

World Series Sidelights

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New York, Oct. 8.—It begins to look as if in arranging the schedules of future World Series, certain days for rest must be taken into account. During the regular playing season if two teams go into a "crucial" series of three or four games they emerge from the contests exhausted. In a World Series, where the tension is still higher and the stakes heavier, the players face the possibility of seven strenuous contests. Unquestionably there should be some time off between games.

Washington and New York proved it in their third encounter. After those two nerve-wrecking games at Washington came the big letdown. The Senators went to pieces completely. The Giants were held together by Frankie Frisch, who played the game of his life. He was the whole right and center Giant team. Washington's morale was shot to pieces by the loss of Roger Peckinpaugh who strained a leg that was injured several years ago and had to retire after two innings had been played.

Roger was not there to hit in the pinch. If he had been, the standing of the clubs today might easily have been different. Every other member of the Washington outfit had a chance at glory but not one of them could reach the heights.

Thirteen Senators stranded on the bases. That tells the story. Nemo Liebold, getting his first chance in the series, came up twice with the winning runs waiting to be knocked in—every base filled—but he could not deliver. "Stan" Harris, the doughy manager of the Washingtonians, had his two chances. Sam Rice had them and "Goose" Goslin was robbed of any chance to start something by Frankie Frisch who was always in the way. Ralph Miller who was attempting to substitute for Peck came up at two crucial moments, falling at the bat in much the same manner that he let a softly hit grounder pass completely through his quaking legs.

Poor little "Muddy" Ruel, as same a catcher as ever wore a mask, continued in his woeful batting slump, and could not provide the punch that would have put the game on ice for the Senators.

In three starts Muddy had not even approached a base hit, although on the season he was a .300 batsman.

The Senators had no less than 18 or 19 chances to drive in runs as a result of the ragged Giant pitching. Their inability to do so made them look as weak as penguins. It is true they died fighting, but their chances at victory came through the generosity of

series so dazzling is that the Giants at last have found opponents that play the same sort of game.

The attack with a zip to it, hitting the ball out and taking every chance on the field. The Giants game suits Washington. The Giants in two games hit into five of the Senators' famous double plays. The Senators hit only into one.

The infield play has been dazzling just as every one expected Frisch does not play as if he ever had a sore finger. Harris at second for the Senators is just as brilliant. Lindstrom, the school boy substituting for Gath at third for the Giants, is one sweet ball player.

The Senatorial attack on the Giants is different from the lumbering bludgeoning, slow moving assault of the Yankees a year ago. The Senators are shifty persons, but everybody has thought that about the Senators for some time.

Fred Marberry of the Senators is not a powerhitter nor is he a powerbroker's son. Yet he won a World Series game on three gold balls.

When Rice threw Hack Wilson out at the plate in Washington and Ruel slammed the ball on the Giant's neck in a none too comfortable manner, the Ruth was heard to murmur: "You can't hurt that bird by hitting him in the neck."

Speaking of the all-American hole, Walter Johnson found it in that first game three on bases, nobody out and Frankie Frisch at bat.

The Giants were not excited when they first went to Washington. One Giant, who shall be nameless, took along two left "handed" shoes.

Walter Johnson is waiting patiently but is willing to bet his new trousers that he will best the Giants in his next start. Don't bet against him.

BIG MONEY BANE IN WORLD SERIES

Repetition of White Sox Scandal Long Predicted but This Year Came Before Series Had Begun.

By JOHN H. FOSTER
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New York, Oct. 8.—Statements from men connected with both of the major leagues to the effect that they were willing to forego playing of the World Series to straighten out the present mess in which baseball finds itself, occasions no surprise.

Repeatedly the sponsors of the major leagues have been warned that they were courting danger by permitting the series to continue, with so much money at stake, and a repetition of the White Sox scandal has been predicted again and again. Now it has come, and everybody is willing for a thorough investigation.

There was only one man however, who could stop the World Series, and he wouldn't, holding that to have done so would have been to imply that everybody in both leagues was crooked. That is Commissioner Landis. An owner may refuse to put his team on the field for a World Series if he thinks it should not be played, but if he does he forfeits a bond of \$10,000 which he must deposit when the series is about to be started.

Commissioner Landis wished to be considered the sole author


in handling the World Series and he certainly has had his wish for last year and this year he has ignored the presidents of both leagues and has undertaken to handle all the details himself.

Last year the receipts of the World Series were more than \$1,000,000. In former seasons, it has been customary to wish the owners a share of the receipts because some of them have had to go to the expense of building new stands. That is the case with Griffith this year. If the games were called off, both teams would lose, but the greater loss would fall upon Griffith.


As the exposure of Dolan's and O'Connell's banishment for alleged bribery has been commented upon, more and more the impression grows that the members of the Giants who were not involved feel keenly the position in which they have been placed before the public.

The fact that any one should try to buy off the Philadelphia club is considered a compliment to the fighting spirit of the Phillies, as it must have been felt that they were ready to make a last ditch battle to beat the Giants out of the pennant. It was rather odd that Sand, the man approached, has been the only Philadelphia player to score in the game which it was attempted to influence.

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