

Pittsburgh Is Mecca For Rabid Baseball Fans

CITY ON EDGE FOR BIG SERIES

Excitement Prevails As Final
Preparations Are Made
For Opening Game

By Frank Getty
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Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 6.—(United
Press)—Amidst the smoke before the
battle, Pittsburgh, lair of the pennant
winning Pirates, took on the air of a
real world series town today.

There was pep in the step of pe-
destrians; mounted police who will
handle the crowds at Forbes field
tomorrow pranced in practice; ticket
scalpers opened offices downtown and
carpenters banged the last nail into
the additional stands of new pin which
will seat the farthest removed of
45,000 spectators on the morrow.

Sun Is Shining
A red sun burned its way through
the murky haze, with promise of fair
weather for the opening game, de-
spite the weatherman's fear of possible
showers.

Out at Squirrel Hill, the Washington
Senators who had been permitted by
Manager Bucky Harris to bring their
wives and families to the big series,
loafed throughout the morning, await-
ing their turn to practice on the
smooth manicured greenward of
Forbes field.

Undaunted by the fact that they are
entering world's champions, the
Senators took the field in final secret
practice, preparing the plays with
which they hope to make their visi-
tors walk the planks.

Hotels Are Filled

Downtown the ticket speculators,
with agents of the internal revenue
bureau on hand to see that Uncle Sam
gets his fifty per cent of the profits,
were ready to treat prospective cus-
tomers to similar fashion.

Hotel clerks throughout the city
were in session.

"No, no, sir; no, no, ma'am; no
rooms to be had."

In the lobbies one would begin to
distinguish famous characters associated
with baseball and its spectacular
climax, the world's series. Magnates,
statesmen, movie actors and actresses
and celebrated gate crashers strutted
and posed and talked wisely and some-
times too well of the coming struggle.

It was heresy in Pittsburgh to suggest
above a whisper that the Sen-
ators would repeat last year's success
against the Giants, but local brokers
were offering no better than 6 to 5
and often 11 to 10 on the Pirates. One
prominent commission agent said that
"big money" would not be forthcoming
until tomorrow, due to a certain un-
certainty about the condition of Eddie
Moore's injured thumb and Bill
McKechnie's indecision as to who he
will start in the opening game against
Johnson.

**FARRELL PICKS
SENATORS TO WIN**

United Press Sports Editor
Thinks Washington
Team Will Repeat

By Henry L. Farrell
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New York, Oct. 6.—(United Press)
After considering the relative pitch-
ing, fielding and batting strength of
the principals in the world's series
starting tomorrow, and the mental
morale of the two champions, it is our
guess that the Washington Senators
will win the series from the Pitts-
burgh Pirates.

It is only a guess and it is no better
than the opinion of any one who
thinks and is willing to wager that the
flashy Pittsburgh club will defeat the
Washington veterans.

The Pirates are considered stronger
than the Senators because of more
quantity of good pitching, heavier hitting
from eight men in the lineup who
are .300 or better and greater speed
afloat but a close analysis of the
figures will show that these advantages
are not so heavy.

Coming into the last stretch the
Pirates were leading the National
League in team batting with an aver-
age of .306 but the Senators were lead-
ing the American League with a mark of
.305. The Pirates had stolen 142
bases and the veteran Senators had
stolen 132. There isn't any great dif-
ference in those figures.

When it comes to pitching it does
seem that the Pirates have more good
pitchers than the Senators but the Pitts-
burgh staff isn't as flexible as the
Washington staff and no manager in
baseball can handle and mix up his

pitchers as well as young Bucky Har-
ris did in the series last year.

Harris, in beating the Giants last
year, knew almost exactly how many
innings his pitchers were good for and
he made his plans accordingly. He had
in Marberry—and he still has in him—the
greatest relief pitcher in baseball
and he ought to be of invaluable service
again this year.

"Money Playing"

The most important factor in a series
where there is so much money at
stake to the individual players is ex-
perience. Ball players call this ex-
perience "money playing" and in this re-
spect the Senators will have a tremen-
dous advantage over the National
League champions.

The difference between the winners
and the losers share in the world's
series last year was more than \$2,000
to each player and it ought to be just
as much this year. Every ball hit in
the series will be tagged with \$2,000
and the Pirates will think more of that
than the Senators, who have been
through one terrific series and two
hard pennant races.

With the exception of those grand
old veterans, Babe Adams, Stuffy
McInnis and Earl Smith, none of the
Pirates have been in a world's series
and their path to the National League
championship didn't test their game-
ness to any great extent. The injuries
that the Giants suffered all season
helped Pittsburgh to win the pennant
more than any particular brilliance
on their part.

The Pirates have depended all sea-
son on hitting and speed on the bases,
although their defense was helped by
some very good pitching. The hitting
strength should not be over em-
phasized in the series, however, as
the Pirates did not have to knock
down any infield strength in the Na-
tional League like the Senators will
present to them.

No National League team played the
smart baseball that the Pirates will
have to oppose against the Senators and
the combination of brains, experience
and the brilliant defense with which
the American League champions
are equipped is almost invincible.

It is true that luck was a big factor
in the winning of the 1924 world's
series. National League players will
tell you that the Pirates will go into
this series a stronger club than the
Giants were last year and that Wash-
ington beat the Giants on luck.

The Senators did have some lucky
breaks, of course, but their good luck
in getting the breaks just about bal-
anced their misfortune in losing such a
valuable player as Roger Peckin-
paugh. It certainly was no lucky
break that forced Washington to put
on third base a player who wasn't
even a good minor leaguer.

There are batters on the Wash-
ington club that will get just as many
hits in a pinch and drive in just as
many runs as the vaunted Pittsburgh
hitters and that is what counts in any
ball game. A hitter who can hit .600
over a season with the bases empty
isn't as valuable to a team as a batter
who hits .200 with the winning run
on third base.

There is no outstanding weakness on
the Washington club and there is a
decided weakness at first base on the
Pittsburgh club and it is not within
memory that a world's series was won
without a good first baseman.

The Senators have experience,
brains and the mechanical equipment
of a world's championship team and
they ought to win.

TEAMS STAGE FINAL WORKOUT

Harris Announces That Champion Senators Are All In Good Condition

By Henry L. Farrell, United Press
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Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 6.—After wait-
ing sixteen years, with patience and
long suffering, Pittsburgh was back
into its own today, a contender in
the annual world's series, the classic
of baseball.

Only the older generation of fans
remembered the series of 1909 when
Fred Clarke's Pirates won the champion-
ship from Hughie Jennings' Detroit
Tigers, and those who have come to
know baseball in the recent years
when Pittsburgh was losing
pennants in the last hard quarter of
the race entered into the festivities
with all the fervor and enthusiasm of
a college freshman.

City Is Decorated

Merchants contested to see how
big and how many pictures of the
Pirates they could adorn their win-
dows with and there was a profusion
of orange and black pennants bearing
the names of the new heroes.

The color scheme was mindful of
Princeton on a "big three" football
game and the interest and spirit of
the traffic cops, the bell hops and
sober-minded business men brought
back the days of 1919 when Cincin-
nati was going crazy about its first
pennant winner.

You would think that Pittsburgh
never had been allowed to see a
world's series in its own back yard
but, as the citizens are wont to re-
mind you, it has been a long time
since 1909.

Champions In Town

Bucky Harris, the youngest man-
ager in captivity, led his world's
champions into town last night and
took the players out to a fashionable
suburban hotel to keep his veterans
away from the storm and strife of
the city.

"We're all in good shape," Harris
said. "I'm going to play, Peck is
going to play and Covaleskie is ready
to pitch the second game. Those stories
about our many disabilities did
not come from me. I don't believe in
bear stories."

Bill McKechnie, manager of the
Pirates, was one of the early visitors
at the hotel where the Washington
club is staying.

"We'll work out this morning and
you can have the park all afternoon,"
he told Harris. "There will be no
one to bother you, but the carpenters."

There was plenty of hammering
and sawing and knocking at Forbes
field where the carpenters were put-
ting the last raps in on a temporary
bleacher section in centerfield that
was made necessary by the tremen-
dous demand for tickets.

The noise didn't bother the Sen-
ators, however, as they went through
the same session last year when
their boss was building extra stands
to take care of his customers and
incase the gate.

Bucky Harris repeated that Walter
Johnson, the veteran hero of the
Washington staff, would pitch the
first game and that Covaleskie would
get the call in the second game.

Earl McNeely, young Wash-
ington outfielder, doubled in the
twelfth inning of the seventh game and
scored Ruel with the run that won
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in the ninth inning of the last game and held
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1924—Bob Meusel was the
conspicuous hero of the 1923
world's series. With the
bases filled in the eighth
inning of the last game, Babe
Ruth was fanned by Bill
Ryan. Meusel then came up
and rapped a single to center
field scoring Haines and
Johnson. Cunningham made
a wild throw into the dugout
and Dugan scored and Meusel
went to third. Meusel's
single, it turned out, won the
game and the series. Casey
Stengel, winning two games
with home runs, was the big
Giant hero.

1925—Earl McNeely, young Wash-
ington outfielder, doubled in the
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1926—Boston (A.L.), won 5.
Pittsburgh (N.L.), won 3.

1927—Philadelphia (A.L.), won 1.
Chicago (N.L.), won 2.

1928—Detroit (A.L.), won 0; one tie.
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1929—Philadelphia (A.L.), won 3.
Chicago (N.L.), won 1.

1930—Brooklyn (N.L.), won 1.
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1931—New York (A.L.), won 3.
New York (A.L.), won 0; tied 1.

1932—New York (N.L.), won 4; tied 1.

1933—New York (A.L.), won 4.

1934—Cincinnati (N.L.), won 5.

1935—Cleveland (A.L.), won 5.

1936—New York (N.L.), won 5.

1937—New York (A.L.), won 4.

1938—New York (N.L.), won 3.

1939—Brooklyn (N.L.), won 2.

1940—New York (A.L.), won 3.

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1981—New York (N.L.), won 3.