



# Omaha Bee Sports



## Giants Will Enter Series Weak in Utility

### New York Nationals Minus Good Infield Extras—Plenty Outfielders And Catchers.

By FREDERICK G. LIEB.  
"A team is as strong as its substitutes."

We once heard John McGraw, leader of the Giants, make this statement. It was at a time when the Giant leader had such utility men as Milton Stock, "Tillie" Shafer, Georgie Burns and Harry McCormick. The Giants team will enter the 1921 world series weaker in utility material than any club we have known in the last 10 years with the possible exception of the "Brooklyn" last year. McGraw is fixed with extra outfielders; he has more catchers than he needs, but every night is a prayer that nothing happens to any of the regular Giants' infield. An accident to Frisch or Bancroft would be nothing short of disastrous.

### Traded Extra Infield.

During the season McGraw traded away all his extra infielders, Peterson to Seattle and Monroe to the Phillies. The only utility infielder carried by the club late in the season is Howard Berry, the former University of Pennsylvania all-around athlete and a famous foot ball player. At college Berry was an outfielder, but McGraw has been working him in a bit at second base.

Gonzales, the Cuban catcher, plays a rattling good game at first base, though he isn't much of a hitter. He has substituted in a few games for "Long George" Kring. In a pinch, McGraw can bring in Burns to third base and Young to second. Young played the infield in the minors, and when he was with Rochester in 1917 he divided his time between second base and the outfield, but Ross has lost the knack of playing the infield. McGraw is well stocked with extra outfielders, in Cunningham, Brown and Stengel. Cunningham is a brilliant youngster, and was going well in center field before the club procured Meusel from Philadelphia. Brown, a weak thrower, has been dangerous as a pinch-hitter.

### Yanks Fixed With Utility.

The Yankees are far better fixed with utility strength than the Giants. Whether McNally or Baker plays third base, Huggins has a splendid man in reserve for the position. The Yanks also has a brilliant substitute for Peckinpaugh in Johnny Mitchell, formerly the Brooklyn shortstop of the Pacific coast league.

In the outfield Huggins has Bobby Roth, Wilson Fester and Nelson (Chicken) Hawks for reserves. Roth, a .360 hitter, was lapped up most of the season with water on the knee, but he again is ready to play whenever needed. Hawks, who might be playing regularly but for a poor throwing arm, is the fastest man in the big leagues today.

Fester, in addition to acting as utility centerfielder, also can fill in at second, third or short if the occasion demands. The Yankees have a team which can be shifted into several combinations. Ruth can play a bangup game at first and Meusel plays either first or third.

## Pirates Grab Second Place

New York, Oct. 3.—With the Major league base ball season passed into history, the eyes of the sporting world are turning toward the Polo grounds. There on Wednesday the Giants and the Yankees will begin their struggle for the title of world's champions.

The national league champions finished the season with a defeat by their old rivals, the Brooklyn Superbas, yesterday while the Yankees wound up by winning from the Boston Red Sox. Pittsburgh maintained second place in the national league by a victory over the St. Louis Cardinals and the St. Louis Browns today.

## Plainview Team Trims Wisner, 3-0

Norfolk, Neb., Oct. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Plainview defeated Wisner here in a challenge base ball game, 3 to 0. Batteries: Plainview, Fussell and O'Conner; Wisner, Wigginton and Kane.

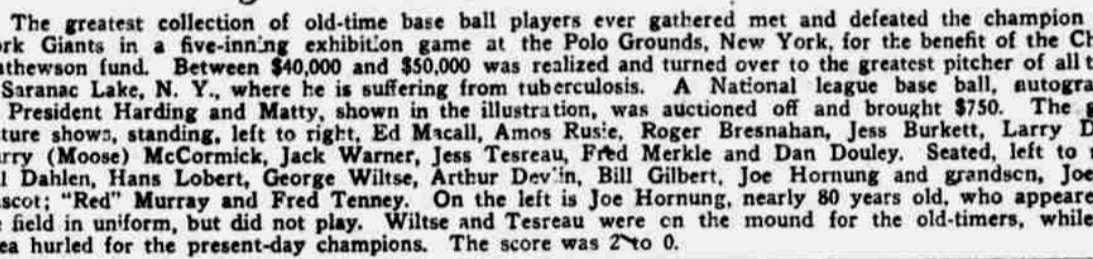
## Moriarty and Chill Appointed Umpires

Chicago, Oct. 3.—President Johnson of the American League today appointed George Moriarty and Ollie Chill as the American league umpires for the world's series.

## Diamond Stars of Yesteryear Play for Fandom's Idol



Joe Hornung.



Christy Mathewson.

The greatest collection of old-time base ball players ever gathered met and defeated the champion New York Giants in a five-inning exhibition game at the Polo Grounds, New York, for the benefit of the Christy Mathewson fund. Between \$40,000 and \$50,000 was realized and turned over to the greatest pitcher of all times, at Saranac Lake, N. Y., where he is suffering from tuberculosis. A national league base ball, autographed by President Harding and Matty, shown in the illustration, was auctioned off and brought \$750. The group picture shows, standing, left to right, Ed McCall, Amos Rusie, Roger Bresnahan, Jess Burkett, Larry Doyle, Harry (Moose) McCormick, Jack Warner, Jess Tesreau, Fred Merkle and Dan Douley. Seated, left to right, Bill Dahlen, Hans Lobert, George Witse, Arthur Devlin, Bill Gilbert, Joe Hornung and grandson, Joe, 3d, mascot; "Red" Murray and Fred Tenney. On the left is Joe Hornung, nearly 80 years old, who appeared on the field in uniform, but did not play. Wiltse and Tesreau were on the mound for the old-timers, while Pat Shea hurled for the present-day champions. The score was 2 to 0.

## Quigley and Rigler Named as National League Umpires

New York, Oct. 3.—President John Heydler of the National League today announced the appointment of Ernest C. Quigley and Charles Rigler as the National league umpires for the world series play, which begins here Wednesday.

## Stecher Will Meet Charlie Peters At Columbus Legion Show

Columbus, Neb., Oct. 3.—(Special.)—A telegram received here today announces the booking of Charles Peters, the Sappy county (Neb.) sheriff, to wrestle Joe Stecher here November 10. Peters held ex-champion Caddock for two hours to a draw last Thursday at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

## Anderson Defeats San Francisco Star

Berkeley, Cal., Oct. 3.—James O. Anderson, star of the Australian Davis cup tennis team, defeated Roland Roberts, San Francisco, in an exhibition singles match here today, 10-12, 6-0, 6-3.

In an exhibition doubles match John Strachan and Roberts defeated Anderson and J. B. Hawkes, also of the Australian team, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

## Statistics Don't Help Win Game, History Shows

### What Players Do In Regular Season of Combat Means Nothing In Series.

By FRANK G. MENKE.  
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OW is the time for all good men to rise up and quote statistics in an effort to show who's gonna win the world series in 1921. But what's the good of it?

History shows it doesn't mean anything. What men do in the regular season of combat has nothing at all to do with the business of world seriesing. Just because a man wallops 600 against American league slugging, it doesn't mean he'll do anything of the sort against the pennant winning hurlers of the National.

And just because a bloke has swiped 50 bases or so off National league catchers it doesn't follow that he'll do ditto—in ratio to games played—when performing against backstopers from the other circuit.

## High School Foot-Ball

Broken Bow, 7; Loup City, 6.

Columbus, 14; Albion, 0.

Madison, 18; Tilden, 12.

Gothenburg, 27; Lexington, 0.

Gothenburg, 21; Maxwell, 0.

## Giants Eligible for World Series Named

New York, Oct. 3.—Base ball-23 players, two coaches and Manager McGraw were announced at National league headquarters today as eligible for the world's series.

The list follows: Pitchers—Arthur Nehf, Fred Toney, Phil Douglas, Jess Barnes, Pat Shea, Harry Sallee, Bill Ryan and Cecil Cassey.

Catchers—Frank Snyder, Earl Smith, Alex Goston and Mike Gonzales.

Infielders—George Kelly, John Rawlings, Dave Bancroft, Frank Frisch and Walter Kopf.

Outfielders—Ross Young, George Burns, Emil Meusel, Bill Cunningham, Eddie Brown and Casey Stengel.

Coaches and Manager—Cozy Dolan, Hughie Jennings and John McGraw.

Peep into 1916.—In that whole year, which embraced something like 150 games, Harry Hooper, the outfielding Red Soxer, had punched out exactly one home run. Therefore, no one in the wide, wide world expected him to do anything in the matter of four-basing for the Red Sox.

Yet in the final game of the struggle between the Phillies and the men from Boston, Hooper belted out two home runs, which won the game and the world's title for his team.

Far back in 1907 when the Cubs were about to mingle with the Tigers in the blue ribbon classic of that year everybody told everybody else:

"This Fred Cobb is gonna bust up the series with his clubbing."

Cobb, thereupon, hit for .300. Cobb got three chances to garner world series glory—1907-1908-1909. He blew them all. Great player that he is, he never disported true to form in the big event of the base ball year, thus proving the fallacy of figures in picking the winner.

What happened in 1907, 1908, 1909, 1914 and 1915 has happened in every other series ever played. The unexpected always has transpired. Mighty stars have shone but dimly; the obscure have burst forth into radiant brilliancy.

Some folks will argue that because the Yanks are hitting .305 and the Giants .295 that the Yanks have the chinking edge. But there's no real logic in that because each team batted again different pitching—and there's no telling how they might have averaged if conditions were reversed.

Just because Carl Mays won 26 victories in the American league and made most of the opposition batters dizzy through their swinging efforts is no reason to assume that he positively will halt the Giant onrush. For is there any positive reason for the idea that Art Nehf will be as effective against the Yanks as he was against the men in the Heydler circuit.

## Foot Ball Facts Worth Knowing

By SOL METZGER.

1. May players on defense run forward before the ball is snapped?

2. Are there one or two lines of scrimmage?

3. Are these scrimmage lines merely lines or planes?

4. How may a ball be put in play after interference with a fair catch?

5. Are there any exceptions to the rule prohibiting players from lining up with any part of their bodies beyond the line of scrimmage?

6. Placers on defense may be motioned in any direction if they remain outside the line of scrimmage.

7. There are two lines of scrimmage, one for the team with the ball, the other for the team on defense.

8. The line of scrimmage for either team is a regular through the most end of the ball, parallel to the goal lines and perpendicular to the field of play.

9. The team interfering with is given ten seconds to get the ball in play by scrimmage or by kicking it by a punt, drop-kick or place-kick.

10. Yes, in the case of the man snapping the ball, he is permitted to have his head and his arm or arms used in holding the ball beyond the line of scrimmage.

## Ty Cobb Expects To Sign Two Coast League Players

Detroit, Oct. 3.—Ty Cobb, manager of the Detroit American league base ball team, on his departure tonight for San Francisco, where he will manage a winter league club, said he expected to acquire at least two players during his stay on the coast. He did not indicate who they were.

"I expect to return to Detroit next year in a managerial and playing capacity," he added.

Harry Heilmann, Tiger rightfielder, who engaged with his manager in a merry race for batting honors in the league, will leave for the coast later in the week to play winter base ball.

## Postpone Circuit Races

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 3.—Opening of the Grand circuit trotting meet here today was postponed to Tuesday because of track conditions following heavy rains last night.

## Coach Dawson Starts Secret Husker Practice

### Nebraska Pigskin Mentor Working Overtime Preparing Cornhuskers for Clash With Notre Dame.

Lincoln, Oct. 3.—Coach Fred Dawson drew a curtain about the practice of the Cornhuskers today, sliding the Nebraska foot ball practice from the sight of interested students and other citizens. While the coach is working his closed practice two weeks before the game with the Haskell Indians, it is plain to be seen that his aim is more distant and that he is preparing for the clash with Notre Dame three weeks off.

The Notre Dame-Nebraska rivalry which has existed for a number of years makes the clash with the Indiana squad the big game of the season for the Huskers. Pittsburgh, although a new team on the Husker schedule and, even though it is one of the large inter-sectional games of the year, does not attract the Nebraska student attention and interest nearly to the degree that the Notre Dame match has done.

The Husker mentor has been working out his backfield and line-men to a maximum, demanding the greatest amount of energy from his men. The contest for the tackle and halfback positions are in the balance with candidates of speed, weight and ability hungering for the jobs. Wright, Hartley, Russell, Hartman, Dewitz, Lewellen, Layton, Noble and Preston are making heroic attempts to cinch the four backfield jobs, while Pucelik, Lyman, Toft, Weller and several others are working like demons for the tackle jobs.

Nebraska's candidates this season provide the material for a wonderful machine, with heavy men after every job on the line and with speed, weight and brains working hard to nab the backfield positions. Haskell promises a speedy team for the Huskers, but regardless of the Husker-Haskell clash the chief thought of Nebraska remains centered on the clash with the Irish October 22 at South Bend.

## Los Angeles Clinches Pacific Coast Race

San Francisco, Oct. 3.—Los Angeles, defeating Portland, 12 to 3, at Portland in yesterday's first game clinched the Pacific Coast league pennant in the next to the last game of the season. Sacramento won second place, San Francisco third and Seattle fourth, with Seattle only 18 points behind the winners. The Los Angeles team had led the league for 22 weeks out of the 26 weeks.

## Hastings Women Win

New York, Oct. 3.—(Special.)—Hastings won out in the golf tournament with York women on the Country club links. Dinner was served to 57 out-of-town members at Hotel McCloud.

## Fans Dissect Outfield of Series Contenders—Figures Show Giants' Fielders Are Best Fly Chasers

New York, Oct. 3.—With the curtain rung down yesterday on the big leagues' annual production, "Chasing the Pennant," and with stars' dressing rooms occupied by the Giants and the Yankees, painted and ready for the next big show, fans retired to their homes to review the National and American leagues' season and give a thought or two to the classic which starts Wednesday at the Polo grounds. And New York fans in particular will give a thought or two to this series. It'll be as close to them as paper is to a wall.

The "series" is the talk of the town. Fans have waited a lifetime for just such a meeting, and idle moments are spent in trying to dope out the winner.

### Giants Best Outfielders.

Figures and complicated statistics may not mean a thing in the coming games, but you can't deprive a fan of his fun. If he would spend his time poring over batting, fielding and pitching records, let him "finger" them. He may hit the winner.

In weighing the chances of the world's series will be close.

### Landis Dopes, Too.

New York, Oct. 3.—Judge K. M. Landis, commissioner of base ball, believes the outcome of the world's series will be close.

"I look for a close, interesting series of battles," declared the Chicago jurist. "We may see nine games," he added.

two teams, one may spend all evening studying the averages of the two clubs' outfielders. You may array the percentages of Ruth, Miller and Meusel of the Yankees against those of Burns, Young and Meusel of the Giants and then just pick out your favorite group of outfielders.

But cold dope gives the statistical edge of the comparison to the Giants' outfielders as far as fielding is concerned.

### Ruth Best Fielder.

Averages which are compiled from all games played this season

## Postpone Second Inter-City Game

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—The Drive-It-Yourself and Hamilton-Brown game, scheduled today as the second contest in the inter-city series, was called off because of rain. The Woodmen of the World and Drive-It-Yourself teams left for Omaha this evening.

### 332 Their Pace.

That of the Giant outfielders is .332, while that of the Yankees is .324.

Will the 14-point difference make a lot of difference in the world's series?

In battling the Yankees' outfield have it on their rivals. The aggregate percentage of the Huggens is .332, while that of the Giants is .324.

It's little use trying to compare any of the other fielders with Ruth when it comes to batting, but Young, Burns and Meusel don't have their hands tied when they step to the plate.

## Centre Trying For Another Wonder Team

Danville, Ky., Oct. 3.—With 40 men practicing regularly, the foot ball outlook at Centre college this fall is a team that will be the equal of the great team of the last three years, in the opinion of college officials. There are a score or more of men who have had foot ball experience elsewhere, besides a number of veteran players.

The squad reported to Coach "Tiny" Thornhill on September 12, and with Captain Armstrong and "Bo" McMillan handling the backfield men immediately began work. Twelve of last year's squad reported for work. William N. Tansie, the veteran tackle bringing with him two Texas boys, E. L. Koker, a 192-pound tackle from Georgetown, Tex., and Roy Smith, a 195-pound tackle from Dallas.

Other veteran members of the squad are B. W. Croager, guard; J. B. Roberts, tackle; H. R. Snoddy, end; C. Rice, center; J. Murphy, halfback; T. M. Moran, halfback; J. P. Tanner, fullback; F. G. Bartlett, halfback; and George Chinn, guard.

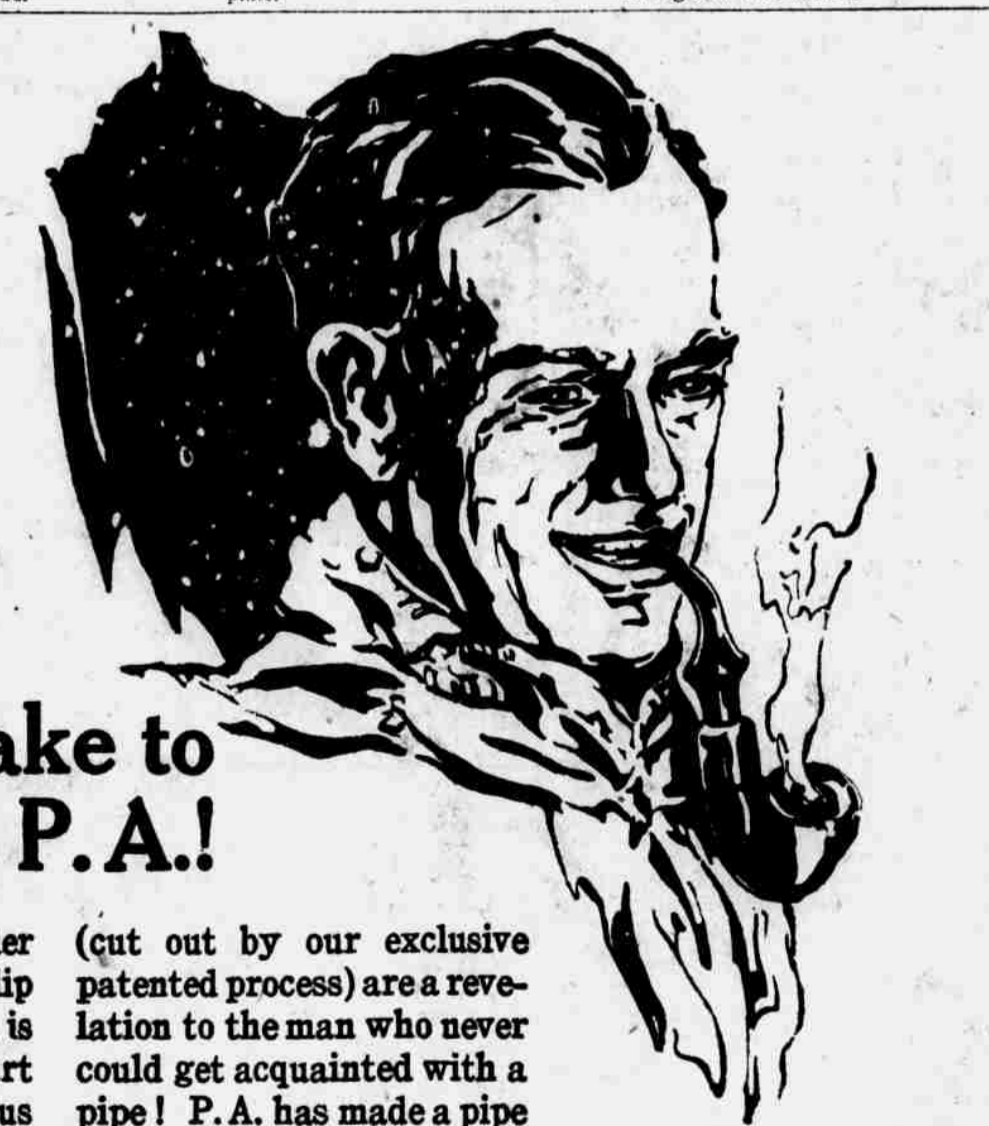
New men who have appeared on the field include Rhodes Ingerton, end, Amarillo, Tex.; Hope Huggins, end, Fort Worth, Tex.; Howard Lynch, Amarillo, Tex.; Weldon Bradley, end, Fort Worth, Tex.; H. Neff, halfback, South Pittsburg, Tenn.; George Jones, guard, Dallas, Tex.; Priest, end, Henderson, Ky.; Mince Gordy, fullback, Peoples Tucker School, Tennessee; J. A. Sharon, fullback, St. Louis, Mo.; Covington and Lenon, halfbacks, Mayfield, Ky.; Farmer, quarter, New York; Rubarth, tackle, Gatesville, Tex.; Reed, end, Mayfield, Ky.; Mumhall, Pittsburg, and Donald Dean, tackle, Pittsburg.

## Louisville and Baltimore to Open Series Wednesday

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 3.—Since the organization of the American association 20 years ago, Louisville prior to this year twice has won the pennant. The runners-up in the 1920 flag chase, strengthened by the addition of players from the Southern association, led since June 13, with Minneapolis the most dangerous contender.

The Louisville club will open its series with Baltimore here Wednesday to determine the class A. A. championship.

Managed by Joe McCarthy, who, with Jayson Kirke, first baseman, was the only other member of the team when it won the pennant in 1916, the club played consistent ball throughout the season.



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