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Big Ed Walsh Beaten; Johnson Saves the Day

Tom Hughes, After Working Eight Innings in Great Style, Weakens, and Walter Retires Sox on Seven Pitched Balls.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—A screaming triple to the right-field stands by Chick Gandil in the eighth inning spread the table for a grand clean-up in the opening encounter with Callahan's Comets this afternoon. Ray Morgan and George McBride followed with safe blows in the pinches, and the Climbers grabbed the game, 3 to 2.

Twenty thousand baseball bugs thronged the Comiskey south-side fortress this chilly Sabbath afternoon to catch a glimpse of the ball club that has set all-fandom talking, and when the monster crowd jostled its way out of the gates every man said to his neighbor: "Now we see why that Washington team is in second place—they outplayed our boys, with Ed Walsh in the box against them."

Chimbers Are Strong. That is exactly what happened. Griff's Climbers were able to get hits when hits were needed, and also able to save the Sox back where they belonged the minute they tried to be too fresh.

Many in the crowd thought Griff crazy when the megaphone man announced that Tom Hughes would pitch against Ed Walsh, especially so as Walsh had just finished a two days' rest, but the Sox knew what he was doing.

The Nationals' boss had faith in Hughes' ability to deliver, and the veteran justified it. It was through no fault of Hughes that Walter Johnson was sent in to finish the ninth round. Griff did not want to take any chances, and as O'Brien, a new umpire, had put Hughes in a hole by walking Rath after Long Voss had struck the gentleman out, and McIntyre had singled to center, it was decided to try the Kansas cyclone.

The mere fact that Johnson stepped into the box was enough. Walter retired the side on seven pitched balls.

Hughes pitched eight full innings and chucked the ball over to a couple of sinks in the ninth. All Chicago got off his delivery was one very punk hit and a clean strike by McIntyre.

The veteran was a trifle wide, passing seven. One walk helped the White Sox to a run and it was fear of a wild throw during the ninth that sent Hughes to the bench. He was taken out, as the home team could do absolutely nothing with Tom when he got the ball over the plate. Eight strikeouts give mute testimony to the Walsh effectiveness.

Walsh in Form. During the first five innings Ed Walsh, the great moving picture show athlete, known as the Big Red, was very much in the spotlight. The Nationals during this period didn't even foul one of the appointed delivery of the Sox star performer. In the sixth the Big Red did not work as smoothly and in the eighth it slipped during the status quo.

Although the Sox did not connect safely with Hughes' curves, the veteran got himself into numberless holes, and but for the brilliant backing on the part of his major league different stars might have been told in the first and fifth Callahan's gang clogged the stacks, aided and abetted by passes to first and a couple of lurid heaves from Eddie Ainsmith, but each time Hughes pulled through on top.

The White Sox broke the ice and landed in the run column in the sixth when one down Collins was walked, the fourth ball over the plate, and the Sox were in line just to second. Lord hit a dinky roller just out of Morgan's reach and Milan, coming in under a full head of steam, struck a pick up the ball and throw out Collins at the plate, slipped a cog, the ball rolled through Clyde's legs and Griff let out a smothered groan. Lord reached second on Milan's error, and Callahan scored, and Hughes fanned both Callahan and Bodie, the next bats.

Long Tom himself had the honor of connecting for the first time hit made by our side on the Big Red, a dandy two-bagger in the precinct where Callahan holds forth, in the sixth. Two were out at the time, and Hughes was caught trying to steal third.

"Pinch" McBride Again. Chick Gandil, a White Sox discard, lit the fuse which set off the main fireworks in the Nationals' eighth by cranking to fight center for a three-bagger. With the infield playing in, Ray Morgan popped one over Weaver's head, and Gandil scored. Morgan's Texas Leaguer was of the tantalizing kind, just out of reach. Ainsmith laid down a bunt, which Lord fumbled, and ended by chucking the ball over Zeider's head. Before the pill could be recovered, Morgan was way around third and Ainsmith held down the keystone sock. George McBride, the dandy captain, lived up to the name he has often been dubbed of "Pinch" by driving one of Walsh's spitters through the White Sox inner works, scoring both Morgan and Ainsmith, and winning the ball game; for, although the Nationals came within an ace of scoring in the ninth, the fates were again us.

Hughes gave the Sox a life in the eighth by walking Rath, the first man up; but settled down and retired the three successive hitters. In the Chicago ninth, Callahan was passed and went to third when McIntyre singled to right. As this stage Walter Johnson stepped into the breach, and whizzed three balls over the plate on Weaver with such dazzling speed that the shortstop did not see one of them. Kuhn sent up a foul fly to

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AMERICAN LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

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Philadelphia, 3; St. Louis, 5.
Detroit, 4; New York, 1.
Boston, 3; Cleveland, 6.

GAMES TO-DAY.

Washington at Chicago.
Philadelphia at St. Louis.
Boston at Cleveland.
New York at Detroit.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Club	W.	L.	P.	Win. Pct.
Washington	20	22	1	.476
Philadelphia	18	24	2	.432
St. Louis	17	25	2	.405
Chicago	16	26	2	.381
Detroit	15	27	2	.357
New York	14	28	2	.333
Boston	13	29	2	.309
Cleveland	12	30	2	.285

STANDING OF THE CLUBS AUG. 5, 1912.

Club	W.	L.	P.	Win. Pct.
Washington	21	22	1	.489
Philadelphia	19	24	2	.444
St. Louis	18	25	2	.419
Chicago	17	26	2	.394
Detroit	16	27	2	.369
New York	15	28	2	.344
Boston	14	29	2	.319
Cleveland	13	30	2	.294

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

No games scheduled.

GAMES TO-DAY.

Pittsburg at New York.
Chicago at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at Brooklyn.
Cincinnati at Boston.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Club	W.	L.	P.	Win. Pct.
New York	21	28	7	.433
Pittsburg	18	24	6	.430
Philadelphia	16	26	3	.381
St. Louis	15	27	3	.357
Brooklyn	14	28	3	.333
Boston	13	29	3	.309

NAPS DEFEATED BY THE RED SOX; SPEAKER STARS

Boston's Classy Center Fielder Makes Feature Play When He Grabs Turner's Line Drive.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 4.—The Boston Red Sox hung it on the Naps to-day, 6 to 3. The Naps drove Southpaw Ray Collins to cover in two innings, while Southpaw Gregg followed suit in the third, two passes and four hits resulting in four runs.

Steen did good work in the time he performed on the mound, giving way to Baskette after Easterly batted for O'Brien. A driving catch of Turner's line drive by Speaker in the eighth, which he converted into a double play, was the feature.

Score:

Club	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Cleveland	10	4	10	2	1	0
Boston	10	3	7	1	1	0

Some call that "umps."

When Callahan walked and McIntyre hit in the ninth Hughes was yanked and wonderful Walter sent to the rescue. He fanned Weaver, the first man that faced him, and Callahan scored on Kuhn's fly to Shanks. Walsh struck out, ending the game.

Four Pitchers Hit by Mackmen Athletics Pound Quartet of Brown Hurlers and Land Game by 8 to 3 Score.

St. Louis, Aug. 4.—The Athletics whacked four of the Browns' pitchers, and won the opening game of the series to-day, 8 to 3. Ains quit in the second, E. Brown in the sixth, and Hamilton in the seventh, Charley Brown finishing.

Plank pitched his usual puzzling game against the Browns, a wild throw by Lord giving a pair of runs in the fourth, while two singles gave the last one in the ninth. Score:

Score:

Club	AB	R	H	O	A	E
St. Louis	10	8	10	2	1	0
Brown	10	3	7	1	1	0

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BATting AVERAGES OF THE CLIMBERS

Player	G.	A.	R.	H.	SR.	Pct.
Becker	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Moeller	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Grady	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Wilson	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Johnson	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Foster	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Wheeler	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Walker	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Schaefer	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Talbot	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Shanks	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Callahan	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Ainsmith	37	236	68	106	21	.450
McIntyre	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Peitz	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Henry	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Morgan	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Hughes	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Vaughn	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Green	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Engel	37	236	68	106	21	.450
Hines	37	236	68	106	21	.450

Bill Dineen reversed O'Brien's decision on a third strike on Weaver in the second. Weaver plainly swung at the pill, but the new ump called it a ball.

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Shanks Pulls Heady Play; Holds McIntyre on First

In Ninth Inning, Instead of Pegging Home to Catch Callahan, Howard Whips the Ball to Morgan—Other Gossip.

Chicago, Aug. 4.—Howard Shanks, the Nationals' youthful left fielder, put himself at the business end of a play this afternoon that was the sole topic of conversation by the Chicago baseball fans after the battle.

Shanks has already demonstrated that he is a brilliant fielder and a dangerous man at the bat, but nobody before accused him of being a quick thinker; yet he showed in the ninth inning that he possessed a lot of gray matter underneath his skypecie.

Callahan was on third, McIntyre on first, with one out, when Kuhn sent up a high foul fly three feet outside the line in left field. There was just a possibility that had Shanks thrown the ball home he would have nipped Cal at the plate, and everybody expected him to do it. Instead, Shanks whipped to Morgan at the midway bag, and let Callahan score from third unmolested, but the quick peg checked McIntyre from reaching second, and this made the situation two out and a man on first.

Shanks figured just right. The one run which was scored could not win for the White Sox, and it would have taken a double or triple to have scored McIntyre from first. Had Shanks thrown home and missed getting Callahan, McIntyre would have gone to second, where he could have been scored with a single or error.

It was a brainy piece of baseball playing, and Shanks deserves something more than a pat on the back.

Germany Schaefer's suspension was raised last night, and the Teuton was out on the lines this afternoon with Nick Altrock. As both are former Chicago favorites, their little comedy sketch made a great hit.

To-day's victory gives the Nationals seven out of nine on the present Western trip; not so bad, all things considered. Boston won from the Naps this afternoon, and no ground was gained; a driving catch of Turner's line drive by Speaker in the eighth, which he converted into a double play, was the feature.

The second game of the White Sox series to-morrow will see either Bob Groom or Jay Carl Cashion in the box for the Nationals, while Doc White will likely attend the slab for the immaculate white tribe.

The writer had a long talk with Connie Mack of the Athletics, in Detroit Tuesday, and the crafty pilot of the two-time world's champions said: "I will not give up hope of landing the honors for the third time until the last ray has disappeared."

All depends upon this present Western trip. Every one of my boys," continued Mack, "has undoubtedly done his best to bring a third straight pennant to Philadelphia, and I can say without fear that it will not be their fault if they fail."

The general run of the American League clubs is twice as strong as they were last year, and while this alone has not kept my team from being further up in the race at the present time, it is one of the reasons.

"There isn't one trick my players know they haven't tried to do when things break against them, and I cannot blame the writer in particular for stopping us just when we seemed to be started."

Mack has evidently forgotten the old Detroit Club, the first year this team won the world's championship under Hughie Jennings. The Tigers did not have as good a pitching staff as have the Athletics to-day, and to make up for lack of pitching simply batted away to victory. Evidently the Athletics are of different clay.

"I have noticed that we have lost eighty per cent of our close-decision battles that we would formerly have captured, with the error of while I am a squarer in any sense of the word, I can say that the breaks have been more than against us."

"Yes; at least a dozen games have slipped through our fingers," continued Connie with a wry smile, "that should have been added to our win column, but it always happened that some player would come in with a particularly fine play, and while I am a squarer in any sense of the word, I can say that the breaks have been more than against us."

If the Nationals do cop the bunting the club will be the most popular winner in the history of the big games. There are several reasons for this.

First, the Nationals have always finished so close to the bottom that the people want to see the under dog win, now that a chance is offered.

Second, Washington fans have loyally supported a loser year after year, and for the sake of the District fans, outsiders would like to see the Nationals grab off first honors.

Third, Griff is a fighter, and all the world is so close to him that it leaves a winner. Griff has had a lot of tough luck during his managerial term, and it is about time for the worm to turn.

There are countless other reasons why the Nationals will be the most popular ball club in the history of the game, if they win the flag in the Ben Johnson circuit.

Said Bob Groom to-day: "I'd give almost anything I've got to get a chance to pitch against the New York Giants in a world's series. I feel sure I could beat them, and maybe I wouldn't like to stack up against them."

"Do you think we will win the championship in the American League?" Sir Robert was asked by the writer, and replied: "We've got an outside chance; that's all."

Griff is a deep student of the game and a thinker. He never goes off half-cocked, and when he expresses an opinion each phase of the question is carefully weighed in his mind. The pitcher added: "Everything depends upon who will stop Boston, and give us a chance to get near enough to them. The Red Sox pitchers have kept them up in the race, and at present seem to be going just about as close as any twirling staff in the league. They may crumple up under the strain, and then again they may not. If they start to crack, then it is all over but the shouting, for I believe we will stop them ahead, and once we lead the procession, I don't think any club in the league can jostle us out of first place."

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