

1st Series Game Is Remarkable---But The Fans Yawned



SAFE OR OUT?—This was the most disputed play in yesterday's first World Series game in Boston. Lou Boudreau, Cleveland shortstop, is shown just after he tagged Phil Masi, Braves, as Masi slid head first back into second in the eighth inning. Umpire Stewart ruled the runner was safe, Boudreau claimed he made the tag before Masi clutched the base. Picture shows Masi with hand on bag and ball in Boudreau's hand after he had brushed the runner with glove. Masi scored the game's only run, with two out, when he tallied a moment later on Tommy Holmes' single.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By EDDIE ASH

A FORMER Indianapolis Indian, Myron (Mike) McCormick, did his bit for the Boston Braves yesterday and had a hand in getting the lone run of the game around the bases as Johnny Sain pitched for the Cleveland Indians. McCormick, who is not a consistent hitter, was first up in the eighth and worked Bob Feller for a base on balls. . . . A pitcher's luck usually becomes all bad when he walks a weak hitter. . . . This brought up McCormick, who always was good at laying down a sacrifice bunt. . . . And he didn't fail Manager Billy Southworth this time. . . . McCormick's sacrifice put Phil Masi, running for Salkeld, on second. . . . In position to score. . . . with but one out. . . . Manager Lou Boudreau signaled Feller to walk Eddie Salkeld to set up a double play. . . . Then Sibby Sisti, also a former Indianapolis Indian, got into the picture as a pinch runner for Salkeld, whose legs are not what they used to be before his midseason ankle injury. . . . Sain, next up, was no pushover at the plate and avoided hitting into a possible twin-killing by lining the ball to the outfield, to Walt Judnick in right, who made the catch and held the runners to their bases. . . . You know the rest of the story. . . . Tommy Holmes stepped up and batted in the winning run. . . . McCormick played a splendid game in center field, had five put-outs, and one was after a run to deep left center.

AN INDIANAPOLIS delegation will depart for Cleveland tonight to watch the American League end of the World Series. . . . President Owen J. Bush and Business Manager Ted Sullivan of the home-town Indians will head the party. . . . Tribe Vice President Frank E. McKinney attended the games in Boston with a Pittsburgh Pirate delegation and will move out to Cleveland tomorrow. . . . IN THIS department's opinion, it's better than an even money bet that Frank C. Lane, American Association president, will become the new general manager of the Chicago White Sox. . . . He has been denying the rumors but that doesn't mean he isn't in the running for the high-salaried job. . . . Lane served the American Association well and there are no complaints. . . . He has been one of the best in the history of the league. . . . Sorry to see him go. . . . but the difference in salary is too great to pass up. . . . WRITING IN The Times prior to the start of the Cleveland-Boston Braves title play, Rogers Hornsby predicted early use of the sacrifice by both teams. . . . He knew his baseball. . . . In the first game the American Leaguers sacrificed once and a second try failed. . . . The National Leaguers sacrificed twice and the second bunt helped win the inaugural. . . . LAST FALL, in their first two starts, the Chicago professional Bears lost to the Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Cardinals. . . . In this new grid season the Bears launched a campaign of vengeance and thumped both rivals decisively in early games. . . . The Bruins are at home (Wrigley Field) this Sunday against the Los Angeles Rams, another foe that knocked 'em out in 1947. . . . LOU KUSSEROW, fullback, and Gene Roskides, quarterback, Columbia aces and potential all-Americans, are playing together for a fourth year. . . . They go against Yale Saturday. . . . Kusserow, who stands 6 feet and weighs 190, is a consistent scorer, and Roskides is a tricky T-formation artist, capable of generating and carrying on a fast passing attack.

Culver Gridders Face K. M. I. in Home Opener

CULVER, Ind., Oct. 7—Culver Military Academy's football team will play the opening contest on the local gridiron when they meet Kentucky Military Institute Saturday in a homecoming football game. The visitors boast a record of 13 straight victories. Culver won 20-6 over Shattuck Military Academy at Fairbault, Minn., last Saturday.

BEAT THE EXPERTS

Football Entry Blank

Here are what I think will be the probable winners and scores in the football games selected for the Oct. 9 week-end in The Times' BEAT THE EXPERTS Contest.

Purdue	Michigan
Indiana	Texas Christian
Notre Dame	Michigan State
Western Reserve	Butler
Wabash	Case
Illinois	Army
Northwestern	Minnesota
Ohio State	Iowa
California	Wisconsin
Yale	Columbia
Cornell	Harvard
Duke	Navy
U. of Pennsylvania	Princeton
Mississippi State	Clemson
Georgia	Kentucky
Mississippi U.	Vanderbilt
Texas	Oklahoma
Washington (Seattle)	UCLA

The entrant submitting the most winners and scores closest to the actual results of the games listed will receive a cash prize of \$25. The contest is offered ABSOLUTELY FREE as a public service. Sports Editors of The Times. You may submit your entry on this blank or a reasonable facsimile thereof. The decision of the judges will be final and no entrance become the property of The Indianapolis Times.

Entries must be postmarked not later than midnight Friday, Oct. 8, and brought to The Times by that time. Address entries to: BEAT THE EXPERTS, Indianapolis Times, 214 W. Maryland St., Indianapolis 5.

Only one entry may be submitted by an individual in one week, but all members of one family may enter. Anyone may complete except an employee of The Times and members of their families.

11 Drill for Jets Starting Spots

Eleven candidates for starting spots with the Indianapolis Jets Basketball Association of America member, will complete their first week of daily workouts today in the Butler University Fieldhouse. The team opened drills Oct. 1.

Manager Bruce Hale said that he plans three-hour drills seven days a week, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The Jets will open the season against the St. Louis Bombers Monday night, Nov. 1, in the Fieldhouse.

Included in the present lineup are seven All-America cagers. The others undergoing conditioning exercises under Hale's direction include: Dick Wehr, Charlie Black, Andy Kostecka, Price Brookfield, Marty Fasag, Fritz Nagy, Jim Springer, Pete Mount, Fred Lewis and George Glumack.

Late Arrivals

Three additional team members, including Ray Lump, are expected to arrive in the city soon. Lump is on his way here after taking his wife to her home in New York to await the arrival of a baby. All but two members of the team—Wehr and Kostecka—are married. Hale pointed out.

Through the boys are working out in hopes of breaking into the Jets' lineup, Hale said.

"We're trying to build a young team who will be together and stay together," the manager-player-coach said. Like most managers he further voiced apprehension of the "tough league competition the Jets will encounter this season."

The Jets will wind up pre-season drills with a two-week exhibition schedule the last of October.

Wabash to Meet Case Institute

CRAWFORDSVILLE, Ind., Oct. 7—Riding on the crest of last week's 14-0 victory over Carroll College, Wabash will meet Case Institute of Cleveland Saturday in a homecoming football contest.

Coach Glen W. Harmon is spending the week drilling the Scarlet eleven in ball handling and pass defense as well as ground defensive measures. Wabash's pass defense, weak enough to lose the opening game with Southwestern, also was ragged during the first half of the Carroll game. It improved sharply in the second half, however.

Two Little Giant backs remain on the injured list. Frankie Roman of Gary, first string quarterback, still is benched with a rib injury. Joe Dooley, fleet reserve back, has a leg injury. Neither dropped against Carroll. Case dropped a 26-13 decision to Lehigh University last week.

Saints, Royals In 2d Series Game

ST. PAUL, Oct. 7 (UP)—St. Paul and Montreal clash tonight in the second game of baseball's Little World Series, with Dan Bankhead of the Saints and Jack Banja of the Royals the probable pitchers.

The game originally was scheduled for last night, but rain and cold weather forced postponement. St. Paul captured the opener Tuesday night, 4 to 0, behind the five-hit pitching of Pat McClothin.

Montreal, winner of the International League playoffs, was figured as a slight favorite when the series began, even though the American Association representative has won 17 of the 28 series played so far.

Pitchers' Duel Fails To Provide Action

Feller Hurls 2-Hitter and Loses, but Folks In Stands Wanted to See More Base Hits

By JOE WILLIAMS, Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

BOSTON, Oct. 7.—They talk about the good old days. We had one of them yesterday in the first game of the World Series, a pitcher's battle. Bob Feller of Cleveland allowed only two hits, yet lost the ball game. Johnny Sain of the Braves allowed a miserly four and won. The score was 1-0.

That's how they used to play baseball in the days of Cy Young and Honus Wagner. From time to time you hear the complaint: "The rabbit ball. Why it has made a farce of baseball. What has become of the classic pitching duels of yesterday?"

Well, they turned back the pages of history here yesterday. It wasn't until the eighth inning that a score was made. As it turned out it was the only score of the ball game. And if you liked pitching, if you liked to see one man, either Feller or Sain, dominate a whole team, you had a marvelous show for yourself. One of the best.

FEW World Series have produced a better exhibition of pitching. But do you know what happened? People actually yawned. Keep in mind this was the World Series.

It wasn't until the seventh inning when home fans customarily stand that there was any evidence of life and movement in the stands. People actually yawned. Keep in mind this was the World Series.

The point is that pitching duels are outmoded. The fans want action and base hits mean action. There are entirely too few. Yesterday, six all told. And not one for extra bases.

MAYBE THE answer is that baseball is a team game, and that you can't expect one taking charge. It deprives you of the opportunity to see the other eight, on each team, display their skills. I wouldn't really know. B-T this was a remarkable game from the standpoint of pitching. . . . nd, in the argot of the people yawned. . . . Imagine pitching a two-hitter and losing? Yes, that has happened before, and we all know about Bevens of the Yankees pitching a one-hitter and losing to the Dodgers. But just the same it is tough. And what effort is going to have on the Cleveland players? They got out of Feller one of his best games and yet it wasn't good enough.

It is unlikely that Lemon or Bearden, to name the two who follow in Manager Lou Boudreau's estimation, can do better, can improve on Feller's performance. It is a psychological letdown in a situation of this sort is not to be ignored.

FELLER, working in his first World Series, announcing in advance that he had only one unfulfilled baseball ambition. . . . "I want to win a World Series game." . . . Was not out-pitched. . . . The Braves got one run for their side. The Indians could get no runs for their side. Anytime you fail to get a run, you can't blame the pitcher. Nevertheless Feller must carry a large part of the blame. He put the winning run on.

For seven full innings it was a tense ball game. Sain had as much control of the ball game as Feller. It should be noted, too, that he was handicapped by poor support. His third baseman, with two errors, was strictly from bush and two balls went through the shortstop for base hits that were not completely authentic.

There were six innings when the Indians had men on the bases. At no time did a runner get beyond second. A great game, pitched and since he was able to rise above every emergency it was a better game than Feller's. Now let's get into the pay off inning, the eighth.

UP TO that time Feller had given only one hit. Rickert had hit him for a single in the fifth. The eleven men up, incidentally, had gone out in order. Now we come to the eighth. The Braves' catcher, Salkeld, is first up. Feller loses him and it's a base on balls. This catcher has a bad knee so a pinch runner is put in for him.

Everybody in the ball park knows what the next play is going to be. It has to be a sacrifice. This is the eighth inning and the score is 0-0. You play it close to the vest when you get into the closing innings. The sacrifice works and the Braves have a man on second in scoring position, one-down. Who comes up now? That little bundle of malle from Brooklyn. . . . Stanky. A right handed, hitter facing a right handed pitcher. This is supposed to be all in favor of the pitcher. What do you do now?

WELL, what happens is what they are still talking about here today. Stanky was given an intentional pass. You know what that meant? It meant that not only was the winning run on the bases but here was insurance.

Series Facts And Figures

BOSTON, Oct. 7 (UP)—Facts and figures on the 1948 World Series:

Yesterday's attendance—40,135.

Yesterday's Total Receipts—\$180,122.22.

Commissioner's Share—\$27,018.33.

Players' Share—\$91,862.33.

Clubs' and Leagues' Share—\$61,241.56.

Records Set—None.

Records Tied—ONE: Fewest number of assists in one game—Boston 3. (Equals mark set by Athletics 1930, Cardinals 1930 and Cardinals 1934).

TWO: Most number of putouts by outfielders in one game—Boston 15. (Equals mark set by Giants 1912).

Remaining Games—At Cleveland tomorrow, Saturday. If needed, At Cleveland Sunday, at Boston, Monday, Tuesday.

The Braves in the eighth inning, mind you, had placed another potential run on the bases. They were now in a position to win by two runs, and being the home team, they had their last bats. You've read that Holmes sliced a hit down the third-base line to score the one and only run. It isn't often that Holmes, a left-handed hitter, hits to left. I would not exactly call this a lucky hit. But I would call it a rather unusual.

Should Stanky have been in the lineup? I asked Rogers Hornsby. "Positively. Only one down. You put a guy on first base. You set up a double play. . . . You turn the corner and you bump into Dutch Reuther, a veteran who knows what time it is, too, and, he screams: "Not in a million years do I put Stanky on. A nickel bet and I give him a base on balls in the World Series? You aren't kidding me, are you?"

The score was 1-0. Feller lost two hits. Second guess it yourself.

First Game Box Score

CLEVELAND INDIANS

	AB	R	H	E
Mitchell, lf	4	0	0	2
Doby, cf	4	0	1	3
Boudreau, ss	4	0	0	2
Gordon, 2b	4	0	1	1
Keltner, 3b	4	0	1	1
Judnick, rf	4	0	0	2
Robinson, lb	3	0	0	1
Hegan, c	3	0	1	0
Feller, p	2	0	0	1
Totals	32	0	4	9

BOSTON BRAVES

	AB	R	H	E
Holmes, rf	4	0	1	0
Dark, ss	4	0	0	1
Torgeson, lb	2	0	0	4
Elliott, 3b	3	0	1	0
Rickert, cf	3	0	1	0
Salkeld, c	1	0	0	1
Masi, c	0	1	0	0
M. McCormick, cf	2	0	0	0
Stanky, 2b	2	0	0	1
Sisti, 2b	0	0	0	0
Sain, p	3	0	0	0
Totals	24	1	2	7

Record Daily Double Paid at Ohio Track

AKRON, O., Oct. 7 (UP)—The highest daily-double payoff ever recorded at a northeast Ohio track, \$2850 for \$2, was posted yesterday at Ascot Park here when two longshots, Monarch and War Coat, won the first and second races.

Monarch paid \$47.40 for \$2 in the straight betting, while War Coat refunded \$12.60.

Derby Track Proposal

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 7 (UP)—Churchill Downs officials had little comment today on the report the famous track might be operated for the benefit of the University of Louisville Medical School, except to say no action would be taken until after the spring meeting of 1949.

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BEST GRID PICKER—Mrs. Norma McCray is happy today because she proved to be a better picker of grid winners than her husband, Emmett McCray, and 2000 other fans in The Times BEAT THE EXPERTS contest.

Woman Is Grid Expert, It Must Be Intuition

By ART WRIGHT

A housewife won the \$25 first prize in the first week of The Times BEAT THE EXPERTS contest of football predictions.

Mrs. Norma McCray, 1719 Thaddeus St., got her biggest thrill in winning from the fact that she "beat" her husband, Emmett McCray, stock manager of the Standard Grocery's Super Market at 2740 Madison Ave.

Mrs. McCray picked 14 winners, including two tie games she called in the 18-game lineup for the first week of the contest. She called the ties in the Tennessee-Duke and the Baylor-Mississippi State games.

Mr. McCray picked 10 winners and didn't call any of the tie games.

"I showed my husband my selections while he was filling out his entry," Mrs. McCray said. "He said they looked all right to him, but it wasn't the way he would pick them."

An ardent football fan when she attended Manual Training High School, Mrs. McCray doesn't have an opportunity to attend games now because of two small children.

The BEAT THE EXPERTS competition is the first contest she ever won, although she "is always entering some contest or other."

The deadline for entries this week is midnight Friday. The entry blank in The Times or a reasonable facsimile must be brought to The Times or postmarked by that time.

Another \$25 will be awarded to the entrant selecting the most winners this week.

Pheasant Hunting Dates Are Set

The pheasant hunting season closed last year in Indiana, will be opened three days this year, beginning Nov. 11.

John H. Nigh, director of the Indiana Department of Conservation, has announced the Nov. 11-13 dates and a bag limit of one cock pheasant per day. No hen pheasant may be killed and it shall be unlawful for any person to possess more than three cock pheasants after three days of hunting.

Quail and rabbit seasons will open Nov. 15.

Two Teams Needed For Big 6-Cage Loop

The Big Six Industrial basketball league needs two more teams to round out pairings. John Turner, secretary of the East District WMCA, announced last night.

Opening its seventh season, the league will operate at the Howe High School gym. Present members are Allison, U. S. Tires, J. D. Adams and E. C. Atkins. Further information contact Turner, IR-9100.

Entry Blank Times Fishing Rodeo

Bryant's Creek Lake, Morgan-Monroe State Forest (On U. S. 37, south of Martinsville) Saturday, Oct. 9—8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Here is my entry for The Times Fishing Rodeo. I agree to abide by the rules and I realize that the decision of the judges is final in awarding of prizes.

Name Phone

Address

Age (If over 21, write adult—this information is needed to determine classification for prizes).

Series Score Foreseen By Third Grade Pupil

NEW YORK, Oct. 7 (UP)—Charles Hankinson, 7, first baseman for the third grade team at Public School 165, has taken on considerable stature as a baseball prophet today.

Before the World Series began, Charles announced, to the jeers of his school friends, that the Boston Braves would win four straight games. He went out on the almsheet of lumps by predicting also the exact score of each game.

His prediction for the first game: Boston 1, Cleveland 0.



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Bases on Balls Spelled Doom For Feller

Sain Made Good Use of Slider

By ROGERS HORNSBY

As Told to JOHN P. GARRICHAH

BOSTON, Oct. 7.—You remember that old story they tell of George Stallings, who managed the Braves in 1914. When he lay on his death bed, he was asked what put him there and he whispered: "Bases on balls."

Well, that's what happened to Bob Feller in the first game of this World Series. He only gave two unintentionally, but that second set by the Indians whistled.

It was a perfect day for a 1-0 game. The wind was blowing steadily, which took all the power away from the Indians. Boston's outfielders had to come in on some well-hit balls and they made 15 putouts, which ties a record set by the Giant outfield of 1912.

Pitched Carefully

I said before the series started that Johnny Sain might win one here. He pitched carefully, didn't walk a man and made good use of a slider. He never threw any two pitches at the same speed.

I still think Cleveland will win in five games, because it has the better team, but the type of day was the equalizer between a strong team and a weak-hitting one when both had good pitching.

You got to hand it to Feller. He was behind on only four hitters and several times he got the Braves on one or two pitches. You can't second guess Manager Lou Boudreau in that eighth either, when he ordered Eddie Salkeld passed after Salkeld had walked and been sacrificed.

Keep Ball Outside

Sure, Sain was right-handed against the same type of pitcher and Feller had disposed of Sain, but Sain was out of the inning without Tommy Holmes coming up. But you got to put a guy on base with the pitcher's so-called "so-called" especially if first is open (to set the stage for a double play), and you also know the other manager (Billy Southworth) isn't going to yank the guy for a pinch-hitter.

Feller pitched smartly to Holmes. He kept the ball outside so Holmes could not pull it, but I could see Tommy trying to poke it to left field and he finally got enough of the ball to slide it past third for a base hit.

Cleveland might have scored in that fourth if Ken Keltner's drive to left with a man on second hadn't been foul by inches. But if it hadn't been for Elliott's error, the Indians would have got only four men on base, so they didn't have many chances.

Speedway

Three all-played tomorrow.

Half-Foot

A pair of the other leading the as the prep.

Frank M. with 36 points, commanding scoring race, carri has tallied 100 points in two games.

Weaver has touchdowns in five games.

Close behind is Jack E. tied with 34.

Mark, with four touchdowns, fouring games.

"Konnie K. second in points and ver's learning.

Left in the lead, leaders in follow:

Wagner, Lawrie, King, Spedward, Burt, Lawrence, Mercer, Pike, Wheeler, South, Williams, Galt, Tremain, Pike, Crawford, Spur, Winkler, Sier, Curran, Warren, Roseberry, W. Kuykendall, S. Dole, Beech, C. Meyer, Spedward, McQuinn, Spedward, Meyer, Lawrence, J. Smith, Lawrence, Rios, Decatur.

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