

GIANTS HAVE PITCHING EDGE CONCEDED BY BOTH SIDES

Marquard, Mathewson, Tesreau and Demaree Unbeatable Quartet

THREE GOOD RELIEF MEN

Seven McGraw Twirlers Assume Giant Proportions Alongside Mack's Crippled Twirling Staff.

New York, Oct. 2.—When the New York and Philadelphia clubs open the series for the world's baseball championship at the Polo Grounds in this city on October 7th the Giants will have at least one advantage which only the heaviest kind of stickwork will overcome. Compared player for player the winners of the National League pennant appear to be stronger in the pitching department than the Athletics. Two years ago, when Connie Mack's wily veterans McGraw's team four games to two in the battle for the 1911 title, conditions in this respect were reversed. Now the margin of strength and two seasons later, concerned is on past performances with the Giants.

The doughy leader of the National League representatives in the coming series is Marquard, Mathewson, Tesreau, Demaree, Fromme, Crandall and Witse a group of twirlers who should prove more effective against the Athletics than Bender, Plank, Shawkey, Brown, Bush and Houck against the Giants. Such might not be the case were Connie Mack's pitching staff augmented by the prowess of Coombs. The big Maine hurler is considered to be out of the series, however, due to early season illness and a more recent strain of the arm. The trio of mainstays for the Giants will undoubtedly be Mathewson, Marquard and Tesreau, with Demaree, Fromme and Crandall as second string twirlers. For the Athletics Bender, Plank and Shawkey will have first call, while Brown, Bush and Houck will be reserve pitchers.

Mathewson, who is one of the greatest "money pitchers" of baseball, will have to divide honors with Marquard this year in all probability. While his head and hand still maintain the skill and cunning of yesteryear, his arm cannot stand the strain as it did a few seasons ago. Marquard will have to bear a larger share of the burden than he did in 1911. The same is true of Bender and Plank in the Athletics line-up, for Shawkey is an unknown quantity in world's series play. Tesreau and Demaree, on the other hand, have had considerably more big league experience, and the former was a factor in the world's series play of 1912 when the Giants gave the Boston Red Sox such a hard struggle for honors. Crandall is not likely to get into the series except as a relief pitcher or pinch hitter.

Houck are uncertain propositions. They are just as likely to win, if Mack starts any one of the trio, as to blow up completely. Mathewson opposed Bender in the first game of the 1911 series which the Giants won, 2 to 1. He allowed six hits against the Athletics, and Marquard and Tesreau were the second pair and while the Athletics won 3 to 1 they got but four hits off Rube in the seven innings. Plank allowed five to the full nine innings, and Coombs in the third game, losing 2 to 2 in eleven innings. The Mackmen gathered in nine hits to the Giants three. Matty tried to come back in the fourth game but was relieved by Witse in the seventh inning after giving ten hits. Bender twirled the entire game for the American Leaguers and won 4 to 2, allowing but seven hits. Coombs and Marquard opened the fifth game, which New York won, 4 to 3, in the tenth inning. Marquard was driven from the box in the third inning and Ames took his place and Ames was followed by Crandall in the seventh. Coombs allowed eight hits in nine innings and gave way to Plank when the Giants tied the score. Plank was charged with the hit that lost the game. In the final contest Bender held the Giants to four hits and two runs while the Athletics battered Ames, Witse and Marquard for thirteen hits and a like number of runs.

It is reasonable to suppose that neither Bender, Plank nor Mathewson will be as effective against the batsmen as they were two years ago. Marquard, as a result of his additional experience and knowledge, should be on paper at least, better than in 1911, but the fact remains that the lanky left-hander is not pitching the brand of ball he did in 1912. Tesreau, however, has proved a big help and Demaree has developed into a pitcher who can hold his own in fast company. Connie Mack's youngsters, Shawkey and Brown, have also been coming strong and the latter has divided the heaviest part of the boxwork with Bender pitching but one game less and having an average some 50 points below that of the veteran. If surprises develop in the coming series it is quite likely to be in the twirling department and it is possible that Demaree, Tesreau, Shawkey, Brown or Bush will be responsible for it. As a means of comparison the 1913 records of the Athletics' and Giants' pitchers are appended:

Pitchers' Records.

Name	W	L	Pct.
Bender	3	19	.139
Plank	39	17	.690

STANDING OF THE TEAMS

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Team	W	L	Pct.	P.C.
Philadelphia	85	53	.615	88
Washington	83	55	.600	86
Cleveland	84	55	.604	86
Boston	79	60	.568	83
Chicago	79	61	.565	82
Detroit	64	86	.427	82
St. Louis	64	86	.427	82
New York	55	95	.367	82

Giants Best Bet For Second Game

As we make brief inspection of the box score evolved from the second battle of the 1911 series in our sweat-provoking attempt to figure the coming series therefrom, our fancy drifts at once to a piece of ash furniture—a loud, rasping sound and a right field fence some way.

That same piece of ash furniture, loud, rasping noise, and right field fence settled the issue of the series beyond doubt. They were there in 1911 and their producer will again be on deck for 1913, looming ahead as one of the most dangerous single factors in the series. On guessed it the first time. The name is John Franklin Baker, of Trappe, Md.

Baker and the Dope. Baker showed in that series the tremendous value of one keen-eyed, long distance clouter—doubly valuable in the drift of close scoring.

After a brief case of fluttering ducks fits, Marquard had rallied and swept into one of the finest pitching streaks he has ever known. The game had been tied up, the sixth round was on, and there were two out when Collins double and the Trappe error arrived with his brilliant bludgeon. Rube, still content, stuck a high, fast one to a round, white blot against the azure sky—and the end of a hard-fought, well pitched battle.

Collins started the upheaval in that inning and Baker finished it. These two are still on deck, hitting the ball as mightily as ever, and to ever beat the Mackmen Giant pitchers must at least hold this pair in check—a job almost as easy as suppressing a hurricane or curbing a typhoon across the south seas.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS.

High School Boys Planning to Capture State Championship Again. At a meeting of the candidates for the High School football team held in the High School building Wednesday afternoon John Allen Thames, who started in almost all the games last year, was elected captain. Prof. Feman Shaw, principal of the High School, met with the boys, and the prospects for the year were discussed. It was generally agreed that they were good. Last year's team had a record so proud of, winning six out of their seven games played. They gave them the championship of the State.

On account of League Park having been torn up it was decided to have the games this year on Parsley's Field at Hilton. There are four games scheduled to be played here during the season. Practice will begin Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and all candidates are requested to be on hand at that time.

Among the candidates are Walter Tashagen, commonly called "Lightning"; Ralph Herring, known as "Red"; Nathan Silverman, Grey; Hicks, called "Swampy"; mostly; Alfred Hall, a brother of Pittie Hall, who on account of injuries last year failed to make his letter; Carl Thompson, Fayetteville's High School old star; Charles Wagner, who played half for the second team last year; Murry Grant, who played full last year; Norman Sheppard, known as "Old Reliable"; and Jennings Ledwin, Charles Johnson, Ike Silverman, Rosser LeGwin, Howard Hanby, Charles Jacobs, William Early and James Monroe.

Chicago, October 2.—"Red" Russell, of the Chicago pitching staff, obtained a license this afternoon to wed Miss Charlotte Benz, of Indianapolis. She is a cousin of Joe Benz, who is also a pitcher of the local American League team.

Team	W	L	Pct.
Shawkey	14	6	.700
Brown	48	18	.727
Bush	36	11	.764
Houck	38	15	.717
Demaree	29	14	.674
Marquard	40	22	.646
Mathewson	39	24	.617
Tesreau	39	21	.649
Fromme	39	9	.813
Crandall	32	2	.870

RESULTS YESTERDAY

All games postponed, rain. At New York 6; Philadelphia 8; (Unfinished game). At New York 8; Philadelphia 3. 2nd: New York 3; Philadelphia 4. At Boston-Brooklyn, rain.

WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY

Boston at Washington (2). New York at Philadelphia (2). Chicago at Detroit. Philadelphia at New York. Brooklyn at Boston (2).

MACK'S FIRST TRY-OUT

Put Full Strength in Field Yesterday Against Yankees—Bender and Schang Appeared on the Mound.

Philadelphia, Oct. 2.—Only four and one-half innings of the first games of the series with the New York team, which Manager Mack, of Philadelphia intended should be used as a basis for putting his players in trim for the world's series contests, could be played this afternoon. While New York was at bat in the fifth inning with the score 0 to 0, a hard shower caused Umpire Evans to suspend play. In a few minutes the field was so soggy that the game was called off.

For the first time in a week Manager Mack had his full strength in the field. When Bender and Schang were sent in at the start of the game it was taken as an indication that they would form a battery in the world's series and that they would probably be the men selected to do this work in the first engagement of the big series.

The fans have been guessing as to who Mack would pair off with Bender. Many believed that Thomas would again team up with the big Indian twirler. The indications, however, are that Schang had been decided on. In today's contest a foul tip off Beckinbaugh's bat in the third inning struck Schang on the right hand and bruised one of his fingers. Manager Mack declared tonight he did not believe the accident would prove serious. Bender pitched three innings. He had excellent control and gave only two hits. Only nine batters faced the Indian. Three knocked the ball out of the infield, two of these being easy chances for O'Driscoll, while one batsman struck out. Brown and Lapp became Philadelphia's battery in the fourth inning.

The American League champions put up a snappy exhibition in the field, the infielders showing no signs of staleness from their lay-off. At the bat Philadelphia did not set up as being in form, although they usually have trouble hitting Caldwell, who pitched for New York.

The home team made two singles in four innings, but they were only times when Philadelphia could bat the ball out of the infield. Two games tomorrow will give Manager Mack the opportunity to use a large number of twirlers. The chances are that Bender, Plank and several of the young pitchers will work a few innings.

PREDICTING CLOSE SERIES

Prominent Players About Evenly Divided, While Majority of Sport Writers Give Edge to The Giants.

New York, Oct. 2.—Opinion regarding the outcome of the world's series appears to be unusually divided this year. Prominent baseball players and writers are predicting a close series of games with low scores.

Outside of the home cities of the two competing clubs the wagering is at even money. In Philadelphia the Athletics are slight favorites over the New York team and here local supporters are quoting odds of 10 to 9 on the Giants.

Expressions of opinion on the part of the managers and players of other clubs are beginning to be heard here with the gathering of the advance guard for the opening game Tuesday. Among those who are favoring the Athletics are Frank Chance, Napoleon LaJoie, Clark Griffith and Umpire Billy Evans. Some of those who are naming the Giants as the eventual winners are George Stallings, Johnny Evers, Fred Clarke and Ty Cobb. Hughey Jennings and Bill Dahler have said the teams are so evenly matched that the outcome of the series is a toss-up.

A consensus among thirty of the leading baseball writers of the big league circuits shows that eighteen favor the Giants to win the series. For the Athletics and three frankly undecided. Almost without exception they predict that the slightest break of luck in the game will swing the championship one way or the other.

Manager McGraw had all his world's series regulars, aside from Fred Snodgrass, the "charley-horsed" center-fielder, in action today. Larry Doyle, team captain and second sacker, whose shoulder has been lame, got into the game in the second game of the double-header with Philadelphia. It was in the first encounter today that Mathewson and Marquard, one of the other of the likely twirlers in the opening world's series game were tried out. "Matty" possibly has been in better form this year, but in the four innings he worked, the heavy hitting Phillies scored but once and would not have counted then had he made a bad throw to first. Marquard had fine speed and control in the five innings he pitched. In a double-header tomorrow McGraw will have plenty of opportunity to tune up his other boxmen.

PRESIDENT TENDER-HEARTED.

Allows Reform School Boy to Go Home to be Doctored. Washington, October 2.—Touched by a mother's appeal for her boy, President Wilson today released 13-year-old Raymond Taylor from the Washington, D. C., Reform School. His mother wants to take him home to Fort Worth, Texas, to have an arm, broken while at school, re-set.

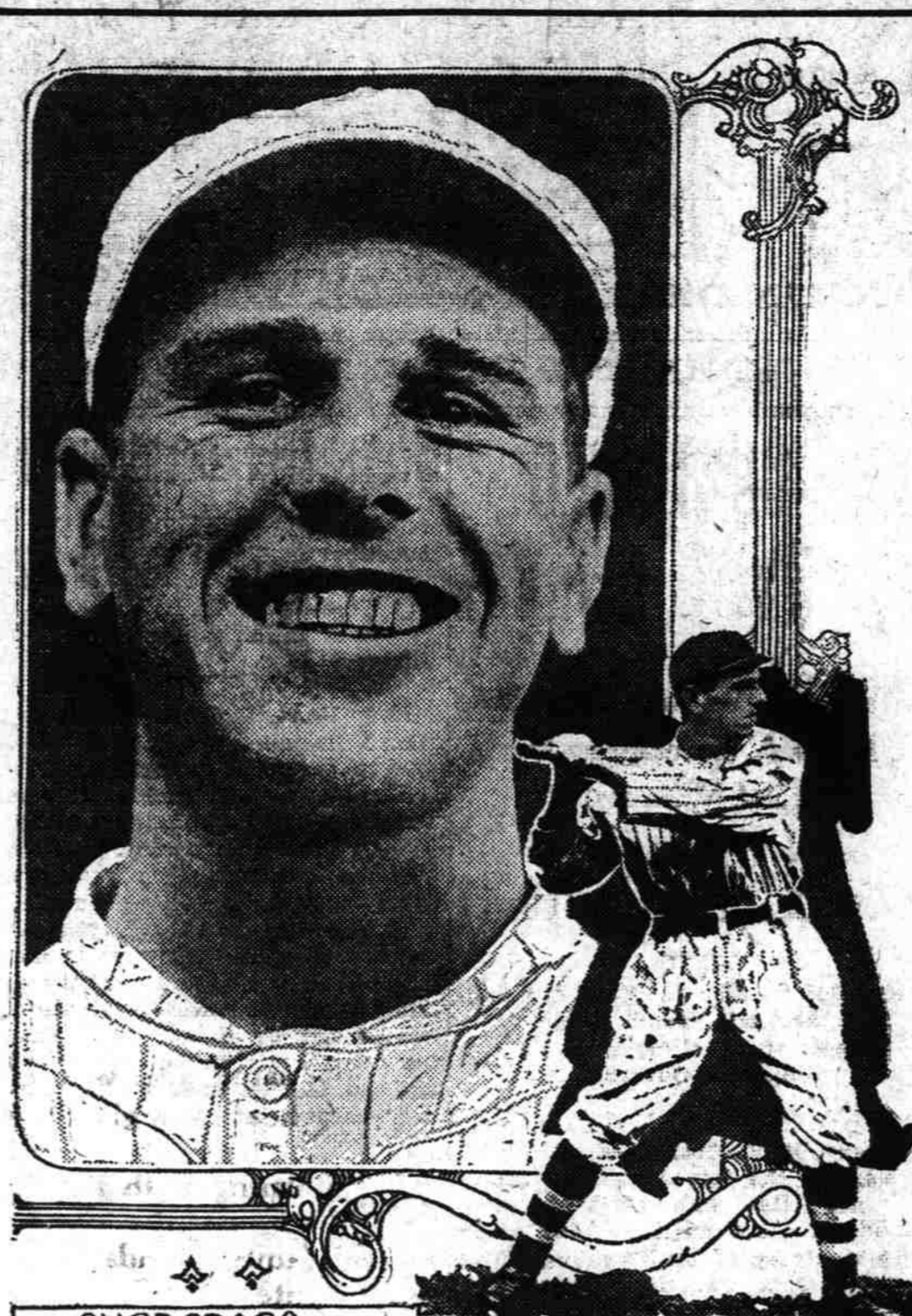
WILL ATTEND MEETING.

President Wilson to Meet With Southern Commercial Congress. Washington, October 2.—President Wilson has decided to attend the Southern Commercial Congress at Mobile, Ala., October 27th, unless unexpected developments prevent. Plans are being made for him to leave here the evening of October 25th, returning here the 28th.

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"I WON'T DROP IT AGAIN."—SNODGRASS.



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Fred Snodgrass was the most unpopular player of the Giant team after the deciding game of last year's world series. His playing, brilliant for the most part, became of the bonehead variety at the crucial and deciding moment, with the result that the Boston Red Sox won the series. Giant rooters roasted Snodgrass so hard when he muffed that final fly that the fans wondered if he would ever dare to appear in uniform again. But such things are the spice of baseball, after all, and Snodgrass kept right on, with the result that he has been one of the best outfielders on the team. But his friends hope he won't drop the ball again. He says he won't.

LONGEST GAME ON RECORD ENDED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

Phils Won Forfeited Game of August 30th From New York Giants.

MATTY WON SECOND GAME

"Peerless One" Held Dooin's Phillies to Seven Scattered Hits—Phils Took the Third Game—Longest Game.

The longest baseball game on record, which started August 30th, was ended yesterday on the Polo Grounds at New York, the Phillies winning the game eight to six. The game was started at the opening of the ninth inning, and the Giants managed to get one hit in this inning. The same lineup which existed when the game was forfeited by Umpire Brennan on August 30th took the field, and the same batting order was used. Christy Mathewson twirled the opener of the double-header which followed this game, and held the visitors to seven hits, and the Giants won eight to three. In the last game Tom Hearne outpitched Billy Hearne and the Phils won four to three.

New York, October 2.—The New York-Philadelphia game, begun August 30th at Philadelphia and stopped in the ninth inning by Umpire Brennan, was completed at the Polo Grounds today, Philadelphia winning by a score of 8 to 6. "The longest game on record" was brought to a quick finish. Murray, of the Giants, who was at bat with one out when the game at Philadelphia was interrupted, grounded to Byrne. Meyers singled, but Grant, who ran for the Indian, was forced at second by McLean, batting for Snodgrass, and the game was over.

The unique entertainment afforded by the playing off of the disputed game preceded a double-header, the Giants winning the opener and Philadelphia the second. In the first game Mathewson and Marquard held the visitors safe while

Chalmers was hit hard and went to pieces. The second game was called at the end of the sixth inning on account of darkness. Second game—Philadelphia . . . 000 010 010—3 7 1 New York . . . 200 004 20—8 14 2 Chalmers, Finneran and Burns; Mathewson, Marquard and Meyers. Time 1:45. Umpires, Klem and Orth. Third game—Philadelphia . . . 210 010—4 6 1 New York . . . 000 012—3 7 2 Seaton and Dooin; Hearne and McLean. Time 1:26. Umpires, Klem and Orth.

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