

New York Teams Found Philadelphia Very Hospitable in Helping Decide 1921 League Champs

AS AND PHILS BOTH FACTORS IN WINNING OF THE 1921 FLAGS

Mackmen Lose and Cinch Pennant for the Yankees, While Quakers Figure Prominently in Deciding National League Title for the Giants

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

NO LONGER can the dear old public hand the rollicking rhapsody to the ball clubs representing our city in what are commonly known as the big leagues. No longer can the fans gleefully shout without lifting a sour note, because our teams are so important. They were all set and in condition to win two pennants this year, and what other town ever had such honor thrust upon it?

Just for sake of argument, how did the Yankee win the American League pennant? By beating the Athletics. The crucial series was played right here, and the men on Yankee payroll were very important and taken seriously. And the Phils just as important, being heavily bet on. Had Pittsburgh breezed through the games in St. Louis it would have been necessary for the Giants to come right here to this city and win the pennant. This is an absolute fact, for on this very day Mister McGraw will be here to play a double-header with the Phils. Of course, the games now will be superfluous, nobody caring who wins, but from force of habit it probably will be the Giants. They have trimmed the Phils on this score as often as they can since they moved here.

Therefore we stand out today as the foremost pennant-winning city in the world, although we never win it. We help others if we can't help ourselves, and are kind, gentle and VERY hospitable to all visitors. Many times have traveling ball clubs arrived here surrounded by gloom and wearing long faces, only to depart a few days later with their maps wreathed with smiles and a brilliant future before them. The local clubs have sprinkled rays of sunshine into the hearts of many a discouraged ball player.

Negatively speaking, we have been betting 1,000 per cent. Not only this year or the year before, but for seven long seasons. Lending a helping hand has been our long suit, and the work has been so successful that we have scored assistance from others. We have been perfectly satisfied to remain in the mire which comes around eighth place, and have become so accustomed to the position that a climb to the dizzy heights of seventh place was out of the question. You can't be a good guy and win ball games.

Joe Grim took a lot of punishment, but made many friends in the prize ring. Whenever some aspiring leather-pusher found it absolutely necessary to win a fight he would sign up for a match with Grim. In baseball, when ever a few victories were necessary the clubs wait until they reach this city, and never are disappointed.

JOE GRIM was a product of Philadelphia. So are the Athletics and the Phils. That makes it all even and can be used as an argument to prove the hospitality of our City of Brotherly Love.

Philadelphia Players Bolster Other Clubs

BUT this is not all. Winning ball games for others is all right in its way, but we also are exceedingly kind and thoughtful in bolstering weak spots on other teams. The Chicago Cubs needed a good battery, so we sent them Alexander and Killefer. Cincinnati needed a manager, and received Pat Moran. The Boston Red Sox were up against it, so they couldn't get anything but Stuffy McInnis, Joe Bush, Wally Schang, Herb Penneck, Jack Barry and a few others. Eddie Collins went to the White Sox to help win some pennants, and so it goes. Selling later went to the Yankees, where he is playing with Bob Shawkey, once a Mackman hurler, and Bobby Roth, who used to be one of our outfielders.

And allow us to pause a moment and discuss the New York Giants. Mister McGraw needed a shortstop last year, and the best he could do was to get Ben Crawford. Bannett is only the best in the business, and he came from Philadelphia. This year other athletes were needed. Nobody could play second base properly, so Johnny Rawlings was sent to Gotham. A right-handed, slugging outfielder came next, and Dick Messer got the call. Casey Stengel and Red Hunter also were shipped to the Giants, showing that we will go the limit to assist rival magnates in trouble.

Now we have just cause to be proud. We are represented on both winning ball clubs, and the fans from Philadelphia who attend the World's Series will know some of the players by their first names. This is a great thing, because players like to have their friends use their first names, especially when they are from another city. Therefore we have helped the traveling population considerably, for the travelers will feel perfectly at home—if they can get into the Polo Grounds.

The only difficulty is in selecting a team to win. With Schang, Shawkey and Roth and Frank Baker on one side, and Bancroft, Messer, Rawlings, Stengel and Casey on the other, it will be difficult to lean toward one of the teams. We will, however, remember the time when they played in Philadelphia and received such a warm deal that they just had to play in the World's Series and receive from \$400 to \$2,000 extra to tide them over a hard winter.

WE FEEL proud of our athletes who were sent to the big league teams, but we are sure New York hasn't sent us a rate of thanks.

POINT SEPARATES DETROIT SLOGGERS

Heilmann Has Mark of 391 and Cobb 390—Ruth Dark Horse

Chicago, Oct. 1.—The champion batter of the American League may not be known until the first game has been played this season. The game has been settled down to a nip-and-tuck battle between Ty Cobb, pilot of the Detroit Tigers, and his hard-hitting outfielder, Harry Heilmann. Babe Ruth is the dark horse.

The Detroit sluggers, tied a week ago, are separated by one point, according to the average released here. Heilmann is hitting .341, while his boss has a mark of .330, the former having participated in more games than the Georgian peach. Heilmann is trailing the pair with an average of .324, a gain over his mark of a week ago of two points.

Heilmann dropped three points, while Cobb lost four. George Stiehr, the St. Louis star, suffered a slight falling off in his strickwork, but retains fourth place, with .373, while Eric Specker, playing five places, has .358, a loss of eight points.

440 Bases for Ruth

Ruth cracked out two home runs since the last compilation of averages, and now has a season's record of fifty-eight. The big Yankee slugger is far in the lead as a run-getter, having counted 170 times, while his 291 hits have given him a total of 440 bases. Besides his circuit drives, Babe was slammed out forty-four doubles and fifteen triples.

Slater kept pace with S. Herris, of Washington, for the stolen base honor. Each added one but the St. Louis player is showing the way with twenty-eight steals, one in front of his rival. Other leading batters for 100 or more games: Toulin, St. Louis, .352; Jacobson, St. Louis, .348; Ott, St. Louis, .345; E. Collins, Chicago, .339; Vanhook, Detroit, .336; Strunk, Chicago, .336.

Roger Hornsby, of St. Louis, is making a strong bid to be the first hitter to finish the National League season with an average above the .400 mark since the days of Delephant, who, while with Philadelphia in 1889, topped the circuit with an average of .410.

If the St. Louis star, who is hitting .406, maintains his pace he will enter the National League Hall of Fame with such men as Barnes, Chicago, who hit .403 in 1870; Cap Anson, Chicago, who finished in 1870 with .407; Stengel, pitcher of Cleveland, who averaged .400; Rogers Hornsby, who averaged .407 in 1918; and out, G. H. Herge, Boston, with .438 in 1884; and also, who finished in 1895 with averages of .438 and .419, respectively, and Al Keeler, who, as a member of the more club in 1877, had a mark of .406.

Hornsby Has 128 Runs
He is leading the run-getters

Runs Scored for Week in the Two Big Leagues

	NATIONAL LEAGUE						
	S	M	T	W	F	S	T
Brooklyn	2	13	9	—	—	—	24
Houston	1	8	5	—	—	—	23
St. Louis	2	1	8	5	—	—	23
Pittsburgh	—	1	9	—	—	—	19
Chicago	—	12	3	—	—	—	18
Cincinnati	—	6	8	1	—	—	15
Philadelphia	—	2	—	—	—	—	9
St. Paul	—	2	—	—	—	—	8

	AMERICAN LEAGUE						
	S	M	T	W	F	S	T
New York	21	8	0	—	—	—	34
Boston	—	13	5	—	—	—	27
Athletics	—	13	10	4	—	—	27
Cleveland	—	7	7	—	—	—	17
Washington	3	—	—	—	—	—	11
Chicago	—	2	—	—	—	—	7
Detroit	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
St. Louis	—	—	—	—	—	—	2

with 128 runs and his 232 hits have given a total of 399 bases. His fifty-eight home runs, eighteen triples and twenty homers, the latter being three behind George Kelly, of the New York Giants, who is leading the home-run hitters with twenty-three circuit drives.

Frank Frisch, of the Giants, retained his lead as the best base-stealer, despite the fact that he failed to add to his total of forty-seven of a week ago. Ed Bush, of Cincinnati, has made a great start in his striding, and has moved up to second place, where he is trailing Hornsby with an average of .351, while McHenry, of St. Louis, and Tyler, of Boston, have tied for third with an average of .347.

McHenry, of St. Louis, is in front for 100 or more games: Fourrier, St. Louis, .348; Messer, New York, .343; Frisch, New York, .339; J. Smith, St. Louis, .337; Hughes, Pittsburgh, .325; Johnston, Brooklyn, .324.

Jay Kirtle, of Louisville, appears to have a safe hold on the batting honor of the American Association as the average released today shows him hitting .352. He also is in front for total base honors with 408, acquired on 273 hits, which included 32 doubles, 15 triples and 21 home runs. The race also is being waged in places between Reb Russell, of Minneapolis, who is hitting .368; Art Butler, of Kansas City, with .365; and Benny Bishop, of Kansas City, slugger, with .363. Jim Thorpe, of Toledo, is on the heels of the trio with .360.

Forty Briel Homers

Brie, who has made forty home runs, has a wide margin over his nearest rival, Reb Russell, for the circuit-leading honor, the Minneapolis player having smashed out thirty-one. Brie also is the best run-getter in the league, having scored 164 times. His nearest rival in this department is Good, a teammate who counted 162 times.

Burd, of Indianapolis, added four bases to his string of stolen bases during the last week and is showing the way to the base stealers by seventy-one thefts.

Other leading batters for 100 or more games: Acosta, Louisville, .351; Good, Kansas City, .350; Lenz, Milwaukee, .350; Pieter, Minneapolis, .349; Schinners, Indianapolis, .342.

DEFEAT FOR C. H. S. BY PENN CHARTER

Dick Merritt's Pupils Surprise Crimson and Gold in Football Fray

SCORELESS TIE IN GTN.

By PAUL PREP
Dick Merritt's Penn Charter football team downed the husky eleven that represents Central High School yesterday afternoon at Queen Lane, 13 to 0. Incidentally, the Quakers smashed all the dope to smithereens.

Ancient and modern football caused the Mirrors' downfall. The boys from Twelfth street were on fire too fast for the heavy lids from Broad and Green, and were so small that it was a pretty tough proposition to hold on to them. The first touchdown of the game was scored by Captain Stutzell, left end, who caught Wellman's, forward pass and ran for 20 yards. Stutzell is usually very accurate with his toe, but this time he failed to kick the goal. Penn Charter was nipped in the third period when Gene Pappit, the burly Crimson and Gold captain ran around the end for a touchdown. The Quakers came right back, however, and in the closing minutes of the game Brill scored off tackle for 3 yards and a touchdown. This time Robbie was clever enough to put the ball over the cross bar for the old point.

The two famous rivals, Germantown Friends' and Germantown Academy, held a battle royal and at the end of the game neither side had scored. The game was a thriller throughout. The score indicates just what kind of a fray it was.

Cleveland Beat Camden

Germantown High traveled over the Camden High and handed the Quakers a defeat, 7-0. The winning score of the game was made in the second period by Langren. The ball was on the home team's 5-yard line when Cam Pemberton, Langren fell on the pitcher in the goal line for a touchdown and Whitney kicked the goal.

Camden High was the hero of the Main Line area, and in the third period he blocked a kick and left on the ball on the Westchester's 6-yard line. On the next play he carried the ball over the line for a touchdown. The attempt to kick the goal failed.

Camden High was the other inter-league contest from Southern High on Cahill Field, 14 to 6. The only Southern score was made two minutes after play started, when Crozier recovered a fumble. Langren recovered three quarters the length of the field for the score. Goublatt failed to kick the goal.

Catholic High made its scores on two touchdowns and safety. Schmidt tackled Welch behind the goal line for the safety, while Higgins made both of the Catholics touchdowns. Joe Maxwell failed on both attempts to kick the goal.

West Catholic was the winner of a runaway game from the Friends' Central, 40 to 0. The Blue and White scored 6 points in the first period, 14 in the second and 20 in the third.

Narberth Outlook Bright

The outlook for football at Narberth High School is not so very bright for the coming season. The team will play its first game today away from home, with Norristown High School.

Two players have been practicing every day, under the eyes of Coach Herzog. They are Larry Kelly, of Narberth High School, and John Kelly, of Temple University and Northeast Catholic High. Kelly is captain of the school. At present there is no opinion, but it lies between Dickie and Martin, only victory will tell.

Dickie will play quarterback. He has a good lead and should make a fine leader, besides being a fast runner and line-backer.

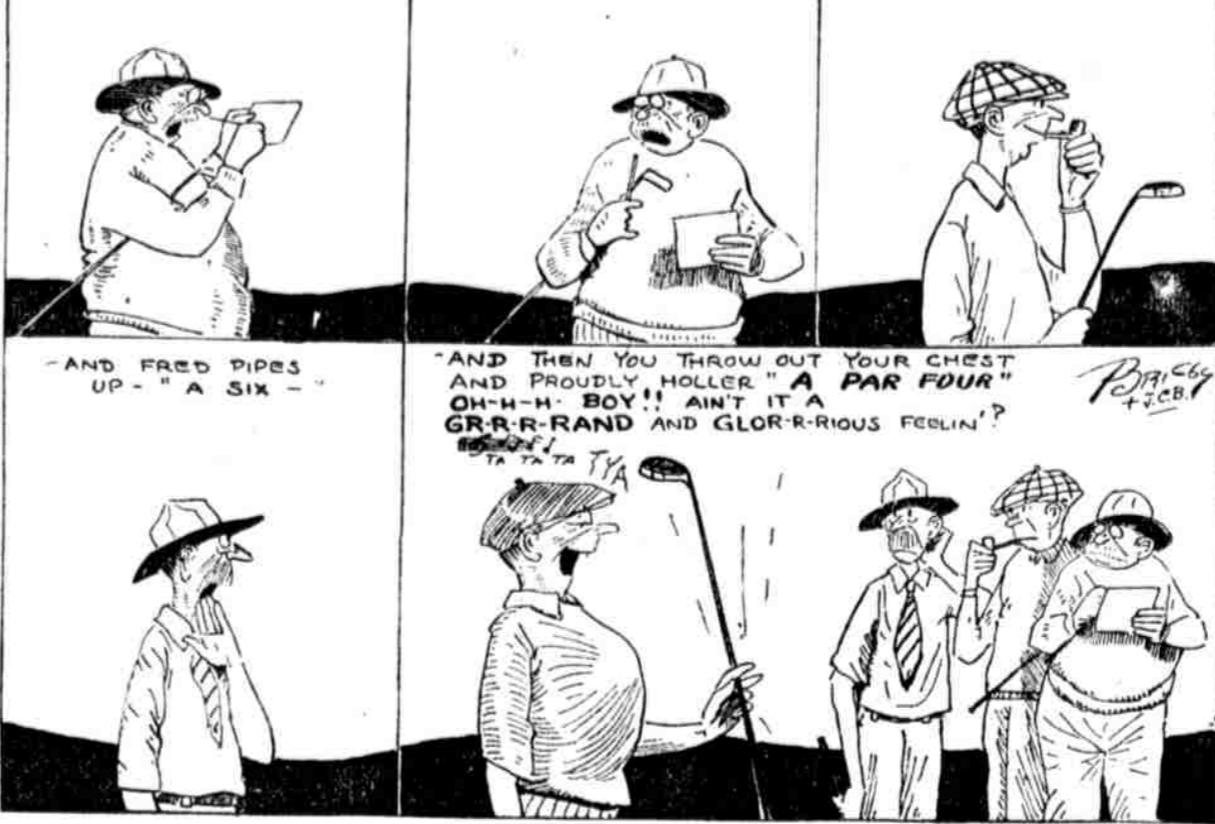
Martin will be at fullback. He is also fast, and is the best line player since the days of Bill Durbin. The other backfield positions will be taken over by two youngsters, Speyer and Heckle. McCarter will play center, as he is the only candidate for the position, and knows how to pass the center.

He is speedy and sets as roving center. Frodo and Cunningham have been holding down the end positions. Erdman and Miller are the tackle. At guard are two new boys, Walliett and Gumbert. Both are picking up the game fast and are good workers. Other men counting on being in line are Frank Barock and Prayer Brothers.

Altrock and Schacht in Movies

Cleveland, O., Oct. 1.—Ned Altrock and Art Schacht, the two leading American League sluggers, have started on a movie tour in the States. They are in America to appear in "The Complete Works of Shakespeare," a picture which they are to play in several cities.

AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELIN'?



BABE RUTH GREATEST PLAYER IN BASEBALL

New York Idol Has Surpassed Cobb, Speaker and Other Stars; Pennant Is Yanks' Reward

FEW RECORDS LEFT

BABE RUTH three short years ago was a fair southpaw pitcher; today he is the greatest player in baseball. Laboring with the Red Sox back in 1918, Ruth showed nothing that would warrant the most daring critic to predict that he would crush his way to heights never reached before in the great national game. Yet before the following season was over he was recognized as one of the first stars of baseball and prior to the opening of the 1920 campaign he brought \$137,500, the highest price ever paid for human flesh in the transfer from Boston to the Yankees.

The success of the Yankees cannot be given as a personal tribute to the prowess of Ruth, but the hitting and all-around playing of the Mauling Mountain certainly is responsible in a large measure.

Baseball fans are prone to look upon the great home-run king merely as a remarkable slugger and are apt to lose track of the fact that his terrific hitting always has been a by-product of a second-rate but very fast runner. This makes him shaggy as a fighter.

Close to 150,000 saw the Yanks and Indians battle in their crucial series this week. It cannot be said that they all turned out to see Ruth, but the Baltimore Buster was the headliner. To prove he is the big noise, the greatest crowd that ever crowded into Sluibe Park was on hand when the Yanks were here for a Saturday double-header and the series wasn't nothing. This was the greatest cheering crowd since the Yanks' last visit to Baltimore.

Ruth cannot field with Cobb or Speaker and can't think with them, but if he were in the same lineup the Babe would be in the clean-up position. He hasn't the technique and the timing that marks George Sisler's hitting and playing, but the St. Louis luminary lack the tremendous willpower and run-getting ability of the New York idol.

These facts put together qualify him as the greatest player in baseball.

It was during the 1915 season that Ruth broke into big-league baseball, then as a ptecher with the Boston Red Sox. He was in forty-two games that year and batted twenty-two times at bat for an average of .315. The next year he had 136 tries and hit .272. This being the poorest percentage of his career in the big show. He returned to the 300 class in 1917 with 325 and hit an even 300 in 1918.

His last year with the Red Sox found him slugging the sphere and clearing the stretch of seven seasons he has whaled for a grand average of .327.

Ruth didn't class as a home-run hitter until 1918 and then only eleven circuit drives from his whaled wood. He started on the long road in real in 1919, when he set up a new major league record at twenty-nine. With the Yanks the following season he hung up a world's mark at fifty-four and with fifty-eight this year he has averaged twenty-three homers per season despite the fact that he had only four, three and two four-ply blows in 1915, 1916 and 1917 respectively.

There are few records left for Ruth to get, but no matter what they are they won't be hit by him, who knows who will say that he won't get them.

HARRISBURG IS ADMITTED

Up-State Cage Team Awarded Berth in Eastern Cage League

Harrisburg's basketball club purchased the vacant Eastern Basketball League franchise at a special meeting held at the Windsor Hotel last night, thus assuring the league of an eight-club circuit for the coming season. Harrisburg and the Whitebirds of New York were bidding for the franchise, but the latter failed to have a representative present the league decided to sell it to Harrisburg.

The circuit now is composed of Philadelphia, Camden, Trenton, Reading, Pottsville, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre and Harrisburg.

The season will open Monday, October 17, and the playing schedule will consist of fifty-six games, being divided into two halves.

Ruth's Longest Homer Made Against Detroit

The longest home run on record in the major leagues was made by Ruth against Detroit early this season. Babe shot the pellet over the wall on Sept. 12 in deep center. The following day the groundskeeper measured the hit and found that it had traveled 500 feet to the wall. How far over the wall the horsehide went will never be known.

The longest hit made at Sluibe Park was also the product of Ruth's hotly willow. On September 9, with Holle Naylor on the mound, Ruth sent the ball far and high over the left field fence, about 100 feet from the flag pole in center field. From the wall to the home plate is a distance of 475 feet. Ruth is one of four men to send the ball over the left field fence in Sluibe Park. Frank Welch and Tillie Walker, of the Athletics, and George Burns, of the Indians, are the other three batters to perform the feat.

HOLMESBURG BATTLES MARINES IN OPENER

Lou Hayes, New Coach, Expects to Spring Surprises in Inaugural Clash

The Holmesburg football eleven will play its first game of the season this afternoon on Crystal Field, Frankford Avenue and Rhawn street, with the Marines from League Island. Manager Gether says the Marines are the strongest opening attraction Holmesburg has ever met and expects a hard battle.

The game will introduce to the fans Lou Hayes, the star end, in the role of coach. Lou has been working quietly with the boys for a month or more and plans to spring a few surprises. According to the Holmesburg management the team is the best turned out in years and the suburbanites have a classy aggregation.

The Marines are as they have been practicing daily at League Island for a long while. Lieutenant Commander Guhlmann is of the opinion that the Marines will turn out the best club in their history and many stars are in the squad, including Davis, of Carlisle; Smith, University of Oregon, and Professor, University of Illinois. The lineup is:

Holmesburg	Current	Left end	Larson
Holmesburg	Right end	Anderson	
Holmesburg	Right guard	Granger	
Holmesburg	Left guard	King	
Holmesburg	Right tackle	Whites	
Holmesburg	Left tackle	Whites	
Holmesburg	Quarterback	Whites	
Holmesburg	Center	Whites	
Holmesburg	Right halfback	Whites	
Holmesburg	Left halfback	Whites	
Holmesburg	Fullback	Whites	

VICTORY FOR LOUGHRAN

Bests Al Miller in Tame Bout at the Cambria A. C.

Tommy Loughran and Al Miller were the principals in the eight-round wind-up at the Cambria A. C. last evening, and while the former was outclassed in the decision of the critical Kensington fans were on hand to see the finish as they voted the affair a fifteen and were well on their way home, many leaving as early as the fourth round.

Of the other four numbers on the program only one went the limit. In the eight-round semi-wind-up Al Verbeke hung a lay on Frankie Smith in one session, Billy Burke finished Charlie Gores also in the opening session, and Jack Ruse managed to stay two rounds with Eddie Deane before retiring. The best bout of the evening was the six-round encounter between Young Mulligan and Johnny Duffy, with honors going to the former.

Judge Landis at Series Games

Chicago, Oct. 1.—Judge Kenneth M. Landis will attend all the World Series games in the National League and American League in St. Louis. "It's part of my job as baseball commissioner to see the series," said Judge Landis. "But I'd be there whether vacation or the vacation."

Record for Ray Schalk

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Scraps About Scappers

Chick Jannetti, matchmaker of the National A. A., had to do some talk hustling in order to get a substitute wind-up for the weekly show tonight at the Eleventh street arena when he learned that both Jack Sharkey, of New York, and Jake White, of Albany, had no intentions to go through with their set-to. After trying to sign up different bantams Jannetti finally paired Johnny Mendo, the Southwark Italian, with the winner of Pittsburgh, a year ago winner gave Danny Kramer a hard battle at the National. This will be his first bout here since that scrap. It is said that Sharkey and White pulled out of the National show in order to go on in a match in New York. If it is true that Jannetti had the signatures of the men before they agreed to the contest in Chicago, the Director, C. A. Kelly, has another decision on his hands. An investigation is in order, and Sharkey and White should be barred in Philadelphia if found guilty.

Verdict is Disappointment to Gotham Fans—Hartley Appeared Winner

New York, Oct. 1.—Willie Jackson, Bronx lightweight, and Pete Hartley, "the Double Dane," battled through fifteen disappointing rounds at Madison Square Garden last night and when the final bell changed, the decision was announced as a draw.

The verdict was received with disappointment by the crowd as it seemed an injustice. Hartley appeared the winner on points.

The bout was below the average of Garden attractions, not through any fault of Hartley, but because of Jackson's comparatively poor showing. Jackson fought a methodical, consistent, steady battle, in which he did the major part of the leading and countered more cleanly and frequently than did the Bronx lightweight. This consistency, compared with Jackson's comparatively timid assault, seemed to entitle Hartley to the honors in the majority of the rounds.

Big Entry for Kensington Dog Show

A record-breaking list of entries to enter with some of the best specimens in the country, will feature the successful record yesterday when he threw a perfect game at first base in the eighth inning of the game with Cleveland. Schalk also pitched a perfect game in front of the plate, the Sox catcher being the only one who was not hit.

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LESS RUNS BUT MORE WINS BY A. L. CLUBS

While National Entrants in World's Series Have Scored 296 Times to 294, Victories Are 42 to 49 and Season's Titles Are Six to Ten

By GRANTLAND RICE

His Last Year

The curtain falls upon his day. The Big Show now has closed its gate. The stars have seen their futures play as long as he can put off Fate.

He read the secret, span by span. The waning speed, his daily score. The number pity of his clan. Who knew what he had been before

No more amid old scenes to hear The rushing thunder of his cheer. That came to him on heights of fame.

Some youngsters naves into his place To build his glory up until He, too, shall turn to face The road that leads beyond the hill.

IT MIGHT be remarked in passing that Ty Cobb's average for his sixteenth year is twenty points above the general average of his career. This seems to be a case of slipping uphill.

Rm Values
HOW much is a run worth? Of the sixteen World's Series played so far, the American League has won forty-nine games and lost forty-two. Yet in the course of these historic episodes, the National League has scored 296 runs against the 1910 reel, the American League has won nine of its last ten World's Series. It took some years for the younger League to get under foot, but once started the vote has been almost unanimous.

The Big Flop
WORLD'S SERIES, as a rule, lack the resonant effect of daily punned combat. The athlete at bat is either geared too tautly or he is forced to swing at better pitching.

Last fall Cleveland dropped from a season's average of 303 to 244. Brooklyn dropped from 277 to 205. Cleveland lost fifty-nine points and scores less than last year, which is quite a deficit.

In a World's Series, with only a

short stretch to cover, the pitcher rises to the top of his effectiveness, putting his entire allotment of stuff upon the ball. And only the star pitchers are worked. This fact accounts for most of the baseball