

News of World's Series, Football, Gossip of the Ring, Amateurs and Other Sports

GOTHAM AGOG AS YANKS AND GIANTS CLASH

Sensational Series Expected as New York Clubs Meet for World's Title.

RUTH OVERSHADOWS ALL

Weather Improves

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Fair weather for world's series today and tomorrow was predicted today by the United States Weather Bureau.

Warmer weather for tomorrow's game was promised, when cold north-west winds now blowing are expected to shift to the west and southwest.

By JACK VEIOLA (International News Sports Editor.)

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Gotham bristled with enthusiasm yesterday as the Giants and Yankees prepared to enter the first game of the world's series.

Thousands of fans, armed with programs, roared into the city, and thousands who had to be content to take a chance on "crashing" the general admission ticket lines, crowded the Polo Grounds at sun-up.

Inspiriting autumn weather, flavored with a crisp October tang and tempered with a crisp October rain, brought the first game to the heights.

It promises to be the greatest series ever played.

Though the opening game was not scheduled for 2 o'clock, the rival New York entrants winners and limited admissions at the Polo Grounds caused New Yorkers to fall over each other in the rush for tickets.

Old Story of Early Bird

POLO GROUNDS, NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Thousands of round Giants fans and hundreds from out-of-town and the Pojo seats early today for the first game of the world's series seats. By eight o'clock there were 12,000 in the stands, and the game was well under way when the first train came.

Taxis in this part of New York began to swell the ranks. About 500 weary but eager fans had been there all night long, numbered among them many young men who had slept at home last night arrived to find long lines between them and the choicest bleacher seats.

The great stadium will comfortably seat 35,000 fans. About 20,000 of these seats are reserved, the rest being sold at the ticket windows the day of each game.

Conservative estimates place the number of people in the district interested in the big series at something over 4,000,000.

Forty thousand spectators will go to the game. If the series should go the full nine games, total attendance will run around 360,000. So it is easy to see what will be disappointed.

MARY RUTH IS OUTSTANDING FIGURE

Babe Ruth, king of swatters, was the outstanding figure as the teams prepared for battle. The "big bant" with a new home-run record of 47 circuit shots in a single season and a reputation as a murderer of all kinds of pitching, was the logical candidate for the role of world's series hero.

Ruth is the big ace of the Yanks. He is the darling of ENT Yankees fans who are counting on to shatter the defenses of the stalwart Giants. He has hammered baseballs into the stands and over the wall, and the Polo Grounds contended against the best pitchers in the American League that his admirers can see no way for Giant twirlers to stop him. The more Ruth fans are for the more willing he is to winge. Ruth will monopolize the series.

Thanks to Ruth and his popularity, the Yanks are into the series today carrying a burden of dicey favor on their shoulders. Betting, however, was at even money for the most part, except for sporadic wagers and break bets among radical partisans of the rival teams.

The intense interest among Gotham fans in this series has been growing over a long span of years. When the Yanks first played in New York the fans failed to attract much attention. It took them years to establish themselves. They merely dragged along. Finally, Colgate's Ruppert and company got hold of the situation and started to get behind. Later the ambitious Colgate got Babe Ruth. Ever since this master stroke of baseball business the Yanks have been eating, and they have as many followers as the Giants.

MARY AND NEHF PROBLEMS PITCHERS

Probable pitchers for the opening game today are Carl Mays, the submarine artist, for the Yanks, and Neff or Douglass, for the Giants. John McGraw, who will always be a favorite, is the man of his pitcher, who he knows who is going to work, said last night that it all depended on who looked best when the teams warmed up. Neff, if "right," was the logical man to start for the Yanks.

Much depends on today's game. Conservative baseball men believe that the team that gets the best start in the series. Many also predict that the battle will go at least seven games, and probably the first game winner shows that in series the Yanks and the Phillies and Giants are the only teams that won first games and then lost the series.

Several players in this series are lucky to be there. Elmer Slaton is one. The other, a shortstop from Cincinnati, was a member of the Giants when they won the flag back in 1917. He was later sent to the team to learn in on the 1919 series, and is now with McGraw.

Johnny Rawlings and "Fright" Mousie, added to New York by the tall-and-fallies, are also lucky to be among the present stars. Both often run but always going a long "Patti" old his latest just in time to buy another farm. Elmer Miller, from Michael Kelley's St. Paul outfit, came to the Yanks in midseason.

Independent Football

Manager Canning of the Indianapolis Club team called the following players to report for practice yesterday and Friday evening at 7:30 sharp at College Avenue and Fall Creek. L. Skinner, M. M. Murphy, Webb, Riddle, Ferree, Olsen, Buskirk, Paul, Fox, Darr, Perry Adams, Metzger, Lorraine, Miller, Handley, Mathias, Bill Skinner, Conners, McColl, Borstine, Yott, Woods and Steele. Manager Canning expected to have his club in top shape for the opening game of the season next Sunday at Eagle's Park (formerly Northwestern), when the local eleven lines up for the whistle against the Ft. Harrison team.

The Belmonts will practice tonight at Belmont Field and all players intending to be in the line-up for Sunday's game are urged to report.

The Rups defeated the Pirates at Belmont Field. A game will be played Sunday. Call Drexel 7140 and ask for Happy between 5:45 and 7 p. m. The Rups play in the 80 to 90-pound class. Practice will be held tonight at the usual place.

Move on for Western Pro Basket League

CHICAGO, Oct. 5.—H. Rhodes, an Eastern player, is in Chicago with a team of former Western professional basketball players. He hopes to have an eight-club organization, two teams each from Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana. He has to be the winner of the league play. Eastern will be the winner for the professional championship of

WORLD'S SERIES PICK-UPS

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Opening day for the world's series dawned fair and cool. A brief shower before daybreak was followed by clearing weather, while the sun and sky was unusually clear and bright. There was a tang of autumn in the air, but this was rapidly dissipated by the bright sunshine. There was a moderate northwest wind.

Despite the rain and the cold of the night, scores of fans whose numbers were augmented to hundreds at dawn, stood in line all night waiting to grab off \$1 tickets.

There was room enough for one New York in ten who wants to see the series, and thousands were pouring in today from nearby cities and towns. Eighteen thousand seats had been reserved for each game. Possible 100,000 persons will be here for the 100,000 admissions that went on sale at the grounds at 10 o'clock this morning.

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