

CONDITIONS OF BASEBALL CLASSIC MUST BE RADICALLY CHANGED TO BE SUCCESS IN FUTURE

WORLD'S SERIES CONTENDERS STAGED AN INFERIOR BRAND OF THE NATIONAL PASTIME

Many Baseball Fans Disgusted With Both Play and Management—Boston Won Through Steadiness of Pitchers—Dodgers Weak on Defense

THE world's series is a thing of the past, and many persons are inclined to believe that this annual classic will not be played in 1917 unless different conditions exist, despite the fact that the receipts of the series between the Red Sox and Brooklyn were larger than those of any previous series of five games.

There were many unpleasant features connected with the series and the caliber of ball played by the two teams was below the usual standard. As a rule world's series games are nothing out of the ordinary and not near what the fans expect, but this was the poorest played of all world's series. The Red Sox deserved their victory, because they were steadier on defense, were favored by superior pitching, particularly so far as headwork was concerned, and showed uncanny ability to take advantage of the Dodgers' mistakes.

There have been several series in which a contending team was credited with more errors than was charged against Brooklyn; but we do not know of any where the errors of judgment were so numerous. Whenever a play came up wherein quick thinking was necessary and the guess either had to be right or disastrously wrong, Brooklyn's demoralized team could be counted upon to make the wrong play.

The Dodgers were outclassed in the last two games, mainly because of miserable judgment, but during the first three contests there was little to choose between the two champion teams. The Red Sox got so many breaks that apparently were lucky in the first three contests that the critics, magnates and players who saw the games were of the opinion that the American League champions were the victims of good fortune, but after watching the last two battles it was easy to see that Boston was the stronger and better balanced team.

If Brooklyn had received the breaks in the first two games in Boston or had not gone to pieces in the final game in Brooklyn there would probably be a different story to tell, as the Red Sox did not look like the same team that defeated the Phillies last year. Some critics are inclined to compare the Red Sox with the famous Mack machine of a few years ago, but to our way of thinking the Athletics were so much stronger that one could hardly place Carrigan's team in the same class.

Boston's Pitchers Were Consistent

BOSTON won because of the consistency of its pitching, a superb defense in the field, and the ability to take advantage of Brooklyn's misplays. Another thing that hurt the Dodgers was the failure of its two mainstays, Jake Daubert and Zack Wheat, to play up to the form displayed during the National League season.

The work of this pair of Brooklyn stars was the poorest shown by players of their supposed character in any world's series. Back in 1903 Honus Wagner failed miserably as a world's series performer, while again in 1907 the peerless Ty Cobb was a joke against the Cubs; but there are few other instances where the work of individual stars of either league so handicapped their team by poor playing.

After watching the efforts of both players to hit the Red Sox pitching, one wonders just how they got their great batting averages in the National League, and some of the fielding errors of judgment were such that one questions the nerve and fighting spirit of both men. Wheat started Boston on its way to the final victory and failed even to stand up to the plate against Shore's blinding speed. Brooklyn played the same style of offensive ball followed throughout the season. There was no attempt at inside ball, but so long as Robinson's team was hitting hard it was dangerous, but the moment the Red Sox pitchers started to show form the National League champions were helpless. There was no attempt at inside ball by Brooklyn, and the Robins failed even to try to bunt against Shore and Ruth, two slow-fielding pitchers, when it was apparent that they could not beat either man by swinging their heads off. Some critics are inclined to believe that it is almost impossible to bunt the pitching of Ruth and Shore, because of the great speed used by both hurlers, but this claim is asinine, as great speed pitchers like Rube Waddell and Earl Moore lost game after game in Philadelphia because they could not field bunts. Waddell was a speedier pitcher than either Shore or Ruth, while Moore was just as fast. Brooklyn simply lacked the thoroughness of attack and was not schooled properly in the fine points of the game.

Dodgers' Defense Not a Thing of Joy

BROOKLYN still would have had a chance if it had showed a defense worthy of a major league team yesterday, but the Dodgers went to pieces and presented Boston with its four runs. Pfeiffer was batted harder than Shore, who gave one of the best world's series pitching performances in years, but the first break Robinson's men got during the series gave them the lead, and any kind of defensive play would have enabled the Dodgers to hold that lead.

The Red Sox earned an American League reputation as a "riding" team. Carrigan's men do not resort to some of the tactics followed by the Braves and other teams that became famous as rowdy aggregations, but the Sox follow a plan that is just as effective when they have the opposing team on the run, and the "riding" of certain Brooklyn players from start to finish was in a large measure responsible for the blow-up of the defense.

The National League champions never have been a defensive team of the Red Sox caliber, but they would have performed a whole lot better than they did if they had not been "ridden." Zack Wheat started all the trouble for Pfeiffer when he tried to make a fancy stop of Duffy Lewis's ordinary single. The ball bounced away from him and counted for a triple. Wheat then lost a chance to cut down Lewis at the plate on Gardner's short fly, for he made a miserable throw to the plate, Lewis scoring, while Gardner got credit for a sacrifice.

This run tied up the score and the Dodgers proceeded to go to pieces with the Red Sox "riding" them hard. Cady opened the third inning with a single, but Shore fouled to Meyers. Hooper walked and placed Pfeiffer in a hole, but when Janvyn sent an easy bouncer to Olson the pitcher's troubles should have been over for the inning at least. Olson, however, fumbled the ball long enough to lose a chance to get any runner, and then threw into right field when he had no chance to get Hooper at second. Cady scored on this misplay and Hooper went to third. Shorten scored the latter with a single to center, but if Olson had handled the ball cleanly a double play would have been completed and the side retired before a run had been tallied.

All of the Red Sox Runs Tainted

MEYER'S rank misjudgment of Janvyn's fly gave the latter a double in the fifth, and Hooper, who had singled, scored from first. This it is easy to see that while the Red Sox are credited with two earned runs, in reality all of the tallies were tainted. Brooklyn's run also was a gift. Shore's only pass, a sacrifice and infield out and Cady's passed ball permitting the little second baseman to tally.

There is no telling just how strong Shore would have finished if the Dodgers had held the one-run lead for a few innings; but the fact remains that after he had been given the lead the lanky Southerner gave a remarkable exhibition of pitching. Until the seventh inning the Dodgers made only one infield hit, by "Chief" Meyers in the fifth, and but three safeties were made in the entire game. On the merit of his performance, Shore should have registered the first world's series shut-out since Bill James blanked the Athletics in the famous 1 to 0 eleven-inning duel with Eddie Plank in 1914.

An odd feature of the game that was overlooked entirely by the fans was that Boston almost forfeited the game because, through an oversight, there was only one ball left when the game ended. According to the rules, the home team must supply the balls, and when this supply runs out it must forfeit the game or produce balls. One of the umpires declared after the game that there was only one ball in the park when the game ended aside from the one in play.

The old song "I Wonder Who's Kissing Her Now" has been revised to read "I Wonder Who's Writing His Stuff."

ANY MAN CAN SUPPLY CONVERSATION FOR THE PICTURE



FINE EXAMPLE SET WHEN ARONIMINK AND SPRINGHAVEN MEET IN "WORLD'S SERIOUS"

By SANDY McNIBBLICK

TWO live golf clubs got right after each other in a full team match, and today the dispute is still unsettled, on one side at least.

Twenty-eight enthusiastic linkmen from Springhaven went over to Aronimink for the fourth game of what was termed on all sides as a "world's serious" match. Before the tee-off the count stood two to one matches in favor of Aronimink, according to one of the veteran members of the team.

Springhaven is claimed to have won the first match in the spring of 1915 on its own grounds, while Aronimink cleaned up by the narrow margin of two points in the return match. This year Aronimink is said to have barely nosed out in the spring tourney.

The large teams were the features of the match yesterday. Not many clubs in this district would be able to march out nearly thirty of its best players on a Thursday afternoon to do battle with another team. Aronimink stood ready to supply an opponent for every player that the Springhaven golfers produced, and many of the former team's golfers were disappointed in not being able to play.

Tournament Stars There

Matches such as that of yesterday are a great boost to golf interest hereabouts, and the spirit of rivalry as well as loyalty to the home club is a great incentive for golfers to have in back of them when entered in match play. Many clubs hereabouts are puffed up with reference to location, and there is no reason why more interclub matches are not framed up.

The teams yesterday were led off by many of the warhorses of many seasons' tournament testing.

Walter Reynolds, hero of the Pennsylvania Lesley Cup team; George Lindsay, F. W. Knight, Jr., George Klunder, G. W. Statzell, Harrison Townsend, J. W. Conn, R. W. Misher, C. H. Williams, R. J. Lewis and a score of others went to bat for the Aronimink Club, while Springhaven presented plenty of opposition, with talent such as C. G. Dixon, Warren Tyson, J. M. Thompson, S. H. Corkran and others of the same speed who came over from Wallingford.

The big match was that between the leaders of the teams. The matches went off in four-ball affairs. Walter Reynolds opposed C. G. Dixon and F. W. Knight stacked up against Warren Tyson.

The Aroniminkers started off with a rush and gave their opponents no look-in on the first few holes. It would have taken "birds" to have won most of the holes, and the Springhavenites did not have any "birdy" shots in their bags. When the opposition tried to hit up the pace at the third hole,

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BILL CARRIGAN FIRM IN DECISION TO QUIT

Lannin, Red Sox Owner, Denies Johnson Told Him to Sell Boston Club

BOSTON, Oct. 13.—The story that Bill Carrigan will retire with the winning of the world's championship by the Red Sox yesterday is not new. Carrigan announced from Washington a month ago that he was to hang up his protector's cap at the close of the season. He had had enough of the game, and with nothing to bind him to the Boston Club in the way of a contract, feels at liberty to bid the sport farewell. He is a man of his word and said yesterday:

"I have said I am through. I am not trying to hold the club up. I would have quit two years ago, but I had a contract to serve. I have a lot of real estate and plenty of money in Lowell, Me., and that is enough to keep me alive the rest of my natural days."

As for Lannin being ordered by Dan Johnson to sell the Red Sox, the Boston owner said he had not heard of it.

"What has Johnson got to do with the Boston club?" he asked. "I only had a little chat with him after the game before he left for the West. Nothing was said by him about my getting rid of the club."

"You understand I would sell the club if I had a chance. Any man that will show me enough money can have it. It will have to be a good price, and there is no one in sight just now," said Mr. Lannin.

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IF SPEAKER HAS ANY OUTFIELD RIVAL ON DEFENSIVE, HOOPER UNDOUBTEDLY IS THE PLAYER

By GRANTLAND RICE

HAS Tris Speaker a rival as an outfielder? Taking in only his defensive play? Most people would say "No"—without any further thought.

Perhaps he hasn't. But we ran into three American League ball players a day or so ago who believed that as a defensive outfielder Harry Hooper should be classed with even the immortal Tris.

"Hooper," one of these remarked, "is a far greater outfielder than he has been given credit for being. He can go in any direction, he has a wonderful arm, and not even Speaker has finer judgment. If Tris has any outfield defensive rival in the game, Hooper is undoubtedly the man."

As for Coincidences
Dear Sir—A bit of coincidence. The standing of the clubs in the National League gives the list of pennant winners in recent years in correct order.

The theme might be elaborated, but you will see the point at a glance. The first division gives you the winners of the last four years. The last team to win before the Giants was Chicago, now in fifth place, and before Chicago came Pittsburgh, now in sixth place. These six, in fact, include all the teams that have won the pennant in the present circuit. Tied at the foot of the league come Cincinnati and St. Louis, the two teams that never have won a pennant.

Matty might take a hunch from this apparent game of rotation and consider this an omen that Cincinnati will rise to the top next year and crowd the rest of the league down one notch.

Which Is True Enough
The player flies out through the park; The play is over for the game; And summer's glow now knows the dark.

Where silence rules above the cheer; And some we crooned above the set; And some we lifted up to fame; But let your roll be won't forget The list of those who played the game.

MEERLY A. FAN.
We could arise each October and furnish three lusty, resounding cheers for the season's end if it wasn't for the dire thought that within less than two months the mag-nates will be gathering again to launch the same old unsear. When "Just returns into dust," why not let it stay until another April's showers stir things up again?

Speaking of rugged schedules, how about Tufts with Harvard one Saturday and Princeton the next? What other hard games have you?

A Guy With One-Way Pockets
Sir—I recently have seen the expression Hard-Bolled Egg, referring to certain people, on several occasions. I suppose I ought to know, but what in the name of heaven is a Hard-Bolled Egg?
LOCOD.

Our idea of a Tantalus up to date and in the most virulent form is a member of the St. Louis Cards or Cincinnati Reds watching a world series.

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BANG BANG

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