

Yankees 7-5 Favorites For Series

# Despite Football Weather, SRC Crowd Watching Series

## Fans Looking For Great Hurling Duel

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MILWAUKEE (AP)—In spite of the wintry football weather, a thoroughly enthusiastic standing-room-only crowd of 47,300 packed County Stadium today in anticipation of a sizzling pitching duel between two of baseball's greatest left-handers—Milwaukee's Warren Spahn and New York's Whitey Ford—in the opener of the 1958 World Series.

Despite the fact that the Series was opening in Milwaukee and Ford had not won a single of his five Series triumphs away from Yankee Stadium, the Yankees ruled 3½-5 to win the first game and 7-5 to capture the Series.

Present was a challenge to the Braves. No National League champion has been able to win two October classics in succession since the New York Giants whipped Miller Huggins' Yankees in 1921 and 1922.

Since then the Yankees have won 17 world championships in 21 tries. They bowed to the Braves, however, in the last one, in seven games.

Yankee Manager Casey Stengel, still smarting from that loss, blamed it on some bad advice he had received from National League friends. He vowed this time to follow his own judgment.

"Them fellers sure gave me a bum steer," he said Tuesday night. "They told me (Eddie) Mathews couldn't field and that he was just a fair runner. They said (Lew) Burdette couldn't beat us. Well, you know what Lew did against us last year and he won 20 games this year."

He said, "This time I'm going

to use my own judgment. I got some ideas of my own. If I'm going to lose I might as well blame myself, not anybody else. But I don't expect to lose. I did enough losing to those guys last year."

Stengel didn't disclose his ideas. But he notified reporters his lineup would be:

Bauer, cf; McDougald, 2b; Mantle, cf; Howard, lf; Berra, c; Skowron, lb; Carey, 3b; Kubek, ss; Ford, p.

Earlier he had hinted strongly that Elton Howard would be in right field in place of Hank Bauer, who had a sore left wrist. Stengel then pulled Bauer from start.

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BIG MITTS ... Yanks' Yogi Berra, Braves' Del Crandall compare throwing styles



MISS OCTOBER Betty Pennington

### By Bob Quincy

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## They Were Victim Of Circumstances

I MAKE no excuses for coaches. They are well-paid experts in a game called football. Their contracts offer a variety of type, but the one word on which their residence is based is never mentioned. The word is WIN.

The men who enter this mine field of livelihood do so of their own accord. They are soldiers and soldiers are supposed to do or die. A few of them cry bitterly when they are dismissed for failure, but they are actors and are not really surprised.

I mention this because today I have a deep feeling of pity for the University of South Carolina players and their energetic coach, Warren Giese. They were victims of circumstances and not losers, as such, when Army shattered their composure, 45-8, last Saturday.

THERE IS SUCH a thing as battlefield honor, the right to die gallantly in the face of superior forces. I do not believe South Carolina was given this right at Michie Stadium, West Point.

South Carolina lost to a system, not to a football team. Perhaps Army is the first superior unit under any conditions, that is entirely possible, but the Cadets won their game on a draft board long before it started.

The spite mind of Red Blak revamped a system and sprung it without warning. It was radical, drastic and shattering to the morale. What's more, he had ball players to make it click—a great passing quarterback, a British full-back and two of America's largest, most talented halfbacks.

How a Coach Feels When He Is Stymied

THE "monster" Col. Blak unleashed on the Gamecocks is dealt with technically by Stanley Woodward, an expert on such matters, in a special report elsewhere on these pages. Our Max Muhleman had touched upon it earlier in an interview with Blak immediately after the game.

My few words today come late and without having seen the game. Yet, I could not but wonder how Giese felt when he first watched Army line up his "Lonely End" deflection.

"I was stunned," he recalls. "It was a feeling of helplessness—for I found out quickly we couldn't defend Army adequately."

South Carolina had used a cousin of the Army attack in its "Duke Set" series the previous week. The Gamecocks quickly applied the defense it used against its own patterns.

"Blak had thought of everything," sighed Giese. "He had a countermeasure for our antidote. He had anticipated our every move."

IF I MAY RECALL a personal experience I think I knew a man who fitted the same helplessness of Giese. It was during the late stages of World War II. A P-51 squadron was escorting a group of B-17s to a German target.

Out of the sun came a lone plane, an unusual looking job that approached the bomber, box and flew past with blinding speed. It carried a nose cannon and fired only one time. A piece of wing the size of a window disappeared from a hapless bomber.

"I'll take the 'bomber,'" voiced one of the fighter pilots over the radio. We watched eagerly. The German spotted his attacker—and suddenly he was gone.

"Good Lord," we heard the P-51 jockey say, "I'm giving it everything I've got and I can't get near him."

That was the first time we had seen a jet in action.

Remember The Story Of Army Vs. Irish?

THE Army-South Carolina game also turns out to be a year 1913. That was the beginning of the "modern era" for football.

### Fight Results

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HABER, Mexico — Al Zaway, 198, Juarez, outpointed Essard Charles, 199, Cincinnati, 10.  
LONDON, ENGLAND — Brian London, 30, stopped Willie Pastrano, 187½, Miami Beach, Fla., 5.  
OAKLAND, Calif. — Johnny Gonzalez, 125, Oakland, Calif., outpointed Chico Andrade, 123, Compton, Calif., 10.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Frank Semino-Randi Sandy lost postponed to tonight (Wed.) rain.

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## FANS WHO MET IN '48 STILL SEE IT TOGETHER

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Ardent is the word to describe five baseball fans from four big cities who take their vacations at the same time each year to see the World Series together.

Attending their 11th straight World Series together are Richard Packer and John Mann of Brooklyn, Fred Leary, Assinippi, Mass., Harry Lukens of Philadelphia and Tom Coniglio of Chicago.

"We met while waiting in line for tickets in Boston during the 1948 Series," Lukens said, "and decided to become regular Series fans, no matter where the games were played."

"Now we all take our vacations at Series time. We always manage to get tickets."

Mann, who's still somewhat of a Dodger fan, tells of having seen every World Series since 1911. Packer is here for his 18th consecutive Series. This is the 16th in a row for Coniglio, the 15th for Lukens and 13th for Leary.

Leary likes telling about being the first in line for tickets in Boston in 1948 when the Cleveland Indians played the Boston Braves.

Who do they think will win the 1958 Series?

"None of the five ventured a prediction, but they said they hoped "to pull the Braves through—again."



BAKER SEES THE LIGHT ... Waban Thomas throws hook, leaves himself exposed for kayo punch

### A Solution Offered

# Fight Was An Old Story

By MAX MUHLEMAN

There were two antique shows just off Independence Boulevard last night. One was in Park Center, featuring rickety furniture and ancient lamps. The other was in a ring which had been erected in Memorial Stadium.

It was the old, old story of Waban Thomas.

Waban for the second time in his young professional career (12 bouts in little over a year) was paired with a ringman of much talent and great experience.

The first such foe had been Art Swiden this time the name was Bob Baker, an even more famous product of Pittsburgh's flourishing boxing world.

Preliminaries were hurried aside when spasmodic showers began drenching an estimated 2,500 spectators and after semi-

had trained for the match as he had never worked before, and obviously was in prime condition.

But subtracting his striking courage and fearless fusillades of leather, which like the rain, in the main pelleted Baker's arms and back, it was an open and shut mismatch with Waban's entire stock riding on the 106-1 knockout punch he might be able to slip.

It was not hard to detect that Baker, a man who does not like to fight and has nightmares over hurting an opponent (Thomas was his first knockout since 1955) was sparing Waban his most deadly blow.

When Thomas came into his dressing room afterwards, Baker lavished praise on his opponent much as a Southern 500 champion complimenting a micro-midnight novice for almost nipping him in the stretch.

"BOY, YOU did all right. I want you to know, my handlers were telling me to work on your body and I just told them flatly, 'You can't hurt Waban in the stomach.' Then you pulled that change-up and pointed me in the side of the head and I knew I had been hit."

Thomas left with a smile on his face and the determination to give it another whirl.

Baker sunk to a bench and, upon questioning, spilled his "hook" on the Tugboat.

"Waban does all right. I'm not too critical of his style in general. He has to fight like that to hit a big guy. His big trouble is that anyone who has fought any can tell where every punch is coming. Only once he changed up on me, and then he hit me good in the head."

"He has as good a punch as just about any heavyweight I ever fought. I'll say that."

BAKER'S TRAINER made his contribution. "Look, I wanna tell you some-

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### CARD RESULTS

JANE PARK, Charlotte defeated Frank Jefferson, Durham (four rounds)  
Alonzo Johnson, Pittsboro, defeated Shirley, Franklin, Philadelphia, 10 rounds.  
Bob Baker, Pittsburgh, knocked out Waban Thomas, Charlotte in fourth of six rounds.  
Johnny Reed, Charlotte, scored TKO over Bert Callahan, Greensboro, in fifth of six rounds.  
Loyal Smith, Charlotte, won his six rounds by unanimous decision.

Alvin Johnson and Shirley Tomblin had landed their 10 rounds in a Johnson decision. Thomas and Baker were hurtled onto the drenched canvas.

Four rounds later Baker offered a blunt that caused Waban to expose his right side and drove home a solid left hook to the liver that dropped Thomas like a rifle shot.

The Tugboat heaved to his feet on or about the ten count, but Referee George Diehl pronounced him a moment too late despite protests from Thomas and several sportswriters and that was that.

PRIOR to the blow that told the tale it had been a virtual reprieve of the episode with old pro Swiden, except that Baker's head-snapping power replaced Art's cunning.

By his own admission Waban



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