

# 'OLD BABE' STROLLS IN

## Ruth Greeted as He Joins Happy Yanks

Band Plays and New Idols Shout as Former King Comes Home.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—It was about nine o'clock in the evening. We were all sitting around in the grill room of the Commodore Hotel. It was a victory dinner for the Yankees. They had just beaten the Giants in the World Series.

One by one the Yankee stars drifted in. Nobody seemed to no-

tice them very much. They paid more attention to an elderly, pudgy gray-haired man who was wearing glasses. He looked different with his glasses on. Somebody asked him if he was playing the sun here.

This was Col. Jacob C. Ruppert, the owner of the Yankees who was tossing the victory dinner. He seemed to be very elated. His Yankees had won the Series in six games. This was bad for his Yankees. They had beaten the Pirates, the Cardinals and the Cubs in four straight in the previous play-offs.

It was a great record. No other winning team had ever done that before. He was proud that his Yankees were so powerful. He hoped they would be just as powerful this year. They weren't. But he was still proud. A lot of people who knew him were proud of him too. He was a genuine sportsman.

These people knew about the World Series arrangements. They knew that the ball players got most of the dough in the first four games. They knew, too, that the only chance the club owner had to make any dough out of the series was for it to go beyond four games.

They were thinking of Horace Stoneham, the young owner of the Giants, at the same time. They knew that young Stoneham felt the same way—that he was more a baseball enthusiast than a magnate. It would have given him quite a belt to knock off the favored Yankees in four straight—and they were the favorites.

### The Babe Drifts In

Well, anyway it is about 9 o'clock and we are sitting in the grill and suddenly there is a stir at the head of the stairs. Everybody asks, "Is this Gehrig?" "Is it McCarthy?" It turns out that it is an old Yankee ball player. A guy who is no longer on the pay roll. In short, it turns out to be Babe Ruth.

The Old Babe can't stay away from the victory dinner. The Yankees have won a tough series—much tougher than it figured to be, and the Old Babe wants to come down and sit with the fellows and tell them how happy he is. This is the same Old Babe who made the Yankees what they are today in the public mind, the same Old Babe who practically built the magnificent Yankee Stadium.

He is pretty well fixed as the average man goes in the matter of money. At least he doesn't have to worry. But he is not Col. Ruppert. He doesn't own breweries and apartment buildings. He is no millionaire. He is, at the moment, just an ex-Yankee.

Greeted by Colonel

The man who meets and greets him at the head of the stairs is the Colonel himself and the Colonel escorts him to his table. The Old Babe is red-faced with pleasure. Turning over in his mind must be the Yankees' terrific attack in the ninth inning when they murdered the Giants, scored seven runs, and virtually made a joke of what was supposed to be the most dramatic moment of the playoffs. How he would like to be in there!

The Old Babe wanted to manage the Yankees. He can blame nobody but himself that he didn't get the job. With all that too impetuosity—and that is a mild word—he came in and demanded the job over the head of McCarthy. This is very unwise. The Colonel is not a guy that can be rushed, and to him a contract is a contract—and he still had a contract with McCarthy that ran another year.

But all that was forgotten last night. It was forgotten when the large, bulky figure of Ruth appeared at the head of the stairs and among the first who rushed up to greet him was the Colonel. And at the moment everything seemed to be forgotten by the Old Babe.

This was the crowd he had grown up with in baseball. They had just won a World Series. He wanted to come down and have a sip with them.

### Cheers for the Veteran

The band stood up and played "Take Me Out to the Ball Game." The crowd stood up and cheered. The Old Babe took his bow, sat down and said—"I thought you was gonna make fifty runs in that ninth inning, and why didn't you?" Somehow this incident gave me as great a kick as anything I saw in the ball game. Maybe I'm just an Old Babe lover. But it was a nice gesture, wasn't it? And now for the ball game. Or rather the series. While the Yankees won the classic the Giants have nothing but credit coming to them. And that is true. But the Giants should never have been in the series. They are a bad ball club. They staggered into the National League championship. They got there because two better ball clubs, the Cards and the Cubs, collapsed.

But that is baseball. The fact is they did wind up in the series. Most of us said they couldn't win. We said the Yankees had too much power, too much pitching and too much speed. Only the breaks could save the Giants. Well, as it turned out the breaks came well to saving them. The Giants were beaten, but not badly.

## New Star Tops Hitters



## Yanks Hoist Fifth World Series Flag

### American Leaguers Crush Giants With Power in Final Drive.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Joe McCarthy, who never played a big league baseball game in his life, hoisted the fifth world's champion pennant over his New York Yankees power house today.

There were some who doubted momentarily, just how much voltage those Yankee dynamos could generate when the New York Giants, playing before 38,427 cash customers in the final game of the World Series yesterday, started off with a two-run lead in the first inning.

But the same high tension frequency with which the Yanks showed the entire National League into submission this year was soon into play and Bill Terry's boys were left gasping under a 13-to-5 score that gave the 1936 classic to the McCarthy team, by four games to two.

Shafter Owns Record

The Yankee wrecking crew, which already had amazed the statisticians by putting up a new World Series record of 18 runs in one game to the Giants' 5, drove home 7 of their 13 runs yesterday in the ninth inning to clinch the championship and break their own world record for last inning tallies.

This was the second world championship to fall to Manager McCarthy and it was witnessed by one of the smallest crowds of the series. Nevertheless, the crowd brought the aggregate attendance to 302,924, a record for six games, and the second highest ever attained in any World Series.

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### Hang Up Records

The Yankees crushed one record after another this year to ascend baseball's highest pinnacles.

Swinging into the World's Series they lost the first game to the Giants through a combination of rain, mud and too much Carl Hubbell. On the next day they scored 18 runs against the National League pennant winners, five runs more than ever scored before in a World Series game.

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