

PITCHING MAY PLAY BIG PART IN THE WORLD SERIES DRAMA

Both Hurling Staffs are Rather Frayed by the Strenuous Grind — Cards Look Better on Paper—Yanks' Hurlers Have Been Overworked.

New York, Oct. 2—Pitching has played predominant part in the decision of the world series through the base ball ages, and the star box men largely have run true to form. In the impending battle between the Cardinals and the Yankees, however two frayed and overworked staffs will be pitted against each other, and the big question is whether the rival hurlers will be able to match the form they have shown through the regular campaign.

Although Miller Huggins says his pitching "will take care of itself" an edge in the box rests with the Cardinals. Jess Haines had an erratic season, but finished with nine straight victories and eight complete games. He figures as the Cardinals' starter even against a crew of left handed maulers such as the Yankees.

Wee Willie Saerdel lost two tough games to Pennock in the 1926 series which is one good reason for supposing that he will win this time. If there is any justice in the law of averages, Willie will take the close ones on the forthcoming battle.

Old Alex. the Great is 41 instead of 39, but he is still Alex. the Great—and many of the Yankees remember it. Another veteran, Clarence Mitchell, the southpaw spitballer, had a mean way of making strong batsmen weep over that dinky curve. He "hasn't got a thing" but many clubs can't hit it, particularly the Giants.

Against this array, Miller Huggins must hurl an overworked Hoyt and an uncertain Pipgras, a veteran Zachary—and no Pennock at all.

The Cardinals will have to depend upon the above mentioned quartette to start all games and Huggins will be tempting a fate of which he already is suspicious if he ventures forth with anybody except the "big three" who helped the three time champions stagger under the wire.

H. O. Davis of Moncton is in the city today.

WORLD SERIES TEAMS HARD AT PRACTICE WORK

New York, Oct. 2—New York and St. Louis baseball players today wasted a lot of base hits they will need on and after Thursday afternoon. The world series contenders engaged in perfunctory practice, confined almost entirely to batting. The Yankees took no infield work-out and the only regular Cardinal infielders to exhibit their wares were Andy High and Rabbit Maranville. The two veterans insisted that they needed work.

Coach Charles O'Leary left the American infield off for the day, but promised that he would hit some sizzling grounders down to them tomorrow.

With only one day keeping them apart from actual hostilities there is a marked contrast in the demeanor of the players on the field. The Yankees, with every reason to feel blue over an extended hospital list, apparently are carefree. They joked as they went about their abbreviated work out. They may be whistling to keep their courage up. There was great excitement and much cheering among the players when the diminutive Leo Durocher drove a ball into the stands.

THE TOP HAT IS PASSING

London, Oct. 2—The automobile is causing the gradual disappearance of the top hat, according to a London hat manufacturer. The tall hats are impossible for motoring, he said, and soft hats are crowding them into the background. He said that the top hat will never be so popular as it was before the war.

Copenhagen Oct 2—Some he-man is P. M. Petersen, captain of Knud in Greenland once says Knud, Petersen in a grapple trying to capture a polar bear alive thrust an arm down the bear's throat. The crew had to shoot the bear to free the captain.

ROCHESTER SETS NEW RECORD BY COPPING LEAGUE

New York, Oct. 2—A new world record has been created by the Rochester team, owned by the St. Louis Cardinals, in winning the International League pennant. When the race ended on Sunday the Rochester finished with a percentage of .549, representing games won and lost, the Buffalo team being in the runner-up position with .548. This margin of one percentage point is the smallest that ever has decided a championship in Organized Baseball.

Rochester's triumph was due to winning two games from Montreal on Sunday, while the Buffalos last years champions were capturing a single contest with Toronto. Herman Bell, who belongs to the Cardinals and will return to them next spring, pitched both games for the new pennant winners. Among his companions who also have played with the Cardinals are Billy Southworth manager and centre fielder; "Specs" Torporcer, second baseman; Kaufmann, left fielder and pitcher, and Vic Keen, pitcher.

Other well known members of the Rochester team are the veteran catcher Hank Gowdy who starred behind the bat for the Boston Braves and Giants when they won world championships; Pitcher Decatur, once with the Dodgers and Phillies; Outfielder Felix who played in a Brooklyn uniform last year after being obtained from the Braves; Short Stop Gedbur, son of one of the University of Pennsylvania's greatest football players more than thirty years ago; Catcher Morrow, Outfielder Layne, Pitcher Irvin, First Baseman Monohan, Third Baseman Brown and others.

This was Southworth's first year as a manager. He was a member of the Pirates, Braves and Giants before John McGraw traded him to the Cardinals in the summer of 1926. Fired with new ambition by Rogers Hornsby he proceeded to aid the St. Louis team in winning the National League pennant and the world series with the Yankees that year.

Southworth still with the Cardinals last season, began to lose his speed and had to sit on the bench during frequent periods. The St. Louis club in the fall purchased the Rochester franchise and Branch Rickey named Southworth to lead the team. From the beginning of the recent campaign Southworth showed that he knew how to handle players and

FT. MIAMI GRAND CIRCUIT TRACK HARNESS MEET

Toledo, O., Oct. 3—The nation's leading trotters and pacers will battle it out in 34 events at the light harness meeting scheduled for the Ft. Miami Grand Circuit track here, Oct. 8-19. Many of them are claiming affairs.

The chief offering will be the \$2,500 American Horse Breeder two-year-old trotting futurity. It is carded for Tuesday, Oct. 9 and will bring together the star juveniles that competed in the junior division of the Kentucky Futurity at Lexington, Ky.—Volomite, winner of the event owned by the famous Indiana sportsman, Thomas D. Taggart Jr., Walter Dear, Contender, Margaret Belwin, Egan, Hayes, Senator Ford and Bob Galloway. Volomite is the fastest two year old, trotter of the year, sporting a time record of 2.06 while Walter Dear holds the racing mark of 2.06 1/4.

The stables now competing at Lexington will be shipped here following the close of the session, Oct. 6.

Joseph M. McGraw of Washington, Pa., the noted Grand Circuit official and Stephen G. Phillips of Xenia, O. have been engaged as presiding judge and starter respectively by the Toledo Driving Club.

***** HOOF PRINTS *****

Cleveland, Oct. 3—Ben F. White, America's most successful developer of trotting colts, has purchased the yearling filly, Erla Mc, by Oh Bay 2.09%, from Edwin Barry, Cleveland's director of public safety. The youngster is out of Grace 2.04%, the mare who, in the hands of Mike McDevitt, raced so well for the late Capt. David Shaw.

Topeka, Kas., Oct. 3—Kansas now boasts the world two year old trotting champion over a half mile track in Mr. McComas, a son of Etawah 2.03, and Frances Volo, by Peter Volo. When Mr. McComas won in 2.10 1/4 and 2.10 1/2, here, the performance constituted the fastest two heat race ever trotted by a juvenile over a two lap course. Mr. McComas is Kansas bred and owned and his sire, Etawah, was raced with much success by the late Edward F. (Pop) Geers.

put a winning combination on the field. When he needed strengthening material he got it from Rickey. As a result the Rochesters not only sewed up the bunting but also made plenty of money.

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