

LOCAL EXPERT PICKS GIANTS TO WIN TOMMY CLARK TELLS HOW ATHLETICS WON PENNANT

WILL BE PITCHERS BATTLE FROM START TO FINISH

Mail Tribune Succeeds in Inducing Local Ball Expert to Furnish Daily Article on World Champion Series—Today He Presents the First One—Thinks New York Pitchers Will Succeed in Holding Athletic Sluggers in Check.

(Owing to the widespread interest in the world championship baseball series the Mail Tribune has succeeded in inducing one of the best posted baseball fans in Southern Oregon to furnish a daily article on the games. For his own reasons he wishes his identity to be withheld. Following is the first of the articles.)

By noon today Medford fans interested in the great struggle for supremacy between the New York Giants and Philadelphia Athletics will know through the excellent telegraphic service specially secured for the occasion by The Medford Mail Tribune whether the Giants or Athletics triumphed at the Polo grounds in New York. All records for attendance will be shattered beyond doubt and it would be interesting to know just what walks of life are most represented in a multitude of baseball fans such a cosmopolitan city as New York will turn out to witness an exhibition of the great national pastime.

Nerve Racking Struggle Assured. While commenting on the huge crowds who will fight their way inch by inch to secure seats for the purpose of witnessing 18 men striving their utmost to assure victory for their relative teams it may not be inappropriate to remember the men on the field of battle. What effect will the huge concourse of people have on the two "nines" battling for world honors? Picked men of their class, many of them veterans in the business, they pay scant attention as a rule to the praise or jibes of the public. Even the hardened veterans however admit that a world's series is a different proposition. Safe batters who were never known to swing at anything outside of a sure strike, chop savagely at a wide one. Pitchers noted for control will aeroplane without visible cause. And so on it goes.

Sentiment Changes. A month ago public sentiment favored the Athletics to win the world's championship. Today it is considered a good logical bet to pick either team to win. This change has been brought about by the good work of Christy Mathewson in the past five weeks. McGraw's \$11,000 "lemon," Marquard, was the only New York pitcher at that time who showed anything like class for world series work but with the return of the invincible "Matty" to form baseball fans all over began to dope out anew the respective chances of Philadelphia against New York.

Mathewson and Marquard for the Giants opposed to Bender, Coombs and Plank for the Athletics. These men will comprise the mainstay of the hurling talent for both teams. By every precedent of the game "Matty" will hurl the elusive pellet for the New Yorkers today. Likewise Bender for the Athletics is almost sure to be slated to hold the Giants in check.

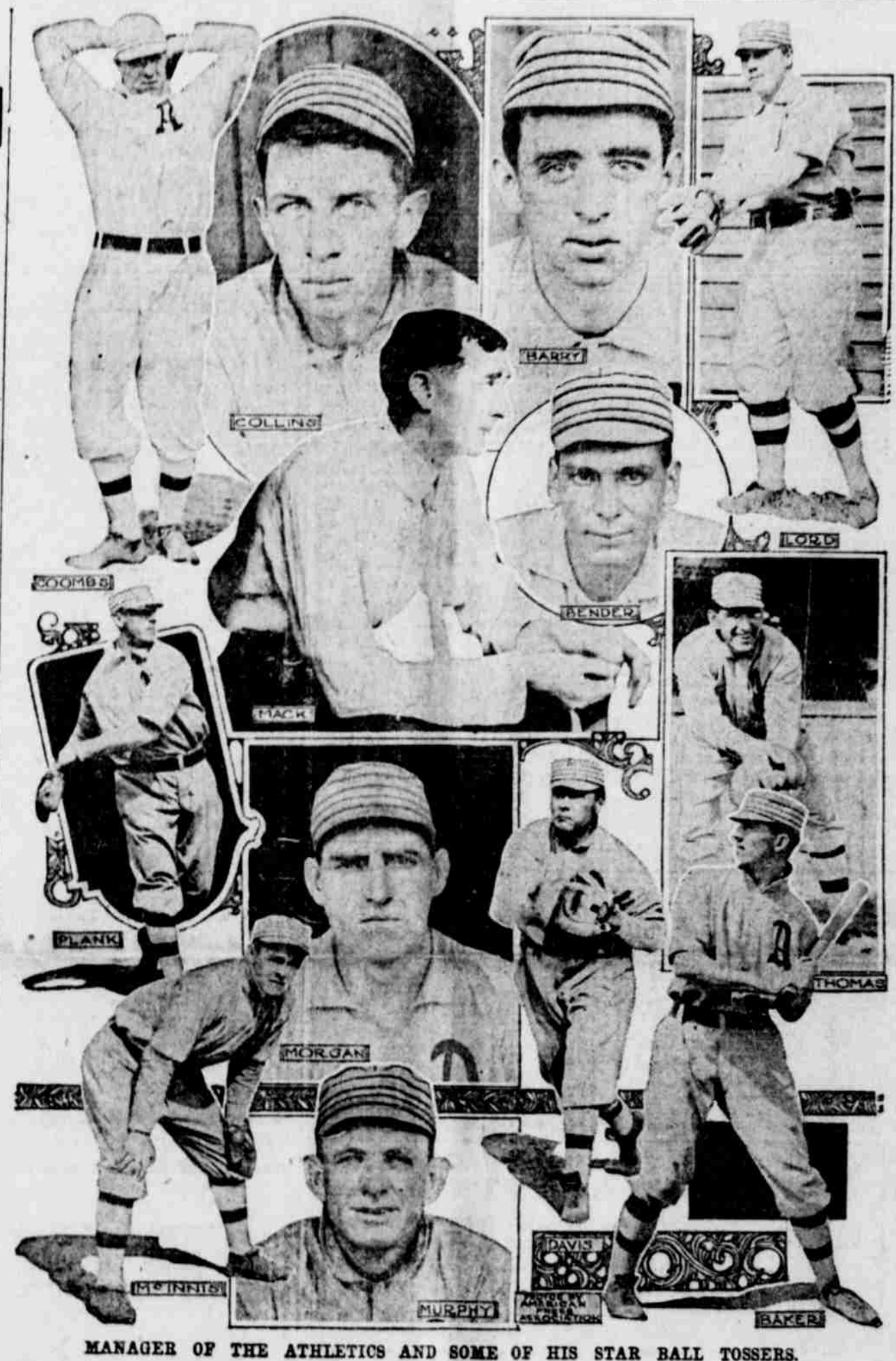
Pitchers Will Win or Lose. Marquard has made a better showing for the Giants than "Matty," but

experience will go a long way towards deciding McGraw in his choice of pitchers for the opening game. With Mathewson at his best the Athletics will find they are not opposed this year to the weak hurling staff of the Cubs but face to face with some of the best pitchers in the United States. It does not require any violent stretch of the imagination to picture the Athletics crumbling before Matty and Marquard four days in succession. With the exception of King Cole the Chicago Cubs had no pitcher to hold the slugging Mackmen last year and a very different tale may be told when they face two of the best of National league timber.

Bender, Plank and Coombs. The Athletics will undoubtedly rely on this trio of pitchers to defeat the Giants. Can they hold the fast base running Giants to less hits than they did the Cubs? Give New York a fast man perched on first and the pitching staff of the Athletics have their work cut out for them to hold him there. A fast man on first or second base in many cases is worse for the pitcher than having one strike on the batter against three balls. To a great extent he must rely on the catcher and here is where Thomas of the Athletics will have ample opportunity to demonstrate his prowess at cutting off a steal.

Pitchers Mainstay Both Teams. The winner of the World's Championship will be that team whose pitchers are in better trim than the other during the all-important series starting today. While New York has only two men who rank with Mack's three best bats, as stated before they are capable of winning out despite their hard hitting opponents. On the other hand if Bender, Plank and Coombs succeed in holding the Giants to a few scattered hits throughout the series then it must be conceded the hard hitting Mackmen will triumph.

Both Teams Have Class. Looking back over the past season it will be noted the Athletics were slow to strike their stride. Their pitchers early in the season were not there. As time went on they improved until they overtook Detroit for good early in August and were never in danger from then on. Why? Their pitchers all settled down to winning form. Detroit would never have been overtaken by the Athletics had they possessed anything like a good consistent staff of hurlers. Take a look at New York's record in the National League and it comes as a surprise when you realize what they have done against the top notch hurlers of the various teams therein. With the exception of Gregg of Cleveland, Mullin of Detroit, Johnson and Hushes of Washington, Wood of Boston and Walsh of Chicago none of the other American League teams had anything like the pitching staff of the Athletics to oppose Mack's sluggers. The National League had many consistent hurlers to send against McGraw's pets but to no avail. Time



MANAGER OF THE ATHLETICS AND SOME OF HIS STAR BALL TOSSERS.

and again New York won out with less hits than their opponents by reason of speedy base runners and if the Athletics hope to defeat the Giants they must either keep the New Yorkers off the sacks or hold them there when on.

Summed up, the opposing pitchers will win or lose the series for either team. While batting and base stealing will play just as important part in this series as any other, the burden rests with the pitchers for reasons already given. Whatever way it goes let the best team win, and here is hoping the series will require the whole seven games to decide the honors.

Bill Klem, one of the National League umpires chosen for work in the world's series, is regarded as the best man in the Lynch organization. His partner, Bill Brennan, who was chosen with him, vastly improved toward the close of the season, and was working well nigh perfect games behind the bat. Brennan was not considered much of an umpire in a

lot of ways for a while, but there is no doubt that he came along lately.

Brennan has an exclusive copy-right on the realistic system of umping on the bases, the same as "tuh." He is a big, fine-looking chap, given to dress off the field, and, while the selection was directed by rotation, Lynch could not have picked two better men out of those he has at hand.

Connolly is quite a crusty individual when directing a game, but is considered a competent man, while Bill Dineen, the old pitcher, is also constantly improving.

Klem is a great stickler for etiquette on the field, and insists on the players addressing him as "Mister," which is the title he always gives them. In times of stress they sometimes put a curious accent on the word. One day Larry Doyle, captain of the Giants, started in toward Klem, who was working back behind the bat, with the intention of speaking his mind in the umpire's

ear. Larry had his head down and was roaring with rage. Bill promptly drew a line in the dirt in front of the plat with his toe.

"Don't you dare cross that line, Mister Doyle," re warned. "Don't you do it!"

Larry hesitated and considered. If he crossed the line he knew he would be fined. If he didn't his self-respect would be sorely damaged. Then he hastily hopped over into the forbidden territory with a meek:

"I just wanted to speak to Meyers, Mister Klem."

And Bill could hardly deny such a pleasant desire.

Connolly always views the gyrations of "Germany" Schaefer, the Washington comedian, very sourly. He doesn't get the Dutchman's humorous slant. One day "Germany" found a long string of hair and fastened it to his chin, so that it looked like a stringy goatee. He advanced just about to swing at a ball when

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MACK IS BEST IN ADVERSITY: STICK-TO-IT-IVENESS WON OUT

When Philadelphia Went West They Continued to Lose—Fans Gave Up When Detroit Beat Them First Two Games but Mack Kept His Team Plugging Away and They Came Back With a Vengeance and Won Out.

By Tommy Clark. Although the American league season of 1911 was not altogether devoid of sectional and individual disappointments, there was probably not an owner or official in the junior organization who did not feel that the 1911 campaign was as prosperous and successful as any of the previous years.

Of course there have been no such monetary rewards reaped as those of the years in which the American league races were phenomenally close. There has been nothing like the sustained interest of 1906, for instance, when the White Sox nosed out New York in the last week of the season, nor like that of 1907, when Detroit and Philadelphia fought it out almost to the wire with the Sox and Naps hanging on until near the finish.

There has been nothing like the intense excitement raised and maintained in 1908, when a presidential campaign was compelled to take a side street, while the boulevards were monopolized by an unparalleled racing almost neck and neck for the wire and the verdict hanging on the result of the final game of the schedule between Detroit and Chicago.

This year's race has been a two team affair, Philadelphia and Detroit monopolizing the gladness of the whole season.

The Tigers started this season on a gallop and at the end of April held a big lead of twelve games won and two lost, while the Athletics were in the second division. During May the Tigers still held the big lead, and many experts predicted they would walk away with the gonfalon. But the more conservative thought that a lead was a handieap to Jennings' men, which later results proved to be true.

The early part of June, when the Tigers held a big lead over the Athletics of twelve games, Mack's chances looked slim. Such a feeling was well justified. With such an enormous advantage it looked as if the Tigers could nurse their lead at no great strain on the players. They had enough of a lead to sustain a slump and get back on a winning streak again.

When the Athletics went on their first trip west they disappointed their followers. They didn't show anything until the trip was almost over. Detroit was the third city in the west where they called.

Philadelphia fans resigned all hope when Detroit beat the Athletics in the first two games. But it was the old story of Mack being best in adversity. His team didn't quit. The tactician whipped his players together the very next day, when they started a sensational winning streak. They took the next two from the Tigers, beat Cleveland in the next four and then traveled east and continued their success.

They won twenty out of twenty-two games before they had a slight reaction. This spurt of the world champions made big inroads on the Tigers' lead. From a twelve game

lead advantage it shrunk violently, lingering quite a time around the three game mark. But the Tigers couldn't hold this lead, and on July 4 the champions of the world came to their own again by assuming first place in the American league race after it had been held by Detroit since the opening of the season.

The Mackmen didn't have the honor rewards reaped as those of the years in which the American league races were phenomenally close. They went west again and struck a calamity in Detroit, which swept four straight games from their ancient enemy. Therefore in little more than a week after Independence day Detroit had gained first place and was leading the Athletics by five and one-half games.

With the season more than half finished, the Athletics' chances looked worse than ever, but the Mack wrooking crew saved things. The team was soon back fighting again, and the lead worked gradually but steadily below the five and one-half mark.

The Athletics returned home July 25 to fight the western teams. They struck the westerners quick and hard. First it was Cleveland and then Detroit that were made dizzy by the monarch's speed. Neither was St. Louis nor Chicago spared.

On Aug. 4 the Athletics for the second time this season had fought their way to first place, the difference being that this time they held it. During September their lead increased steadily, and they entered the last week of the race practically eased up.

In all but one department the Athletics are a better ball club now than they were a year ago. The outfield, while it is not a wonderful trio by a long shot, is a shade more reliable than that which bumped the Cubs last year.

There are two or three sets of out fielders in the big leagues that rate higher than Lord, Oldring and Murphy, but Mack's strength always has been in his infield.

There is no quartet in the game today that combines with baseball such intelligence as that of McInnis, Collins, Barry and Baker. The four are wonderfully fast and accurate fielders and possess great throwing arms. The infield was fast in 1910, but it is speedier this season. Last year Harry Davis was on first, but last July he was replaced by McInnis. For all his youth and inexperience McInnis is a big improvement over Davis. Right now "Stuff" looks the equal of any first baseman in the American league, barring Hal Chase. First station last year was the only comparatively weak one, but it is now well covered.

It is only in the pitching department that Mack seems to have fallen off from last year. Neither Coombs nor Bender has shown the wonderful form of a year ago. Morgan (Continued on Page Three)

Rogue River Valley University Club Shows Solendid Growth in First Year

Some fourteen months ago, when a few college men in the valley were talking of the possibility of forming a university club in the Rogue river valley, the Mail Tribune, in an unconscious tribute to the educational standards of the valley's farming community, observed that "Medford needs a university club in order that the farmers may have some place to stay when they come to town." It was shortly after this, that C. A. Malboeuf, then secretary of the commercial club, sent out a call for a meeting of college men and a scant dozen responded and started the actual organization. It was from this

beginning, with the original idea of meeting occasionally in the rooms of the commercial club, grew the present Rogue River Valley University Club with its luxuriously cosy establishment of a library, a billiard room, a writing room, buffet and lichen with its membership role of over one hundred, combining a lunch club, a social club and something of a literary organization.

The cosmopolitan aspect of the Rogue river valley can be established by a mere glance at the club's membership list. For its members have established their eligibility by the association of their names as

students in forty-four colleges and universities, chiefly in America, but with a good sized sprinkling in European countries. At the annual meeting of the club held a week ago, the secretary's report showed that the Yale delegation led numerically with eleven representatives, while Harvard came second with seven, although having mistaken noise for numbers, the members of its delegation last spring formed the "Harvard Club" as an auxiliary organization of the University Club and assisted the progress of the fruit growing industry by such inventions as their remarkable effi-

cient alcohol smudge process. The University of Minnesota comes third numerically with six; Williams trails with five members, Illinois shows four, while Cornell, California, Stanford and Michigan each contributed three alumni to the club role. Washington State, Oregon, Missouri, Wisconsin, Columbia, Washington and Lee, Hobart, Nebraska, and West Point each have two members, while one represents Corby (England), O. A. C., Wesleyan, Virginia, Swarthmore, George Washington, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Military College, Massachusetts, Tech., Louisiana, Chicago, Perdue,

Trinity, Ohio, Northwestern, Christiania (Norway), Colby, Bowdoin, Bethany, and Michigan Agricultural College.

Besides the representatives of these colleges and universities, the club board of governors has honored eight residents in the Valley with election as "Governors' Members."

The financial condition of the University Club can hardly be better. Although the club rooms have been open but about nine months, the secretary's report for the entire year since its organization shows a balance of almost one thousand

dollars. This situation has been accredited by the incoming treasurer to the untiring efforts in behalf of the club, of the former proprietors of the Antelope Orchard, "Eddie" Burgess and "Jim" Barbour, and while Mr. Barbour left Medford shortly after the annual meeting, no financial decline is to be anticipated owing to the expected endowment of the club from the buried dubsions of the Koko Islands and the recent return of one of the new proprietors of the Antelope Orchard, bringing innovations from Paris which should swell the club treasury.

The future anticipations of the University Club which a year ago hardly included permanent rooms, are now of a home of its own equipped with all the modern conveniences of clubdom and judging from its growth in its first year such anticipations should be speedily fulfilled. In other lines the club plans development, including the innovation of a course of lectures and informal talks on subjects of vital interest to its members, the establishment of sleeping quarters and the enlargement of its cuisine. S. G.