

# 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  
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)  
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 pedestrians; 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, despite 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, awaiting their turn to practice on the smooth manicured greensward of Forbes field.

Undaunted by the fact that they are entertaining world's champions, the Senators took the field in final secret practice, preparing the plays with which they hope to make their visitors 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 customers to similar fashion.

Hotel clerks throughout the city groaned incessantly:  
"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 sometimes too well of the coming struggle.

It was heresy in Pittsburgh to suggest above a whisper that the Senators 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 uncertainty about the condition of Eddie Moore's injured thumb and Bill McKee'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  
(United Press Sports Editor)  
New York, Oct. 6.—(United Press.)—After considering the relative pitching, 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 Pittsburgh 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 about 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 average of .306 but the Senators were leading the American League with a mark of .306. The Pirates had stolen 142 bases and the veteran Senators had stolen 132. There isn't any great difference in those figures.

When it comes to pitching it does seem that the Pirates have more good pitchers than the Senators but the Pirates 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 Harris 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 experience. Ball players call this experience "money playing" and in this respect the Senators will have a tremendous 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 gameness 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 season on hitting and speed on the bases, although their defense was helped by some very good pitching. The hitting strength should not be over emphasized in the series, however, as the Pirates did not have to knock down any infield strength in the National 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 Washington beat the Giants on luck.

The Senators did have some lucky breaks, of course, but their good luck in getting the breaks just about balanced their misfortune in losing such a valuable player as Roger Peckinpaugh. 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 Washington 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 Staff Correspondent)

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 6.—After waiting 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 championship from Hughey 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 windows 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 Cincinnati 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 remind you, it has been a long time since 1909.

**Champions In Town**  
Bucky Harris, the youngest manager 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 Coveleskie 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 McKee, manager of the Pirates, was one of the early visitors at the hotel where the Washington club is stopping.

"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 putting the last raps in on a temporary bleacher section in centerfield that was made necessary by the tremendous demand for tickets.

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

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

## RAINCOATS IN DEMAND

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 6.—(United Press.)—Rabid baseball fans who are forced to stand in line to buy bleacher seats for tomorrow's game are advised to bring raincoats along by William Brotzman, local weather forecaster.

"After that," he said, "it all depends. Ferguson may be slipped in to almost any place, and I'll bet you that he shows you a baseball game."

## World's Series Facts

Principals—Pittsburgh Pirates and the Washington Senators.  
Number of Games—Four out of seven.

Opening Game—At Pittsburgh, October 7.

Owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates—Barney Dreyfuss.

Owner of the Washington Senators—Clark Griffith.

Manager of the Pirates—Bill McKee.

Manager of the Senators—Stanley "Buck" Harris.

Scenes of Games—Forbes Field, (Pittsburgh) and Griffith Stadium, (Washington).

Capacity—Forbes Field 45,000; Griffith Stadium, 36,000.

Time of Games—2 o'clock eastern standard time.

## WORLD SERIES HEROES

1919—Walter Ruether, Red pitcher, by his batting, and Eddie Roush, Red center fielder, by his fielding, were the big factors in most of the defeats of the White Sox.

1920—Elmer Smith, Cleveland right fielder, hit a home run with the bases full, the first time in world's series history. Bill Wambegans, Cleveland second baseman, completed a triple play unassisted.

1921—Jess Barnes, regarded as the "pull bearer" of the Giants' pitching staff, relieved Toney twice after he had been knocked out of the box and won both games.

1922—Jack Scott, released unconditionally by the Cincinnati Reds for having an incurable arm, and picked up by McGraw, turned the big hero of the series when he let the Yanks down with four hits in the third game and won for the Giants by a score of 3 to 0.

1923—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.

1924—Earl McNeely, young Washington outfielder, doubled in the twelfth inning of the seventh game and scored Ruel with the run that won the game. Walter Johnson, after failing to complete two games went to the rescue in the ninth inning of the last game and held the Giants safe for four innings.

## Grantham Fit



George Grantham has done remarkably well at the iron door for the Pirates. It is expected, however, that Stuffy McInnis will get into some of the world's series games, for the veteran has a steadying influence on the rest of the infield.

## The Fourth Down BY WILLIE PUNT

As soon as they get through telling the world that the coaches are correcting the defects which cropped out in the opening games last Saturday, the college sports correspondents will proceed to send out bear stories in regard to next Saturday's games.

The Adams County Witness says: "Next Wednesday the world's series begins. Let us hope one or the other team wins four straight games. Its time for football." To which we say amen.

The following item, taken from the Portland Sun, is interesting, if true: "This afternoon Coach Scales will make several changes in the line-up in order to strengthen the defense. Every substitute player on the local team will be used next Saturday when Portland plays the Decatur high school eleven. Coach Scales intends to use the players that will battle in

the fracas and if necessary to use his third team, he intends to run them in against the Decatur team the greater part of the game. In the Richmond game the Portland line stood up on the defense and failed to keep out their opponents, practically on each play."

The Goshen Democrat arraigned the Goshen high school eleven on the following charges Monday: "Fumbling, mixed signals, no pep or drive, lack of cooperation between the line and backfield and a general all-round inability to do the right thing at the right time." Outside of that the team played a whale of a game in holding Warsaw to a 6-6 tie.

In other words, Coach Scales' Panthers scaled off a bit.

Now is the time for all good—Yellow Jackets to come to the aid of their team. We almost forgot what we were doing.

Since school has been in session long enough for the teachers to become more or less mechanical in their work, they feel that they can spare a little time off from their "home work" to take care of sore muscles and "charley horses," so they have challenged the Yellow Jacket second team for their annual game of football next Friday afternoon. First call for water boys!

## LAND ON PORTLAND!

## WABASH TEAM LOOKS STRONG

### Victory Over Purdue Puts Little Giants In Front Rank

By R. L. Hesler.  
Written for the United Press  
Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 6.—By defeating Purdue, 13 to 7, in the annual struggle at Lafayette, Saturday, the Wabash College eleven today stepped into the front rank of Hoosier intercollegiate football.

This does not mean that the Little Giants have moved alongside Notre Dame, for the "Irish" are in a class by themselves as far as state elevens are concerned. Their crushing victory of 69 to 0, over Lombard is but another instance of their extreme gridiron strength.

The Wabash-Purdue game, however, was the feature attraction on a very interesting early season card offered the sporting public in Indiana.

In presenting his team in its first real test Coach Vaughn showed convincingly that Wabash will have to be reckoned with this year. Although light and lacking experience Wabash played like a veteran team at Lafayette.

The Butler and DePauw game also

was a surprise as Butler had been favored to emerge victorious, DePauw showed a complete reversal of form over the first week and by an early rally scored a 6 to 6 tie with the Page eleven.

The result was a disappointment to Butler and a big thrill for DePauw. Aside from these two games most contests were one sided affairs with Notre Dame running wild against Lombard, Indiana smothering State Normal, Franklin trouncing State Poly, Earlham winning from Defiance and Indiana Central trimming Oakland City.

However again tasted defeat, this time losing to Cincinnati University by a close score.

Practically all games were played on wet fields which held down scoring to a considerable extent in some instances.

## TEACHERS TO PLAY SECOND

### Feature Football Game To Be Played On Ahr's Field Friday Afternoon

The "feature" football game of the local season will be played next Friday afternoon on Ahr's field when the Decatur second team will meet the faculty. The game will be a benefit scrap for the high school Athletic Association. Admission will be 15 cents and everybody is invited to attend the fray.

The faculty has arranged one of the greatest all-Decatur line-ups that can be mastered together and Captain M. F. Worthman predicts an easy victory for the teachers. Bryce Thomas will play center for the teachers; Ed Durkin and Maurice Kennedy will lead down the two ends. Hansel Foley and Felix Maier will hold tackle positions, and W. G. Brown will play guards. M. F. Worthman and Floyd Gibson will occupy half-back positions. Coach Marshall will play full-back and Walter Krick will play quarter.

The faculty will hold a practice just before the game. The second team of the local high school has the edge on the teachers, having practiced for several weeks. W. Kiess will occupy the center post for the second team; Potts and Lankeneau will play guard; M. Thomas and Koos will play tackle; Frisinger and Fuhrman will hold the ends; Zwick and DeVor will play half-back positions; Macklin will play full-back and Billy Bell will call the plays from the quarter-back position.

A game well worth the money is predicted and everybody is invited to attend the fracas. The game will start promptly at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. Herman Myers will officiate, assisted by Bill Linn umpire, Ralph Tyndall as head linesman and George Witte as assistant head line man.

Bluffton—A. Edward White is the new chancellor commander of the K. of P. lodge here.

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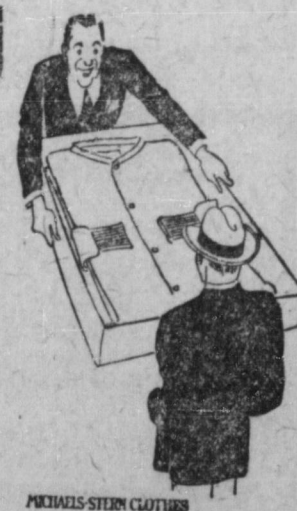
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