

Reds Popular Choice to Take Baseball Classic

Open of Series Occurs Tomorrow

Cincinnati's Supporters Look to Derringer, Walters to Baffle Detroit Sluggers.

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CINCINNATI, Oct. 1.—(AP)—The Cincinnati Reds of the National League and the Detroit Tigers of the American League will meet here tomorrow in the opening game of the 1940 world series.

They will battle for two days here, shift to Detroit for three more days, and then return to Cincinnati for a day of rest, and then roll back here next Monday to settle the argument.

The title is settled by four out of seven, and most of those who follow baseball think the Reds and the Tigers are likely to go the limit. They appear to be evenly matched. Cincinnati's tight pitching against Detroit's distance hitting. Though it is far from conclusive, the most popular opinion is that the Reds are due to give the National League its first championship since 1919. It is difficult to say why the Reds are a popular choice. Perhaps sentiment has much to do with it. They took a quick, though gallant, beating from the New York Yankees a year ago. They recovered from that licking which was almost humiliating toward the last, to come back and capture their league batting again by a margin that left no doubt.

Umpires Hail Reds
Two National League umpires last night reflected the feeling about Manager Bill McKechnie's outfit:

"You're crazy if you bet against these boys," said one, while his companion nodded agreement. "They're tough, and I've umpired long enough to know. Maybe they look crippled right now, with Lombardi and Frey limping around. Maybe some bookmaker is offering odds against them. But don't let that fool you. These Reds are very hard to beat as long as they have a couple of fellows like Derringer and Walters serving up that apple."

It is seldom that one umpire—much less two—will let himself grow this enthusiastic about a ball team. As a class they are inclined to be skeptical by fall having spent the summer jawing with our noble athletes. So this might constitute a hunch. The National League's umpires have a powerful amount of respect for the Reds.

Neither pilot last night would name his starting pitcher. Manager McKechnie of the Reds said that Derringer and Walters would divide the first two games. Everyone knew that all along and the best guess is that Derringer will be wheeling them around for Greenberg and York and the other Tigers to hit at when the main shooting starts at 1:30 (EST) tomorrow. Pilot Del Baker of the Tigers said it would be either Schoolboy Rowe or Buck Newsom on the hill, and the general opinion was that it would be Newsom.

Otherwise, there was no great conjecture about the world series line-ups. McKechnie said he felt sure that Lombardi would start the first game behind the bat for the Reds, but he had no idea how long the big catcher's injured ankle would last.

He was equally unsure about Frey's chances of playing out the series at second base with a broken leg. But he was much more optimistic about winning the series than he was a year ago before his team bucked the Yankees. The Reds, to a man, do not have the same wholesome respect for the Tigers that they entertained for the Yanks.



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