

# World Series Starts Tomorrow In New York

## Maglie, Lemon May Start

By JOE REICHLER

NEW YORK (AP)—Barring a surprise selection, the 1954 world series will open at the Polo Grounds tomorrow with Sal Maglie (14-6) on the mound for the New York Giants opposing the Cleveland Indians.

Both managers, Leo Durocher of the Giants and Al Lopez of the Indians, promised to make their selections known today.

Despite Durocher's known willingness to gamble, it was felt that Leo realizes he must go with his veteran ace, who was his front man in all of the Giants' clutch series down the stretch. Maglie will be fully rested, having pitched only two warmup innings last Saturday.

FRESH Lemon also will be fresh. He has not pitched since Friday when he went the distance against the Detroit Tigers. Early Wynn, who had been coupled with Lemon by Lopez as a possible first starter, pitched a "pressure" game against Detroit Saturday, working on a no-hitter until the ninth inning.

The Indians, already a probability 17 to 10 favorite, were made an even more solid 9 to 5 choice today. The odds-makers undoubtedly count on Cleveland's deeper pitching staff to bring ultimate victory. The Indians are 6 to 5 favorites to capture the opener, regardless of the pitchers.

The weather man promises nice weather. He says it'll be slightly cloudy with the temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees when the umpires yell "play ball" at 1 p.m. EST.

TICKET Reserve tickets for the opener and all other games here and in Cleveland long have been sold. A crowd of close to 55,000 is expected for the opener. The second game also will be played at the

NEW YORK (AP)—Probable lineups with uniform numbers for the opening game of the World Series Wednesday at the Polo Grounds (batting averages in parentheses):

- CLEVELAND INDIANS**
- 22 Smith, LF (.281)
  - 1 Avila, 2B (.341)
  - 14 Doby, CF (.272)
  - 7 Rosen, 3B (.300)
  - 23 Wertz, 1B (.256)
  - 17 Philley, RF (.226)
  - 2 Strickland, SS (.213)
  - 4 Hegan, C (.234)
  - 21 Lemon, P (.237)
- NEW YORK GIANTS**
- 15 Lockman, 1B (.251)
  - 19 Darr, SS (.293)
  - 22 Mueller, RF (.342)
  - 31 Mays, CF (.345)
  - 16 Thompson, 3B (.263)
  - 20 Irvin, LF (.262)
  - 10 Williams, 2B (.222)
  - 9 Westrum, C (.187)
  - 35 Maglie, P (.146)

Polo Grounds Thursday before the scene shifts to Cleveland.

Despite the announced odds, the writer believes the Indians will have their hands full in a series going the full seven games. It figures to be a keenly fought series, dominated by standout pitching on both sides, with a clutch hit in the late innings deciding each game.

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OUTSTANDING But they have three outstanding hurlers in Maglie, lefthander Johnny Antonelli (21-7) and Ruben Gomez (17-6) and they own two of the best relief pitchers in the business in knuckleballer Hoyt Wilhelm (12-4) and screwballer Marv Grissom (10-7).

The Giants may come up with a surprise starter, probably for the fourth game, in Don Liddle, their record.

Figures show that Cleveland's record against lefthanders this season was .644 (38-21) as compared to its .768 percentage 73-221 against righthanders. The shrewd Giant manager also must have noticed that three of Cleveland's last four losses, all in the final week, were inflicted by southpaws.

STRONGER CLUB Aside from pitching, the Giants appear to field the stronger club. The infield of Whitey Lockman, Davey Williams, Al Dorr and Hank Thompson has a definite defensive edge over the Indians' inner line of Vic Wertz, Bobby Avila, George Strickland and Al Rosen.

There is little to choose in power. Each club boasts the league leading batter but Willie Mays' .345 is more impressive than Avila's .341 because it includes 41 homers and 67 RBIs. The Indians' Larry Doby, however, tops all with his 126 RBIs and is second only to



SAL MAGLIE  
... Indian Killer???



BOB LEMON  
... Lopez's choice???

## Scribe Picks NY To Trip Indians

By GAYLE TALBOT

NEW YORK (AP)—A man who undertakes to dope the World Series starting here tomorrow can do one of two things. He can take the odds-makers' word for it that Cleveland is virtually a shoo-in because of superior pitching, or he can haul off and make up his own mind without any help from Las Vegas.

In our own particular case it will be the latter. We happen to feel that, man for man, the New York Giants have a good deal the more solid ball club and that, given their share of the breaks, they figure to overcome the Indians in six or seven games.

The reason we say the National Leaguers are the more solid is that they have an established big league star at every position, infield and outfield, whereas the Indians' regular lineup includes three retradees who were found wanting by other major league outfits in recent years.

Sure, they must have done all right to have had a part in winning 111 games, but it doesn't make stars of them overnight. They still are Vic Wertz, Dave Philley and George Strickland, who were turned loose by second division clubs—two of them this year—and it seems fair to suggest that they made good because Cleveland had enough pitching to afford them.

Philley, veteran of nine unglorified seasons, was traded to the Indians by the Philadelphia Athletics for a couple of players no one has heard of since. As Philley still can't do anything much except throw, it would be a waste of time to try to compare him with his opposite number in right field, Don Mueller, who led both leagues in total hits.

Until late in June, Wertz still was trying to make the Baltimore outfield and getting nowhere. A star for Detroit back in '49 and '50, he had lost the batting gift and appeared to be on his way out. The Indians got him for a second-line pitcher they didn't need.

On July 8 manager Al Lopez suddenly realized he didn't have a first baseman, and asked Wertz to give it a whirl. It is true that the big fellow has done better than both sides, with a clutch hit in the late innings deciding each game. The Giants can't match the letheaded by Lemon, Wynn (23-11), Mike Garcia (19-8), Bob Feller (13-3), Art Houtteman (15-7) and Don Mossi (6-1).

The Indians obtained their shortstop, Strickland, from the hopeless Pittsburgh Pirates back in '52, mostly because they figured that anyone might do better at the position than Ray Boone. It is true that George has supplied the type of fielding for which the club was starved, but he is lucky if he hits within 40 points of captain Alvin Dark of the Giants.

So there are three important positions at which the National Leaguers excel by a tremendous margin. At no position, infield or outfield, do the Indians have quite such a decisive advantage, not even at second base. Bobby Avila, leading hitter of his league, rates over Davey Williams at the plate, but he can't field with the littleness of the Giants or make the double play as well.

All this is important, because Mays with his 32 homers. Each club has a standout catcher not particularly renowned for his hitting. Cleveland's Jim Hegon and New York's Wes Westrum are masters with the mitt but usually draw blanks with the bat.

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## Irish Dominate Football Voting

NEW YORK (AP)—Notre Dame, the pre-season choice, took over the No. 1 spot today as the nation's sports writers and sportscasters made a quick overhaul of the ranking in The Associated Press' weekly college football poll.

The Irish, second a week ago in the first poll of the season, vaulted into the top position with solid support after their impressive 21-0 victory under new coach Terry Brennan in their season opener against Texas last weekend, one Dame claimed almost two-thirds of the first place votes on the 154 ballots.

NUMBER TWO Oklahoma's Sooners, given first place honors last week settled in the No. 2 position. The Sooners, pressed by TCU for their second victory, had a clear edge over the rest of the field.

The Irish collected 94 first place votes and a total of 1,438 points (based on 10 points for first, 9 for second, etc.) while Oklahoma collected just 24 first and 1,224 points. The experts merely reverted to their pre-season selections in naming the two top teams, but they jilted most of their other first week

choices with puppy-love abandon. Five of last week's top 10 stumbled and two—Georgia Tech and Illinois, fifth and sixth a week ago—dropped clear out of the top 20. Iowa, with its 14-10 surprise against Michigan State, jumped into the No. 3 spot from the No. 12 berth, displacing Maryland, the 1953 mythical national champion. The Terps, idle last weekend, dropped to sixth, while UCLA advanced from eighth to fourth and Wisconsin moved in at No. 5 from a tenth-place tie with Baylor last week.

LINES UP The rest of the top 10 lines up like this: Duke, Mississippi, Southern California and Penn State. Missing, in addition to Georgia Tech and Illinois, both dealt telling blows last weekend, are Texas, No. 4 until bumping into Notre Dame; Michigan State and Baylor. The Longhorns wound up 12th, behind Baylor, with Michigan State another length back at No. 13 after being ranked No. 7.

Duke, Southern Cal and Penn State are newcomers to the top 10 along with Iowa while Mississippi moved up one notch from ninth. Penn State, the outfit that upset Illinois 14-12, wasn't even listed a week ago, while Duke and Southern Cal moved up from 18 and 15 respectively.

The top ten with number of first place votes in parentheses (points based on 10 for first, 9-8-7, 6-5, 4-3-2-1):

1. Notre Dame (94)	1438
2. Oklahoma (24)	1224
3. Iowa (11)	832
4. UCLA (8)	746
5. Wisconsin (7)	662
6. Maryland (3)	621
7. Duke (7)	617
8. Mississippi (3)	328
9. Southern California	249
10. Penn State	206

Second Ten

11. Baylor	163
12. Michigan State	132
13. Ohio State (1)	120
14. South Carolina (1)	120
15. Rice	102
16. Texas Tech	93
18. California	61
19. Purdue	59
20. Florida	49

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## Conley To Play Basketball

BOSTON (AP)—Gene Conley, the Milwaukee Braves pitcher who says playing basketball is no violation of his baseball contract, was scheduled to start practicing with the Boston Celtics Tuesday.

Conley, denying a tiff with general manager John Quinn of the Braves, flew here Monday night after failing to come to terms with Milwaukee.

The 6 foot, 8 inch forward from Washington State who had a 14-9 record in his first major league baseball season was to talk with Celtics owner Walter Brown. Conley had said in Milwaukee that he could "make well up in five figures" playing basketball this winter.

Willie Smith, top English jockey who rides Queen Elizabeth's horses, is married to Sylvia Jones, daughter of a former jockey.

## Bert Bell Blasts Ram Play

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—National Football League commissioner Bert Bell says any repetition of a "sleeper" pass played by the Los Angeles Rams in their 48-0 rout of Baltimore Sunday will draw an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

The play was good for 80 yards and the Ram's first touchdown against the Colts. Bell Monday labelled the play "unsportsmanlike" and added: "This kind of thing will never happen again if I have anything to say about it."

In the play in question, Ram halfback Skeet Quinlan stayed near the sideline on the Ram's side of the field when the teams lined up for the first play after the kickoff. He sprinted unnoticed downfield to take a pass from Norman Van Brocklin. Quinlan went the rest of the way untouched.

Ram's coach Hampton Pool said "no violation" was intended. "We never thought for a moment that the Colts wouldn't see Quinlan," Pool explained.

Colts' coach Webb Ewbank preferred to blame his team for not being alert, rather than the Rams for using the play. "We went to sleep," he said.

Bell said he would send out a memorandum providing for the unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against any team that sends out a flanker to within five yards of its own sideline.



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## Diamond Notes

NEW YORK (AP)—The New York Giants showed more power than did Cleveland during the regular season. The Giants produced 2,216 total bases including 186 homers—the most in the majors. The Indians had 2,098 total bases with 136 home runs.

In World Series play, the Giants have won 35 games and lost 41 in 13 classics, of which they have won four. Cleveland has a 9-4 w-l record in their two winning series.

The Giants may find it a tough job hitting home runs off Mike Garcia. The big righthander permitted only six goppers during the regular campaign, the fewest in either circuit.

Cleveland's Municipal Stadium was the scene of the largest World Series crowd—88,228—at the Indians-Boston Braves game of Oct. 16, 1948. Cleveland drew the season's high of 1954—84,587—in the twinbill against the Yankees on Sept. 12.

The largest share for a winning World Series player was the \$8,280.88 each New York Yankee received last year. The 1953 mg Dodgers picked up \$6,178.42 apiece—also a record.

Cleveland pitchers probably will settle for a few one-base hits off the bat of Willie Mays. The "hey hey" kid broke the Giants' club mark for extra-bases, pounding

## Coast Conference Supports Big Ten

CHICAGO (AP)—Big Ten officials, continuing their fight for regional television, have picked up support in the Pacific Coast Conference.

K. L. (Tug) Wilson, Big Ten commissioner, and Doug Mills, athletic boss at the University of Illinois, told football gatherings in different sections of the country Monday their stand on regional television is clear and they're going to fight to get it.

Wilson told a Chicago football luncheon "the Big Ten stand on television should be clear now. We have fought in NCAA circles for regional television. We are going to continue the battle to get it."

"We want to see that fans, like yourselves, get to see the television games you are interested in—games of high interest in this region."

In San Francisco, Mills said he thought the Big Ten should be permitted to control television in its own area.

"The NCAA must change its policy on televised games," Mills said. "The problem is to find a way to live with television and yet enable colleges to maintain attendances on a profitable basis."

Masters said he felt there should be a blackout in local areas. Because the Illinois-Stanford game at Palo Alto Saturday will be nationally televised, Masters said "it may hurt our gate receipts by as much as \$30,000."

Masters added that under present NCAA restriction, the annual California-Stanford game could not be televised. "This game will be a sure sell-out of 84,000," said Masters. "We would like to televise it."

Mills suggested that unless something is done, legislatures will pass laws compelling state institutions to televise any or all games.

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