

## BIG LEAGUE SEASON IS BROUGHT TO END

YEAR OF MANY SURPRISES FEAT-  
TURES FALL OF THE RED  
SOX IN PLAYING.

New York, Oct. 5.—Major league baseball for 1913 came to a close today as far as the regular schedules are concerned. In the National league Philadelphia's title to second place was not seriously questioned.

Chicago finished in third place with a good margin over Pittsburgh in fourth place. The Cubs under Evers made a better showing than many critics expected. The Pirates got off to a bad start and at no time were a factor in the race. Fred Clarke is not likely to rest satisfied with the team as it is.

The Boston under George Stallings finished fifth, leading the second division. Brooklyn finished sixth, a notch above last year, losing a final chance to beat out Boston this week. Cincinnati, with Joe Tinker at the helm, had to be satisfied with seventh place. St. Louis, last by nearly 10 points, never got going well at all, and played worse instead of better as the season progressed.

The Athletics this year got an early lead in the American league race and the finish was easy. Cleveland, the runner-up for the greater part of the year, lost its grip in the season's later weeks, while Clark Griffith's Washingtons were bracing and making a strong showing.

It took the last week of play to decide the fourth place contest, but the Red Sox finally won by a slight margin. The last year's champions fall from their high estate, of 1912 was one of the season's remarkable developments.

The White Sox finished in fifth place, although with a percentage well above the half-way mark. Detroit, ending in sixth place, is there largely by virtue of weakness in the box. The seventh place fight was not decided until the last moments of the season in Cleveland today, when Cleveland, by taking the last half of a double-header, beat the Browns in the cellar. The New Yorks occupy the seventh position by a four-point margin. The St. Louis Browns, although last, have played well recently.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

#### Standing of the Clubs.

Club—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	96	57	.627
Washington	90	64	.584
Cleveland	88	66	.566
Boston	79	71	.527
Chicago	78	74	.515
Detroit	65	87	.431
New York	57	94	.377
St. Louis	57	96	.373

#### Browns and Naps Divide.

Cleveland, Oct. 5.—St. Louis and Cleveland each took one of the last two games of the season here today. By a batting rally in the twelfth St. Louis won the first game, 9 to 4. After four and one-half innings played in the dusk, Cleveland won the second game, 4 to 3.

Tomorrow the Pittsburgh Nationals and the Cleveland Americans open a seven-game series here. Scores: First game—R. H. E. Cleveland 4 10 4 St. Louis 9 18 2 Batteries—Blanding and O'Neill; Levern, Taylor, Wellman and Agnew.

Second game—R. H. E. Cleveland 4 6 2 St. Louis 3 5 2 Batteries—James and Carisch; Brown and Agnew.

#### Tigers Close With Victory.

Detroit, Oct. 5.—Chicago's weird fielding enabled Detroit to win today the last game of the season. The score was 9 to 8. The contest was a slugfest. Each team used two pitchers. None was effective. Score: R. H. E. Chicago 8 15 4 Detroit 9 12 1 Batteries—Scott, Lathrop and Easterly; Constock, Williams and Stanage.

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## STAGE ABOUT SET FOR BIG SERIES TO BEGIN

CLANS GATHER IN NEW YORK  
CITY TO PREPARE FOR THE  
OPENING GAME.

New York, Oct. 5.—Final stages of preparation for the series between the New York Nationals and the Philadelphia Americans to decide the baseball championship of the world are at hand. August Hermann, chairman of the national commission, and Thomas J. Lynch, president of the National league, already are on the ground, and Dan B. Johnson, president of the American league, the third member of the governing body, is expected early tomorrow.

The commission is scheduled to meet tomorrow morning, give its instructions to umpires and clear up any points of uncertainty that may remain regarding the playing of the series. All then will be in readiness for the calling of play at the Polo grounds at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for the opening game of the series which will tell whether the world laurels of 1913 are to rest with the men under the tutelage of John J. McGraw or the band of athletes guided by Cornelius McGillicuddy.

#### Distributing Seats.

Distribution of the 8,000-odd reserved seat tickets for the series at the New York grounds are under way today. The greater part of these tickets have gone to baseball men throughout the country and to New York club patrons of long standing. Some 30,000 seats in the lower stand and bleachers will be available to the public at the grounds for each game of the series. The seating arrangements are believed by the magnates to be such as to eliminate chances of speculation as far as possible.

There seems no doubt that all the regulars of the Athletics will be ready to take the field and play the game without physical handicap. While it appeared to be settled tonight at Larry Doyle, the hustling second baseman of the New Yorks, would be in shape to take his position at the beginning of play on Tuesday, the impression prevailed that McGraw would be without the services of Fred Snodgrass, the team's regular center fielder, when the series opened. Doyle, with the exception of a little stiffness in his throwing arm, appears to have recovered well from the effects of his recent automobile spill. Snodgrass, "Charley horse," however, still is bothering him so much that it is out of the question to expect him to play his usual form.

#### Probable Lineup.

It looks to be probable, therefore, that the Giants will line up on Tuesday with Merkle, Doyle, Fletcher and Herzog filling the infield positions and with Burns, Shaffer and Murray in the outfield. Some close watchers of the play of the team are inclined to think that the team as thus formed will be not a bit weaker than with a lineup that includes Snodgrass and leaves Herzog out.

The Giants will have a final workout tomorrow at the Polo grounds in an exhibition game with the Philadelphia Nationals. The regulars will be given a chance to limber up and most of them probably will play through the game.

Mathewson and Marquard are likely to be two pitchers tried out for an inning or two, as between them apparently lies the choice of a boxman to oppose the twirler Connie Mack may select to open up the series. Field games in which players of each team will participate will afford a further opportunity for limbering up.

Unless the player-author question is broached there seems little probability of anything momentous occurring at the national commission meeting tomorrow. A unique preliminary to the series was a "baseball service" held at the Grace Methodist Episcopal church tonight. Many baseball men were present and letters were read, among others one from John J. McGraw and one from Connie Mack. The latter, telling "why baseball is worthy of support," praised the game for its honesty and other characteristics.

"Baseball is a manly sport," wrote Manager Mack, "that brings to the surface the natural skill and prowess of an individual to a greater extent than that any other game ever devised; second, as conducted under organized rules, it is absolutely above reproach."

"Baseball never can lose its popularity, never die as long as the American public retains its confidence in the men who conduct it. Organization on the lines which have brought it to such a high standard are absolutely necessary to maintain its integrity and popularity. May it ever remain our national sport, safeguarded by men of high principles."

John J. McGraw, manager of the Giants, in his letter said: "Baseball develops the mind, establishes discipline and gives sound bodies, clear heads and a better sense of life to those who take part in it. For almost all my life I have been a participant and a student of the American national sport and I know that everything in connection with it is for the betterment of those who participate in it."

#### Early in Line.

Philadelphia, Oct. 5.—Men, women and boys are lined up here tonight in front of the department store where the advance sale of tickets for the world's series games to be played here will open at 9 o'clock tomorrow. First in the line are two messenger boys, who took their positions early in the afternoon. Shortly after the boys started the line a negro man arrived with a big rocking chair in which he made himself comfortable. The first woman to take her place with the would-be ticket purchasers arrived about 8 o'clock.

The American league champions will have their final practice here tomorrow and will leave at 8 o'clock tomorrow night for New York. It is believed Bender will be chosen

to oppose Mathewson in the opening game, while Schang is expected to be at the receiving end. Plank and Lapp, however, may be the batteries in case Manager McGraw should decide to send Marquard to the mound.

### COAST LEAGUE

#### Standing of the Clubs.

Club—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Portland	100	74	.722
Venice	98	91	.518
Sacramento	92	87	.514
San Francisco	92	95	.492
Los Angeles	89	97	.478
Oakland	81	108	.428

#### Seals and Wolves Split.

San Francisco, Oct. 5.—San Francisco and Sacramento broke even today. The morning game went to Sacramento, 10 to 5, and San Francisco took the afternoon game at the end of 11 innings, 5 to 4. In the morning game Sacramento went to bat in the first half of the ninth with the score 4 to 5 against them and ran up six runs.

The afternoon game was featured by two home runs by Seals in the first and eighth innings and a home run by Downs in the second. The scores:

Morning game—	R.	H.	E.
San Francisco	5	11	4
Sacramento	10	14	1
Batteries—	Leftfield and Clarke; Williams, Ardelanes, Klavitter and Bliss.		
Afternoon game—	R.	H.	E.
San Francisco	5	15	4
Sacramento	4	11	1
Batteries—	Perrell, Overall and Clarke; Klavitter and Check.		

#### Angels Come Back.

Los Angeles, Oct. 5.—The Angels "came back" today and defeated Venice in each game of a double-header. The scores were 4 to 1 and 4 to 5. Angel batters landed three runs off Ferguson in the seventh and he was retired for Raleigh. At the matinee Venice batters rallied in the last two innings, knocking out four runs and narrowly missing a tieup.

Morning game—	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	4	6	0
Venice	1	6	0
Batteries—	Ryan and Arhagast; Edmonson, Ferguson, Raleigh and Elliott.		
Afternoon game—	R.	H.	E.
Los Angeles	6	11	2
Venice	5	14	1
Batteries—	Perrell and Boles; Hitt, Koestner and Elliott.		

#### Oaks Shut Out.

Portland, Oct. 5.—Portland celebrated its farewell appearance at home for this season today by defeating Oakland, 4 to 0, in a pitchers' battle and making the record for the series five wins out of six games played. The scores:

Morning game—	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	0	4	2
Portland	4	4	2
Batteries—	Schwenk and Alexander; Krause and Berry.		

### WESTERN LEAGUE

#### Standing of the Clubs.

Club—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Denver	104	62	.627
Des Moines	93	72	.564
St. Joseph	89	78	.532
Lincoln	87	80	.520
Omaha	79	86	.478
Sioux City	73	92	.442
Topeka	73	92	.442
Wichita	65	101	.390

St. Joseph, 2-8; Omaha, 1-8. Des Moines, 6-3; Sioux City, 2-2. Lincoln, 0-3; Wichita, 5-2. Denver, 17; Topeka, 9.

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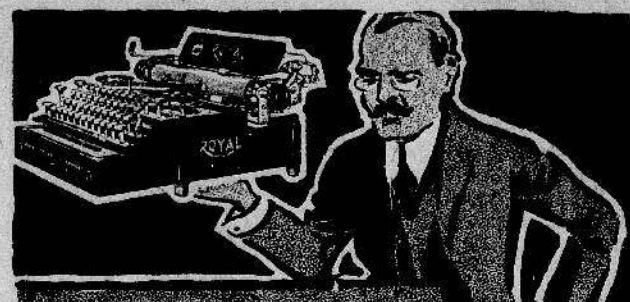
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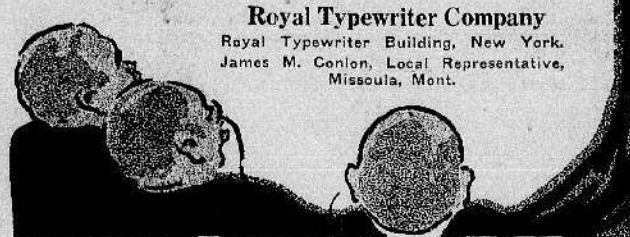
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