

SENSATIONAL RACES IN NATIONAL AND AMERICAN LEAGUES RIVAL THOSE OF FAMOUS 1908

ONLY ONCE IN HISTORY OF BASEBALL HAVE BOTH MAJOR LEAGUE RACES BEEN SO CLOSE

National and American League Races May Be Decided on Last Day of Season, as Was the Case in 1908

WILL the greatest freak in baseball's entire history—the winning of both major league pennants on the last day of the season—be repeated? Yesterday's defeat of the Dodgers in the National League, coupled with the Braves' double victory and the even break of the Phillies, leaves but one and one-half games separating Brooklyn in first place and Boston in third. In the American League Detroit and Chicago both won and cut down the lead of the Red Sox, who were idle, and one and one-half games separate these three teams.

Tables showing National League Standing and American League Standing for 1916. Columns include team name, wins, losses, percentage, and games behind.

The Famous National League Race of 1908

IT WILL be seen that conditions are almost identical, excepting that the East is monopolizing the leading positions in the National League today whereas the West had the American League race all to itself in 1908.

After the memorable series in which Merkle failed to touch second, the Giants started the final East vs. West series with a slight lead to overcome, but favored by the schedule, as there was supposed to be little opposition in the East, New York regained its lead by a point on September 29 by beating the Phillies, while the Cubs lost to Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh and Chicago were scheduled for a single game on October 2, while New York had three games in two days with Boston. If Pittsburgh won from Chicago it was assured the pennant, whereas a Chicago victory would make it necessary for New York to win three from Boston to gain a tie with Chicago's team.

The same condition prevailed in the American League. In the last lap of the race Cleveland increased its lead on October 2 by winning from Chicago in the greatest pitching duel ever staged on any ball field.

The Sox came back and won the final game of the series, but Detroit by winning two from St. Louis on the same day crawled up on even terms with Cleveland.

On October 5 St. Louis won the first game of a double-header from Cleveland, eliminating Larry's team, while Chicago won from Detroit, putting the issue up to the final game of the season.

TODAY the situation is similar in both leagues. It is possible that the final series, or even the final day's schedule in each league, will decide both pennants. This is particularly true in the National League, where the three leading teams finish the season against each other.

The Phillies must brace suddenly if they hope to take part in another grueling finish, such as developed in 1908. The National League champions have played seven poor games of ball in succession and are fortunate to be so close to Brooklyn.

Whether Boston's comeback is due to weakness on the part of the Cub pitchers or a sudden batting streak remains to be proved. The Braves made more hits and runs in yesterday's double-header with Tinker's team than they made in six consecutive games against the pitching of the Phillies and Dodgers.

Great Rally Saved Second Game for Phils

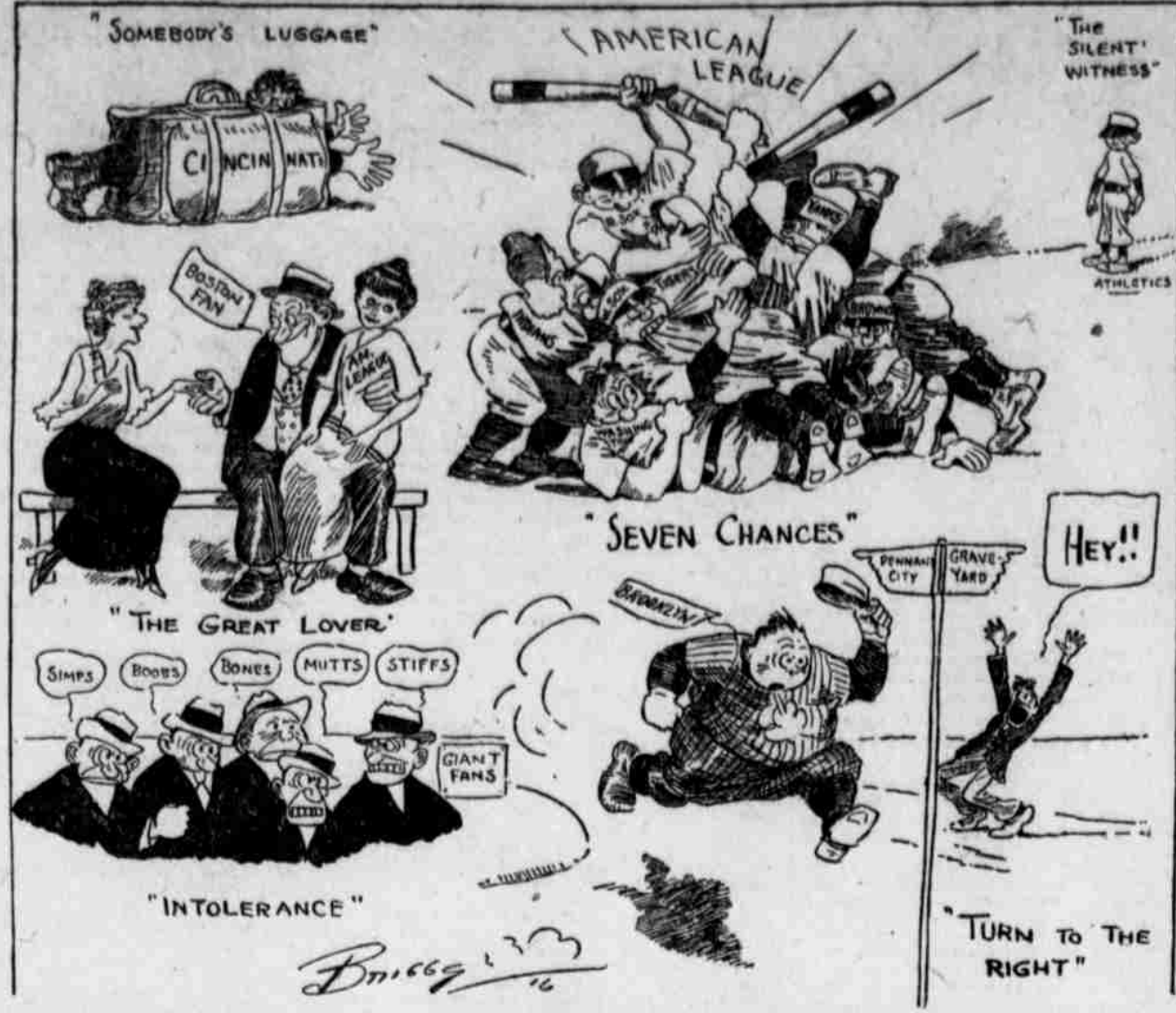
A GREAT batting rally in which Gavy Cravath supplied the clean-up wallop—a drive over the right-field fence with two men on bases—saved the Phils from certain defeat in both games of yesterday's double-header, and it cannot be said that the champions did not deserve to lose. They played lifeless ball in both contests and were guilty of misplays that heretofore were unknown to them.

If one did not have the above standing to guide him he probably would have thought that the Cardinals were the team in the race, with the Phils merely playing to finish out the schedule. The champions lacked the dash and fire so noticeable in the series against the Dodgers and Braves, and even in New York, where four straight games were lost.

The most disappointing feature of the even break was the defeat of Eppa Rixey in the first game. Rixey pitched grand ball for five innings, but then lost his "stuf" and the Cardinals drove him from the mound. Even when he was being batted hard, Rixey had greater speed and curves and a better change of pace than Ames, but the efforts of the Phils in the closing innings were weak and disappointing.

If Ames used the same style of pitching against a minor league team, he probably would be batted all over the field, but the veteran was shrewd enough to realize that the Phils had killed his speed and curve ball early in the game, and switched to a slow change of pace ball. In the last six innings the champions got only two hits, and but few balls were batted out of the infield or met ground.

THE MAJOR LEAGUE—RIALTO



NUMBERS FOR IDENTIFICATION ON TOURNEY GOLFERS' BACKS MAY BE INTRODUCED HERE

Wilmington Idea of Cataloguing Golfers for Gallery Discussed—Large Purse

By SANDY McNBILICK
BOLD, black numbers, such as those seen on the sweated backs of plunging, multi-covered warriors of the gridiron, or to the serious of straining athletes of the sinder paths may adorn the backs of golfers in the future in tournaments likely to draw large galleries.

Tomorrow's Tournament and Today's Tee Talk

Match play for the St. Martin's Cup, the eleventh annual invitation tournament of the Philadelphia Cricket Club, at St. Martin's, Philadelphia, Pa., on Tuesday, September 19, 1916.

Bouts Billed Tonight at the Broadway A. C.

PRELIMINARIES
Jimmy O'Donnell vs. Harry Leonard.
Black Cannon vs. Johnny Walters.
Fatsy Conner vs. Joe Forney.

WIND-UP
Eddie Hinckle vs. Eddie Wagon.

Scrap About Scrapers

By LOUIS H. JAFFE
Henry Leonard can't hit a lick; can't maul a man's hair or punch hard enough to dent a warner's button. There are Charles Thomas's sentiments about the knockout German lightweight. Here's Charles's letter to the writer relative to Leonard's punching ability.

DAUBERT IS CLOSEST THING TO COBB IN NATIONAL LEAGUE CIRCLES, AVERS NOTED CRITIC

Brooklyn Star, Having Partaken of Good Rest, Should Win Batting Honors for Third Time in Four Years, Says Rice

By GRANTLAND RICE
THE Hon. J. Daubert is upon the verge of branching out as the Ty Cobb of the National League. Not that Jake has any serious ten-year intentions as a league leader, but he is the closest thing to Ty at bat that the older circuit has.

Freddie Welsh hasn't decided yet whether he will fight his next battle or run his next race. Freddie has to give his referee time to recover from the terrible strain of picking the proper winner in a strictly non-partisan way. For while Freddie may carry his own official, of course he never would expect to get even a shade the better of it. Of course.

Anybody's Game
"Golf," writes a bystander, "must be a kid's game, with this young Jones winning at fourteen."

Red Sox Gameness
Red Sox may make the flag away from the Red Sox, but no one can dispare their courage.

Beating Par
Young Bobby Jones, at fourteen, has played four rounds this season under 70. The question now is, suppose he improves only one stroke a year from now on, what will they do with course records when he gets to be what F. A. considers the ideal going age—viz, fifty-eight?

Maxims of the Nineteenth Hole
He that loatheth in a sand-filled trough shall obtain more exercise than he that goeth down in par.

The Youngest Entry
If Jones is the youngest golfer who ever broke into a golf championship, who is the youngest ball player who ever broke into the big leagues? queries R. L. F. Up to three years ago Hane Wagner was the youngest on the field. So far as age is concerned.

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Allied Soccer League

Nineteen soccer clubs participated in the annual election of officers of the Allied American Football Association, held at Pearson's Union, Philadelphia, Sept. 12.

"Buck" Weaver a Bankrupt

CHICAGO, Sept. 14.—George D. "Buck" Weaver, pitcher of the Chicago American League baseball team, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in the federal court, seeking relief from creditors of \$110,000 of property which he started two years ago on the stock market.

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Advertisement for Richard Waddy's movie 'I Was Motoring in My Otto-Mobill Yesta-Day'. Includes a cartoon illustration of a man driving a car and a judge sentencing him for speeding.