BALTIMORES ARE BEATEN,

AND NEW YORK, BY DEFEATING LOUISVILLE, GAINS ON THEM.

But Hanlon's Men Can Lose Three of the Four Remaining Games and Still Win the Pennant—Boston Takes a Game from Cincinnati—Pittsburgh Outplays Brooklyn—Chicago and Philadelphia Win.

The Baltimores were beaten by the Clevelands yesterday, while the New Yorks won a close game at Louisville. Hanlon's men have four games to play and can lose three of them and still win the pennant, providing the local team wins all of its five remaining games. The Bostons defeated the Cincinnatis, but they have little or no chance of overhauling the New Yorks. Pittsburgh won an easy victory from the Brooklyns, Chicago had a picnic with Washington, and Philadelphia buried St. Louis. The results:

New York, 8; Louisville, 7.
Cleveland, 12; Baltimore, 7.
Boston, 7; Cincinnati, 4.
Pittsburgh, 10; Brooklyn, 4.
Chicago, 17; Washington, 5.
Philadelphia, 21; St. Louis, 1.

THE RECORD.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Per cent.
Baltimore	86	38	.694	Pittsburgh	69	63	.490
New York	84	43	.661	Chicago	56	74	.431
Boston	81	46	.638	Cincinnati	53	74	.417
Philadelphia	72	54	.571	St. Louis	51	76	.402
Brooklyn	68	58	.540	Washington	43	84	.340
Cleveland	65	59	.524	Louisville	35	90	.280

NEW YORK, 8; LOUISVILLE, 7.

LOUISVILLE, Sept. 24.—In the parlance of the barn-storm actor, it was an iceberg audience that occupied the stands at League Park this afternoon. About noon to-day the weather man predicted a sudden and unexpected drop in the temperature, and it was forthcoming a little before the calling of this afternoon's contest between New York and Louisville. The game was hot pretty of enough brilliant plays to arouse the enthusiasm of the 200 or 300 persons who braved the unpropitious weather and the record of the Colonels to see the opening game of the series. Ward and his men were not considerate of the feelings of the Kentuckians, for, after letting them get a glimpse of victory, they gradually narrowed the gap which separated them, and, after Umpire Keefe had ordered out the lanterns, got two runs across the plate and won another well-earned game. New York did not earn one of its eight runs. According to the rules of scoring, they are not entitled to receive credit for them, but, in the judgment of the few shivering cranks, victory properly belonged to them.

Full Knell, the hard-working left-hander, was their chief adversary, and he exerted every effort to land the game for Louisville. There were four other players from Kentucky, however, who took a hand in the fight, and it was their mistakes that caused defeat. But six clean hits were made off Knell, and with perfect fielding the New Yorks would not have got a run. But it was not Louisville's day for winning. Like New York's earned-run column, Louisville's error column does not show how they are entitled to. At least three of the runs scored by the visitors were due to errors of judgment on the part of Louisville. Just the reverse characterized the work of the New Yorks. They went around the bases as if they were after records, and Little Eddie Burke distinguished himself by his superb work on the bags.

New York owes one, if not two, of its runs to the left fielder's great judgment in running the bases. To Burke alone, however, does not belong the credit of victory, for, without a single exception, every member of the New York played winning ball.

But Hugh Jouett, Jr., was the hero of the day; at least, if his playing did not merit this distinction, there were exactly eleven admirers from his native town of New Albany, Ind., who were ready and willing to vociferously applaud him every time his arm swung his bat or his hand came in contact with the ball. They were few, but they made their presence known, for every movement of the Hoosier pitcher was liberally applauded. When the New Yorks finally tied the score they taxed their lungs and kept up their yells of encouragement until the Colonels were finally and effectively subdued. Meekin probably had the best of the pitching. He and Knell sent the same number of men to bases on balls, but Louisville secured one more hit than their opponents. Doyle and Fuller made errors, but both were excusable and were made in the first inning.

Louisville led first at bat, and when the inning terminated it looked as if the Kentuckians would have an easy time with Meekin. But the enthusiasts were not certain. Such a lead might have meant victory with some clubs, but not New York. Memory took them back to the last visit of the New Yorks. Then, in the opening game, with Meekin in the box, Louisville had secured six runs, and still the game went to New York.

Tom Brown opened the game by hitting a sharp one down to Ward at second. It went toward first, but a little too far out for Doyle to take it. Ward made a beautiful stop, Brown had almost reached the bag and Ward was compelled to throw the ball with considerable speed, although but a few yards away. "Batter out," yelled Keefe, and then he motioned the runner to remain at first, for Doyle had dropped the ball. Clark hit down to shortstop, and luck seemed to favor Louisville, for the runner beat the ball to first in a very close finish. John Grim has a habit of hitting to left field. In fact, there is nothing to show that he ever hit a ball into any other territory until to-day. As a result of his past work Tiernan was busied in the territory which is usually covered by Van Haltren, while the outfielder had moved around until Eddie Burke was almost on the foul line. Grim popped up one just out of Doyle's reach. Ordinarily it would have been good for a single only, but it enabled Grim to reach second, while both Brown and Clark completed the circuit of the bases. Nicol sent one by Davis like a shot, advancing Grim to third. Charley Farrell had a passed ball which rolled but a few feet away. Nicol saw his chance and started for second. Farrell threw to intercept him, and before the ball could be returned to the plate Grim had scored Louisville's third run. Gilbert fouled to Farrell and Lutenburg hit to Fuller. The ball got away from the short stop by taking an ugly bound and Nicol came home on the error. Richardson hit to Doyle and was forced at second. Cote concluded the inning on a fly to Burke which would have hit the fence but for Eddie's good catch.

In New York's half of the inning Burke hit one down toward third. Gilbert steadied himself to receive it, but the ball changed its course just before reaching him and went safe. Burke moved up a base on Tiernan's out to Grim. He then went down to third and made the bag, although the Louisville players said not, and endeavored to argue Umpire Keefe into their way of thinking. Then followed the first error of judgment. Davis hit to Gilbert. Burke had covered only half of the distance between third and home when he got the ball, but, instead of throwing it to the plate, he sent the ball to first, and Burke scored. Doyle made the last out on a foul fly.

In the second inning both sides were retired in order, but in the subsequent inning both scored. New York getting one the best of it. Grim popped up a fly back of short stop. Burke, Van Haltren, and Fuller went out after it. If any one called, the fielders did not hear it, and, as a result, the ball fell safe when either of the three could have easily got it. Grim got down to second on a passed ball, and, after Nicol had gone out, Gilbert hit a long fly to left. Just before Burke reached for it the wind caught it, and although the little fielder jumped, he only succeeded in reaching it with the tips of his fingers. It never stopped rolling until it had reached the score board, and, although Eddie lost no time in fielding it, Gilbert beat the ball to the plate with lots of time to spare. After Lutenburg had succumbed to Meekin in curves, Richardson got his base on balls, but he was left at first, for Cote sent the Colonels to the field on a fly to Van Haltren.

Knell retired Farrell for New York on an easy fly. Meekin hit to left centre for two bases, the ball bounding over Richardson's head at a lively clip. Burke was the recipient of a base on balls, but Tiernan struck out. Davis had a walk to first, due to Knell's wildness. Doyle hit to centre. Brown should have caught the ball, but he misjudged it, and, although he jumped about twenty feet in the air, he only succeeded in changing its course. Doyle got second on the hit, while it drove in three New York runs. Doyle stole third. He then attempted the daring feat of stealing home, and was retired, although he made a good slide and came near reaching the rubber before Cote got the ball on him.

With one out in the fourth inning Brown got his base on balls and stole second, but the next two batsmen were disposed of. In New York's half, after Ward had retired on a fly and Van Haltren had struck out, Fuller was sent to his base on balls. Farrell hit safe to left and sent him to second. Meekin singled to right, Fuller scoring on the hit. Nicol, in attempting to reach to Lutenberg, threw it wild, and Farrell reached the rubber on the play. Burke again got a life at first on a scratch hit to third, sending Meekin, who had reached second on Nicol's error, to third. Burke started for second, and Meekin, after he saw Cote throw to Grim, went for the plate, but the ball was returned in time to hit him out. Although either hit safe in the fifth with one out New York soon despatched the other two. The star play of the game occurred in New York's half. Both Tiernan and Davis had gone out, when Doyle hit to Davis. The ball went on a line just over the head of the latter. Clark ran in to meet it. The little fielder threw up his 108½ for a hundred yards, and his side was about up to that when he suddenly lowered his arms and reached for the ball. He turned a complete somersault, but held on to the ball. Davis, but when he finally stopped he had it in his hands and the ball was not there. He caught it not more than three inches from the ground.

Meekin sent Cote to first on a hit to the sixth, and Knell sent him around to third on a clean single to right. Brown hit to Davis, scoring the latter three to Doyle, ending the New York's first bonerman got the ball between his advance of Knell, and while the latter was being run down, Cote came home with a run. Clark struck out.

The seventh is generally the Kentuckians lucky inning, but to-day the usual order of things was reversed. None of the three Louisville batsmen got the ball out of the diamond, but it was different with the New Yorks. Burke was the first batter up. He, as he had done on two previous times, hit to Gilbert. The third baseman fielded the ball to first. The ball went a little too far to the right, and Burke struck first baseman Lutenburg about the same time. He was turned around rather suddenly, which had the effect of making him drop the ball, and the runner was safe. Tiernan fouled out to Lutenburg, but Davis singled to left. Clark allowed the ball to get through his legs, and Burke tied the score, while Davis anchored at third on the error. It now looked bad for the Kentuckians. With Davis at third, Doyle at bat, and only one out, Doyle hit to second. Grim, who was playing in, made a beautiful one-handed stop, but Davis shot over the plate with the winning run. Grim, owing to his position, threw the ball low to first, and Doyle was safe. Ward went out to Gilbert. Doyle stole second, and in trying to steal third was retired. Richardson was the only Louisville batsman to reach first in the eighth inning, and he was sent there on balls. Darkness would have settled over the grounds before another inning could have been played, and Umpire Keefe called the game. The score:

LOUISVILLE.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	NEW YORK.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Brown, c.f.	1	0	3	0	0	Burke, l.f.	3	2	1	0	0
Clarke, r.f.	1	1	1	0	1	Tiernan, r.f.	0	0	0	0	0
Grim, 2d b.	2	2	6	1	1	Davis, 3d b.	2	1	2	3	0
Nicol, r.f.	1	1	1	0	1	Doyle, 1st b.	0	0	7	2	1
Gilbert, 3d b.	1	1	2	2	0	Ward, 2d b.	1	1	2	4	0
Lutenberg, 1b.	0	0	5	0	1	Van H'ltn, c.f.	0	1	3	0	0
Richard'n, s.s.	0	0	1	0	0	Fuller, s.s.	1	0	1	1	1
Cote, c.	1	0	8	0	0	Farrell, c.	1	1	7	1	0
Knell, p.	0	1	2	1	0	Meekin, p.	1	1	1	1	0
Totals	7	7	31	4	4	Totals	8	8	24	8	2

Earned runs—Louisville, 3. Two-base hits—Doyle, Grim. Home run—Gilbert. Stolen bases—Burke, Doyle (2), Van Haltren, Fuller, Grim, Brown (2). Double plays—Ward, Doyle, Fuller and Doyle. First base on balls—Richardson (2), Brown, Cote, Burke, Fuller (2), Davis. Struck out—Tiernan, Farrell, Meekin, Knell, Lutenberg, Brown, Richardson, Cote, Clark. Passed balls—Farrell, 3. Time—2:05. Umpire—Keefe.

PITTSBURGH, 10; BROOKLYN, 4.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 24.—This afternoon the Pittsburghs made a show of the team from Brooklyn, and played all around them. President Byrne was not on hand to see his young men walloped, but Capt. Foutz took matters very philosophically. For a long time the Brooklyns have been a lot of Jonas to the local players, but it may be that to-day's victory has broken the hoodoo all up. There were about 1,000 persons at the game, and the weather was just cool enough to be comfortable. The contest was not an exciting one, as the locals soon went to the front, and Manifee pitched such good ball that the result was a foregone conclusion. The work of Cross, a short stop, was a feature. The visitors took a good lead in the first inning, and somewhat dampened the ardor of the fans, but they could not hold it, as Stein was rather easy to size up, and he gave bases on balls at very inopportune times. Daly retired the side at the sixth inning, having hurt his leg in sliding to second. Manager Foutz says if there is any truth in the story that the entire Boston League team will desert the League and represent the association in New York, it will be an easy matter to get the grounds. "That Boston team would draw any place," he said, "and if it should be strengthened by the signing of Rusie and Meekin it would be New York's star aggregation." The score:

PITTSBURGH.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	BROOKLYN.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Stenzel, c.f.	1	2	0	0	0	Griffin, c.f.	1	1	1	0	0
Donovan, r.f.	1	0	1	0	0	Lachance, 1b.	0	1	10	0	0
Beckley, 1st b.	1	1	8	1	0	Corcoran, s.s.	1	0	0	3	0
Smith, l.f.	2	2	4	0	0	Burns, r.f.	1	1	3	0	0
Eberhardt, 2b.	1	1	3	1	1	Daly, 2d b.	0	0	1	2	0
Hartman, 3b.	2	1	1	2	1	Shindle, 3d b.	0	0	1	1	1
Cross, s.s.	2	3	5	4	1	Anderson, l.f.	0	0	2	0	0
Weaver, c.	0	2	1	0	1	Kinslow, c.	0	2	8	1	0
Manifee, p.	0	1	1	4	0	Stein, p.	0	0	0	0	0
						Schoch, 2d b.	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	10	15	27	12	3	Totals	4	6	24	12	2

Pittsburgh	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	—10
Brooklyn	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	—4

Earned runs—Pittsburgh, 3; Brooklyn, 3. Two-base hits—Beckley, Smith, Weaver, Schoch. Three-base hits—Stenzel, Weaver. Stolen bases—Smith (2), Eberhardt, Hartman (2), Weaver, Corcoran. Passed balls—Weaver, 2. Struck out—By Stein, 3; by Manifee, 2. Left on bases—Pittsburgh, 10; Brooklyn, 5. Time, 2 hours. Umpires—Betts and Gaffney.

CLEVELAND, 12; BALTIMORE, 7.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 24.—The home team batted the ball all over the lot in the first two innings of to-day's game and the visitors could not recover the lost ground. Both McKean and Brodie were put out of the game in the fourth inning for fighting. Attendance, 500. The score:

CLEVELAND.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	BALTIMORE.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Childs, 2d b.	2	2	2	2	2	Kelly, l.f.	1	1	3	0	0
Burkett, l.f.	3	2	1	0	0	Keeler, r.f.	0	1	3	0	0
McKean, s.s.	1	2	1	1	0	Clark, 1b.	1	1	4	0	0
O'Leary, 1b.	1	1	6	0	1	McGraw, 3d b.	1	1	1	3	1
O'Brien, r.f.	1	2	8	4	1	Brodie, c.f.	0	0	2	0	0
McGarr, 3d b.	1	2	3	1	1	Bonner, c.	0	0	0	0	0
McAleer, c.f.	1	2	0	0	0	Reitz, 2d b.	1	1	3	5	0
Blake, r.f.	1	1	2	0	0	Jennings, s.s.	1	1	5	0	0
Zimmer, c.	0	1	2	0	0	Robinson, c.	0	2	8	0	0
Cuppy, p.	0	1	5	0	0	Gleason, p.	0	0	0	2	0
						Hawke, p.	0	1	0	2	0
Totals	12	15	26	13	5	Totals	7	9	24	11	2

*Kelly called out for not running.

Cleveland	2	7	0	0	0	3	0	0			—12
Baltimore	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0		—7

Earned runs—Cleveland, 10; Baltimore, 1. First base on errors—Cleveland, 1; Baltimore, 3. Left on bases—Cleveland, 7; Baltimore, 7. First base on balls—Off Cuppy, 2; off Hawke, 1. Struck out—By Cuppy, 1; by Gleason, 1; by Hawke, 6. Home run—Childs. Thrown out—Baltimore, 1. Stolen bases—Two-base hits—Burkett, Blake, Clark, Reitz, Gleason, Robinson. Sacrifice hit—Jennings. Stolen bases—McGraw (2), Hill (2), Robinson. Double plays—Burkett to McGuire to Blake. Hit by pitcher—By Cuppy, 1; by Hawke, 1. Umpire—Lynch. Time—2:05.

BOSTON, 7; CINCINNATI, 4.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 24.—With two pitchers in the field, and a team that did not care whether they won or lost, the Reds lost to Boston in a wretched game to-day. Attendance, 500. The score:

CINCINNATI.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	BOSTON.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Latham, 3d b.	0	0	0	0	1	Lowe, 2d b.	1	1	2	1	1
Hoy, c.f.	1	1	3	0	1	Conn'ht'n, s.s.	2	3	1	6	0
Witrock, r.f.	0	0	5	0	0	Duffy, c.f.	1	1	4	0	0
McPhee, 2d b.	1	2	3	4	0	Long, l.f.	0	0	1	0	0
Merritt, c.	1	1	4	1	0	Tucker, 1st b.	0	1	4	0	0
Massey, 1st b.	0	1	11	0	1	Nash, 3d b.	0	1	1	4	0
Smith, s.s.	0	0	2	3	0	Bannon, r.f.	0	0	2	0	0
Dwyer, r.f.	1	1	0	0	0	Ganzel, c.	0	1	3	0	0
Fisher, p.	0	0	0	0	0	Stivetts, p.	1	2	0	0	0
Totals	4	6	27	13	4	Totals	7	12	27	14	2

Cincinnati	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0		—4
Boston	2	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1		—7

Earned runs—Cincinnati, 3; Boston, 2. Left on bases—Cincinnati, 5; Boston, 6. First base on balls—Off Fisher, 3; off Stivetts, 1. Home run—Dwyer. Two-base hits—Massey, Merritt, Connaughton, Stivetts. Stolen bases—McPhee. Double plays—Smith, McPhee, and Massey (2); Connaughton, Lowe, and Tucker. Wild pitch—Stivetts. Umpire—Mcquaid. Time—1:40.

CHICAGO, 17; WASHINGTON, 5.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—Chicago had no trouble in defeating Washington this afternoon, hitting Stockdale hard all through the game. Hutchison did not exert himself in the box, but was a terror at the bat, making three singles and a home run, while Stratton gathered a triple, a home run, and two singles. Bierbauer, Chicago's substitute infielder, has signed with Washington. Attendance, 400. The score:

CHICAGO.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	WASHINGTON.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Griffith, r.f.	3	1	4	0	1	Schiebeck, s.s.	1	2	1	3	2
Dahlen, s.s.	1	1	2	4	0	Joyce, 3d b.	0	1	1	2	2
Wilmot, l.f.	2	2	1	0	0	Hassamer, r.f.	0	1	2	0	0
Stratton, 1st b.	2	4	4	0	0	Ward, 2d b.	0	1	3	5	0
Lange, c.f.	1	3	1	0	0	Abbey, c.f.	1	1	1	0	0
Irwin, 3d b.	1	1	2	2	0	Dugdale, c.	1	1	2	1	0
Parrott, 2d b.	2	2	3	3	1	Carlwright, l.f.	0	1	3	1	0
Hutchison, p.	3	4	0	0	0	Redfordt, 1st b.	0	1	8	0	0
Schriver, c.	1	2	7	1	0	Stockdale, p.	1	1	1	1	0
Totals	17	20	27	7	3	Totals	5	12	27	14	4

Chicago	1	2	4	0	2	0	2	6	0	0	—17
Washington	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	—5

Earned runs—Chicago, 6; Washington, 1. First base on errors—Chicago, 2; Washington, 3. Left on bases—Chicago, 7; Washington, 10. First base on balls—Off Hutchison, 6; off Stockdale, 3. Struck out—By Hutchison, 4. Home runs—Stratton, Hutchison. Three-base hits—Griffith, Wilmot, Stratton, Dugdale. Two-base hit—Parrott. Sacrifice hit—Wilmot. Stolen bases—Parrott, Joyce. Double play—Parrott, Dahlen, and Stratton. Hit by pitcher—Hutchison, 1; Stockdale, 1. Wild pitch—Stockdale. Umpire—Emslie. Time—2 hours.

PHILADELPHIA, 21; ST. LOUIS, 1.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 24.—Philadelphia pounded Clarkson for enough runs to win three ordinary games. Johnson pitched a steady game for the visitors. Chilly weather kept the attendance down to 300. The score:

ST. LOUIS.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	PHILADELPHIA.	B.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Dowd, l.f.	0	0	2	0	0	Hamilton, l.f.	2	3	0	0	0
Shugart, c.f.	0	1	4	1	0	Boyle, 1st b.	3	0	8	0	0
Miller, r.f.	0	1	1	0	0	Turner, c.f.	3	1	3	0	0
Ely, s.s.	1	1	0	3	0	Delehanty, 3d b.	3	3	4	2	0
Connor, 1st b.	0	0	6	0	1	Thompson, r.f.	3	2	3	0	0
Quinn, 2d b.	1	1	2	2	1	Delman, 2d b.	4	2	0	0	0
Peitz, 3d b.	0	0	2	4	0	Buckley, c.	2	1	1	0	0
Cooley, c.f.	0	1	1	0	0	Sullivan, s.s.	2	3	3	3	0
Yeager, c.	0	0	3	0	0	Johnson, p.	3	3	0	2	0
Clarkson, p.	0	1	0	0	1						
Totals	1	7	27	13	7	Totals	21	21	27	10	0

St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	—1
Philadelphia	0	5	3	0	1	2	3	0	0	2	—21

Earned runs—St. Louis, 1; Philadelphia, 11. First base on balls—Off Johnson, 2; off Clarkson, 4. Struck out—By Clarkson, 1; by Johnson, 4. Home runs—Ely, Sullivan. Three-base hits—Thompson, Turner, Delehanty. Two-base hits—Sullivan, Hallman, Buckley. Sacrifice hit—Buckley. Stolen bases—Boyle, Hamilton, Turner (2). Double play—Hallman, Sullivan, and Boyle. Hit by pitcher—By Clarkson, 1. Wild pitches—Clarkson, 2. Passed ball—Twineham. Umpire—Hurst. Time—1:40.

Western League Games.

At Toledo—Toledo, 16; Kansas City, 10.
At Grand Rapids—Grand Rapids, 20; Sioux City, 7.
At Detroit—Detroit, 6; Minneapolis, 1.
At Indianapolis—Indianapolis, 9; Milwaukee, 6.

On Other Fields.

AT HARRISBURG.

Harrisburg	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	2	—10	
Pottsville	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	—8	

At Oil City—Oil City, 7; Cuban Giants, 5.

Chicago Players Sign Contracts.

CHICAGO, Sept. 24.—At the request of President Hart, the following players called at his office to-day and signed contracts for next year with the Chicago Base-Ball Club: Kittredge, Tomy, Stratton, Griffith, Abbey, Allen, Dwyer, Lange, Ryan, and Dowd. Manager Anson is expected to return from the east next week and will then be expected to sign them.

Baseball Games To-Day.

CLEVELAND at BALTIMORE.
New York at Louisville.
Pittsburg at Brooklyn.
Boston at Cincinnati.
Washington at Baltimore, at Cleveland.
Philadelphia at St. Louis.
Chicago at Washington, at Chicago.

WILD BASEBALL STORIES.

What is Said of the Charge of Bribery Against Pitcher Ehret.

The various rumors regarding sharp practice by the Baltimores in paying $100 to Pitcher Ehret of the Pittsburghs for defeating the New Yorks on Saturday, have caused unlimited comment among baseball men in this city. Treasurer Talcott of the New York Club said last night:

"I don't believe one word of it. Every game is played on the level, and always has been. Such silly rot is not worth talking about. Depend upon it that these stories have been exaggerated."

A well-known baseball man said yesterday: "The Baltimores have played wonderful ball this season and deserve great credit for winning the pennant. Hanlon is the best manager in the business, and to his keen judgment is due much of his team's success. All talk about teams throwing games is prompted by soreheads, and this ridiculous stuff about bribing Ehret is purely a sensation."

CLEVELAND, Sept. 24.—The Baltimores and the Clevelands are two very hot clubs to-night. The Baltimores are indignant at the charges made to the effect that money was offered to the Pittsburgh players to lose a game.

"You may say that any one making such a statement is a deliberate liar," was the way that President Hanlon of the Baltimores put it. "We never made such an offer, and we never thought of making such an offer. When the New York Club was in Pittsburgh it offered some of the Pittsburgh players big money if they would defeat the Baltimores. We found that out, and in return offered the Pittsburgh players money to defeat the New Yorks. That is all there is in the story. We will win the pennant honestly or we will not win it at all."

The Cleveland players and President Robison of the Cleveland Club are furious at the stories circulated to the effect that the West is not trying to win, or has thrown games to the Baltimores.

"I brand the statement as a lie, deliberate and without cause," is the way that Capt. Tebeau replied to a question. "A newspaper reporter telephoned me last night that New York wanted to know what there was in the story that the West had been bought off to give the Baltimores the championship," said President Robison to-night. "I merely want to answer it by asking what the New York Club gave Louisville to lose the game to-day. One question is as fair as the other."

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 24.—The story of an alleged attempt of certain Baltimore players to bribe Red Ehret, one of Pittsburgh's pitchers, lacks confirmation. Those in an excellent position to judge, and whose judgment is conservative, regard the whole matter as arising out of a well-known tendency of Ehret to joke or "kid." They believe, as he says, that he did intend the story as a "kid" with the two reporters. The same night, with Manager Mack, he went down to Scullery and made an affidavit to this effect. Mack was worried over the possibilities and effect of publication. The club officials say that there is nothing in it but an attempted joke. They also deny, to-night, that they have fined Ehret $100, as reported.

The New Baseball League.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 24.—There is something more than rumor in the report that the players of the Boston League team have been approached in reference to signing with the proposed club to represent the new National Association in New York city next year. Manager Selee of the Boston club says that he knows nothing about the deal, but he does not believe that under any circumstances would Duffy and McCarthy quit the Bostons, for the reason that they are to open a saloon in that city. For all he knows, however, other members of the team may have been seen on the subject. And from what one of the players said later in a confidential talk with the Commercial, with the possible exceptions of the two mentioned, are anxious to play with the new league. The player in question declares that all of the champions are disgruntled over their treatment by President Soden, but they blame the promoters of the National Association are responsible for guaranteeing their salaries, and that the deal will take more definite form immediately after the close of the season.

A telegram for President Soden was received here this evening, but up to a late hour he had not put in an appearance. It is reported, however, that he will be here to-morrow, together with President Brush of the Cincinnatis.

Director W. B. Wheeler of the New York Club was really indignant yesterday that his name had been connected with the proposed National Association of Baseball Clubs. He was in a rather unpleasant frame of mind when THE SUN reporter called at his office.

"The newspapers have driven me out of baseball," said he, "and I am now an ordinary citizen. I hate notoriety, and I asked you reporters last winter to keep my name out. No, I know nothing about the new baseball league and will have nothing whatever to do with it. In fact, you couldn't get me into it with a team of horses. My relations with Mr. Talcott are very friendly, and I have no desire to antagonize him."

"Do you mean to say that you are going to retire from baseball?" queried the reporter.

"You can put it any way you like. I am tired of seeing my name in the papers and I want to get out. That is all I'll say. My name has been used without warrant, and I am disgusted with the whole business."

P. T. Powers also took occasion to say that he was not connected with the new league, but his remarks were carefully guarded so that a fish of crow in the future would be out of the question.

Baseball Notes.

There is a letter at this office for James Meakin.

The Overman Wheel Company telegraphs to the United Press from Chicopee Falls, Mass., as follows: "The newspaper reports concerning the Overman Wheel Company's connection with a reported national baseball organization, to be organized for the purpose of using the Overman Wheel Company's balls and as a rival of the National League, are absolutely false."

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Sept. 24.—Manager Ellis of the Grand Rapids team said, regarding President Hart's base-ball circular, that Chicago would be represented by the National League: "Such a scheme would enable the League to play a favorite to win, because a battery could be put into Chicago to take a week's one in a favorite National League nine at any time. Ninety per cent. column was running down. It would also form a training school for the National League. It would work similar to the Indianapolis Colts team. The Cincinnati franchise in the National and the Indianapolis in the Western League are owned by one man, and surplus National League players under contract to Cincinnati have been put into the Indianapolis team to win out at various times this season. As for the Detroit team dropping out, it cannot do so unless by unanimous consent of the League."

HARVARD'S MEN AT PLAY.

The Crimsons Show Up Quite Weak in Defensive Work.

CAMBRIDGE, Sept. 24.—The Harvard football team lined up to-day for the first time this season. They played a strong, offensive game, though the defence was weak, as was to be expected at so early in the year. It looks now as though it is the intention of the coaches to play Charley Brewer at half back, where his splendid ability as a ground gainer will come into play. Stevenson has been used at full back and got plenty of drilling in punting from "Stump" Willard. Bob Wrenn, the tennis champion, arrived in town to-day, and will come out to try for the position of quarter back in a few days.

Trainer Lathrop was on hand for the first time, and hereafter he will have full charge of the physical condition of the men. Among the new candidates who appeared to-day was a brother of Marshall Newell, who played for four years at tackle on the 'varsity. The first eleven was made up of Emmons, left end; Hollowell, left tackle; Manahan, left guard; Shaw, centre; Holt, right guard; Gould, right tackle; A. Brewer, right end; Ballchild, quarter back; Stevenson and Wrightington, half backs; Brewer, full back.

THE TIGERS LINED UP.

It Was Their First Performance of the Season and They Did Well.

PRINCETON, Sept. 24.—The Tigers had their first line-up to-day. There were so many candidates on the field that they were divided into two sections. The 'varsity men and first scrubs practised in a fifteen-minute game. Then two more elevens were brought out and tried their mettle against each other for about twenty minutes. On the 'varsity line were Trenchard, right end; Lea, right tackle; Taylor, right guard; Crowdis, centre; Wheeler, left guard; Church, left tackle; Brown, left end. The backs were Poe, quarter; Morse and McCormick, halves; Burt, full. All the old players were in excellent form. The game was fierce at times, and, though not fast, it was a great improvement over the first line-up last year.

Poe did very creditable work at quarter. He seems to have largely overcome the habit of fumbling, which has been his great drawback. His passing has been quick as ever. Crowdis's game at centre was steady and strong. While his play was not of that character put up in Harlem, he showed himself to be a promising man. McCormick, in his old place at half back, played his usual fierce game. He hit the line hard and made some good ground. Morse's game of ball back was unusually strong. For most hopeful men on the first scrub team were Ridge, who played a fine game at centre, and Tyler at full back.

Dengler Ward was on the field in citizen's clothes doing a little coaching. He will join the team in a week or two, and, if he gets into the game, there is a strong chance that he may after all come back to play this year. He should be fighting fast this year, weighing as he does, nearly 200 pounds. Mike Morse, who coached the line men, and Louis Ott, who watched the backs, have been asked to be taken to the training table on Wednesday.

VERY POOR RACING, THIS.

THE OPENING DAY AT JEROME PARK NOT A SUCCESS.

Harry Reed Was Disqualified by the Stewards and the Plungers Howled Long and Loud—Banquet Waits with Sir Excess and Is Beaten by the Three-year-old—Only Twenty Horses Start in Six Races—Stonenell, Kennel, Adelbert, and Armitage Take the Purses—Simms Fined $200 and Suspended for the Meeting.

The fall meeting of the American Jockey Club began yesterday afternoon at Jerome Park. It was far from a satisfactory inaugural day, the evil genius which seems to hover over the destinies of the old course and all who race there, being well to the fore before the close of the day. Through both Simms and Doggett having waiting orders in the American Jockey Club Handicap, the race was little more than a dash at a quarter of a mile. Sir Excess beat the odds on favorite in the rush through the homestretch. This did not please the spectators, and when Harry Reed and Gotham came out for their special contest at six furlongs for $2,000 the talent were in the main supporters of M. F. Dwyer's gelding. Harry Reed won by six or seven lengths, but the stewards disqualified him for what they considered was a palpable foul committed at the club house bluff and gave the race to Gotham.

That created a small panic, and there was more excitement than has been seen anywhere this year, save on the day of