Pitching and Not Hitting May Be Decisive Factor in Coming World Series

Senators Have Edge on Giants' Pitching Staff

"Big Four" of Washington Corps, Johnson, Zachary, Mogridge and Marberry Expected to Go Good.

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—With Walter Johnson, veteran ace of Washington's sharp-shooting corps, as the outstanding figure, pitching may be the decisive factor in the 1924 world series between the Senators and the New York Giants.

Until recent years, twirling was usually the most potent factor, but with the advent of the lively ball and the Babe Ruthian home run era, baseball strategy shifted. Pitching, of course, continued to figure largely, but it has been the speed and power of attack that decided the last three world championship battles between the Giants and Yankees.

John McGraw won the premier baseball crown in both 1921 and 1922 from the Yankees with the effectiveness of his offensive. His hurling staff both years was rated inferior to the "five-star" Yankee corps. Last year, it is true, the utter collapse of the Giant moundsmen hastened the Yankee victory, but the mighty bats of the Hugmen were the most potent influence.

This year, however, with a less lively ball, pitching may come into its own again. The "big four" of the Washington staff, Johnson, Zachary, Mogridge and Marberry, put the club in front, although it was attacking power that kept it there in the final drive. Supporters of the Senators, figuring they have the edge on the Giants in the box, believe twirling will carry Washington's first pennant winners to the greatest heights in the game, but Giant rooters are equally confident that Nehf, Bentley, McQuillan and Barnes will offer a potent rebuttal.

Whatever the merits of the rival twirling corps, however, interest will center in the achievements of Johnson, probably the only ball player of all time who rivals in popular esteem the former Giant marvel, Christy Mathewson. Johnson, a public idol, not only because of his brilliant playing record over an 18-year span, but also because of his sterling qualities as a sportsman, will pitch the first game for the Senators. Outside of the most rabid of Giant partisans, fans throughout the country will root for him in unison that day. Even the tense rival struggle for team honors will be lost in the all-vital question of what Johnson will do upon reaching the goal of his great career.

The Senators' chief hopes, too, will center around the big westerner whose speed ball has fanned more batters than any other pitcher in the game's history. If Johnson, after one of the most successful seasons he has ever had, can carry his old stamina and form into the series, Washington's chances will be in the ascendancy. Johnson, in his prime, has twirled and won three games on successive playing days. He performed that feat against New York in 1908. His arm could not stand such a strain now, but if he is able to bear the brunt of the Senators' mound work the Giants will find a difficult barrier to break down.

Johnson's major league record over 18 seasons is studded with marvelous achievements. He holds by a wide margin the world's strikeout record. With the completion of this season, he has passed the 3,200-mark and is practically 1,000 ahead of his nearest rival, Mathewson. He led the American league marksmen in this respect this year for the 12th time. Old-time baseball players say that when Johnson was in his prime, his "smoke ball" was virtually unhittable.

The "Kansas Cyclone," has won 359 games, only 13 less than Mathewson. With a tail-end club most of the time, Johnson's winning record is all the more remarkable. In 1913, his greatest year, he worked in 51 games, winning 36 and losing 7, putting his club almost singlehanded into second place, the highest position it ever held until this season. He won 16 consecutive games in 1912, an American league record which he shared with Joe Wood.

He also is the shutout king of all time by a wide margin, having run his record up to 107 this year. In 1913 he was not scored on in 56 consecutive innings.

Only "Cy Young has topped Johnson's record of service. "Cy" was in the majors 22 years, 12 in the National and 10 in the American, but Sir Walter holds the record for length of service in any one league, having spent all of his 18 seasons with Washington. Mathewson was 17 years in the National.

Johnson was born in Humboldt, Kan., and will be 37 next November 6, two days before his young manager, Stanley Harris, will reach his 28th birthday. Johnson, who stands six feet one inch and weighs 195, was with the Tacoma (Wash.) club for one season. The following year, 1907, he started with the Weiser (Idaho) club, but joined the Senators before the close of the season.

Jacksonville, Fla., Oct. 1.—Jimmy Murray of Atlantic City was given a referee's decision over Red Herring of Louisville at the conclusion of a 10-round bout here last night. Frankie Moran of New Orleans was an easy winner over "Kid" Kent of Savannah in an eight-round semi-final bout.

EDDIE'S FRIENDS

The Argument.

Iowa Varsity Shows Up Well in Practice Against Reserve Team

Iowa City, Ia., Oct. 1.—The Hawkeye gridders kept warm in spite of the chilly atmosphere last night in a hard scrimmage at the north end of the Iowa playing field. The varsity, wearing new uniforms, flashed the best brand of football it has played this year, the backfield men getting safely past the reserve first defense on practically every occasion.

Darrell Fisher, star halfback, is definitely out of the game Saturday and may be out for the remainder of the season. His absence from the lineup will be a great loss, for he was a steady player and a good punter and dropkicker.

Three men are in the running for Fisher's berth. Don Hines, Cedar Rapids star, played practically the entire practice with the regulars, but the speedy Schirmer may get the call because of his greater experience. Raymond Dauber is another veteran who is in the running for a regular berth, and was used for a time on the first team.

Don Graham seems secure at the other halfback and is doing some fine blocking. He is a shifty back and is a good man at carrying the ball.

Wesley Fry was given the afternoon to improve the accuracy of his toe in booting dropkicks across the bars of the south goal and Wilbur Scantlebury handled the football post with the varsity. Scantlebury is improving his drive on line smashes and made some fine gains last night.

Hogan and Brookins were used freely at Captain Parkin's quarter. Parkin looked good at quarter while he was in the game.

The personnel of the line remained unchanged last night and will probably be the same for the Oklahoma game Saturday. Hancock an Otte were at the ensd, Romey and Krasuski at the tackles, Olson and Fleckenstein at the guards, and Griffen at center.

Galloway, who had been playing tackle with the regulars before he was called to his home in Omaha Friday, reported again last night and did some brilliant defensive work as tackle on the seconds. He will make a strong bid for a regular post and should play for a time in the game Saturday.

Western League

Although the Western league has sent up a number of baseball players since the world war days, most fans have lost track of them. Emil Yde, last season Oklahoma City pitcher, who is now with Pittsburgh, is an exception. He has been kept in print on account of his performances in his first year under the big top. To date he has lost only three games.

Lil Stoner, another former Indian, hasn't been doing so well with Detroit this year. Yet he has a balance on the right side of the ledger, 10 wins and nine losses.

Boob Fowler, formerly of the Oklahoma City team, who couldn't stop a herd of sheep when he was attempting to shag around the Indian infield last year, has broken into 50 games with the Cincinnati Reds and is hitting .299.

Leo Mangum, last year with St. Joseph, who was sold to the White Sox this year by the Minneapolis Millers, with Grabowski, catcher, has not been going good. He was started four times when he first went up and lost all of the games. He has been used as a relief hurler once since. Grabowski is doing a little better and breaks into the lineup once in a while.

Ernie Maun, one of the stars of the Wichita club last season, has worked in 20 games with the Giants. He has been given credit for only one win and no defeat. He was used all of the time as a relief hurler.

Marty McManus, who helped Tulsa win a pennant in 1920, is batting .324 with the Browns and is playing a great game at second base.

Danforth, who helped Tulsa win a pennant in 1922, has won 14 games while losing 12 for the Browns this season. Vangilder and Pruett, two other former Tulsa hurlers, have won five and three, respectively, while losing nine and four.

Byron Speece, who went to Washington from Omaha last fall, has worked in 19 games, but has been given credit for but one game. That, however, has been marked up for a win by him.

Manush, an Omaha fence buster, has proved pretty much of a disappointment to Ty Cobb and instead of swatting around .340, as had been expected, has been able to do only .277.

Who Will Be Hero of 1924 Series?

Who will turn out to be the world's series hero of 1924? That is a question frequently asked, but never answered until the series is history.

Byron Speece

In several series unheard of players bloomed forth and grabbed the hero honors, while in other championship games a well-known player copped the title. But who will be the hero this year.

Perhaps it will be Byron Speece, former Omaha pitcher. Byron was sold to the Senators at the close of the Western league season last year. He hasn't made much of a showing with the Nationals this year, but just the same, "Bucky" Harris, manager of Washington, refused an offer of $5,000, cold, cold cash for Speece. Barney Burch made the offer.

Western league fans would like nothing better than to see Byron Speece's name listed among the heroes of world series contests.

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Grantham Stars in Cubs' Win Over Pale Hose

Former Buffalo Drives in Two Runs with His Homer and Americans Lose,

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—The Cubs of the National league won the first game of their series with the White Sox of the American league, 10 to 7. George Grantham, whose error last fall gave the White Sox the deciding game of the series, was the batting hero of today's contest. He smashed out a homer in the third inning, which sent two runners in ahead of him, and made it easy for Alexander. Weis also came through with a homer in the fourth inning, when the Cubs went on a batting rampage. Toward the finish Alexander weakened and the White Sox kept pecking away at him for all their runs. Lyons started for the American leaguers and was driven off the hill in the third inning. Connally checked the rally, but could not stop a renewal of the attack in the fourth. Sheely smashed two homers for the White Sox, the first with nobody on and the second with two mates on bases.

WHITE SOX	ab	h	po	a	e	CUBS	ab	h	po	a	e
Mostil cf	2	1	1	0	0	Adams ss	4	2	2	3	0
Ar'coa cf	2	2	0	0	0	H'cote cf	4	1	0	0	0
Hooper rf	5	1	2	0	0	G'tham 3b	5	2	1	3	0
Collins 2b	5	1	0	1	0	Weis rf	4	3	0	0	1
Sheely 1b	5	2	9	0	0	H'tnett c	4	1	2	0	0
Falk lf	4	0	3	0	0	Grigsby lf	4	1	2	0	0
Kamm 3b	4	1	1	2	0	R. B'tt 2b	4	0	0	7	0
M'C'n ss	3	0	1	2	1	Cotter 1b	4	1	19	1	0
xW. B'tt	1	0	0	0	0	A'ander p	4	2	1	2	0
Crouse c	4	2	7	2	0						
Lyons p	1	1	0	0	0	Totals	37	13	27	16	1
C'nally p	0	0	0	0	0						
xClancy	1	0	0	0	0						
C'gros p	0	0	0	0	0						
L'rette p	1	0	0	1	0						
xElsh	1	1	0	0	0						
Totals	39	12	24	8	1						

xBatted for Cvengros in fifth.
xBatted for McClellan in ninth.
xBatted for Leverette in ninth.
Score by innings:

White Sox	000 000 232—7
Cubs	013 500 1ex—10

Summary—Runs: Archdeacon, Collins, Sheely (2), Kamm, Crouse, Elsh, Alexander (2), Weis (2), Grigsby, Adams (2), Heathcote, Grantham (2). Two-base hit: Hartnett. Home runs: Grantham, Weis, Sheely (2). Stolen bases: Heathcote, Grantham, Grigsby, Archdeacon, Hooper. Sacrifice hit: Heathcote. Double play: Barrett to Adams to Cotter. Left on bases: White Sox, 5; Cubs, 8. Bases on balls: Off Connally, 1; off Alexander, 1. Struck out: By Lyon, 1; by Cvengros, 1; by Leverette, 3; by Alexander, 2. Hits: Off Lyons, 6 in 2 1-3 innings; off Connally, 3 in 1 1-3 innings; off Cvengros, 1 in 1 1-3 innings; off Leverette, 3 in 4 innings. Losing pitcher, Lyons. Umpires: Rigler, Hildebrand, Pfirman, Moriarity. Time: 1:42.

Memphis Evens Fort Worth Series

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 1.—Memphis, Southern association pennant winners, evened the count with Fort Worth (Tex.) league champions in the post season Dixie series for the southern baseball championship today by defeating the Texas leaguers, 4 to 3, in the sixth game of the series. The count for the series now stands: Fort Worth, 3; Memphis, 3. The final game for the title will be played here tomorrow.

"Pete" Wendell to Assist in Staging Omaha Bee Swim

One of the best known swimming instructors in this part of the country will assist The Omaha Bee in staging the first annual Omaha grade school boys' and girls' swimming meet at Technical high tank Saturday morning, October 4 and 11. This swimming instructor in question is none other than "Pete" Wendell, Nicholas-Senn hospital swimming teacher.

Pete Wendell.

What "Pete" doesn't know about swimming isn't in the book. Mr. Wendell has staged and assisted in staging several of the largest swimmng meets in this section of the country.

Next Saturday morning, starting at 10:15 o'clock at Tech high the grade school girls of Omaha will compete for individual medals and banners in the relay races. The Saturday following the boys of the grade schools will compete for medals and banners.

Pacific Coast League

Oakland, Cal., Oct. 1.—	R.	H.	E.
Salt Lake City	6	13	2
Oakland	5	7	2

Batteries: O'Neill, Singleton and Peters, Cook; Boehler and Read.

Los Angeles, Oct. 1.—	R.	H.	E.
Sacramento	0	5	1
Vernon	4	5	0

Batteries: C. Canfield and Poehler; Bryan and Hannah.

Seattle, Oct. 1.—	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	4	12	2
Seattle	9	10	0

Batteries: Rott, Myers, Ramsay and Spencer, Jenkins; Sutherland and E. Baldwin.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 1.—San Francisco-Portland, postponed, wet grounds.

Cot Tierney, captain of the Tulsa champions in 1920, is batting .258 while playing second base for the Boston Braves.

BUFFALOES TO PLAY AT FREMONT PARK

Fremont, Neb., Oct. 1.—One of the largest crowds ever gathered to witness a baseball game in Fremont is expected next Monday when this vicinity turns out for a glimpse of the Western league champions, the Omaha Buffaloes, scheduled to cross bats with the Chicago Union Giants in the first of a series of games to be played throughout the state.

Dodge county admirers of Nick Cullop, Mack, Bill Bailey and Stanton are anxious to see the Omaha players perform on the local diamond, and much speculation is already rife as to the number of home runs Nick Cullop can clout in the limited environs of the Sonin club park.

The following lineup for the Omaha team next Monday has been announced: Thompson, second base; Luebbe, leftfield; Cullop, first base; Bonowitz, centerfield; Wilcox, third base; Lenahan, rightfield; O'Neill, shortstop; Wilder, catcher. Mack, Bailey or Koupal will be on the mound, and perhaps all three.

BLUEJAYS TO HOLD TENNIS TOURNEY

Students of Creighton university have inaugurated a new style, autumn tennis, and 13 raqueteers of the Bluejay institution have signed up for the first fall tennis tournament. First round matches must be played off by Saturday.

The pairings:

Bill Marsh, bye.
Dowland plays Berger.
Berry plays Niemeyer.
Farr plays Delaney.
Sears, bye.
Shinstock, bye.
Wolff plays Quinn.
Shonlau plays Peterson.

Grantham, a former Omaha infielder, is batting .311 and is playing second base for the Chicago Cubs.

Rickard Loses on Wills-Firpo Mix

Trenton, N. J., Sept. 30.—Tex Rickard lost $5,005 in promoting the Wills-Firpo fight in Jersey City, according to a statement filed today with State Comptroller A. K. Bugbee, who is also state athletic commissioner. Total expenditures as set forth by Mr. Rickard in connection with the bout were $467,855 and the total income was $462,850. Firpo received $156,211 as his share of the receipts and Wills $150,000.

The federal tax was $46,285 and the state tax an equal amount. Juan Homs, Mr. Rickard's representative in the Argentine received $4,871 for salary and expenses. The health of the fighters was insured at a cost of $5,000 while $3,712 was paid for fire insurance and $5,285 for liability insurance.

Mr. Rickard spent $42,431 for repairs at Boyles Thirty Acres.

OMAHA LADS IN RIFLE SHOOT

Two Omaha boys, Robert Effenberger, 5062 Leavenworth street, and Richard George, 3910 North Eighteenth street, members of the Winchester Junior Rifle corps, unit 2312 of Kountze place, will compete in the National Individual junior rifle championship which begins today.

The local matches will be held in October, the state matches in November, and the national championship will be decided in December.

Richard Lee Bock of Bridgeport, O., has won the title twice. Last year it was won by Vernon Lee Beale of Keyser, W. Va.

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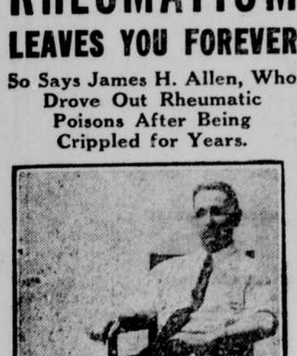

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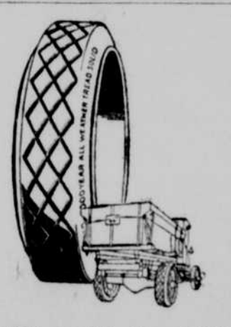

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