## The Series

A lifelong Yankee fan recalls a world championship experience


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lightsed the former. 1 turned off the car acelerator to the foor
passed hundreds of cars as 1 traveled passed hundred. of cars as 1 traveled in a
none xistent left lane. Sure enought the first
car took the bait. He let me back in ine car took the bait. He let me back in line.
The problem of obtaining tickest was resolved by buying from the scalpers. Now
for those who have never dealt with this
 who buys a ticket and then sells it at a higher
price. This illegal practice can be quite
prof profitable. nd $\$ 1$. original cost of S Series tickets were $\$ 10$
ant, scalped tickets had gone fr $\$ 100$ or more. When I first arrived at the
tadium, prices were stadium, prices were hovering around $\$ 50$ a
ticket. The key in forcing a scalper to lower
his price, however, is his price, however, is patience. Usually, the
closer the sale is made to game time, the
lower the price of the tion As it turned out, buying scalped tickets for the 1976 Series was anticlimactic. Those of
us making the purchases had several factors us making the purchases had several factors
in our favor. First, the Yankees were down 20 when the Series came to New York. That,
and the cold weather, caused some people to and the cold weather, caused some people to
stay home and watch the games on

Yankee's 30 rhoth pennant. Homemade signs lined the upper decks, while the familiar red the fences along with the other fans, for the scene was
 by plain-clothes policemen influenced their associates to lower their prices and unload
their tickets. Thus, prices came tumbling their tickets. Thus, prices came tumbling
down from $\$ 50$ a ticket to $\$ 10$ and $\$ 15$. So
finally ticket finally, ticket in hand, I was inside Yankee
Stadium. Walking into the refurbished stadium, my
thoughts floated back to the old structure. A lot had changed. But although I loved the old stadium, the refurbishhed one had many
advantages. The lighting, parking facilities,
exit improved. Gone were the support poles that often obstructed one's view. The refurbished
Statium was, inded, beautifi. Yet I couldn't help but feel that many of
the old features would be missed. The white facade of the upper deck, the left-center field
graveyard, the low, close fences and the graveyard, the low, close fences and the
centerfield monuments (now in the bullpen) were all part of what made the 'House that
Ruth Built' the greatest ballpark in the world. I still wonder whether the s100 million of renovation, coming at a ti
near-financial disaster, was worth it. I immediately noticed that the new
stadium had no place to hang the championship banners as the old structure did. Nevertheless, the reminders of the flaskee heritage still existed. The scoreboard
frevious leaving older fans reminiscing.
$\qquad$ hand to throw out the first balls. One elderly gentleman sported a World Series jacket-a
transpar transparent coat displaying Series ticket classics.
The Stadium lights glistened down on the the

But the 1976 World Series was different. The Reds swept he Yanks Y inkers straight even close in three of them. They hadn't
come to play. This was not the same Yanke club that won 97 regular season games. It's easy to see why the Yankees lost. In the
two games they played ing
Yankest Yankees hit, pitched and fielded poorly. The
sparks to the Yankee sparks to the Yankee running game, Mickey
Rivers and Willie Randolph, both batted
under Rivers and willie Randolph, both batted
under . 100 for the Series. Defensively, the
Yanks let pop flies drop, threw widlly Yanks let pop flies drop, threw wildly and
sometimes to the wrong base. Offensively, they provided one of the poorest batting
exhibitions in recent World Series I came to the World Series to be
entertained. Instead entertained. Instead, I left disgusted with a
poor exhibition of baseball. Cincinnati poor exhibition of baseball. Cincinnatio
didn't play well, either. The Reds made their share of mistakes, but they didn't need to
display their talents. The Yankees just didn't In retrospect, I had a pleasant time the few
In days I spent in New York. The color of the
trees along the Palisades and New Jersey parkways was as spectacular as the view
from the World T was as much fun as ever. With all the excitement in the city, I Wondher why 1
shivered inside Yankee Stadium for two
unevent uneventful evenings.
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I guess the answer to that, however, is the
same motivating force for any fan who same motivating force for any fan who
attends a sporting event. I went to see my
team play. Above that. team play. Above that, I went to
entertained by the best of baseball. Although disappointed, I realiie that the
Yankees have another shot next year. And if Yankess have another shot next year. And if
they get to the World Series again, I know
where Ill spend a few more chilly October nights. Even though this was the firist World
Series I'd attended, I know from others of the exciting play of past classics. And no
know the trill of just being there. Hockey faces Wake In spie of fer eeam's shre straight loseses,
UNC Field Hockey Coach Dolly Humer remained confident about the Tar Heels'
chances against Wake Forest when they travel to Winston-Salem today
"We should have the adya "We should have the advantage against
Wake Forest," Hunter said. "All the schools we know that have played them have beaten The Deacons are having an off year," Hunter said. "They've been very strongen in the
past, but this year they just haven't been past,
doing too well.
The Tar Heels
The Tar Heels have plenty to lose but little
to gain in today's game. A win would leave to gain in today's game. A win would leave
them with an unimpressive $5-3$ season,
though it could boost their though it could boost their momentum for
next week's Deep South Tournament, while next week's Deep South Tournament, while
a loss would drop the once $4-0$ team to a 500
regular season mark regular season mark.

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