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## Sporting News

### WHITE SOX AND GIANTS APPEAR EVENLY MATCHED FOR WORLD'S SERIES WHICH OPENS SATURDAY

Cicotte and Schupp Expected to be the Rival Twirlers in First Game—Giants the Better Batters and White Sox the Better Fielders—Close Contest is Expected—Study of Records Provides Material for Interesting Comparison.

(By Canadian Press direct wire.)

New York, Oct. 5. — When the Chicago Americans and the New York York Nationals, respective winners of their league championships, meet in the opening game of the 1917 World's Series at Comiskey Park, Chicago, tomorrow, the contest will bring together teams of virtually equal offensive and defensive strength. So far as it is possible to ascertain in advance there is little if any advantage in favor of one or the other combinations.

An analysis of the work of the individual players and the teams as units shows that if there is a preference in one division this margin of strength is counterbalanced by the opponents' edge in another department of the play.

#### Of Unusual Calibre

Both the White Sox and the Giants are clubs of unusual calibre with brilliant young players holding down certain positions while older and veteran professionals, scattered throughout the combinations, steady the teams and give that touch of experience necessary to perfect any machine. If there is any outstanding advantage which will count in the contests of the next few days it may be that the preponderance of players who have taken part in previous World's Series will favor the New York Giants. Even this is problematical, however, for the history of this baseball classic is not wanting in examples where youthful players, unnoted by fame, have proved the stars

and deciding factors in the battle for the interleague championship.

#### Close Fight Expected.

From every angle of comparison the conclusion is reached that the series about to begin will prove one of the most exciting and closely fought since these contests were taken in charge by the National Commission in 1905 and made an annual climax to the baseball season. A study of the records of the players and the teams in their respective leagues develops the fact that the so far as figures and averages can disclose there is little margin of advantage for either club. Taking the personnel of the teams as they are expected to enter the battle, the statistics show that the Giants are a little stronger in hitting while the White Sox have a few points the better of the fielding. The National League standard bearers appear to have the edge in double plays but the Chicago combination offsets this with more stolen bases, indicating greater speed upon the baselines.

#### Cicotte and Schupp.

It is one of the axioms of World's Series play that the winning of the first game carries greater weight than the mere numerical value of victory and for this reason it is customary for the managers of the rival teams to send their best pitcher to the mound in order to gain the lead and have the same twirler available for the third, fifth or even seventh game should the occasion arise. For this reason the general expectation is that Manager Rowland will select Cicotte to face the Giants while Manager McGraw will depend upon Schupp.

Both these twirlers are among the star pitchers of their leagues, with remarkable records for the pennant season just closed. Cicotte is a right hander with a pitching average of .667; earned runs per inning of 1.64; and close to 150 strike-outs to his credit for the year. Schupp is a left hander with a pitching average of .731; earned runs per inning of 1.92 and a strike-out record which at least equals Cicotte's. With these sensational hurlers working in the initial game and other divisions of the teams as evenly matched as the accompanying figures would appear to indicate, it can easily be understood why the adherents of the rival clubs are loath to offer odds in financially backing their belief that the home combination will capture four of the seven games necessary to clinch the championship.

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## RACING AT SUMMERSIDE

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Oct. 4. — Three thousand people saw the races at the Prince County Exhibition in Summerside today. Weather was showery. The summary:

#### Free-For-All.

Devilish Dorothy, Dr. J. T. Jenkins, Charlottetown . . . 2 1 1 1  
Sister Patch, S. R. Crockett, Summerside . . . 1 2 2 2  
Corwin Hal, S. A. Rockford, Summerside . . . 3 3 3 3  
Time, 2.30½, 2.18½, 2.20½, 2.20½.

#### 2.20 Class.

Queen Catherine, Gavin Harding, Grahams . . . 1 1 1 1  
Casey Cresceus, J. H. Sims, Kinkora . . . 2 2 2 2  
Arkola, L. A. Simpson, Amherst 3 3 3 3  
Time, 2.24½, 2.25, 2.26.

#### 2.30 Class.

Mothmiller, D. M. MacDonald, Charlottetown . . . 1 1 3 2 2  
Uscita, D. Steele, Summerside . . . 3 3 2 1 1  
Oma, William Paynter, Long River . . . 2 2 1 3 3  
Jewel and Orne Haskin also started.

The two-year-old race yesterday was won by Iona Cataline, owned by J. G. Waite of Wilmet, the best time being 1.12½ for the half mile, the fastest half mile trotted by a two-year-old in the Maritime Provinces.

## DECIDING HEATS AT LEXINGTON

Lexington, Ky., Oct. 4. — The \$5,000 Transylvania stake, the feature of today's program at the Kentucky trotting horse breeders' association meeting was unfinished at sundown, having been trotted with four different heat winners and the favorite, Early Dreams, standing best in the summary.

The deciding heat of the Phoenix 2,000, the time being the fastest of Hotel free-for-all pacers was won by Miss Harris M. from William in the year for a mare in a race and within quarter of a second of the world's record for pacing mares.

The 2.09 pace in which two hetas were raced Wednesday, went seven heats for a decision. Mary Rosalind Parr, pacing a good race throughout, finally won after being either first or second in each heat raced today.

The 2.11 and 2.09 trots were won in straight heats without special feature. Gentry C. in the 2.11 trot was an easy winner. Brescia had to exert her best efforts to beat Charley Rex in the second heat of the 2.09 event.

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