecting Hits

PHILADELPHIA, September 29 (AP).—By making four hits in two games yesterday, John Hodapp, Cleveland Indian second baseman, became the leading base hit maker of the 1930 American League season. He made 225 hits to 220 for Lou Gehrig of New York Yankees, the runner-up.

Hodapp also sealed a second claim to fame by handling 15 chances faultlessly to run his record of consecutive errorless plays to 156.

GIANTS TAKE THIRD PLACE IN NATIONAL

Beat Phils in Ten Innings to Finish One Game Ahead of Robins.

BY HUGH S. FULLERTON, JR., Associated Press Sports Writer.

ONLY one place in the line-up of the two big leagues was in doubt as the teams went out for their final games yesterday and the New York Giants decided that by defeating the Phillies, 7 to 6, in a 10-inning struggle to hold third place in the National League by a one-game margin over the erstwhile league leaders from Brooklyn.

The Giants used five moundmen, came from behind to tie the score in the ninth inning and won in the tenth. The Robins did their best to gain a tie, defeating the Boston Braves, 6 to 3, Hollis Thurston gave eight hits and drove in four runs with three of Brooklyn's 15 hits, including the only home run of the game.

Cards Show New Star.

The champion St. Louis Cardinals flashed a new pitching star to take their final game from the Pittsburgh Pirates, 3 to 1. Jerome "Dizzy" Dean, recently of the Western and Texas Leagues, held the Pirates to three hits and shut them out after his first major league inning.

The New York Yankees brought forth an old-timer of the hurling ranks, none other than Babe Ruth himself, and won a 9-to-3 decision from the Boston Red Sox. The Babe had not pitched since his old-time form yesterday, giving only two hits in the first five innings.

Cubs Finish Strong.

The Chicago Cubs came back to beat Cincinnati, 13 to 11, after the Reds had scored nine runs in the second inning. Washington's second place team scored six times in the fifth to defeat Philadelphia's American League champions, 9 to 4, as four aces of the Mack hurling staff worked briefly. St. Louis and Cleveland divided a wild-biting doubleheader, the Browns collecting 17 hits as they won the first game, 11 to 5, and the Indians unleashing a 30-hit attack to capture the second, 15 to 4.

Chicago's White Sox did likewise, hitting safely 15 times as they defeated Detroit, 10 to 7, through a strong finish.

PENNANTS TO DRILL.

Pennant races will hold a grid ball this evening on the Iowa avenue playground at 7:30 o'clock. All candidates are asked to report.

INSISTS TEAM WAS GOOD WHEN HE TOOK CONTROL

Getting Pitchers in Shape and Giving Hallahan Confidence in Self Was Biggest Job of 1930 Season for St. Louis Manager.

BY CHARLES "GABBY" STREET,
Manager, St. Louis Cardinals.

ST. LOUIS, September 29.—Perhaps because I was the first Cardinal manager to be reappointed in a long time, and largely because I have been fortunate enough to have the boys come through as league champions in my first year as their leader, many persons have asked me how I ran the ball club and how I managed to lead the team to a pennant when few base ball writers gave the club a tumble in the Spring.

First, I want to say that it was a great ball club before it ever saw Gabby Street. One of the first things I said last Spring, when we were training at Bradenton, was that I thought I had the best ball club in the league and that if my pitchers came through and we avoided illness, accidents and injuries, the Cardinals ought to win the pennant, or be in the fight all the way, a contender from April to October.

Some of the touring newspaper men told me I was making it pretty tough for myself by announcing that I had the best club in the league. They thought it would be wise to do a lot of moaning in the Spring, so that I'd have everybody prepared in case the club flopped, and then if we came through and made a good showing it would make me look better.

But the club looked good to me then and I told the boys that and I told everybody that because I really believed it.

Pitchers Biggest Job.

Of course, the pitchers had to come through, and that was my most important job, to get them in condition and find what they could do. Hallahan was my big opportunity.

You know I don't want to claim any record for making Hallahan a great pitcher. When I saw him at Bradenton last Spring I told him all about it.

"Bill," I said, "I can't make you a great pitcher. You already are one. But when you get confidence in yourself you can make me a successful manager."

Well, as I say, except for getting the pitchers into condition and making Hallahan believe in himself, the Cardinal club was ready-made.

Men Keep in Condition.

It has been a cinch to manage the Cardinals. I never saw a bunch of fellows like them anywhere. Rules? Say, we didn't need any rules. Of course, we had a rule that the boys had to be in bed by 12 o'clock each night, but the boys are so well behaved that I went to bed myself most nights at 10 o'clock and I always knew the men could be trusted and that they'd be in

condition. There never was a club in base ball so well behaved.

From the opening of the training camp at Bradenton until now, I've never mentioned drinking to my team. And through the entire season only one man broke faith.

My formula for handling men is to treat them as you would like to be treated. I worked for some pretty tough managers and some great ones in my day and I know I'd always work my hands off for the man who treated me white. When a manager got tough with me I gave him as little as I could get by with.

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M'INTIRE HUMBLER OLD SANDLOT PALS

Strikes Out 18 as Celtics Square Series With Northerns. Saks' Halts Sox.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., September 29.—A dazzling exhibition of southpaw twirling was presented by Robert Lee McIntire before a throng of former teammates of the Northern Red Birds and some 500 fans when he pitched the St. Mary's Celtics into a tie with the Red Birds for the District Independent championship series lead, humbled the team which until two months ago he served as its pitching ace and set a local strikeout record for the season by fanning 18 batters. The score was 15 to 6.

It took the Saks Clothiers of Washington, eleven innings to halt the Virginia White Sox's winning streak of eight games on the Bailey's Cross Roads diamond. Two runs in the second extra frame gave the Clothiers a 7-to-5 verdict.

Bethesda A. C. of Bethesda, Md., took both games of a double-header with the Colonial A. C., 8 to 2, and 3 to 2.

PIERCE A. C. MEETS.

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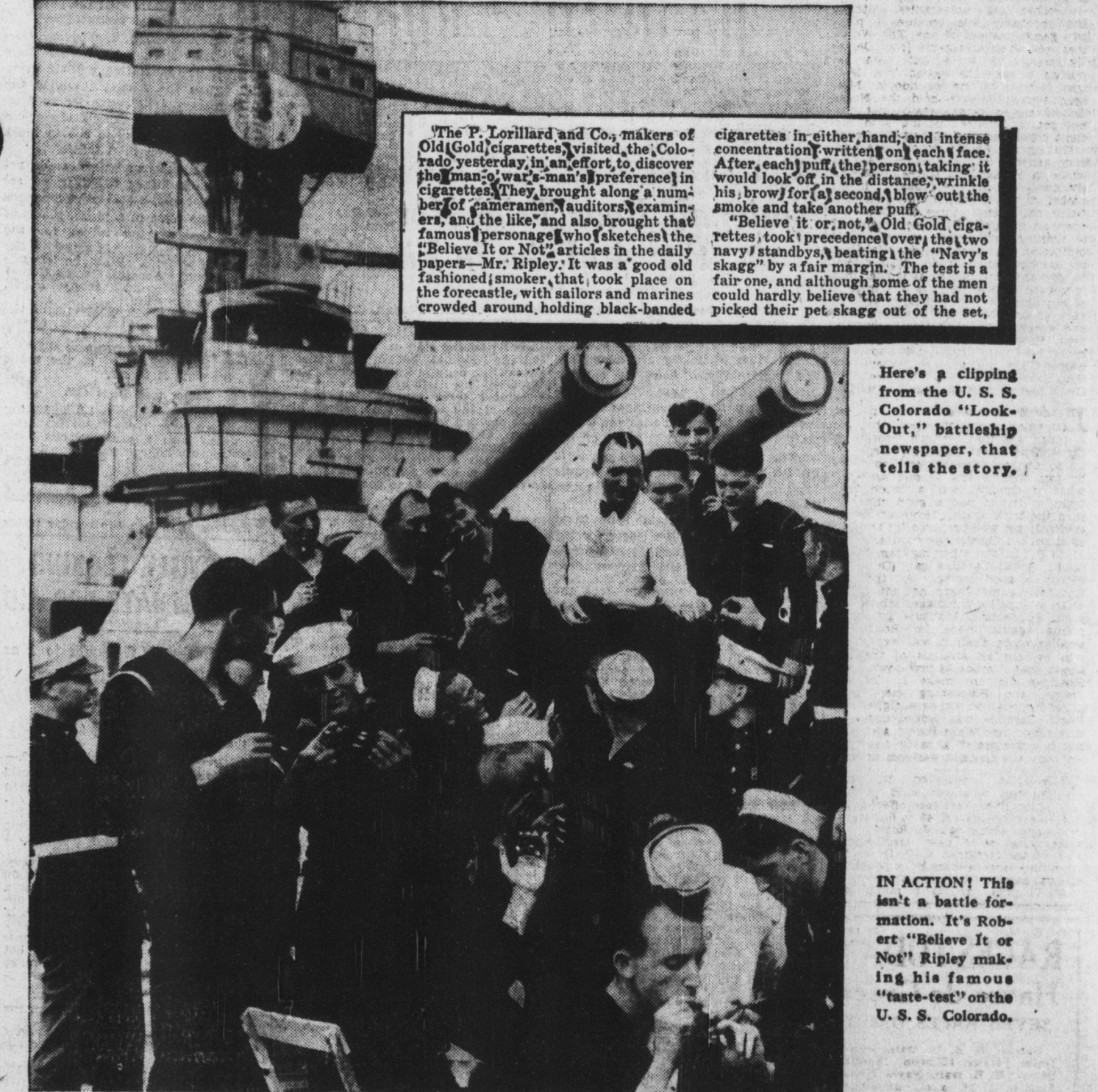
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"RIP" AND SCORER! Above is Bob Ripley with one of the marines who helped to audit the score.



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