

STIRRIN' the DOPE

By VEDDER GARD

WELL, it has to be done. The world series opens on Wednesday and the annual task of predicting a winner cannot be put off any longer. We are not going to choose the easiest way. We could pick Pittsburgh and fall in line with almost every one. The Pirates are easy favorites to win the championship. Almost every fan we talk to likes the chances of the National League club.

We could pick them, and if we were wrong everybody would be wrong with us. Probably a logical choice would be the Pirates, according to their individual records, batting strength, youth, and strong pitching staff.

Last year we picked the Giants, but the better team did not win. This year we are not going to pick the team which on paper looks like the stuff. WASHINGTON is our choice.

We pick the Senators not because they are better mechanically, but because of their known gameness and experience. The Pirates are more likely to "blow." It is a known fact that several of the Pittsburgh stars have a tendency to crack in the tight places.

It is equally well known that Washington has a number of "money" players who are best in the pinches. It is mainly for this reason that we believe in the American League entry.

We are hoping that Coveleskie will be in form. We hope that James will not be handicapped with his bum finger. We hope that Peck is rarin' to go. We hope that Johnson's arm feels just half as old as the great veteran really is.

We don't wish Pittsburgh any bad luck, but—

ACROSS THE BOARD TODAY

A few more nickels were picked up Monday at Latonia when three of the five horses selected were in the money one lost and the other was scratched. The winner was the 11-20 favorite, Moore was second at good prices to place and show. Little Visitor, an even money choice at the track, ran third. Louisville and Nashville was out of the money and Edith was withdrawn. The bank roll is \$228.65.

Today we will play COWPUNCHER in the first at Latonia \$10 to win. In the third HANKYU is worth a \$2 pick, place and show water. The same goes on BRAEDALBANE, a sleeper, in the fourth and JACK BAKER in the fifth. In the seventh we will race one out of the line and put \$5 across on VALLETTE.

JUST what do the captains of two grid teams and a referee do when they meet out there in the middle of the gridiron and the official flips a coin? Not many sport fans know exactly. The rules on the subject were changed slightly this season.

Here's the exact wording of the rule: "The referee shall toss a coin before the game in the presence of the captains of the opposing teams, first designating which captain shall call. The winner of the toss shall have the choice of kicking or kicking off, or of receiving the kick-off, which choice shall not be revocable. The loser of the toss shall have the choice of the options which the winner does not select. These privileges as to choice shall be reversed at the beginning of the third period."

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CONEL STARS BANISHED

Ballenger Fired After Wild Night on Pullman—Team in Baltimore.

By Times Special
BALTIMORE, Oct. 6.—With the "little world's series" standing two victories apiece, Louisville, American Association champion, and Baltimore, International League winner, will resume their Class AA struggle here Wednesday. Monday and today were off days in the program.

It is a nine-game series, five victories deciding the issue.

Joe Deberry probably will be sent to the mound for the visiting Colonels in the fifth battle Wednesday.

Gets the Tinware

Pel Ballenger, third baseman of the Colonels, will not play in the remainder of the series and probably is through at Louisville. He was given orders to leave the Colonels when the club reached here. Ballenger, it is said, broke training rules and is reported to have disgraced himself on the Colonel special sleeper by parading clad only in underwear, despite the fact women were aboard. Efforts of McCarthy, other players and newspaper men to "tame" Ballenger, failed, it is said.

Owner Knebelkamp of the Louisville team, who was on the train, backed Manager McCarthy in the suspension of Ballenger, and said he would sell the player if he didn't get anything for him but a baseball bat.

Acosta on Sick List

With Ballenger gone, Gaffney, a sub, will play third. The Colonels will be handicapped further by the illness of Outfielder Acosta.

Several Colonels this morning attempted to induce Manager McCarthy to overlook Ballenger's misconduct, but the Louisville boss refused. President Hickey of the American Association, here for the series, approved the action of McCarthy in banishing Ballenger.

Ballenger was one of the best, if not the leader, among A. A. third basemen the past season and he has been playing good ball in the AA series.

Record Sale for Army-N. D.

By Times Special
NEW YORK, Oct. 6.—Nearly two weeks in advance of the kick-off, ten thousand tickets for the Army-Notre Dame football game at the Polo Stadium, Oct. 17, were sold Monday through the offices of the Yankees.

This was the first day of the ticket sale for this game which probably will be the greatest drawing card of the season in New York City, except the Army-Navy game. The year's game between the same teams at the Polo Grounds and the stands were filled. The ticket sale Monday exceeded the greatest single day's sale of reservations for a world series or championship fight.

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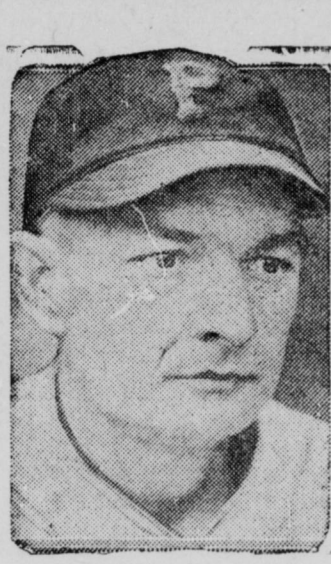
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Big Series Managers



Bill McKee, Pirates.



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TWO popular pilots are at the reins of the world's series contenders, Stanley (Buck) Harris, Senators, and Bill McKee, Pirates. Harris piloted his Indianapolis team to victory over the Giants last fall and carried the honor without assuming superior ways. McKee is a quiet veteran, a bench pilot. He played in Indianapolis in the old Fed League days and was the fifty-third-sacker of the Hoosier champions in the outlaw league.

The title event opens in Pittsburgh Wednesday—a nervous day for managers. Victory in the first game will mean much, especially to the Pirates, who have several youngsters filling regular berths.

UNITED PRESS SCRIBE STRINGS WITH CHAMPS

Greater Experience and Superior Infield Defense Leads Farrell to Pick Senators to Check Pirates.

By Henry L. Farrell
United Press Sports Editor

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 6.—After considering the relative pitching, fielding and batting strength of the principals in the world's series starting Wednesday, and the mental morale of the two champions, it is our guess 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, or than the Senators because of more quantity of good pitching, heavier hitting from eight men in the line-up, who are .300 or better and greater speed afoot, but a close analysis of the figures will show 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 .305. The Pirates had stolen 142 bases and the veteran Senators had stolen 132. There isn't any great difference in those figures.

Harris Knows Staff

When it comes to pitching it does seem the Pirates have more good pitchers than the Senators, but the Pirate 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 Buck 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 "Cl" 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. The difference between the winners and the losers 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 none of that when the Senators who have been through one terrific series and two last seasons.

The Pirates' path to the National League championship didn't test their gameness to any great extent. The Indiana League service men suffered helped Pittsburgh to win the pennant.

Harris 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 must have to knock down any infield strength in the National League like the Senators will present to them.

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PACKO IN ANOTHER LOCAL GO

Joe to Meet Welsh Next Monday—Wiggins Wallops Kansas Heavy.

Joe Packo, Toledo 166-pounder, a popular, willing mixer, is going to return to Indianapolis for another engagement next Monday night and his opponent will be Eddie Welsh, the South Bend knuckle duster, who can slug and take 'em through ten rounds without slowing down.

Billy Shine, Progress A. C. matchmaker, has signed the maulers for his main go at Tomlinson Hall and fans who have seen the boys before know there will be few idle moments. Packo and Welsh are the type that supply action, win, lose or draw.

New Albany Boxer

In the semi-windup next week Kewpie Trimble, Chicago 140-pounder, will be sent against Howard McClain, New Albany, over the eight-round distance. McClain is new to local rings, but is hailed around the Ohio River as a comer among the welters.

Promoter Shine plans a card of thirty-eight rounds calling for six bouts, one ten, one eight, two sixes and two fours.

At Casey Kimble's show at the hall last night Chuck Wiggins, local favorite, decisively outpointed Ralph Brooks, Kansas heavy, in ten rounds. Wiggins had every round and was never in danger. Chuck was fast and Brooks was fat and slow. The Kansas man gave up, however, and supplied Chuck with a good workout.

18 Pounds Difference

Brooks weighed 188 and Wiggins 180. The visitor didn't give much ground and kept knocking in on Chuck despite the fact he absorbed ten rounds of punishment.

In other bouts last night results were as follows:

Nails Moran, Chicago, knocked out Jack Fitzmorris, Milwaukee, in the second round.

Bill Bailey, Louisville, outpointed Eddie Smith, Indianapolis, in six rounds.

Billy Cecil, Louisville, shaded Joe Seully, Chicago, in six rounds.

Jimmy Murphy, Indianapolis, shaded Ray Meeks, Louisville, in six rounds.

Fitzmorris appeared to be a veteran, but he stood up and socked with Moran. Each scored a knockdown in the first round, but Moran was stronger and he knocked Fitzmorris cold in the second stanza. It was a wild scrap.

The Murphy-Meeks and Cecil-Seully bouts were filled with action and pleased the fans. Bailey scored a knockdown on Smith and that entitled him to the honors. Cooley, Webster and Mitchell refereed. A fair-sized crowd was present.

CITY SERIES

Cubs and White Sox Start on Wednesday.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Oct. 6.—The Cubs of the National League and the White Sox of the American loop will start the annual Chicago city series Wednesday with the White Sox the favorites. Alexander will hurl for the Cubs and Blankenship for the White Sox in the first game.

BRIGHTWOODS VS. FORT

The Brightwood Premiers will play Ft. Harrison football team next Sunday at Premier field, Twenty-First and Dearborn Sts., at the end of the Brookside car line. Last Sunday the Brightwoods downed the J. C. team, 6 to 0. The Brightwoods would like to hear from Gosport and Jasonville. Address Joe Zimmerman, 2806 N. Dearborn St.

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Pittsburgh Has Youth and Power, Washington Experience and Spirit

—Short Series No Test.

By Billy Evans
Veteran Big League Umpire
Who is going to win the world series? Seven National League managers have picked Pittsburgh, while eight American League leaders have named Washington. John McGraw says it's a toss-up. Loyalty usually sways the managerial judgment in picking the winner.

I regard Pittsburgh as one of the greatest teams that ever has represented the National League in the World Series.

Pittsburgh can hit, has a world of speed and boasts very capable pitching. It richly deserved to win the National League pennant.

Likewise, Washington is a great ball club, the best in the American League. There has been no fluke connected with the victory of either club. The World Series clash will be a battle between the two logical contenders.

Stack Up Even

It is my opinion that seldom, if ever, have two more evenly matched clubs met in the fall classic.

A careful analysis of the strength and weakness of the two teams probably would give Pittsburgh a slight edge. The Giants went into the series of last year with an admitted margin, but didn't win.

No one knew in advance that the Washington groundkeeper would have two pebbles in his shoe proper spot to turn apparently easy outs into bashes. Those two pebbles had much to do with deciding the issue.

Also there was no advance dope on the fact that in the final inning of the deciding game "Hank" Gowdy would trip over his mask and fail to catch an easy foul fly from "Muddy" Ruel's bat.

No one knew that Fate would then step into the picture and ordain that Ruel should take advantage of the slip by cracking out a two-bagger, the forerunner of the winning tally.

It is baseball tradition that the better team does not always emerge the victor in a World Series.

NOT A TRUE TEST
I do not believe there is a distinct margin of superiority between the two clubs on which one could definitely pick the winner. After all, a short series is not a true test.

I look for the breaks again to play a most important part in the final outcome. The best of our country's best players that cannot be overlooked in a seven-game series.

The averages show Pittsburgh has more power at the bat, but players seldom run true to form in the blue ribbon classic. Often some ordinary batsman is the shining star.

Pittsburgh has more speed, but Washington is far from being slow. In a short series speed, from the standpoint of pitching bases, is a debatable asset. With each game meaning so much, managers often go to safety first methods rather than to the take-scare kind.

Pitching is always the most important factor.

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BIG TEN FOES FOR HOOSIERS

Butler Meets Illini Saturday, Indiana Tackles Michigan, Franklin at Wisconsin.

Three State college teams will meet Big Ten opposition this week. Butler is working hard for the Illinois game at Urbana. Indiana University opens its western conference schedule against Michigan, at Ann Arbor, the first grid meeting between these two schools since 1902. Franklin has a task ahead at Wisconsin.

The Butler contest with the Illini is getting to be an annual affair. It is the fourth year the locals have made the trip to the gridiron of Coach Zuppke's eleven. While the gridirers are preparing on the field the rooters are planning for a regular invasion.

A special train will leave Saturday morning with a reduced round trip fare. The band, all dolled up in new uniforms, will make the trip and the "howling hundred" will be tuned up for the occasion.

Illinois has never forgotten the surprise defeat administered by Butler in 1922 and is not taking the contest as an easy battle.

I. U. appears to have just a fair team this year and Michigan rules heavy favorite. The Wolverine showed power last week in its game with the Michigan Argies. A sell-out is reported at Ann Arbor for the scrap.

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