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FRANK CHANCE PICKS GIANTS TO WIN THE WORLD'S SERIES

Chicago, Oct. 6.—In the opinion of Frank Chance, manager of the Chicago Cubs, the chances of the Giants defeating the Philadelphia Athletics in the world's series will depend entirely upon the condition of Rube Marquard. If the big left hander gets back in shape he thinks the Giants will win. "Basing my statement on the general belief that Mathewson and Marquard are New York's two strongest pitchers," said Chance, "the condition of Marquard will tell the story. No body need to worry about Mathewson. He will surely beat the Athletics and if he has a strong twister to help him out the Giants ought to win. The series will depend entirely upon the pitching."

"If the Giants and Athletics had to play a whole season against each other the Giants would beat them out with ease, but in a series of seven games it is such a short sprint that the bulk of the pitching strength will have to be brought into service at once. The Athletics have two great pitchers in Coombs and Bender. Of these Bender is the better. While Coombs has won three games last fall he should not have won any one of them. In one game he allowed 11 bases on balls, but the luck broke so that we could not take advantage of it. No pitcher in the world can give the Giants 11 bases on balls and beat them."

"The speed of New York base runners will cut a big figure in the world's series, but you must remember that the Athletics have some great men on the paths. I figure that the base running will about break even, and it will come back to a question of pitching."

"I can see that McGraw is grooming Mathewson so as to have him just right for the big series, and he is acting with great wisdom. All other things break even, Matty will surely pitch the Giants to victory. He is the best pitcher in the world today and against the Athletics he is not battered against him regularly he is practically invincible. He will be just as strong against the Athletics as he was against the Highlanders at New York in the series last fall."

"Marquard will give the Philadelphia club a lot of trouble if he is right, but he is not right now. When he pitched against us on Wednesday he was not like the same man that faced us in New York a few weeks ago. Marquard is not a strong fellow like Mathewson. He is over six feet tall, but he is built differently from Matty. Marquard has a thin chest and his legs are not sturdy like those of many of the big fellows in the league. He has done a lot of pitching of late and this has temporarily weakened him. McGraw

would do well to give him a good rest and let him pick up more vitality. "While the Giants apparently have the pennant clinched now, they will be in bad shape unless they get the race settled at an early date. They should have at least a week of rest before going into the big series. Connie Mack is now on easy street with his team, and you will notice that he is giving his veterans a rest so as to let them recuperate and get strong and fresh before tackling the Giants. Right now the New York club is a little off its stride, which is due to the strain under which the players have been laboring. The thing to do is to relieve them of this strain and I believe the National League will win the world's championship."

"The last fall we could not give the Athletics a hard time because we had no pitchers in shape. They would never hit as they did in that series. I think I can see the reason. The Athletics had to face such men as Mathewson. They have also been hitting at a lively ball during this season, and they will run up against a dead one in the games played on the National League grounds. "To compare the players individually is a task that I would not care to undertake just now and it would not make the situation any clearer if I did. Some of my players have expressed the fear that Chief Meyers might blow up under the strain, but I have no such fears. He is an accurate thrower and his hitting will make him more valuable to the Giants than any catcher the Athletics can show."

"The Athletics are no better hitters than the Giants. The fact is that they have also been batting the lively cork-centered ball. In my opinion this is going to be the hardest fought series yet played between two championship teams. It is going to be so close that a tossup would almost decide it. As a betting proposition neither team should be made a favorite. If anyone would lay odds in my opinion it would be a good bet to take the short end of it either way. "Personally I want to see the Giants win, and believe they can do it if Marquard can get in shape to pitch the kind of ball that he did two months ago. Matty ought to win three of the games with ease."

Has No Connection With E. D. C.
Benjamin Shepherd, 88 City Road, wishes to correct the statement which appeared in The Standard to the effect that he had been elected an officer of the Every Day Club, at a meeting of that body on Thursday. Mr. Shepherd states that he has not been connected with the E.D.C. for several months.

Pitchers Will Have Lot to Do With Result of World's Series

Bender, Coombs and Plank Against Mathewson, Marquard and Ames—Comparison of Two Teams Continued.

Predicting a winner in the coming world's series is a hazardous guess. One may make a selection and hit it right, but predictions in a series of seven games between clubs which size up to the merits of the Athletics and New York Giants may go wrong, because a break of what is commonly called "baseball luck" may favor one of the clubs in the same which decides the championship. Just how far one may go wrong in trying to pick a winner in the world's series was evidenced in 1910, when Chicago, ruling as favorite, failed to make a good showing against the Athletics. If the Giants were to prove as easy for the Mackmen as the Cubs, the result would be even more of a surprise than the Athletics' one-sided victory in 1910. For New York is at the top of this year, while it must be admitted by all fair-minded critics that the team which met the American league champions last year was not near the class of the one which twice overwhelmingly defeated the Detroit Tigers.

Last year the Athletics and Chicago Cubs won their pennant races by easy margins and entered the race for the world's championship in the third shape as it was possible to have the teams at that time. This year the finish of the league races is almost a duplicate of what occurred in 1910, except that New York is being forced to fight for the pennant right up to the finish of the season, while the Athletics have their race won, and can take things easy, keeping in condition for the big series without taking any chances of becoming tired through over-exercising. In 1910 one of the excuses made for the defeat of the Athletics was the hard race they had to land the American league pennant, but New York was able to take things easy.

Last year Connie Mack put his team edge to the Athletics by arranging a series of games with an all-star team managed by James McAleer. This year the same system will be employed, and by perfecting the work of the team and trying various styles of offense and defense Manager Mack expects to have his team in the best possible condition for the big series. The Athletics will have no such opportunity for practice. New York looks like a sure winner at this stage, but it is still possible for them to be beaten in the race. They will have to keep going for several days, and this means that the players will be under the same strain as the Athletics were under during the finish of the 1910 campaign.

The only thing about such a condition is that if the Giants are beaten it will leave a loophole for the same excuse offered for the Athletics in 1910. For this reason it is to be hoped that the Giants will win the race this week so that the team will be given a chance to rest up, or employ any system of training decided upon to put them in their finest fettle for the series.

A Battle of Pitchers.
Considering that the Giants will be the Athletics' opponents this year, the coming world's series should be decided by the pitching. Bender, Coombs, Marquard and Ames. Of course, the selection of this sextet of pitchers is based upon the way these pitchers have been used during the last month or so of this pennant race. On the form shown by the two stars in the closing games the chances would seem to favor the Athletics, for both Mathewson and Marquard have been roughly handled by the National league teams in the last few games they pitched. Mathewson and Marquard really pitched the Giants into victory this year. The veteran Mathewson, while showing the wear of long service, has been pitching great ball for the last two months, and can surely be counted upon to be one of the mainstays of the New York team in the world's series. In 1910 Matty won three games for New York against the Athletics, and the latter failed to show a single run off him. But that was five years ago, and Matty is not the pitcher that he was then. Mathewson is a good pitcher, but has been over produced has surpassed his record in the last few games they pitched. When called upon to save off defeat, Matty usually delivers the goods, and if right for the world's series he will be a valuable asset to the New York club. He has been pitching the kind of ball that he did two months ago. Matty ought to win three of the games with ease."

fered defeat several times lately and was hard hit in the games he won. If the Giants win the pennant, soon enough to give Marquard a week's rest and he gets back to form he can be counted upon as the running mate to Mathewson, and good judges declare that he is practically unbeatable when right. Ames has been working easily lately, and Manager McGraw is no doubt grooming his speedy twister, with Wilkes and Crandall to count upon in case his pair of stars weaken.

Pitted against the New York twisters will very likely be Bender, Coombs and Plank, possibly Morgan and Krause. With this quintet the Athletics are strongly fortified in the pitchers' box. Coombs, Bender and Morgan pitched wonderful ball for the Athletics in 1910, and the same trio has been a big factor in landing the championship this year. Last year Coombs and Bender pitched all five games of the world's series, but Plank will, no doubt, get a chance at the Giants this month. Plank is a veteran of the Athletics' pitching staff and this has been one of the best years of his long and meritorious career. Plank pitched two of the five games against the Giants in 1910 and lost both, so that he, too, has some revenge coming to him, and he is right. Connie Mack is almost sure to give him the opportunity to secure it.

This will give each team two right-handers and a left-hander for the series and each team has a right-hander and a left-hander in reserve. It is either team in possessing the pitching staffs. With all six men at their best the series ought to result in the great battle of pitchers that has never before been witnessed. No other team in either league can boast of such a record. There is not a weak hitter in the team that will face the Giants, unless

less Morgan is chosen as one of the pitchers. The Athletics are not only hard and steady hitters, but have perfected the hit-and-run style of play to perfection and almost every man is capable of laying down a bunt for a sacrifice when it is needed. In the Giants' lineup only two of the regular players have averages of 300 or over. Chief Myers leads the national league with an average of 355, which is only four points below the average of Eddie Collins, who leads the Giants in hitting. Doyle, the Giants' second 300 hitter, has an average of 307 for 131 games. Fletcher, shortstop, is hitting close to the mark with 298, but has taken part in only 87 games. The lowest man among the Athletics' 300 hitters is Lord, with an average of 269, while Oldring is within three points of being within the select circle. These averages do not include the pitchers. Coombs has a record of 324 for 50 games, while Bender and Plank rank below the 200 mark. Crandall is the best hitting pitcher in the New York team, but he is hitting only 212 for 58 games. Mathewson is ranked as a good hitting pitcher, a little better than either Bender or Plank, but not in the class with Coombs, who Ames falls below the mark of any of the six selected to work in the world's series. The following is the list of the players to participate in the series, the pitchers not included:

Athletics.	G.	Av.
Collins, Ed.	126	359
Lapp, C.	62	348
Baker, Ed.	144	335
Murphy, R.	107	322
Melvin, B.	124	320
Lord, R.	128	269
Merkle, B.	118	257
Thomas, C.	98	271
Barry, S.	121	249
Livingson, C.	22	246
Strunk, C.	65	239

New York.	G.	Av.
Myers, C.	124	355
Doyle, J.	131	307
Fletcher, S.	78	298
Wilson, C.	59	286
Harris, B.	115	284
Snodgrass, G.	107	284
Devore, J.	139	278
Merkle, B.	118	257
Thomas, C.	98	271
Devlin, B.	88	254
Becker, C.	68	247

How Lions Fight

It is by no means an easy task to make the peace among the animals in a show, says Frank Ross, a tamer, who has known cases where it has taken years of most patient and arduous training before it was possible to allow a lion and tiger to perform together in public and no matter how friendly these animals may become the natural antagonism between them is never entirely overcome. Some years ago we had a lion named Rover, and a tiger named Monty, who became apparently so devoted to each other that they could be made to fight safely. Indeed, Rover always set up the most plaintive howls when his companion was taken away from him at the end of their performance. Well, at last we let them occupy the same cage and for three months they lived in peace and harmony, with each other, and then one night the inevitable battle between the two came. The day was quiet, breaking on a lovely August morning when our camp was disturbed by the most terrific roar that proceeded from the lion's cage. With a couple of keepers I hastened to the scene of the disturbance, but when we arrived the combat was over. The tiger lay dead in the corner of the cage with his throat half torn away. The victor was standing on his hind legs with his fore paws round the bars of the cage uttering the most triumphant roars as if to announce his victory. How the fight arose I cannot say. Probably it began as a fight over food among human beings in play and ended in a mortal duel.

In a while he began to growl and the lion that was impossible to remove the body of the tiger for a day. Lions are wild and dangerous animals and never fight with one another when they are under the personal supervision of their keepers. I have had sometimes to keep a man patrolling up and down outside a cage of lions or tigers for several days and nights to preserve peace among them. I remember once sitting myself throughout the night between a leopard and jaguar, whom we were training to perform in a mix-up of animals. But before we could start training them we had to get them on terms of friendship, temporary though it might be, with each other. Every now and then the leopard would turn and snarl at the jaguar, who would snarl back viciously. Had the two been left alone for an instant the pair would have engaged in a mortal combat, and even when we had trained them to perform together, it was impossible for us to allow them to occupy the same cage. There is no doubt that the only enemy feared by large wild beasts is man, and it was, I confess, always puzzled me why this should be so. Neither man's size nor his erect posture seem to account for it satisfactorily.

The only reason that I could think of as to why the larger wild beasts should fear him is that they don't understand him and are unable to fathom him. He is a mystery to them and they fear him accordingly, just as we would fear some supernatural being of unknown power if such a one were to come among us who could apparently be destructive of our liberty and happiness. Some animals are so desperately

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PROSPECT FOR LOCAL FOOTBALL IS AFTER ZBYSZKO IS AFTER MAT BOSS

Though the first week of October has gone by local followers of the game have not seen much football. The announcement that negotiations were going on for a game today between the U. S. B. and the Harriers aroused considerable interest, and to doubt a good sized crowd would have turned out to see the game. However, the plans did not materialize so that the football fans will have to wait further developments.

The management of the St. John team, however, have set out to begin the game, and to give St. John some of the real kind of Rugby before the season closes. They are negotiating with some of the fast teams of the province for games here and in other places. This afternoon the whole squad is called to turn out for practice on the Marathon grounds, and as the team expect to get in some good work. The past week has seen great improvement in the work of the players, and when they line up in the first game they will be an aggressive lot to reckon with, and will keep their opponents on the move.

WHEN GIANTS AND ATHLETICS LAST MET WORLD'S SERIES 1905
Following are the scores by innings of the New York-Philadelphia games in 1905 for the world's championship. First game in Philadelphia, Oct. 9.

Giants	.....	00002001—3 10 1
Athletics	.....	00000000—0 4 0
Batteries—Mathewson and Bresnahan; Plank and Schreck. Attendance, 17,555.		

Second game in New York, Oct. 10.		
Athletics	.....	00100002—3 6 4
Giants	.....	00000000—0 4 2
Batteries—Mathewson and Bresnahan; Plank and Schreck. Attendance, 24,992.		

Third game in Philadelphia, Oct. 12.		
Giants	.....	20050002—9 9 1
Athletics	.....	00000000—0 4 2
Batteries—Mathewson and Bresnahan; Plank and Schreck. Attendance, 16,991.		

Fourth game in New York, Oct. 13.		
Giants	.....	00010000—1 4 1
Athletics	.....	00000000—0 5 2
Batteries—Mathewson and Bresnahan; Plank and Powers. Attendance, 13,598.		

Fifth game in New York, Oct. 14.		
Giants	.....	00001003—2 5 1
Athletics	.....	00000000—0 6 0
Batteries—Mathewson and Bresnahan; Bender and Powers. Attendance, 24,187.		

and persistently quarrelsome, but there is nothing to be done but to put an end to their existence. An animal who is always quarrelling is not merely a nuisance, he is a positive danger in a menagerie; he breeds a spirit of revolt among his companions, makes them extremely difficult to manage and he is at all times a danger to those who have charge of him. We had an immense lion who was a splendid brute and, curiously enough, a good performer. Indeed, on the stage he was always most tractable and obedient. One night, however, after one performance, without the slightest warning, he made a spring at a young jaguar who was on the way to his cage, and killed her almost instantly, and then made a furious assault on the three keepers, who rushed to secure him, one of whom he badly injured.

Fortunately for my purse I have not often had occasion to act in such a manner, for the putting to death of such a fine specimen of the tiger tribe meant a loss to me of at least \$5,000.

New York, Oct. 6.—Stanislaus Cyskawicz, the wrestler, better known as Zbyszko, is due to arrive in America on November 1. Zbyszko is coming here with the idea of arranging a match with Frank Gotch for the world's wrestling championship. J. H. Herman, the foreigner's manager, has made an offer of \$10,000 for Gotch's end in a finish contest, regardless of what the result of the said contest may be. Herman also offers to deposit \$1,000 and guarantee the posting of the other \$9,000. Gotch will accept and arrange a match. Herman would like to have the bout staged at either Chicago, Buffalo or New York.

Zbyszko has had a very successful career both in Europe and America. The only defeat scored against him was when he lost the present championship, losing two falls with half an hour, the first one in the remarkable quick time of six seconds. Herman claims that this was brought about by unfair methods, Gotch seizing his man as they were in the act of shaking hands. The Pole has triumphed on two occasions in matches with Hackenschmidt. Both were handicap affairs, in which Hackenschmidt failed to throw the Pole as the conditions called for. If Gotch does not accept, Herman would like to arrange a contest with any other prominent wrestler in America for his 250-pouster.

RESULTS OF THE BIG LEAGUES

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
At New York.
Philadelphia.....02000102—5 9 3
New York.....00000006—10 8 5
Batteries—Lively and Wilson; Dent, Schardt and O. Miller.

Second game.
Philadelphia.....00000210—4 8 4
New York.....00000000—5 8 2
Batteries—Hall and Walsh; Crandall and Hartley.

At Brooklyn.
Boston.....00010000—1 8 0
Brooklyn.....00000000—0 6 0
Donnelly and Kling; Rariden; Rariden, W. Wild and Higgins.

Second game.
Boston.....02010000—3 8 4
Brooklyn.....02000028—13 13 3
Young, Weaver and Rariden; Dent, Schardt and O. Miller.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
At Boston.
Boston.....01100000—3 7 1
Washington.....00100000—1 6 1
O'Brien and Williams; Johnston and Street.

At St. Louis.
Detroit.....00010001—5 10 4
St. Louis.....0100010X—11 12 4
Batteries—Lively and Wilson; E. Brown, C. Brown and Kritchell.

At Philadelphia.
New York.....02010001—4 8 2
Philadelphia.....0010120X—5 10 1
Batteries—Caldwell and Williams; Coombs, Danforth and Lapp, Thomas.

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