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WORLD SERIES EXTRA

Silver Threads Among the Gold

(World Series)

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"Darling, I am growing old,
But not too old for another piece
of world's series melon."

That is the new version of the old tuneful melody.

For both the National and American league entries in the world's series boast many silver hairs — to say nothing of some pronounced bald spots.

Of course "Babe" Adams, grand old man of the Pirates, is the granddaddy of all the eligible players. Babe looks back over two hectic baseball seasons to the party his folks gave him on his fortieth birthay.

Walter Johnson, king of pitchers and ace of the Washington team, ranks second to Adams in years. Walt is four years younger, but thirty-eight is a venerable age for an active ball player—especially a pitcher.

Getting back to the Pirates, Max Carey and Stuffy McInnis vie for the honor of being "uncles" if not "granddaddies." Both are thirty-five. But neither shows his age when he cavorts on the diamond.

Bobby Veach, veteran Tiger and Red Sox outfielder, ranks ahead of these gents, however. He is the second oldest member of the Washington crew an is thirty-seven. Stanley Coveleskie is thirty-five. Dutch Ruether, Hank Severeid, Joe Judge, Roger Peckinpaugh are all thirty-four. Everett Scott, reckoned an old man because of his wonderful run of 1,307 games at short, is thirty-three. So is Joe Harris.

Considering that Father Time begins beckoning ball players from thirty onward, these men have fooled him for many moons.

A generation of fans has passed and a new one grown up since Walter Johnson entered the American league in 1906. Two short years later Babe Adams reported to the Pirates for a fall tryout. And yet there is a possibility that these gents may face each other in the coming melee. Adams soared to the dizzy heights of world's series fame his first real year with the Pirates in 1909. Johnson fought for eighteen years to get into a world's series. Now they are both basking in the limelight again.

The world's series sees managers of two entirely different types waging a battle for supremacy.

On one hand is Stanley Harris, master strategist, a man who surprised the baseball world a year ago by "beating" McGray "to the punch" in the duel of wits.

On the other hand we have Bill McKechnie, best described as a "fundamentalist," a man who likes best to play a straight line game.

Harris, in his Washington team, has a great collection of men who are masters of "inside baseball." He himself forms the pivot in what is admittedly the smoothest working, brainiest infield in baseball. At short he has the old master, Roger Peckinpaugh, just voted the most valuable man to his club in the American League. On his pitching staff Harris has Walter Johnson and Cloveleskie, two of the brainiest, shrewdest pitchers the game has known. Backing them up he has Fred Marberry, the game's greatest relief pitcher—whose worth to the Senators lies in his ability to step into the breach, outguess the opposing batter and pull his team out of the hole.

Harris leads the best batting team—as a team—in the American League. The same strategy is indicated by the batting figures. His team won the championship with fewer runs, fewer hits and fewer home runs than the Pittsburgh Pirates recorded. In his own league the Browns and Tigers out-batted his men by many blows and runs—only to see these "socks" go glimmering.

McKechnie's men also lead their league in batting, as a team. They outscored every other club in the National League. They outhit every team. And they laced out almost half again as many homers as did the Senators.

Those who have followed closely the activities of the Pirates this season have remarked of late, however, on the manner in which McKechnie has been "opening up" his game—getting more versatility in his attack and more science in his defense. Some attribute this change entirely to the presence of Fred Clarke, old Pirate outfielder and ex-manager of the team, on the bench.

It is probable, however, that McKechnie was well alive to the necessity of coaching his team in the "modernist" style of play to cope with the Washington tactics. The Pirates' driving attack was sufficient to win the pennant. It was only after McKechnie and his aides became sure of the fact that they might be meeting Harris' men in the fall melee that McKechnie gave thought to this style of play. Wherein he showed his keenness as a pilot. There is no doubt ,of course, but what Clarke is playing a big part in the development of this more versatile style.

The Statesman Will Megaphone Today's Game at 10 O'clock Sharp

Coolidge Twirls

President Calvin Coolidge threw the first ball in yesterday's game. He occupied a box and arrived some time before the game started. This photo shows him in front of the two microphones from which the play by play account of the game was transmitted to the broadcasting stations.

Harris Wins Game

JOE HARRIS

Big Joe Harris, right fielder for the Washington nine, won the game for them yesterday with a smashing hit in the seventh inning when he scored Stanley Harris, with the deciding run.

Fundamentalist vs. Modernist

They match TheirWits in World's Series

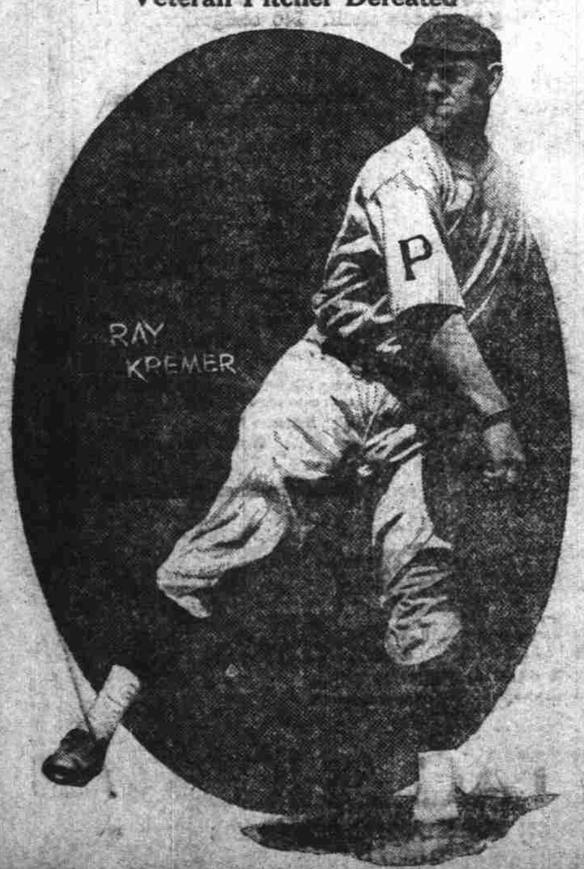
STANLEY HARRIS

Twenty-nine years of age.
Six years in the major leagues.
All that time with Washington.
Manager of that team since January, 1924.
Second baseman most of career.
Ranks as one of greatest second basemen in the game.
Is the pivot man in the greatest double player combination in baseball.
Is the "spark plug" of his club.
Is not normally a .300 hitter but knows as a dangerous and timely hitter. Hit .333 in last year's world's series.
Is speedy base runner.
As a manager has already won fame as a master strategist and a daring leader. Is credited with outgeneraling the Master Mind, McGraw, in the 1924 series.
Normally rules with good fellowship and light hand. Does not hestitate to fine offending players real money, however, when disobedience or laxity become serious.

WILLIAM McKECHNIE

Thirty-eight years of age.
Signed with major league club (Pittsburgh) for first time, 1907.
Played with or at least was the property of Canton, Wheeling, St. Paul, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh and Mineapolis before becoming manager of Pirates.
Joined Pirates April, 1922.
Manager of that team since July, 1922.
Played shortstop and third base during most of career.
Known as a heady,earnest player.
Was timely hitter.
As manager employs under normal conditions a "fundamental" game. Of recent weeks, however, has seemed to introduce a more elastic style of play.
Main asset as a leader is his ability to weed out troublemakers and shirkers and mold material at hand into harmonious club.

Veteran Pitcher Defeated



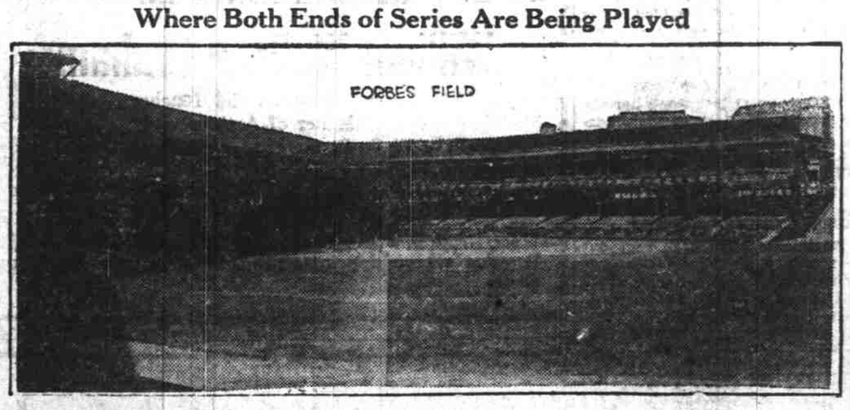
Ray Kremer's effective pitching for the Buccaneers was of no avail yesterday in the third game of the world's series. He went the entire route and engaged in a brilliant pitching duel with Ferguson.

Bluege Still Out

OSWALD BLUEGE

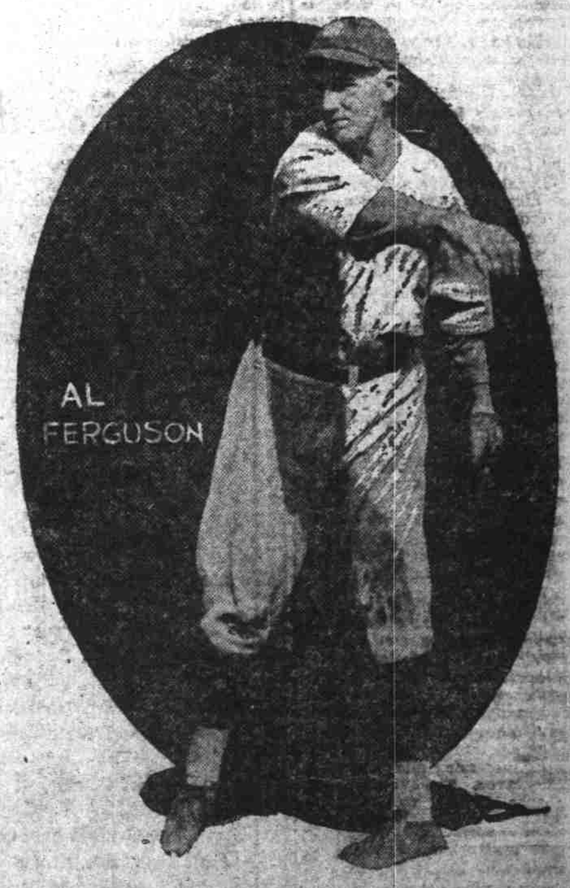
Ossie Bluege, hit behind the ear by a pitched ball during Tuesday's game, was still unable to get on the field yesterday, although it is expected he will don a uniform for today's game. An examination showed that he has suffered no

Where Both Ends of Series Are Being Played



Here are the two ball parks in which the world's baseball championship is being settled. The view Pittsburg above, was taken from the new section built to accommodate the increased crowds of the Washington club's park was taken during the world's series last year and shows a series game in prog-

Old Timer Victorious



Alex Ferguson hurled his team to victory yesterday when the Senators defeated the Pirates by a score of 4 to 3. Ferguson's pitching was spectacular. In the ninth inning, with the bases full, the Pittsburgh team attempted a rally. They had three men on bases. Alex pulled himself out of the hole in marvelous fashion, taking the