

TRUE TO FORM IS SERIES RUNNING

For Once Playing of Both Teams in Series Is in Line With What Have Been Doing All Season.

By JOHN H. FOSTER
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New York, Oct. 7.—There is one fact about the World Series which is pleasant to the old timers and particularly pleasant to Washington and that is that it is running true to form.

There is presumed to be no such thing in baseball with its multiplicity of chances, but it exists in some degree in some games and in a great degree in exceptional games. All World Series games are exceptional of course. They are played when ball players are fagged out after working through a championship season and when they must go at the best they have left to win. Some times the fans are irritated because the best is not as good as they expect.

There are many who criticize McGraw's management of the second game in Washington. They think that he should have instructed Bentley to give Peckinpach a base on balls in the ninth inning when Washington won the game on Peck's single with Judge on second. Perhaps McGraw did order that very thing and Bentley failed to deliver. Gowdy ran out into the diamond to talk with Bentley and it looked very much as if he went out to tell him to let "ride," as ball players refer to a base on balls.

Washington's gain proved that it is a fighting ninth inning team. No baseball club in the American League in years has proved more often that it never stops playing baseball. No great surprise should be felt because Walter Johnson lost his first game but it seems that Harris did exactly the right thing when he came back at New York with Zachary.

Many thought the New York pitcher in the second game would be McQuillan but Neh's showing in the opener probably decided McGraw to use another left hander. Bentley told some friends that he did not expect to pitch in the series and the presumption is that he was called upon unexpectedly. He pitched a good ball game, better than some thought he could but the Washington players got after him early for runs and kept him on the defensive and he does

not like to pitch when he is on the defensive. But those who thought he would collapse were fooled. Zachary pitched fine ball. He is entitled to a World Series victory in spite of the fact that there is a ruling in baseball which gives a pitcher credit for victory if the game is won which he finds tied when he comes in. There are instances now and then when that is not fair to a pitcher and one of these instances happened when the credit of winning was given to Marberry who took Zachary's place after the score was tied. He had to retire only one batter, but Zachary said after the game that he did not care who got credit for the victory so long as Washington won which is a fine spirit for a young pitcher to show.

Harris used good judgment in starting Zachary in the second game. The writer suggested in previous dispatches that he would likely acquit himself well although he might have been considered a Washington star of the first magnitude. The young man had fine speed and good control. In spite of the fact that the rescue squad had to come to his aid, he showed all the way through that he is an exceptional left hand pitcher.

To date each team has shown about what it was expected to show. The infielders about which there has been so much bragging, have lived up to all that was heralded in regard to them. All things taken into consideration, it is doubtful if there has been better infield work in any World Series than was shown in the first two games. No wonder pitchers can show well when they have players on the infield who give them such support.

The Washington infield appears to be better, if any time, than it was during the regular season. There is not a play in which it doesn't exult. Peckinpach today is a better shortstop than he was when he played with the Yankees which shows that Washington's climate has not taken away his sprightliness.

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World Series Sidelights

By Robert T. Small

New York, Oct. 7.—In the distant days to come when the little boy asks Father Fan or Grandfather Fan to tell him a bed-time story, no doubt he will hear the legend of baseball's "Uncle Tom" of 1924. He will hear how Uncle Tom was "sold down the river" and by the Yankees and put where it was thought the world would hear no more of his shattering and shaking form.

It will be the story of old Fog or Peckinpach, who wasn't good enough for the Yankees after he had failed to make a crucial play in the 1921 World Series. He was sold to Washington, he was, and Washington had never done anything in baseball and probably never would. The "rajah" was gone, shackled with the rest of the slaves at the national capital, condemned to spend the rest of his days in the oblivion that throws its shroud around a consistent loser.

But under the inspiration of little-known players like Peckinpach, Uncle Tom was born again and in this World Series which has held the fans of the country in a daze, he is hero number 1—a Stonewall Jackson in the field; a St. Romanus in the march at bat. The baseball experts always have admired Peckinpach's play. They say he has the cleanest ball of hands in baseball, and this does not refer to any scandalous stuff; that's all off for the moment.

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be funny, baseball "nut" down there for years to come. Add another myth has been exploded. Don't let them tell you that an umpire always is a cold, lethargic being, devoid of all sensation and sentiment. In any taken from such a hot Washington has no greater roster than this star of the American League staff of arbiters. Evans is a particular admirer of Walter Johnson and old Peck. In Saturday's game he was yelling from the press box. "Come on, you little 'Trom' every time Johnson had a chance to shine."

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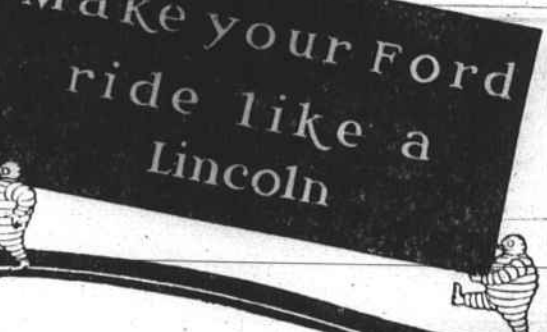
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