

"Blanket" Comparison of Players Of Giants And Athletics Who Are Expected to Take Part

A "blanket" comparison of the players of the Giants and Athletics, who have earned their right to battle in the world's series, shows the two teams to be remarkably evenly matched. In one department, the Giants seem to have the best of it, in another the Athletics look stronger.

Dissecting the teams into the individual players, and counter-balancing the merits of the rivals at each position, we have the following:

First Base—"Stuffy" Jack McInnes, who holds down the initial station for the American Leaguers, is a graduate of the Ohio and Pennsylvania League, having been picked by Connie Mack while a youth in his team. Connie kept him on the bench more than a full season before he gave him a chance as a regular. McInnes immediately sprouted into a sensational player, and the close of the 1911 season found him playing a steady, dependable game, much more satisfactory than that of the fast-waning veteran Harry Davis. McInnes hit a "blue streak" throughout the season and fielded well. But in this he meets his superior in the person of Fred Merkle, of the Giants. Merkle, a native of Toledo, where he owns a hotel, must bow before McInnes when it comes to swatting the sphere. In all other things, he seems to possess and edge over his younger rival. He is a past master at the fine art of fielding and throwing and is one of the demon sextet of Giant baserunners.

Second Base—In this position, the Quakertown team has all the best of it. Larry Doyle, the captain of the Giants, while a capable man and full of ginger, can hardly be put in the same class with the wonderful Eddie Collins. Doyle is a man after McGraw's own heart. He is one of the scrappiest players in baseball as well as one of the quickest thinkers. Because of his ability to "pull off stuff," McGraw made him captain and placed him second in the batting order, in which spot he is particularly valuable because he can hit and bunt with equal facility, and can also take advantage of any weakness the enemy may exhibit. Doyle is a fast infielder but not a finished one. He gets over the ground with all the speed necessary, but is inclined to be a little erratic defensively. That is where Collins has it "on" Doyle. The Columbia graduate is not only a spectacular fielder, but a consistent one. He seldom bobbles easy chances. Although Doyle is a capital hitter and baserunner, he must bow before Collins in these departments also. In the analysis, about the only point of superiority possessed by Doyle is his aggressiveness. Collins towering him in everything else.

Shortstop—Arthur Fletcher, the Belleville, Ill., youth, who fills this most important in field job for the Giants, is fast, wiry and quick to size up a situation. He has a good whip and fields flashily, hits hard and regularly and speeds about the bases in good style. Jack Barry, the Athletics' shortstop, does all these things just about as well as Fletcher and is, if anything, a better man to send to bat in a pinch. Barry's experience makes him more valuable in an important series than the New Yorker, whose true mettle has not yet received an adequate test. Connie Mack would bet his life that Barry will play top notch ball in this world's series, even as he played last year, but McGraw would not venture such a wager on Fletcher. This youngster is nothing like the "sure thing" that Barry is.

Fletcher may prove the sensation of the series, but he is not likely to trade away Al Bridwell, or he may be the series, or he may prove a dismal failure when under such stress. McInnes is the happiest man in all the world when he recalls the incident.

Third Base—Both Athletics and Giants have greater youngsters working at third base. Charley Herzog, who was secured by McGraw from Boston in the famous mid-summer deal, after having been sent to Boston from New York the previous year, plays a dashing, aggressive, snappy game in the field and displays the same spirit at bat and on the paths. Since he replaced the veteran Arthur Devlin, he has performed at the far corner in practically the same style as his predecessor. Probably he does not cover quite as much of the American League and is displaced, but he is quicker at ridding himself of the ball after he grabs it. He fields a bunt well and is one of the speediest of all third basemen at chasing foul balls. Herzog's fielding is every bit as good as that of Frank Baker, the Athletics' third sacker, and he is a dreaded baserunner, but Baker gets the palm over him when it comes to hitting. Baker, batting against the same pitchers, probably would not have any better percentage than the former Baltimore boy, but his clouts are longer. He is the Frank Schulte of the American League and is disappointed when he fails to slam out a homer. This tendency to brake up a game with circuit smashes puts him ahead of Herzog in all-around value.

Outfield—Four good outfielders are on the payroll of each of the rival clubs. New York has Jack Murray, Josh Devore, Fred Snodgrass and Beals Becker; Philadelphia has Rube Oldring, Danny Murphy, Ericson Lord, and Amos Strunk, and also a fifth one, Tony Harisel, to use in a pinch in case the old-timer were needed.

The regular trio of the Athletics, Oldring, Murphy and Lord, form one of the most dependable garden squads in the American League. When Oldring was kept out of the last world's series by injuries, young Strunk proved himself to be no lemon by hitting harder than either of his side-partners, but he is not as finished a fielder as any one of the three regulars. He covers more ground than they because of his excessive fleetness of foot, but he is prone to bobble an easy chance occasionally. However, it is almost a certainty that he will be used in at least one of the championship games, and brilliant fielder and is probably the best man in Connie Mack's second line of defense. Lord and Oldring are less picturesque in their performances and are more along the type of the steady, unchanging plodder.

When the Giant regulars, Devore, Snodgrass and Murray, are going in their natural stride, they look much better than Connie Mack's men. Devore is one of the best sprinters in baseball, and his partners are almost his equal in this respect. Devore leads the Giant sextet of base pilferers and the other two outfielders are also members of the sensational six. Murray is the long distance slugger, while Snodgrass is the most consistent watter of the trio. Beals Becker is certain to have his name appear in the Giant batting order during the series, if only as an emergency pinch hitter. Sizing up the two garden gangs in the ensemble the McGrawites must be awarded the verdict.

Catchers—Ira Thomas will do the bulk of the work behind the bat in the series for Connie Mack, while Chief Meyers will wear the mask and

pad in possibly every one of the games for the Giants.

Thomas is in a way, a puzzle. Before the 1910 world's series with the Cubs, many declared Thomas would prove unequal to the task of stopping the Chicago baserunners. He upset the dope and worked in a manner that was truly remarkable. It was then predicted that Thomas would prove the best catcher in the American League this year. This he has not done. He has caught good ball, but nothing wonderful. If he does not work better in the series against the Giants than he did during the league schedule, the mile-a-minute Giants will run riot on the bags and possibly win the series by sheer speed. The question about Thomas, as arises: "Is he a world's series catcher?" Which means to ask whether he can do his best work only when in a big series. Taking last year as a criterion, the answer would be "yes."

Chief Meyers, the big Indian who does the receiving for McGraw is a different type from Thomas. He is a plunger from the word go and works harder probably than any other catcher in the game. He is a big earnest fellow and always has his eyes open, which makes up to a great degree for his lack of brilliancy. Meyers has a remarkable whip to second, and when he controls it the opposition's runners are kept close to the bags throughout the game.

Several men could be picked from both leagues who figure superior to both Meyers and Thomas. There is little to choose between these two. Wilson may relieve Meyers in one or more of the games, while Jack Lapp and Paddy Livingstone probably will appear for the Philadelphians. Sizing up the two catching staffs, the Giant look a little better because of greater ability, the argument being about even otherwise.

Pitchers—McGraw relies on two pitchers Rube Marquard and Christy Mathewson, while Connie Mack had three dependables in Eddie Plank, Chief Bender and Jack Coombs.

Coombs, the Colby college boy, who did such grand work in the 1910 championship games, has made a creditable record this year, but somehow does not now seem as effective as he was on that occasion.

Chief Bender looks better than ever. The big Indian has taken part in two world's series as a member of the Athletics. He won the only Philadelphia victory over the Giants in 1905, this year and later lost a game to them in that series after it had gone ten innings to a tie. Bender has a world of "smoke" on the ball and, when he has his control, is almost invincible.

Eddie Plank, who did not start a game in the series against the Cubs, will likely get plenty of chance to show his wares against the Giants. He has been bowling along at a rapid rate, doing better against the strong teams than against the weak ones, and for this reason, Connie Mack expects him to be of special value when turned loose on the Giants.

Plank's record is better than that of any other lefthander not pitching in ten seasons that he has worked in the American League, he has kept his percentage above the half-way mark every time except one. In 1908 he fell to .467. His highest average of games won was hung up in 1905 when he won 24, lost 12 and finished with a mark of .760.

Mathewson's is the only one of any pitcher now working that surpasses that of Plank for consistent effectiveness during the ten-year period. The

Athletics have, besides these three mainstays, Cy Morgan, and Harry Krause, but it is unlikely that either will be seen in action against the Giants.

Taken as a complete twirling corps, the Athletic boxmen are stronger than the Giants, but in a single series such as the championship games, McGraw seems to be better fixed, as his two stars, Mathewson and Marquard can alternate, and both of them seem stronger than any of the Mackmen.

Mathewson's wonderful record is too well known to necessitate comment. His mid-season slump, slump, which was short-lived, did not show that the big fellow has gone back. To the contrary, he has twirled just as good ball in the latter part of the season as he did at any stage of his career.

He was the chief factor in the defeat of the old Athletics in 1905, and appears to have even more cunning now than then. His "fadeaway" has been acquired since that time, and he should be able to win over the Athletics if the Giants can score as many as three runs behind him.

Marquard, the sensation of the year, will be as effective as Mathewson, if not more so, in event that his conanol is with him.

Otis Crandall is a good relief pitcher and can go to the mound and do acceptable work if either of the Giants' king-pins are knocked from the box. George "Hoks" Witte, the veteran lefthander and "Red" Leon Ames are all likely to be used at all Lehigh Drucks, the sensational Texan of 1910, who disappointed New York fans this year, and the youngster Maxwell, who are the other members of McGraw's staff, are doomed to bench duty.

SPECULATORS HOLDING BASE-BALL TICKETS

By Associated Press.

New York, Oct. 13.—Sale of seats for the world's series between the New York Giants and the Philadelphia Athletics has proved the greatest coup for speculators New York has had in years.

The offerings at every big hotel and cafe along Broadway today showed that thousands of the pasteboards so much desired by baseball enthusiasts are in the hands of the speculators, held at from 100 to 200 per cent advance on the original price. The minimum quotations by the big ticket agencies this morning were \$5 and \$6 for reserved seats costing \$2 and \$3. One speculator had 900 tickets and the fact that they are all in a block has caused considerable comment.

The only consolation left for the average enthusiast is that 15,000 seats at \$1 each will go on sale tomorrow morning at the Polo Grounds.

A new feature of the ticket distribution which has put many fans on the anxious seat is the fact that hundreds of tickets mailed to people who sent in certified checks or money orders apparently have been lost in the mails. None of the mail was registered when it was sent out by the management and fans who failed to receive their tickets apparently have no recourse except to apply to the postoffice department for a tracer.

The total receipts of tomorrow's game will be made known as soon as the struggle is over, but many fans on reserved seats will have been counted before the game begins so that the admissions to bleachers and grandstands will be compiled by the time the seventh or eighth inning ends. The national commission will be on hand to approve the report and make it public immediately. The expenses will include the hiring of clerks, police, ushers and door tenders, postage and advertising, possibly amounting to \$5,000.

The decorations of the new stadium at the Polo Grounds are being rushed to completion today. Painters were busy at sunrise putting the finishing touches of color on the friezes, bas reliefs and patriotic shields.

Between the flag poles on the top of the grandstand are dozens of large American eagles brilliantly gilded.

The face of the upper tier of boxes bears the national emblem, the red, white and blue standing out in bold contrast against the concrete boxes. The upper frieze is made up of groups and figures in bas relief, supporting a series of crests, emblematic of the eight cities of the National League. The color treatment is in polichrome, ivory, dark gray and gold, with touches of vermilion and navy blue.

The flagstaffs, 29 in number, will fly the flags of each of the National League cities and national streamers. The new stadium, which closely follows the lines of the Roman amphitheatre was designed by Henry B. Hertz, who designed several of New York's theaters.

EIGHT ROUND BOUT.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, Oct. 13.—Joe Thomas will meet Joe Mandot in an eight round bout at the Orleans Athletic Club tonight in the charity hospital benefit card. Thomas will meet Pat Brown in a ten round affair next Monday night and Mandot will box twenty rounds with Young Saylor at the West Side Athletic Club on Oct. 23.

Teacher's Jokes.

The teach was having the pupils define some words, when she asked a little girl to tell what "vocabulary" meant. The child spoke very quickly, and said, "Why, I don't know, for I never did study physiology."

Later she was asking the pupils questions in history. On asking a girl who the Quakers were, was very much surprised to hear the answer given: "The Quakers are people who quake, and won't let anyone quake with them."

Candid, If Not Tactful.

A little girl was at table where grace was asked. It was her first experience at hearing thanks given.

"And why do you say that?" she asked.

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"Well, we have better food than this and we don't give thanks at our house."

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Special To The News.

Asheville, Oct. 13.—The first Western North Carolina fair had its formal opening here this morning. The opening was scheduled for yesterday afternoon but had to be postponed on account of continued rain which fell from early in the morning until late in the evening. The gates of the fair grounds at Riverside park were thrown open, however, and in spite of the inclement weather about 1,500 people were admitted between 2:30 o'clock and the closing hour. The

weather cleared last night and the pent up enthusiasm that was held over from yesterday for the event evidenced itself today in mammoth crowds on the grounds the entire day.

The formal opening this morning was preceded by a big parade. Judge Hezekiah A. Guder, of the Panama canal zone; Congressman J. M. Guder, Major William A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture; Judge Henry P. Lane and Hon. Locke Craig, were in carriages in the parade.

Judge Guder made the opening address at the fair grounds and chose for his subject "The Panama Canal and Its Benefits to Commerce."

NO MORE PRINTS OF FLAGS ON CAKES, ETC.

By Associated Press.

Detroit, Oct. 13.—The Michigan Daughters of the American Revolution intend, if they are able, to put a stop to the practice of printing American flags and other national emblems on napkins or constructing them on cakes. At yesterday's annual convention the practice was deemed unpatriotic and the Daughters decided to try to convince everybody concerned in Michigan to abide by their judgment. No time limit was placed on the undertaking.

CHEER UP SICKLY FOLKS

Most cases of *poor health* are caused by *the stomach being too weak* to properly digest the food and the system is thus deprived of the elements needed to sustain and maintain health. *Poorly digested food* clogs up the bowels, ferments and causes you untold agony; but for this there is a sure remedy—*Hostetter's Stomach Bitters*. It is a proven fact, backed by a 58 years' record, that it will tone and sweeten the stomach, aid digestion, keep the bowels open and make you well again.

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