

# A Resume of Past Championship Series

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**E**LVEN World's Championship Series are now history. The long months of play from April until October, are merely a matter of rehearsing for the grand finale. History is made very fast after the week of the championship series.

After the battle royal in the series of 1907, when the Chicago Cubs bore off the palm from the Detroit Tigers, Frank L. Chance, manager of the victorious Chicago team, said: "As for getting rattled at the Detroit rooting, and at Manager Jennings' shouts, I must say that I did not hear five words that he said, so engrossed was I in the game. The other boys were just like myself in that respect." This shows how the players are held by the game, so absorbed that they can hear, think or feel nothing but the play before them. It is the same fine frenzy that lays hold of musicians, poets and artists when creating.

Only since 1904 have the games been played under the best possible conditions—under control of the National Commission. In the fall of that year, the New York National League club declined to meet the Boston American League club, and as a result, the game was given to the latter by default. This led to the adoption of rules governing the championship series, putting control in the hands of the National Baseball Commission, and, making the playing of the series compulsory under high bonds.

Since the expansion of the American League, making the present dual system of leagues, in the championship series the American League has won ten victories, and the National eleven. Each league, omitting the default of 1904, has two series to its credit.

Following is the record of all World's Championship Series:

- 1884—Providence, N. L., three games; Metropolitan, A. A., none.
- 1885—Chicago, N. L., three games; St. Louis, A. A., three games.
- 1886—St. Louis, A. A., four games; Chicago, N. L., three games.
- 1887—Detroit, N. L., ten games; St. Louis, A. A., five games.
- 1888—New York, N. L., six games; St. Louis, A. A., four games.
- 1889—New York, N. L., six games; Brooklyn, A. A., three games.
- 1903—Boston, A. L., five games; Pittsburg, N. L., three games.
- 1904—Boston, A. L., vs. New York, N. L.; by default to Boston.
- 1905—New York, N. L., four games; Athletics, A. L., one game.
- 1906—Chicago, A. L., four games; Chicago, N. L., two games.
- 1907—Chicago, N. L., four games; Detroit, A. L., none; one tie.

In the battle of 1907, five games were played between Chicago and Detroit. The opening engagement was skirmished in Chicago, October 8, through twelve long innings, with the score three each. The game was not called until the sun had actually sunk beneath the horizon. Two more games were played in Chicago, the Cubs taking the first by a score of

three to one, and the other, five to one. And then the campaign was carried into the territory of the Tigers. On their own grounds the Tigers got only one point, while the Cubs rang up six. The Detroit men fell into the habit of making a point each game after the tie contest.

The through the first day was something to make the heart glad—24,377

merry souls. Police arrangements were admirable, and even when the crowd broke into the field it was kept orderly by the bluecoats. The air was full of chill and enthusiasm. The profits were divided with 60 per cent. going to the victors; the receipts from the tie were parcelled out the same as if it had been a game postponed on account of rain.

The total receipts were \$101,728 for 78,086 paid admissions. The players got \$54,933.39. The Cubs drew \$32,-

960.03, and the Tigers, \$21,973.35. The club owners took \$36,622.26, while the National Commission came in for \$10,-172.85. In accordance with his agreement, President Murphy gave the Cubs \$12,039.97, the difference between the amount paid the Cubs and the \$45,000 that he had set for them to make.

Following is the paid attendance for each game: First, 24,377; second, 21,901; third, 13,114; fourth (in Detroit) 11,306; fifth, 7,370.

Following is a composite score of the five games:

CHICAGO										DETROIT									
G	AB	R	BH	SH	SB	PO	A	E		G	AB	R	BH	SH	SB	PO	A	E	
Seagle, c.f.	5	22	3	6	0	6	13	0	1	Jones, l.f.	5	17	1	6	1	3	10	2	1
Sheckard, l.f.	5	21	0	5	1	1	10	0	0	Schaefer, 2nd.	5	21	1	3	1	1	12	21	0
Howard, f.b.	1	5	0	1	0	1	10	1	0	Crawford, c.f.	5	21	1	5	0	0	7	2	0
Chance, f.b.	4	14	3	3	0	3	44	1	0	Cobb, r.f.	5	20	1	4	0	0	9	0	0
Steinfeldt, 3rd.	5	17	2	8	1	1	10	7	0	Rossman, 1st	5	20	1	8	0	2	52	4	1
Kling, catcher	5	19	2	4	1	0	25	9	1	Coughlin, 3rd.	5	20	0	5	0	1	9	5	2
Evers, 2nd.	5	20	2	7	1	3	9	12	3	Schmidt, c.	3	12	0	2	0	0	16	9	2
Schulte	5	20	3	5	0	1	6	2	2	Payne, c.	1	4	0	1	0	0	5	1	1
Tinker, short	5	13	4	2	2	2	15	23	3	Archer, c.	1	3	0	0	0	0	4	1	0
Overall, p.	2	5	0	1	2	0	0	6	0	O'Leary, short	5	18	0	1	1	0	9	18	2
Pfiester, f.	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	Donovan, f.	2	8	0	0	0	0	3	4	0
Reulbach, f.	1	5	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	Mullin, p.	2	6	0	0	0	0	1	4	0
Brown, p.	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	Siever, p.	½	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Zimmerman, 2d. ¼	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	Killian, p.	½	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	167	19	43	9	18	144	65	10		Totals	173	6	36	3	7	138	71	9	

Left on bases—Chicago 33, Detroit 34. First base on errors—Chicago 4, Detroit 6. Two-base hits—Sheckard 2, Chance 1, Evers 2, Steinfeldt 1, Crawford 1. Three-base hits—Steinfeldt 1, Cobb 1, Rossman 1. Wild throws—Kling 1, Evers 1, Schmidt 2, Tinker 1, Payne 1, O'Leary 2. Muffed thrown ball—Rossman 1. Hit by pitcher—By Donovan: Chance, Sheckard, Steinfeldt; by Pfiester: Cobb; by Mullen: Steinfeldt. Umpires—O'Day of the National League and Sheridan of the American League. Scorers—Richter and Flanner.

In 1906, Chicago won both firsts. In the final contests the Americans (the White Sox) won four games, while the

Nationals (the Cubs) won only two. Following shows how the six games were played:

DATE	CLUBS	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	RECEIPTS
Oct. 9	Americans vs. Nationals	2—1	12,693	\$13,910.00
Oct. 10	Nationals vs. Americans	7—1	12,595	13,899.00
Oct. 11	Americans vs. Nationals	3—0	13,667	14,056.00
Oct. 12	Nationals vs. Americans	1—0	18,384	19,989.00
Oct. 13	Americans vs. Nationals	8—6	23,257	23,834.00
Oct. 14	Americans vs. Nationals	8—3	19,249	20,861.00

The championship series of 1905 were played under a code drafted by the Na-

tional Commission, which had entire control. Summary of the contests follows:

DATE	CLUBS	SCORE	ATTENDANCE	RECEIPTS
Oct. 9	New York vs. Philadelphia	3—0	17,955	\$12,736.00
Oct. 10	Philadelphia vs. New York	3—0	24,992	18,988.00
Oct. 12	New York vs. Philadelphia	9—0	10,991	8,348.00
Oct. 13	New York vs. Philadelphia	1—0	13,598	10,689.00
Oct. 14	New York vs. Philadelphia	2—0	24,187	17,674.00

It is believed by experts that the high-water mark will be set this season in attendance, close scores and in the gen-

eral technics of the game. It will be interesting to compare records made this season with those of the past two years.