

Dodgers Clinch Pennant as Giants Split Even---Ruth Hits Two More Homers---Indians and White Sox Win

ATLANTA BEATEN, '62a and 53d Home Runs

Defeat by Braves in Second Game Makes Brooklyn's Pennant Winners. Athletics by 3 to 0.

HOME RUN THEIR FINISH Boeckel of Boston Makes It in Final Inning—First Game to New York.

By WILLIAM B. HANNA. A few minutes before 5 o'clock at the Polo Grounds yesterday afternoon the Giants as this year's pennant possibilities ceased to be. Their last slim chances disappeared into the left field benches with a ball hit there by Boeckel of the Braves in the last inning of the second game of the National League pennant race to Brooklyn. That is final, counting. The Giants won the first game, 2 to 1.

Up to the time Boeckel did his devil's work in the ninth inning of the second game the Giants had a chance. Frisch in the eighth tied the score with a home run for the Braves, then a home run for the one made by Boeckel in the ninth, beat them. They went down fighting anyway. It was a real hit, a long, soaring hit out of the playing field that beat them. The ball cleared to safety through the gray background of a dull army day.

Boeckel's home run completed the extermination of the Giants, and Rube Marquard of the Dodgers saw it. The Rube did most of the job when he pitched the ball at the start of the first inning and was forced at second on Pipp's gentle grounder to Griffin. Rube then laid one across for Ruth and the Babe drove it home. Pipp's home run for a homer, Pipp's home run ahead of him. Following Pratt's easy out Lewis walked and skidded around to

Comiskey and Johnson went to the mat with a vengeance today. Comiskey's statement to the press of trying to keep the White Sox from winning the 1920 pennant brought an answer from Johnson that Comiskey's charges are the "vaporing" of a vindictive man.

Comiskey's Drive at Johnson. Comiskey objected to Johnson's interview raising the possibility that certain gamblers were trying to bring the White Sox into the fold to Cleveland. The "old Roman" said Johnson was trying to break the morale of the Sox in a critical point of the pennant race.

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Betting if Lose Wager. CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—The Chicago baseball gambling in connection with the series between the bookmakers as an excuse to watch on wagers. A Chicagoan who placed \$10 only in the season with a gambler as a bet that Babe Ruth would hit three home runs went to collect today and was turned down. When he asked for his money he was told all bets were off.

Charges that some of the White Sox were bribed to do their best against the Reds in the world's series last October have developed unusual post-mortem interest in the eight contests which were played between the Chicago and Cincinnati clubs. Critics are quite busy currying the details of these contests, both in print and in their memories, in search for circumstances which may have looked shady.

White no particular suspicion has been directed against Swede Risberg, who played shortstop for the White Sox, it will be remembered that after the series experts criticized Kid Gleason for having permitted Risberg to stay at his position after he had shown that he was not "in form." It is argued that Gleason should have removed Risberg, shifted Weaver to shortstop and used McMullen at third base. However, in a letter to the Chicago club last night, which was published in the Chicago Tribune, McMullen, who is charged with having been the gamblers' paymaster among the White Sox, it is possible Gleason felt he wanted to accept the lesser of two evils and thus kept Risberg at shortstop.

It was common report that after the second game Gleason accused his players of not having done their best. Fewer than four errors in that game, which was reported in Cincinnati that night, had told his men that he would have nothing more to do with the world's series because he did not like the looks of things.

Gleason Now Denies It. Friends of Gleason said at that time that he had stormed all over the floor which most of the White Sox were quarantined in the hotel. He said that he had told his men that he would have nothing more to do with the world's series because he did not like the looks of things.

Cleto, the pitcher, who has been accused as the chief of the culprits, and his wife, even while the series was in full swing, started three games for Chicago.

In the first two he was defeated. In the last—the seventh of the series—Cleto pitched in baseball with a record of 10 wins and 10 losses. He pointed out that Chase had been thrown out of organized baseball after Lee Magee confessed to him (Heydler) that he served as a go-between for Chase and the gamblers.

Heydler's Faith Shaken. Heydler announced that after careful investigation of alleged "fixed" games in various cities on the big time, he had faith in the honesty of many of the players had been deeply shaken.

Risberg's Frequent Failures. In the second game Risberg, who had not done any too well in the opening contest, started his error making. He had four errors in that game, and again in the pitches, when he had chances to bat in runs. Williams was the pitcher for the White Sox in that game, and Sallee was his opponent.

Comiskey and Feleck. Risberg also came through with a bad error in that game, in which the White Sox looked hopeless. In relation to Feleck it may be of interest to know that he was given up for the first time when he was hit by a line drive from Mr. Lewis said. "It isn't the place of residence but where the crime was committed. If there is even a slight indication that any part of it was done here we will start action immediately."

Swann and Lewis Will Act if Developments Warrant. New York grand jurors will begin investigating the alleged fixing of baseball players in the 1919 world's series, now being probed at Chicago. If there is any indication that any part of the crime was committed here, statements to this effect were made yesterday by District Attorney Swann and Lewis of New York and Brooklyn.

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Five Leading Hitters in Major Leagues

Player, Club, O. A. B. R. H. P. C. ... (Table listing top hitters in major leagues)

Fifth National League Pennant for Brooklyn

Robinson Attains Distinction Won by Hanlon, Who Also Managed Two Flag Winners—Victory a Challenge to Other Major Leaders.

By DANIEL. Copyright, 1920, by The Sun-Herald Corporation. THIS morning the baseball world—particularly that part of it which is located in this neck of the woods—acclaims the Brooklyn club as the champion of the National League and a potential winner of the world's title.

No small part of the credit for the achievement belongs to Robinson, who today joins Ned Hanlon with the distinction of having managed two Brooklyn clubs to pennant victories. Hanlon led the pennant winning Dodgers of 1899 and 1900, while Robinson won his first flag with the Brooklyn of 1916.

Many Castoffs on Brooklyn's New Champion Outfit. As the Dodgers, assured of the National League pennant, head for the world's series one fact impresses itself on the student who analyzes the club and the reasons for its success—at least eight of the Brooklyn players are men who were cast off by other major league teams. Some were away from having outlived their usefulness in fact company. We do not believe that any other club which ever won a pennant in the National or American league ever approached that condition. It is a fact which issues a bold challenge to major league managers and presents material plenty for the student not only of baseball but of psychology.

Take the Brooklyn pitching staff to begin with. Burleigh Grimes was cast off by the Pirates in a deal in which the Dodgers were alleged to have been stung, and stung with a vengeance. Rube Marquard, regarded as done by Alvin McCraw, was released to Toronto, but declined to go and wheeled another change out of Robinson. At Kansas was a handout rather than an asset for the Pirates, and he released him from the team. The catcher Elliott belongs to the castoff division, as he saw service with the Cubs before he was returned to the Pacific Coast League, out of which Brooklyn got him. Konechey, on first base, was cast off by the Cardinals and then by the Braves. Olson, at shortstop, came to Brooklyn from Cleveland after all critics were sure that his major league career was at an end. It is a matter of fact that Olson one night was appointed manager of the Cleveland club and that there was an uprising of other players against his being given the job. The appointment was cancelled. This happened had its effect on the infielder's work and on the pitcher's work. He was cast off through. He fooled them then and he fooled them again this season after the report had gone out that he was headed for the bench and that Charley Ebbets was making all sorts of offers for minor league shortstops.

Now we have these castoffs playing a big role in the winning of the pennant. What force welded these men into a champion aggregation? Schalk's Testimony To-Day May Clear Decks for Action. If Ray Schalk of the White Sox tells all he knows before the Chicago Grand Jury to-day we are going to have some mighty juicy reading and the authorities probably will have some ground on which to base real action. He may explain why he punched one of the Chicago pitchers on the jaw during another change out of Robinson. He may tell why one of the infielders played so wretched a game and why the catcher did not find it expedient to unconfine the report that one of the White Sox bought four shoes immediately after the 1919 series. He may tell why the Chicago club has been a house divided all season, and why he and Eddie Collins and others decline to pass even the time of day with certain of their team mates.

Schalk may give this and a lot of other information not because he is, as has been charged in some quarters, a squealer, but because he feels that the time has come to clear himself and other players who are free from the taint of the gambler's offering and who feel that baseball should not be indicted because of the acts of a very few. Schalk's testimony promises to be the most sensational in the history of baseball and outside the revelations which led the Louisville club and the National League to combine in the public expulsion of Devlin, Craver, Hall and Nichols in 1877.

Fenestel's Part in Man o' War's Accomplishments Not Given Due Credit. In all the discussion of the deeds and greatness of Man o' War little has been said of the man behind the colt's prowess—Louis Fenestel, the trainer. Stories of racing are agog over the manner in which Fenestel has managed Fair Play in the tip-top shape for the Breckinriss as far back as early May. He has to have him at his very best on October 2, with the Riddle star in to engage Sir Barton for a purse of \$75,000 and a \$5,000 gold cup at Kenilworth, in Canada.

To the general public the feat which Fenestel has accomplished and the mastery of his work which is entailed do not mean much. But to those who are in a position to appreciate both the trainer's work looks up as truly remarkable and perhaps without an equal in the history of the American turf.

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HALF GAME LEAD

Mails Wins His Sixth Straight Game—Sisler Ties Cobb With 248 Runs.

St. Louis, Sept. 27 (American)—Cleveland continued its drive for the American League pennant to-day, defeating St. Louis, 5 to 4, and retaining the half-game lead on Chicago in the face of this latter city's victory over Boston.

Mails held St. Louis at his mercy, with the exception of in two innings, when seven hits were bunched for four runs. It was his sixth straight win. After seven innings he had led for four innings. Davis faltered, finally being removed from the box in the sixth inning when he allowed two hits and gave three runs. Cleveland's lead was maintained by Cleveland ahead. Boehler, succeeding him, also was wild and lasted just one inning.

De Berry went the rest of the way and was reached for three runs in the sixth when Jameson hit in the right field stands for a home run, with O'Neill and Mails on base.

Sisler drove in three runs and scored the winning run. Three hits bringing his season's total to 248, to tie the American League record made by Ty Cobb in 1911.

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