

Waite Hoyt's Hurling and the Timely and Powerful Hitting of Yanks Won Opening Clash

Hoyt, Yank's Mound Ace, Almost Shut Red Birds Out, Permitting Only Three Hits—Bottomley Only Card to Hit, One of His Smashes Being a Homer—Ruth Stars at Bat With 2 Doubles and a Single—Lanky Bob Meusel Shoots One of Sherdel's Slow Ones Into Bleachers For Round Trip With Ruth on Base.

Yankee Stadium, New York, Oct. 4.—For a crew of cripples and invalids there's still quite a kick in the old Yankee boat-load.

Opening fire where they left off last year, the world champion New York Americans, behind the brilliant sharp-shooting of Waite Hoyt, battered the St. Louis club into submission by 4 to 1 in the opening game of the 1928 world series.

Before a crowd of 61,425 that fell far short of record-breaking expectations, Hoyt held the Cardinals to three hits, one of them a home run by Jim Bottomley, while the big guns of the Yankees' man-o-war, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Bob Meusel, fired the shots that routed Willie Sherdel, clever St. Louis southpaw, and the National League champions.

They may be limping a trifle on the field, these Yankees, while more severely crippled mates are on the sidelines, but there is nothing the matter with their batting eyes when hits count. The pitching staff may be shot to pieces, but with Hoyt around to do a full day's work, there's at least one mighty right arm left to repel most any boarding party in sight or spike the enemy's guns.

With one of the best world series games he has ever pitched, and he has turned in a number of sparkling performances, Hoyt spiked all the Cardinals' big berthas today with the exception of Bottomley.

Sunny Jim's homer into the right centre section of the bleachers was a robust clout in the seventh inning. He also punched out a line single in the ninth as a farewell shot, but otherwise the only Cardinal to hit safely was George Washington Harper, who singled in the fifth for the first enemy blow.

PLAY BY INNINGS

First Inning.

Cards—Douthit up. Umpire Owens insisted that every photographer be off the field before he permitted Hoyt to pitch the first ball. Douthit polished his bat with some dirt and stepped to the plate. Ball 1, inside, strike 1, called. This was a fast one on the inside. Foul, strike 2, ball 2, high inside; Douthit went out Lazzeri to Gehrig. High up. The Yankee outfield came in close, foul strike 1. High sent up a high fly to Paschal. The crowd applauded the New York boy. Frisch up.—Ball 1, high outside, strike 1 called. This was a drop curve over the plate. Ball 2, high, ball 3, outside, strike 2 called; Keonig threw out Frisch at first. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Yanks—Paschal up. Strike 1, called. Ball 1, outside, this was a floater. Foul, strike 2; this was a long drive into the left field stands. Paschal flied out to Hafey. Keonig up. Strike 1, called; strike 2, called. Sherdel was working the corner of the plate, both inside and outside. Ball 1, outside; ball 2, outside. Hafey took Keonig's fly. Ruth up. The Card outfield backed up. Ball 1, inside; strike 1, called; ball 2, inside. Ruth got a double into right for the Yanks' first hit. Gehrig up. Ball 1, strike 1, called; strike 2, called; ball 2, low and outside. Ruth scored on Gehrig's double to the right field bleachers' fence. Meusel up. Strike 1, swung; ball 1, outside; strike 2, called; ball 2, inside. Meusel had to duck this one; foul. Meusel sent up a high one to Frisch. One run, two hits, no errors.

Second Inning.

Cards—The boys in the right field bleachers cheered Ruth to the echo. Bottomley up. Ball 1, outside; strike 1, called. Hoyt used the floater. Ball 2, outside; ball 3, high; strike 2, swung. Bottomley tried to hit the crip-ple but missed it. Foul. Bottomley was given a base on balls, the fourth

pitch being low and on the outside. Hafey up. Foul, strike 1; strike 2, swung. Hafey fanned, taking a third called strike. Harper up. Ball 1, inside; four, strike 1. The Cards were working the hit and run play, but Harper fouled the ball. Harper flied out to Paschal. Wilson up. Hoyt tossed out Wilson at first. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Yanks—Lazzeri up. Hafey gathered in Lazzeri's long fly near the left field barrier. Dugan up. Ball 1, outside; strike 1, swung; foul, strike 2; ball 2, low. Frisch tossed out Dugan. Bengough up. Strike 1, called; ball 1, outside and low; Frisch took Bengough's hopper and tossed him out. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Third Inning.

Cards—Maranville up. Strike 1, called; ball, high; ball 2, outside; ball 3, inside; strike 2, called; foul, foul. Ruth took Maranville's fly. Sherdel up. Ball 1, inside; strike 1, called. Sherdel fouled out to Dugan. Douthit up. Bengough took Douthit's pop fly over near the Cardinal's bench for a thrilling catch. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Yanks—Hoyt up. Ball 1, low, outside. Maranville made a wonderful one-hand catch of Hoyt's pop foul near the left field boxes. Paschal up. Strike 1, called; ball 1, outside; ball 2, high, inside. Douthit snared Paschal's high fly. Koenig up. Foul, strike 1; strike 2, called. Frisch tossed out Koenig. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Fourth Inning.

Cards—The crowd cheered Maranville as he walked to the bench. High up. Strike 1, called; ball 1, outside; ball 2, high; foul strike 2; ball 3, outside. High fanned, swinging for the third strike. Frisch up. Strike 1, called. Frisch popped out to Bengough, who raced to the screen to make the catch. Bottomley up. Ball 1, inside; foul, strike 1. Bottomley grounded out to Gehrig unassisted. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Yanks—Ruth up. Strike 1, called. Ruth got a double into left field, hooking one of Sherdel's slow balls. Gehrig up. Ball 1, outside; ball 2, outside. Sherdel tossed out Gehrig at first. Ruth holding second. Meusel up. Ball 1, low outside; ball 2, low outside; foul strike 1. Ruth and Meusel scored on Meusel's home run into the right field bleachers. The crowd went into an uproar. Lazzeri up. Ball 1, outside; foul, strike 1. Lazzeri popped to Wilson back of the plate. Dugan up. Ball 1, outside; ball 2, low; strike 1, called. Maranville went back to take Dugan's hoist. Two runs, two hits, no errors.

Fifth Inning.

Cards—Hafey up. Ball 1, outside; strike 1, swung; strike 2, called. This was a fast ball on the outside of the plate. Ball 2, low. Hafey struck out for the second time, swinging for a third strike. Harper up. Ball 1, outside; ball 2, high. Harper singled into left field for the Cards' first hit. Wilson up. Foul, strike 1; strike 2, swung. Wilson forced Harper, Lazzeri to Koenig. Maranville up. Strike 1, called; ball 1. Wilson went out stealing. Bengough to Koenig. No runs, one hit, no errors.

Yanks—Bengough up. Frisch raced in fast to take Bengough's roller and tossed him out. Hoyt up. Hoyt got a hand for his fine pitching. Strike 1, called; ball 1, inside; strike 2, swung; ball 2, high; ball 3, low inside; foul. Hoyt rolled weakly to Frisch, and was thrown out at first. Paschal up. Strike 1, called; ball 1, outside; ball 2. Paschal popped out to Harper. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Sixth Inning.

Cards—Maranville up. Ball 1, inside; foul, strike 1. Maranville was trying to cut the ball into right field. Ball 2, inside. Maranville flied out to

THE BOX SCORE

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
Douthit, cf.	3	0	0	2	0	0				
High, 3b.	4	0	0	0	1	0				
Frisch, 2b.	4	0	0	1	6	0				
Bottomley, 1b.	3	1	2	10	0	0				
Hafey, lf.	4	0	0	3	0	0				
Harper, rf.	3	0	1	2	0	0				
Wilson, c.	3	0	0	3	0	0				
Maranville, ss.	2	0	0	2	0	1				
Sherdel, p.	2	0	0	0	3	0				
*Orzatti	0	0	0	0	0	0				
**Holm	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Johnson, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Thevenow, ss.	0	0	0	1	0	0				
Totals	29	1	3	24	10	1				

*Batted for Maranville.

**Batted for Sherdel.

NEW YORK YANKEES										
	AB	R	H	PO	A	E				
Paschal, cf.	4	0	0	4	0	0				
Koenig, ss.	4	1	1	2	3	0				
Ruth, rf.	4	2	3	3	0	0				
Gehrig, 1b.	4	0	2	6	0	0				
Meusel, lf.	4	1	1	2	0	0				
Lazzeri, 2b.	2	0	0	0	2	0				
Dugan, 3b.	3	0	2	0	0	0				
Bengough, c.	3	0	0	8	1	0				
Hoyt, p.	3	0	0	0	1	0				
Dourocher, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Durst, cf.	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Totals	32	4	7	27	7	0				

Summary—Rune batted in, Bottomley, Gehrig, 2, Meusel 2. Two base hits, Ruth 2, Gehrig. Home runs, Bottomley, Meusel. Left on bases, St. Louis 4; New York 4. Base on balls off Hoyt 3, (Douthit, Bottomley, Orzatti). Struck out, by Hoyt 6, (Douthit, High 2, Hafey 2, Sherdel); by Sherdel 2, (Ruth, Dourocher). Hits of Sherdel 4 and three runs (earned) in 7; with 26 at bat; off Johnson 3 hits, and one run (earned in one inning, with six at bat, losing pitcher Sherdel. Umpires: Clarence Owens, at the plate; Charles Rigler, at first base; William A. McGowan, at second; Charles H. Pfirman, third base. Time of game, 1:49.

Ruth, who took the ball near the foul line. Sherdel up. Ball 1, outside; strike 1; foul, strike 2. Hoyt was working very deliberately, taking his time between each pitch. Foul, Sherdel missed the third strike. Douthit up. Ball 1, strike 1, called. Hoyt burned this one across the heart of the plate. Foul, strike 2; ball 2, outside and low; ball 3. This one curved around Douthit's hand. Douthit walked to first. High up. Strike 1, swung. High flied out to Meusel. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Yanks—Koenig up, ball 1, outside; strike 1, called. Sherdel tossed out Koenig at first. Ruth up, strike 1, called; strike 2, called. This was a floater. Ball 1, outside; ball 2, low; ball 3, inside. Sherdel was feeding nothing but teasers to Ruth. Ruth fanned, taking a third called strike. Gehrig up, ball 1, inside; foul; strike 1; ball 2, inside. Frisch tossed out Gehrig at first. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Seventh Inning.

Cards—Dourocher went in to play second base in place of the injured Lazzeri. Frisch up. Koenig threw out Frisch at first. Bottomley up. Ball 1, outside; foul, strike 1. Bottomley scored on a home run drive into the right field stand. It was a smashing hit. Hafey up. Hafey sent out a long fly to Meusel who almost lost the ball in the sun. Harper up. Strike 1, called; ball 1, foul, strike 2; foul. Harper fouled out to Dugan. One run, one hit, no errors.

Yanks—The Cardinal fans cheered Sunny Jim as he walked to first base. Meusel up. Strike 1, called. Meusel sent a slow dribbler to Sherdel and was thrown out at first. Dourocher up. Strike 1, swung; ball 1, outside; ball 2, inside. Dourocher had to duck this one. Strike 2, called. Dourocher struck out, swinging for the third. Dugan up. Ball 1, low outside; foul, strike 1. Wilson almost fell into a box attempting to make the catch. Strike 2,

EXPERTS RIGHT ABOUT YANKEES COPPING TITLE

New York, N. Y., Oct. 5.—Baseball experts bold enough to name pennant winners in April got an even break on the 1928 season. The Yankees won the American League pennant just as 42 out of 49 writers said they would but 33 out of 53 prophets guessed wrong when they suggested the Pittsburgh Pirates would repeat.

Of the 52 experts who made forecasts for the Associated Press on one or both leagues none named the teams as they finished. Thirty-three of course were defeated before they started by the failure of the Buccaneers and the rush of the Giants confused others. Only four thought the McGraw outfit would finish second.

Twelve of the 52 picked the Cardinals to win but 22 allotted second place to the National League pennant winners. Boston too, crossed the critics for 47 picked the Braves sixth or better whereas they finished seventh. Nearly everyone was right on the hapless Phillies, 43 giving them last place.

Browns' Surprise

The St. Louis Browns threw a monkey wrench squarely into the middle of American League selections. The Browns finished a good third and nobody thought they could. Two voted St. Louis into fifth place two said sixth, 21 seventh and 19 eighth.

Detroit finishing sixth as it turned out betrayed a faithful following the Tigers ranked on the pre-season consensus from second to fifth but not a writer suggested a position as low as sixth. Washington slipped into fourth place late in the season to save a lot of faces for the Senators went into the race unanimous choices for a first division berth. Two votes were cast for the representatives of the National Capital to win the pennant, ten to finish second 26 for third and 11 for fourth.

swung. Dugan missed a floater by two feet and the crowd laughed. Ball 2, outside. Dugan's grounder was kicked around by Maranville and it was an error for the shortstop. Bengough up. Ball 1, low; strike 1, called. Bengough flied out to Harper. No runs, no hits, one error.

Eighth Inning.

Cards—Wilson up. Strike 1, called; strike 2, called; ball 1, low. Wilson flied out to Paschal. Orzatti batted for Maranville. Orzatti up. Ball 1, outside; foul, strike 1; ball 2, inside; ball 3, high. Orzatti got a base on balls. Holm batted for Sherdel. Holm up. Ball 1, high, inside; ball 2, inside; strike 1, called; ball 3, low, strike 2, called. Holm flied out to Paschal and Orzatti had to race back to first. Douthit up. Ball 1, high inside; strike 1, called; foul, strike 2. Douthit fanned, taking a third called strike. No runs, no hits, no errors.

Yanks—Thevenow now went to play shortstop for St. Louis. Sylvester Johnson went in to pitch for the Cards. Hoyt up. Ball 1, outside and low; strike 1, called; strike 2, called. Hoyt flied out to Douthit. Paschal up. Strike 1, called. High threw out Paschal at first. Koenig up. Koenig was now batting left handed. Strike 1, called. Koenig lashed a single past Frisch. Ruth up. Ball 1, inside; ball 2, inside. Ruth singled into left, Koenig stopping at second base. Gehrig up. Strike 1, called. Koenig scored on Gehrig's single into right. Ruth stopping at second. Meusel up. Ball 1, inside; foul, strike 1; ball 2, inside; foul, strike 2. Meusel popped to Thevenow. One run, three hits, no errors.

Ninth Inning.

Cards—Durst went into centre field for New York. High up. Ball 1, strike 1, called; foul, strike 2; foul. High struck out, swinging for the third strike. Frisch up. Ball 1, inside; ball 2, high; strike 1, called; foul strike 2. Koenig robbed Frisch of a hit, taking the ball deep on the grass and making a rifle shot throw. Bottomley up. Ball 1, low; foul, strike 1. Foul, strike 2. Bottomley singled sharply to right. Hafey up. Ball 1, inside; strike 1, called. Hafey flied out to Ruth. No runs, one hit, no errors.

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