

WHO WILL BE HERO OF SERIES?

In Every World's Contest Some Star's Playing Has Shone.

LAST YEAR IT WAS BAKER.

Two Home Runs by Athletics' Third Baseman Had Much to Do With Giants' Defeat—History of Those Who Have Starred.

Not the least interesting feature of the world's series of the past has been the flashing of some star or stars in the firmament of baseball. Dopists always find a considerable amount of pleasure, not to say interest, in wondering who will be the next star that will dazzle a multitude and sparkle for a nation.

In the first world's series, played between the Boston and Pittsburgh teams in 1903, it was Bill Dineen. The latter's great work in the box practically captured the honors for Boston. In 1905, when the New Yorks defeated Philadelphia for the premier honors of the diamond, Billy Gilbert's great batting and Christy Mathewson's brilliant pitching were the features. In 1906 George Roche's work at third, and particularly at the bat, made the Chicago Americans' victory certain over the Cubs. Frank Ishell of the Chicago White Sox was another to shine that year. It was his four two base hits in the fifth game of the series that helped to put the Cubs to rout.

O'Leary and Rossman of the Detroiters were the heroes of the Tiger games in 1907. In 1908 Johnny Kling of the Chicago Cubs was the big show; in 1909 it was Pitcher "Babe" Adams of the Pittsburghs. His great work in the box enabled the Pirates to defeat Detroit. In 1910 Combs, Bender and Baker of Philadelphia divided the honors.

Last year Baker of the Athletics was the hero. His two home runs in the series with the Giants will always be remembered by the fans. In the first game he fell down when a hit would have meant a run, but in the second game at Philadelphia he broke up the battle with a home run over right field fence, with a man on base. In the third game at New York, with one down and the Athletics one run behind in the ninth, Baker planted the ball into the bleachers and brought in the tying run.

Now that the Giants and Boston Red Sox are to play for the premier baseball honors, who will be the hero?

Of course no one can dope it out, but many experts think that it will be Joe Wood of Boston or Jeff Tesreau of the Giants. Though, no doubt, the two twirlers will do some fine mound duty, it does not necessarily mean that one of the pair will turn out to be the hero. Some other player may spring into eternal fame. Who will it be?

SOX RELY ON SPEAKER.

Boston Fielder Expected to Prove Battering Hero of Series.

This Speaker, the contribution of the Lone Star state to the world's baseball series of 1912, may prove the Nemesis of the New York Giants in their ambition to become the champions of the two major leagues. Speaker has been a big cog in the Boston Red Sox machine. He may prove the batting hero of the 1912 post season series, a role played with success by Frank Baker last fall. He hits any kind of pitching, much in the fashion of Larry Lajoie.

Walter Johnson of the Washington Senators declares Speaker is the most difficult player for a pitcher to fathom. "When Speaker is up I take an extra long windup, let go and say a short prayer," said Johnson, who has met the Texan in several hard fought series this season.

This opinion of Speaker is shared by other pitchers among whom are Christy Mathewson, whom the star batsmen of the new American league champions may encounter in the world's series.

Speaker at bat uses a long free swing that keeps the opposing fielders on the jump. He is liable to drive the ball over the third baseman's head down the left line for a triple. Then again he might hit to left center or to right field. He is said to hit harder to left field than any other left hand batter in baseball.

HISTORY OF THE WORLD'S SERIES.

The 1912 world's series will be the eighth clash between the American and National league clubs' champions. Each league has won four.

The Boston Americans won the first series from the Pittsburghs in 1903. The New York Nationals beat Philadelphia in 1905.

The Chicago Americans scored over the Chicago Nationals in 1906. The Chicago Nationals then turned in and reclaimed themselves by whipping the Detroit Americans in 1907 and 1908.

In 1909 the Pittsburgh Nationals beat the Detroit Americans, and in 1910 the Athletics defeated the Chicago Nationals. Last year the Athletics defeated the Giants.

Vanilla.

It is curious to read that vanilla was employed by the Aztecs of Mexico as an ingredient in the manufacture of chocolate prior to the discovery of America by the Spaniards and that it was brought to Europe as a perfume with indigo, cochineal and cacao ten years before the arrival of tobacco on our shores. The name vanilla is derived from the Spanish *vainilla*, a pod or capsule. Dampier described it as a little pod full of small black seeds and like the stem of a tobacco leaf, so much so that his men when they found the dried pods at first threw them away, "wondering why the Spaniards should lay up tobacco stems."—Chambers' Journal.

Jake Stahl's Band of Speed Boys Who Will Stack Up Against Giants In World's Series



Photos by American Press Association.

The full Boston team is as follows—Catchers, Carrigan, Cady, Nunamaker and Thomas; pitchers, Wood, Collins, Hall, Bedient, Pape, Van Dyke and O'Brien; Stahl, manager and first base; Yerkess, second base; Wagner, shortstop; Gardner, third base; Hooper, left field; Speaker, center field; Lewis, right field; Ball, Engle and Bradley, utility infielders; Hendrickson, utility outfielder.

GONNIE MACK IS AFTER NEW OUTFIELD

After winning two world's championships with an outfield which really never possessed major league class, Connie Mack has finally come to the conclusion that he will have to improve this department of his team if he expects to be a contender in future campaigns. So long as he had Danny Murphy in the game his hitting made up for the shortcomings of the other fielders on the team, but with the injury to Murphy Mack found himself with a great infield, some good pitchers, but a decidedly weak outfield.

At the principal railway stations and at other important centers in Dresden illuminated index signs have been placed for the convenience of strangers. Every street corner is conspicuously labeled in blue with the name of the street and the numbers of the houses included in each block. When trawlers are used in the street car service they are employed as smoking cars and have side pockets of porcelain at each seat to hold cigar stubs, etc., which would otherwise be thrown into the streets.

Baanfui.

A buxom farm lass was recently called as a witness in a case in a Yorkshire county court. The girl happened to mention that her sweetheart knew something about the matter. "Oh," said the judge, "then I think we had better call him to court!" The girl blushed furiously. "It won't be any good, sir," she protested. "Ah'm fair put to it to get him to court when we're alone, an' Ah'm sure he won't do it before all you gentlemen!"—London Mail.

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SOX AND GIANTS EVENLY MATCHED

Little to Choose Between Two Teams in World's Series.

MANAGER MAY DECIDE RESULT

Unexpected Move by Either McGraw or Stahl at Crucial Moment Likely to Win Championship For the Team. Former Best Baseball General.

By TOMMY CLARK. Red hot arguments are now in order over the outcome of the world's series. As usual in such cases, it is very difficult to find two men who agree on the result. Partisans of both teams cannot see how their favorites can lose.

It is interesting to follow the line of dope those not directly interested in either team hand out.

Of course there is always a likelihood of sentiment influencing judgment as much as ever, although straighter dope seems to be offered this year than ever before. According to the table of percentage the Bostonians are a stronger team this year than the Athletics were last. That should give them the edge in the argument, but it is good betting that the dopsters with New York affiliations will be able to prove that the Giants are far stronger this year than they were last, and the chances are that outside of Mathewson they are, but Tesreau, who was the Giants' savior when Marquard broke down in midseason, may be able to take the place of "Big Six."

While discussing the strength of the Boston and New York club, a comparison of the individuals of the two teams is very interesting. Catchers Meyers and Wilson of the Giants have an edge on Carrigan, Cady and Nunamaker of the Red Sox. The former two are better peggers and batsmen than the Boston trio. Carrigan's arm is not as good as it used to be, but he has a great baseball head. Cady has not had much experience, while Nunamaker is slow. The Giants have the better infield. Merkle at first base is a better all around man than Stahl. Doyle at second base puts it all over Yerkess of the Sox. At short Wagner of Boston is staidier than Fletcher of the Giants. It's a tossup between Herzog of the Giants and Gardner of the Sox at third.

In the outfield Speaker, Lewis and Hooper of the Red Sox outclass Murray, Devore and Snodgrass of the Giants in every way. In the pitching department Boston has the edge. The Sox have five good ones in Wood, Bedient, Hall, O'Brien and Collins, while the Giants will have to depend on Mathewson, Tesreau, Witse, Marquard and Crandall. The writer wishes to go on record as saying that Marty and Tesreau will prove equal to the task of stopping the speed boys despite the fact that Manager Stahl intends to use Joe Wood in three of the games, if possible. Tesreau has been twirling great ball of late, and "Big Six" will be able to hold up his end as usual, even though he has been in harness many years. I believe that in Tesreau the Sox will run up against a big snag, one that will prove to be their undoing.

The Sox have the best bunch of hitters and have a much better fielding club than the Giants, but the latter has the best base runners and are more aggressive than the Sox.

Granting that the Red Sox have the better pitching staff, the classier outfield and the better batting and defensive aggregation, there is one big advantage that the Giants have, and that is the managerial side.

Many times during the series Johnny McGraw and Jake Stahl will match their wits and baseball knowledge. The winner of the world's title may depend upon which leader is the more clever baseball general. History tells us that the world's honors have been decided before by the sudden shifting of one player at a crucial moment in an important battle. Once a team is thrown off its balance when things are apparently going its way its steadiness can seldom be restored. Then the other team sweeps through the balance of the series.

There is no quicker thinker in baseball than Johnny McGraw. He is always there on the coaching line, ready to take advantage of an opportunity to win. He has shown this many times by clever jockeying of men when a situation looked hopeless and has pulled his team out a winner.

He is one of the greatest managers in the history of the game. He will force his players to overcome any natural handicap under which they may labor during the series.

With all due respect to Stahl and the manner in which he handled the Sox this season, it must be stated that he has yet to prove the equal of the Giants' leader.

Pitcher Wood Uses Few Curves. Pitcher Joe Wood has relied on speed, control and support for his recent victories. He doesn't use his curve unless he has to.

Lewis Always on the Job. Outfielder Duffy Lewis of the Boston Red Sox has not missed a game or an inning in any game this season.

Catcher Wilson Great Thrower. Arthur Wilson of the Giants is one of the greatest throwing catchers in the business.

Jane Austen at Bath. Bath, where the memory of Jane Austen was commemorated by the erection of a bronze bust in the pump room, was the home of the novelist for four years. She removed there from Steventon with her parents in the spring of 1801 and resided successively at 4 Sydney terrace, Green Park buildings and 25 Gay street. After the sale of the family effects at Steventon Jane writes to a friend: "My father and mother, wisely aware of the difficulty of finding in all Bath such a bed as their own, have resolved on taking it with them. All the beds, indeed, that we shall want are to be removed."—London Spectator.

Members of the New York Giants Who Will Meet Boston Red Sox In World's Series



Photos by American Press Association.

The New York team is as follows—Catchers, Meyers, Wilson and Hartley; pitchers, Mathewson, Witse, Crandall, Tesreau, Ames, Marquard and Devore; Merkle, first base; Doyle, second base; Fletcher, shortstop; Herzog, third base; Devore, left field; Snodgrass, center field; Murray, right field; Becker and Robertson, utility outfielders; Schafer and Groh, utility infielders; McGraw, manager.

NEW YORK GROUNDS HARD ON CATCHERS

Ed Sweeney of the Highlanders thinks one catcher is not enough to backstop a game in the New York American league grounds. He wants a second catcher to hover above the stands in a balloon to watch for foul flies. He is needed, Sweeney says, to get them when the wind is whistling down the Hudson. "Some day," says

Ed, "I'll be running for a foul on that field and the wind will carry the ball to the center fielder." Oscar Stange of Detroit is with Sweeney there. On the first trip east this year Gardner hit a high pop that appeared to be foul. It was foul till it got above the stands and then the wind caught it, landing it near second.

Didn't Forget Eve.

In an equal suffrage parade in England banners were carried bearing portraits of women of accomplishments through the ages. At the very end of the procession (where, of course, the women could not see him) came a lone man with a sense of humor. This individual bore a pike, from which hung a large fig leaf framed and at the top of which was an apple—a modest tribute to Eve, who had been quite overlooked in this brilliant galaxy.

CHARACTER.

Characters are achieved—not received. They grow out of the substance of a man's soul. They are not put on as a beggar might put on a stolen coat. They mature like fruit from the vital fluids of the tree. They grow with use. A false limb wears out, wastes with use. A natural limb grows stronger and better with use. Character is an achievement.—C. H. Fowler.

A Well Played Game

By ALFRED W. STOWELL

"Some is continually findin' fault with Providence," said Abner Slesk to the party sitting around the stove in the center of Jones' store. "They don't reckon that the Lord takes care o' his own, no matter whether they're good or bad, honest or tricky, wise or foolish. What 'ud the sharpers do if it wa'n't for the suckers, I'd like to know? Speakin' o' sharpers, the purtiest game I ever knew of was played in Calumet when I lived there. The feller that played it wa'n't a real sharpener neither, and considerin' the circumstances some thort he was justified in the doin' of it."

"Jack Ketcham was his name, and he was as likely a chap as you ever seen. He had fine blue eyes and a pleasin' way with him just calculated to ketch the girls. He wa'n't much account—at least at that time. Them girl ketchers never ar; they get the girls by their appearance. Well, as I was a sayin', Jack Ketcham instead o' tyin' up to a girl who was free—and there was plenty o' 'em—had to tackle Amanda Jenkins, who was engaged to an old feller, Simeon Ruggles, a bachelor fifty year old, but w'th \$5,000 if he was w'th a cent. Amanda's father wanted her to marry Ruggles to git the five thousand, and Amanda allowed she would, but when Ketcham come along she changed her mind and allowed she'd rather marry Ketch. But how could she, seein' that he hadn't nothin' but the clothes on his back? Her father could 'a' set 'im up if he had wanted to, but he wouldn't."

"One day old Jenkins was walkin' along the main street of the town when he seen a young man standin' lookin' at sumpin' particular. Jenkins stopped and watched the feller, who kept his eyes in the same direction right along. Bimeby he says to him: "What 'r' lookin' at, young man?" "He had to ax him twice before he got his attention. Then he started, looked at Jenkins kind o' queer and said: "I wouldn't 'a' believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes."

"Seen what?" "Why, that wooden Indian down there in front o' that cigar store." "What's the matter with him?" "He puffs smoke out o' that wooden cigar in his mouth." "Bosh!" "Bosh yourself, I see him doin' it!" "When?" "Jest now. He'll do it ag'in, I reckon."

"See here, young feller, if the fool killer comes along he'll get you shora!" "Who're you talkin' to me that a-way?" says 'o'her. "I reckon I know what I see with my own eyes." "Have you got any money?" "No, but I mought git some if I tried right hard."

"Well, you go git it and I'll cover it with a wooden Indian don't smoke." "Oh, you wouldn't pay if you lost?" "I'll put up the money."

"Supposin' I raise sumpin' to bet with, where'll I find you?" "Jenkins gave him his address, and the next mornin' the young man come to him with three \$1,000 bills." "Jest?" says Jenkins. "Where did you get 'em?" "My grandmother give 'em to me to set up a store with."

"And you're fool enough to lose 'em instead o' settin' 'em up the store?" "I ain't a-goin' to lose 'em. I seen that wooden Indian smoke, and when a feller don't git the habit fixed on him he can't stop. He'll be smokin' ag'in. All we have to do is to be thar to see him doin' it."

"Jenkins was just mean enough to take advantage of the boy, and they called in a man by the name o' Becker, and they put up the money on a bet that the Indian would be seen smokin' within a week by three witnesses besides themselves."

"One day the youngster rushed into Jenkins' house kind o' wild and hollerin': "He's smokin'! Come quick before he stops!"

"Jenkins got up and follered the feller who met a man, and then another man, and still another, takin' all three of 'em with him to the corner opposite the cigar store, and the hull lot of 'em stood lookin' at the wooden Indian."

"What you bring us here for?" axed one o' 'em, turnin' away mad. "Jest you wait a minute. I seen him smokin', but he's stopped. He'll be at it!"

"At that moment the Indian commenced blowin' a cloud from his mouth to beat the band. Jenkins looked at him bewildered. Jist then the stakeholder come along, and there was nothin' for it but to turn over Jenkins' \$3,000 to the other feller."

"Jenkins went to the cigar store, pulled down the Indian and found a rubber tube leadin' from the mouth into the store and the cigar holler and full o' tobacco. A man inside had done the smokin'. Jenkins made a big fuss and swore he'd have the swindler jugged, but he couldn't, because he'd skipped."

"The next day the stakeholder called on Jenkins and explained that his money would be returned if he'd give his daughter to the winner."

"Then it come out that the winner was Jack Ketcham and Amanda was in the game. Jenkins was so mortified at bein' made a laughin' stock that in order to keep his neighbors' good opinion he gave his daughter the money. He had lost for a weddin' present."

The Glad Miss. Among the Basutos and also with the natives of the New Hebrides hissing is a sign of applause. Just For Emergencies.

In some of the college settlements there are penny savings banks for children. One Saturday a small boy arrived with an important air and withdrew 2 cents out of his account. Monday morning he promptly returned the money.

"So you didn't spend your 2 cents?" observed the worker in charge. "Oh, no," he replied. "but a fellow just likes to have a little cash on hand over Sunday."—Harper's Magazine.