

CHRISTY MATHEWSON'S NEW YEAR SPECIAL SERIES - COLLEGE OF 1913

MY BIGGEST GAME

By CHRISTY MATHEWSON, of the New York Giants

Not since I have been in baseball has there been any one topic about which I've been asked so often as that last game in the world's series in Boston last fall.

"How did you feel about losing that game?" By "that game," he means only one game.

The scene is in a Pullman car with the Giants on the way back from Boston after "that game." None of the boys is shooting off Roman candles or acting as if he had just returned from some excursion, but there is no depressed atmosphere mentioned in the papers—hanging over the crowd. Some are reading, some are discussing the series, and others are playing cards.

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The fact I want to emphasize is this: There is no group of angry, gesticulating players kneeling around Fred Snodgrass, blaming him for everything, as they are depicted in the papers.

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"Tough luck, old boy! That was a bad time to spill one," or something like that. The Giants were good losers that day, and the defeat cost each man on the team about fifteen hundred dollars in cash. As for myself, I blamed no one. From the point of view of a ball player there was no one whom you could hold directly responsible for the defeat. Some say Boston crushed this exceedingly funny joke last winter.

"That's a nice muff your wife's wearing, Bill."

"Yes," says the end man, "that's the thirty-thousand-dollar muff Snodgrass had in the world's series. Had a little bet on the result."

There Were Others

To my mind there were two other players who were responsible for the Giants' defeat as the error made by Snodgrass, however, and were not so conspicuous in the newspaper accounts of the game. One of these other players was the failure of either Snodgrass or Fletcher to approach him, as they did, into the outfield.

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Let us go back and consider the series which focused such a great amount of interest in this single game. At one time the Giants, practically all of them except McGraw, thought the series was theirs. That was when the Red Sox had won three games and the Giants one. They again, McGraw believed the series was theirs when the night before that final game, but many of the other boys were nervous and not sure of it.

Matt Coveted All

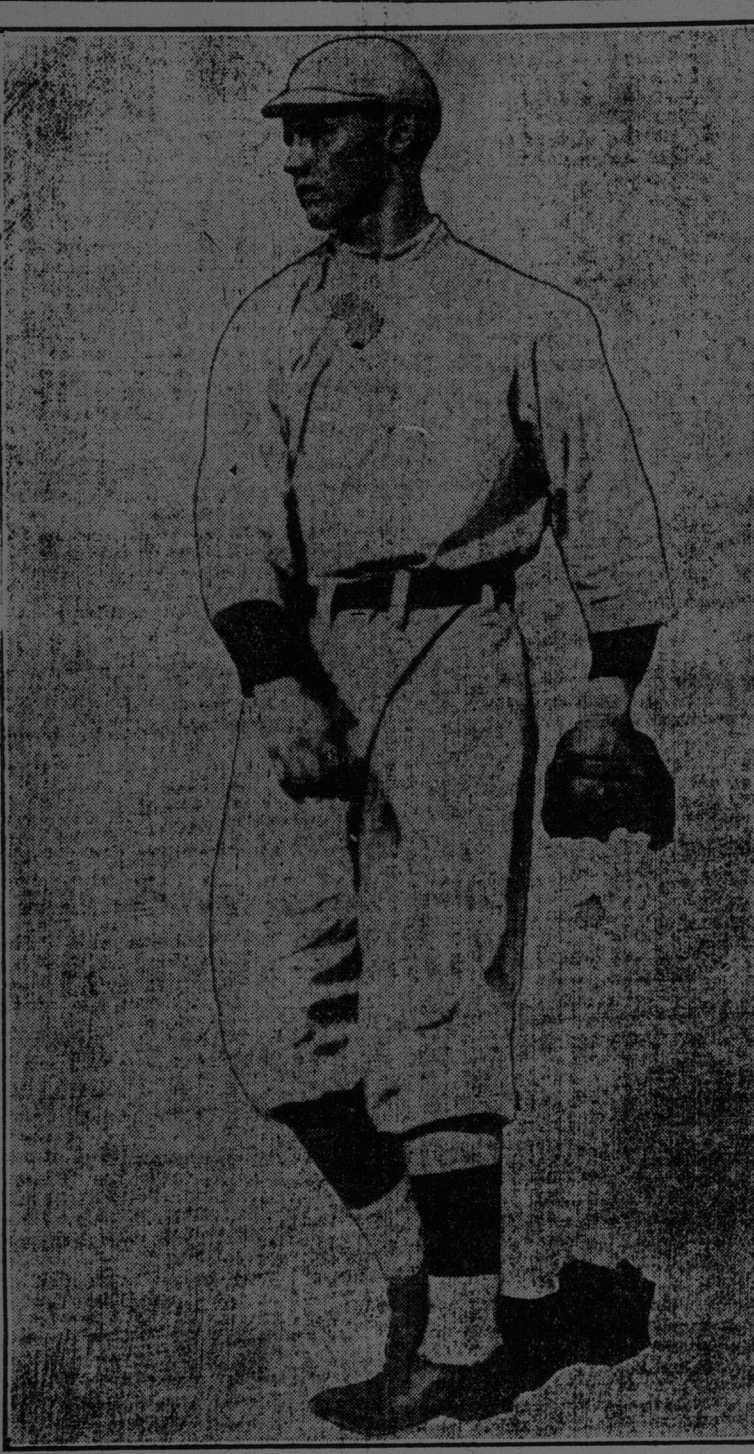
I was selected to pitch the game, and I would rather have won that battle than any one in my career, but, in losing, I felt no bitterness. It was all in the day's work. In discussing the game the next day for the newspapers I said:

Electric Restorer for Men

Dr. de Van's Femate Pills

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Stops Falling Hair



"Smoky Joe" Wood, Star Pitcher of the Boston Red Sox

the world's series next year, and it again narrowed down to one game, I should probably not be selected to pitch it. I am getting old."

That Cross-eyed Chauffeur

A Nervous Strain

Not Wedding Bells

A Forcible Argument

Stahl Disappoints Brother

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before, but could not get into action in time.

Wood went out on the field almost immediately, and Stahl had to pitch him that day or admit the internal disorder which had attacked the club.

It looked as if we had all the advantage on the eve of that game. We had beaten the best pitcher of the Red Sox, not only beaten him, but mugged him and the other boys appeared to be disorganized.

Now, in relating the story of O'Brien and Wood, I do not want my readers to think I am telling any secrets or committing a breach of confidence.

It was due to this world's series that the late pitcher of the Red Sox was

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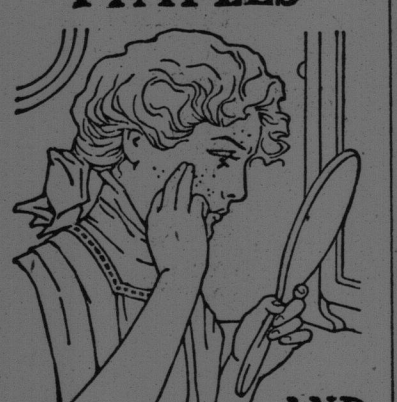
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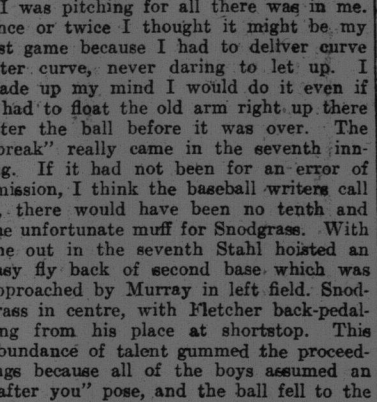
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