

the best ball of his career, but while Demaree and Rixey aid him on occasions, there are no other boxmen who can consistently pitch winning ball. The team is woefully weak in many spots.

On the North Side our pennant dreams faded to a cold drab weeks ago. So far as the standing of the clubs is concerned the season is a total loss and no insurance. Tinker bids fair to finish farther down the ladder than any Cub leader in the past 11 years.

Even so, the club has not played bad ball. Joe had as good a pitching staff as any team in the league, it was well handled, and, until recently, was losing only because the other fellows on the team were unable to hit. Naturally, some of the boxmen have lost heart to an extent and are not pitching as competently as they did. They do not deserve criticism now, rather commendation for the way they have gone over the course of the year.

This is the time to try the new men. Doyle arrives today and will immediately go to work. Hunter should have a chance at first, and Sicking and Pechous should also be used. All we have to bank on is next season and men must be developed for the 1917 campaign.

Phils won yesterday because they hit Vaughn hard. Luderus got four blows.

One day completely gummed the conglomerate race in the American league, and the White Sox were the only westerners who failed to take advantage of the misfortune of the Boston Red Sox. The pennant dash is more of a pop-eyed scramble than it has been at any time this year, and will probably remain so down to the final drive for the wire.

Since going east Browns and Tigers have advanced on the world's champions, while the White Sox have lost ground. Detroit has made a gain of three and a half games and the Browns have gone up one. On

the other hand the Rowlands have dropped two full games farther behind the leaders.

Detroit and the Browns are not playing fluke ball. They have not fattened at the expense of the Mackmen, but have trimmed the other easterners with regularity. Jennings got an even break in Boston, took the Washington and Athletic series and if off to a double win over the Yanks, with two more to play. St. Louis cleaned up Washington, New York and Philadelphia, winning each series, and has won both games played with the Red Sox. The South Siders broke even with the Bostonese, but lost in both New York and Washington.

Detroit is getting better pitching than at any time this season. Dauss is once more effective, Coveleskie is as good as he has been all year, and James and Dubuc have improved. Jones is winning because his team is playing the best baseball in the league from every standpoint.

This trip is telling a lot about the final resting place of the pennant, but an opinion as to its ultimate home will come better after the eastern and western teams are through playing among themselves in the next two weeks. St. Louis and the Sox have eight games together in that time. Boston will be on the road meeting the other eastern teams and the prospect should not encourage the Carrigans.

Macks cracked Cicotte and Williams. Johnson, a rookie, was a puzzle to the South Siders. Jack Ness had two chances to bust the game and failed.

Veach, Cobb and Young helped to drive Cullop and Mogridge from the mound in double bill between Tigers and Yanks. Frank Baker acted as pinch hitter in second game and fanned.

Davenport and Groom easily stopped Red Sox. Leonard, Ruth, Mays and Shore, Boston star quartet, were easy for the Browns.