

DAY OF OPENING GAME OF 1916 WORLD'S SERIES FINDS RED SOX 10-7 FAVORITES OVER ROBINS

Tim Murnane Selects The Red Sox As Series Winners

T. H. Murnane, the renowned sports writer of the Boston Globe, in an article published in that paper looks on the Red Sox as having a shade the best of it over the Robins. He says as follows:

In comparing the all-round ability of the Boston and Brooklyn teams, I must confess that there was not a team in the land this season that could compare with half a dozen famous infielders of the past. The only difference was that they had no extra good men hanging about, as they have at the present, especially Boston, and to this fact the Red Sox can thank their luck in winning a tough series. The Boston combination has worked in harmony and will prove strong against all comers. Boston, with better second-string men, has been greatly benefited, while Brooklyn has been handicapped for lack of a shortstop of first-class ability all season.

A fast infielder will turn in double plays where the slow man will not attempt them. Cutting off men at third and at home, as well as facing fast and slow work in every way more difficult than the mechanical end of the game in the outfield. It takes nerve to play third base, where men must be on the alert for the drive or bunt, and all plays must be made on the run. For the infielder must move about according to the way the pitcher is trying to work the batsman.

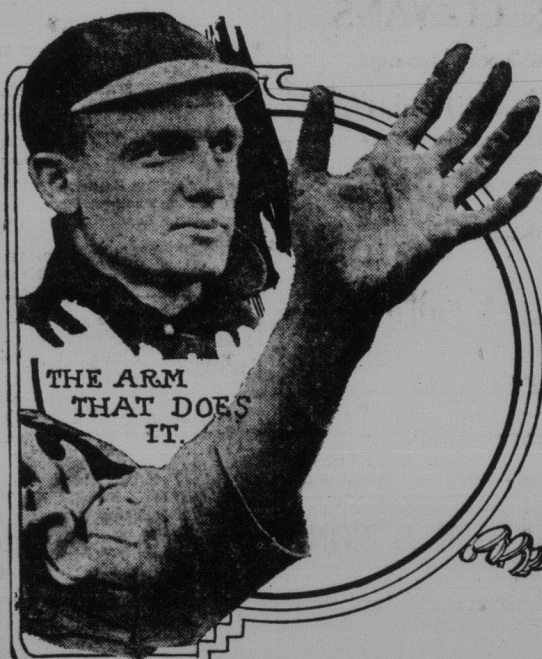
The Red Sox have the advantage of having right and left-hand batsmen, in Hoblitzel and Gainer. Both are high class first basemen and alternates, according to what boxmen they must face.

Daubert has a higher batting average than the Boston men, but for timely hitting I would take the Red Sox men, who are faster on the base lines and men who will work for the team, forgetting the base hits.

Daubert is a showy player and a clever one, but Hoblitzel will outdo the Brooklyn man when it comes to bringing home the money. There is no question that the Red Sox have a little something on all clubs at first, where they work two first men. Both are first-class and the team wins many a game by the combination.

Boston is stronger at first, I figure. In a short series, facing right-hand pitchers, Daubert might make a heap of trouble, but facing clever left-handers he does not look so formidable, while the Boston combination are open for any style of pitching.

Rube Marquard, Brooklyn's Hope



THE ARM THAT DOES IT.

Unbroken String of Victories in Past Contests Gives Boston Every Confidence of Success in this one—American League Winners, However, will Not have Any Walk-over—Baseball Enthusiasts Crowd Hub Hotels—Marquard and Leonard Predicted as Mound Artists for Opening Session—A Battle of "South-Paws"

Boston, Oct. 6.—Boston awaits the opening of the 1916 classic tomorrow between the Brooklyn Nationals and the Boston Americans with the confidence that comes from faith in its playing representatives and the unbroken string of victories in past contests. The optimism and fighting spirit that the Brooklyn club and its accompanying band of supporters brought to town tonight added interest to the impending struggle for the premier honors of the diamond without shaking, in the least, the faith of the local fans that the Red Sox would triumph over the invading team from greater New York.

This confidence is reflected in a score of ways, and in every portion of the city, as well as throughout New England. In the baseball debate and wagering it crops out, time and time again, until it would appear as though there was not, in all of this section, one American League rooster who even considered the possibility of defeat. While the betting tonight is ten to seven on the Red Sox, with but little Brooklyn money in sight, the average supporter of the Boston Americans, despite his confidence, is far from predicting a walkover for the winners of the American League race.

Series Attracts National Interest.

The series, which opens at Braves field tomorrow, is far from being a local or even a sectional affair, however, from the standpoint of interest. Notwithstanding that the contending teams are eastern clubs, the interest in the coming struggle for the world's championship is national and this is clearly demonstrated by the gathering of the spectators for the two games that will be played here tomorrow and Monday, weather permitting. While it is not natural that the majority of the fans should hail from New England and New York, the fact remains that hundreds of baseball enthusiasts from all parts of this country and Canada are here tonight, awaiting the umpire's call, "play ball," to set going the machinery of the 1916 world series.

There was the usual preliminary activity on the part of the players and officials during the day, and the few minor details left unfinished at the National Commission meeting in New York last Tuesday were cleared away, although there was no formal meeting of that body.

Infield Fly Rule Will Hold.

Shortly after Presidents Ban Johnson of the American League and John K. Tener of the National League, arrived from New York late this afternoon, the positions of the umpires for the opening game were assigned, and announcement was made that the infield fly rule of the two leagues would be observed under American League regulations when the clubs were playing at the Boston park, and under the National League code at Brooklyn park.

All the Boston club players were out for practice during the afternoon at Braves field. Every player, with the exception of Captain Jack Barry and George Foster, who will not participate in the series, owing to injuries, reported in perfect condition. While the players did not go in for very strenuous practice, their show showed that they were on edge and ready for the hardest kind of baseball.

Likely a Battle of South-paws.

The Brooklyn club players and officials arrived during the evening. Robinson said that every member of his team was in shape for the series, and that they expected to win.

President B. B. Johnson of the American League expressed great confidence in the ability of the Boston Americans to capture the world series, but stated that he looked for a closer contest than the average follower of baseball appeared to anticipate.

John K. Tener, president of the National League, appeared confident that the senior league representatives would emerge victorious in the series, but he modestly refused to pick a winner.

All indications point to a battle of left-handed pitchers in the first game, for it appears to be a settled conclusion that Manager Robinson will send Marquard to the mound for Brooklyn, while Manager Carrigan will rely on Leonard to uphold the honors for the American League champions.

shown, the veterans are still out in front. Notice the years of service:

Speaker—Eight years.
Cobb—Eleven years.
Johnson—Nine years.
Chase—Twelve years.
Carey—Six years.
Alexander—Six years.
Wheat—Seven years.
The average here is eight years' service. Burns, with four years in harness, is the youngest of the lot. The athlete may be quickly in baseball, but those good enough to lead are also good enough to last, and it is only once in a rare while that a youngster finds a place at the top and crowds some old boy off the peak.

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GOOD SPORT IN RACING IN THE SOUTH

Ben Earl Won Blue Grass Stakes at Lexington in 2.02 which was Best Speed Mark of the Day.

Lexington, Oct. 6.—Ben Earl, winning the Blue Grass stakes for 210 pacers, showed the best speed of the day. In the second heat Ben Earl paced the last half in 58%, and the last quarter in 28%, after having led to the half mile post. Ben Earl, who was driven by Marvin Childs, won the pacing feature in straight, but only after three hard battles with Jayell Mack and Young Todd.

The 216 pace was easy for Spring Maid, the favorite, in straight heats, Rayo Deoro taking second money. The Alm third and Miss Patsy fourth. Briscoe, driven by Murphy, won the third and deciding heat of the 209 trot, unfinished from Thursday, M. L. J., heat winner on Thursday, getting second money. Summary:

209 Trot, Two in Three, \$1,000. (Two heats Thursday.)

Briscoe, br h, by Bingham, (Murphy) 1 3 1
M. L. J., b g, (Leonard) 7 1 2
Miss Perfecta, ch m, (McMahon) 2 5 2
Zombro Clay, br h, (C. Valentine) 8 2 4
Ben Gregor, b g, (Whitehead) 8 8 5
Fayre Rosamond, b m, (Cox) 4 4 4
Sister Strong, b m, (D. Valentine) 5 7 8
McCloskey, br g, (McDonald) 6 6 8
R. C. H., b g, (Childs) 2 2 2
Time—2:06½, 2:05½, 2:08½.

213 Trot, Three in Five, Purse \$1,000. Five heats.

Baby Doll, b m, by Tom Smith, (Rodney) 4 1 1 8 1
Jeanette Spod, blk m, (Cox) 1 9 4 7 2
Virginia Barnett, b m, (Durfee) 6 3 7 1 3
Blaville, blk h, (Tippling) 2 2 2 2 4
The Proof, b h, (H. Thomas) 7 6 3 3 ro
Winnie Lockhart, b m, (Taylor) 8 4 5 4 ro
Vanko, c g, (Aurph) 6 5 8 6 ro
Onward Allerton, b g, (McMahon) 8 7 6 6 ro
Geo. Patterson, ch h, (Rutherford) 9 8 ds
Gum Drop, blk g, (Whitehead) 2 10½
Time—2:08½; 2:08½; 2:07½; 2:07½; 2:10½.

The Blue Grass Stakes, 210 Pace, \$2,000, Three heats.

Ben Earl, br g, by The Earl (Childs) 1 1 1
Jayell Mack, b h, (Murphy) 2 2 2
Young Todd, b g, (Cox) 3 3 2
Sir Anthony Carter, b h, (McMahon) 5 4 4
Ashlock, ch g, (Crossman) 4 6 5
Lottie D., blk m, (Pitzgerald) 4 6 5
Dumeter, b g, (Grady) ds
Time—2:02½; 2:06½; 2:02.

Fourth Race The Lexington, Two-Year Old Trot, Two in Three, \$2,000, Two heats.

Emma Magowan, br f, by J. Malcolm Forbes, (Murray) 1 1
Worthy Volo, ch c, (McDonald) 3 2
Kelly DeForest, b c, (Murphy) 2 5
Mary Coburn, ch f, (White) 6 3
Bertha McGuire, br f, (Acker-

"Big Six" Mathewson Says Brooklyn Has Good Chance

Christy Mathewson predicts that the Brooklyn team will make a good fight for the championship and in an interview with the Boston Globe, says:

"Well, the boys are all squared away for the world's series. And it sure was a grand finish in our league.

"No one doubted when the Red Sox won the pennant that the Johnson circuit would have an able representative in the annual classic. The Red Sox proved this against us Giants in 1913 and again at the expense of the Phillies a year ago. But I am sure that in Brooklyn the Red Sox will find a foe worthy of them.

"I am sure that Brooklyn will give a much better account of itself against the Red Sox than the Phillies were able to do a year ago. Robinson has for world series purposes at least, a better pitching staff than Moran.

"I appreciate the fact that Boston possesses the greatest wealth of pitching talent that ever went into a world's series, perhaps Carrigan has five stars, any one of whom is likely to pitch shutout ball any time he starts.

"He has in Babe Ruth the best southpaw in the American League, and in Dutch Leonard another left hander who ranks with the big fellow. Then he has three wonderful right-handed pitchers in Foster, Mayo and Shore.

"Robinson can furnish just about as tough three pitchers for the Red Sox as he is prepared to face. These are Marquard, Combs and Cheney. I have talked to players who should know and they tell me that Marquard is as good today as he was for the Giants in 1912. No southpaw in the American League can show anything better than that.

"Ruth, who has been the leading pitcher for the Red Sox, will probably draw the first assignment. He has the necessary experience, with a winning season to give him self-reliance. Shore, Foster, Leonard and Mayo also have profited by experience.

man) 4 b g, by Silko, (Morro) won. Time—2:08½.
Mary MacGowan, br f, (Williams) 6 6
Polly Chrome, br f, (Wright) ds
Hillybrooke Sage, ch g, (Jones) ds
Time—2:07; 2:07½.

216 Pace, Two in Three, \$1,000, Two heats.

Spring Maid, ch m, by The Albe, (White) 1 1
Rayo Deoro, ch m, (Durfee) 2 2
The Alm, br h, (White) 8 8
Miss Patsy, b m, (Whitehead) 3 6
Little Jay, b g, (Merritt) 4 4
A. F. G., c g, (Cox) 7 7
Rydamaid, b m, (Pace) 7 7
Time—2:08½; 2:08½.
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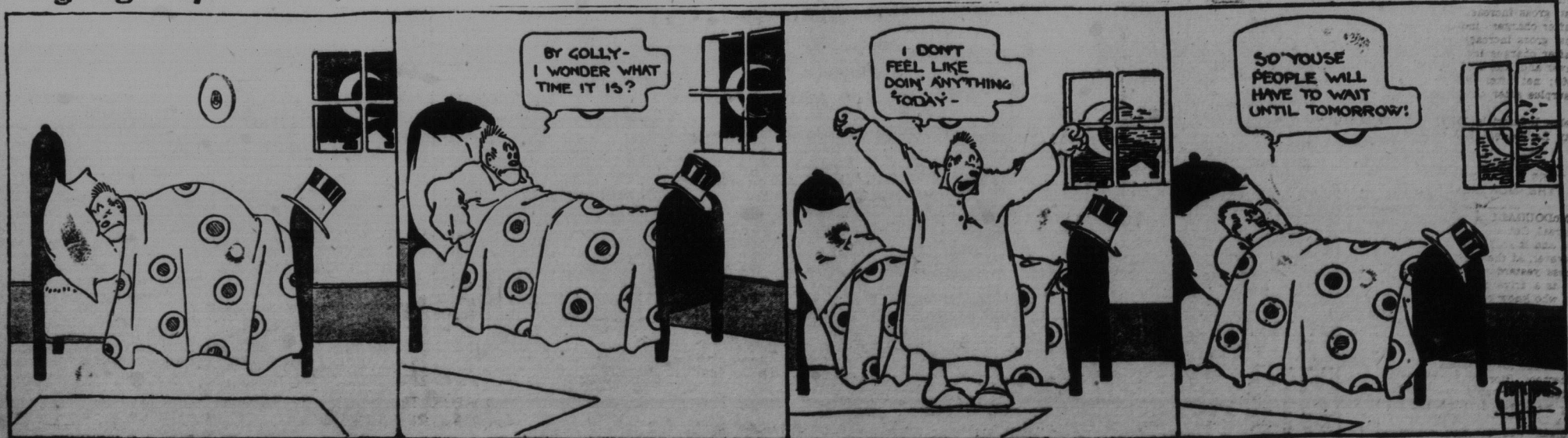
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