

Echoes of the Past Season

A Few Pitchers' Records; League Fielding, Etc

Walter Johnson not only twirled more victories last season than any other American League pitcher, he pitched more complete games than anyone else. Griffith's star twirler went the route twenty-nine times, only being knocked off the rubber once. Another hard worker was Jim Scott of the Chicago White Sox. "Death Valley Jim" labored in twenty-six complete games, while his team-mate, Reb Russell, did almost as well figuring in twenty-five.

George Baumgardner of the Browns pitched twenty-four full contests, Vean Gregg and Fred Falkenberg of the Naps each twenty-three, George Dauss and Jean Dubuc of the Tigers each twenty-one and Ray Collins of the Red Sox and Roy Mitchell of the Browns each twenty.

Of the champion White Elephants, Eddie Plank pitched more full games than any of his team-mates. The Gettysburg Guide was in eighteen, while "Chief" Bender was only in thirteen. The Indian was often used by Mack as a rescuer, none of Mack's young pitchers except Shawkey showing much cleverness at being able to go the distance.

Mack changed pitchers oftener than any other American League leaders. The Athletic slabmen twirled only sixty-seven complete games, the Browns' gunners turned in 104 full contests. The number of complete games pitched by the other hurling staffs was as follows: by New York, 75; by Boston, 76; by Washington, 78; by Chicago, 84; by Detroit, 86, and by Cleveland, 96.

All told, there were just seventy-one gunners who were able to twirl complete games last year, the men who pitched ten or more full contests being as follows:

COMPLETE GAMES PITCHED

- 29—Johnson, Washington.
- 26—Scott, Chicago.
- 25—Russell, Chicago.

- 24—Baumgardner, St. Louis.
- 23—Gregg and Falkenberg, Cleveland.
- 21—Dauss and Dubuc, Detroit.
- 20—Collins, Boston, and Mitchell, St. Louis.
- 19—Hamilton, St. Louis.
- 18—Boehling, Washington; Plank, Philadelphia; Cicotte, Chicago; and Willett, Detroit.
- 17—Groom, Washington, and Weilman, St. Louis.
- 16—Mitchell, Cleveland.
- 15—Ford, New York, and Blanding, Cleveland.
- 14—Fisher, New York; Caldwell, New York, and Leonard, Boston.
- 13—Bender, Philadelphia, and Levern, St. Louis.
- 12—Wood, Boston.
- 11—Brown, Philadelphia.

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Last Month's Problem

What play arouses the most discussion, when it happens during the playing of a game?

Answer

Whether a grounder batted to, and fumbled by, an infielder is a hit or an error.

PROBLEM

Can you positively state if five innings would count as a game, during the World's Series, if rain stopped the play after that time with one team in the lead? Can you solve this one, come on guessers, no one is barred.

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That the fielding in the American League was faster in 1913 than it was in 1912 is evidenced by the fact that last season the clubs of the junior organization made sixty-four more double plays than they did during the preceding campaign, the figures for the two years being, respectively, 876 and 812. The Cleveland Naps again carried off the honors in manufacturing two-ply retirements, they being credited with 128 dual slaughters as against 125 in 1912. The Browns contributed 127 double plays, the Nationals 117, the White Elephants 111, the Tigers 110, the White Sox 108, the Yankees 96, and the Red Sox 79. The team that showed the greatest increase in double plays over the previous season was Washington, Griff's Climbers producing 27 more double demises in 1913 than they did in 1912. The Nationals equaled an 'American League' record by doubling up the Highlanders five times on September 26, Joe Boehling being on the rubber for the District of Columbia team. Twice the Griffithites made four double plays behind Walter Johnson, the shut-out and strike-out king of 1913, who received a Chalmers car for being the player most valuable to his team in the American League. The dates they did this were June 10 and July 13, the teams they played against being Detroit and Cleveland. On three other occasions the Naps rapped into a quartette of dual murders, the teams that assassinated them being St. Louis, on July 2, and New York, on July 18 and 25.

The American Leaguer of 1913 who took part in the greatest number of double plays was Arnold Gandil, Washington's first baseman. He cut into 89, thus equaling the mark made by Jack McInnis, the 1912 leader. McInnis forced his way into 85 dual slaughters last season, Johnson of Cleveland was in 80; Weaver of Chicago in 73; Chase of Chicago in 70; Pratt of St. Louis in 66; Bush of Detroit in 63; Barry of Philadelphia in 63; McBride of Washington in 62; Collins of Philadelphia in 59; Chapman of Cleveland in 59; Lajoie of

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Cleveland in 59; Engle of Boston in 56, and Gainer of Detroit in 56.

The players who took the initiative oftenest in double plays were Bush of Detroit and Chapman of Cleveland. Each shortstop started 30, Eddie Collins of the White Elephants made the first move in 28 and Jack Barry, another of Mack's Mastodons, inaugurated 28.

Two unassisted double plays were made by outfielders, the men who turned this seldom seen trick being Graney of Cleveland against St. Louis on June 1 and Oldring of Philadelphia against Cleveland on September 16.

The fastest infielding team of 1913 in the American League, positions on it being won by the men who participated in the greatest number of double plays, would have Eddie Cicotte and Ray Schalk as its battery, "Chic" Gandil, Derrill Pratt, Frank Baker and George Weaver in the infield, and "Birdie" Cree, Bert Shotten and either Harry Hooper or Joe Backson in the outfield. The figures below show the number of double plays they started and helped in :

	Started	Helped	In Total
p. —Cicotte, Chicago . . .	9	0	9
c. —Schalk, Chicago . . .	9	12	21
1b.—Gandil, Washington	8	81	89
2b.—Pratt, St. Louis . . .	18	44	62
3b.—Baker, Philadelphia.	15	7	22
ss.—Weaver, Chicago . . .	20	53	73
l.f.—Cree, New York . . .	6	0	6
c.f.—Shotten, St. Louis . .	13	0	13
r.f.—Hooper, Boston or Jackson, Cleveland	7	0	7

One of the many peculiarities of baseball crops up in Daubert being considered by the Chalmers Trophy Commissioners the player most valuable to his team in the National League this year, for in 1907 the Brooklyn captain was declared not sufficiently competent to hold his berth with Cleveland. This year he wins the Chalmers Car. That same season Larry Doyle who won the Chalmers car last year, was looked over by a scout for an American League club while he was playing with Springfield of the Three-Eye League and the scout advised against his purchase.

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Doyle cost the Giants \$4,500, which was a record price for a minor league infielder in 1907. Daubert was acquired by Brooklyn via the draft process in 1910 for the sum of \$1,000, the Giants also putting in a draft for him and losing out in the draw. Sir Jacob never was in danger of being sent back to the minors after he reached the majors for the second time, and by June, 1910 had been dubbed the Hal Chase of the National League. He failed to obtain membership in the Society of the Three Hundred the first year he was in the National League, but in 1911 he hit at a .307 clip and in 1912 his record was .308. This year Daubert has boosted his stick credit to .350 and there is a possibility that he may be the batting king in the organization in which he plays.

In his first 128 games this year Daubert procured 165 safeties, going hitless only in 26 controversies. In each of 56 games he made one hit; in each of 31, two; in each of 13, three, and in each of two, four. His largest afternoons with the willow were on July 14 and 16. On the first named date he secured four hits in four times at bat off Pierce, Overall and Reulbach of the Cubs, and on the last-named date he located Jimmy Lavender of the Bruins for four smashes, batting against him five times. Daubert has hit at a .428 clip against the Cardinals, and at a .403 pace against the Phillies. The Cub pitchers have yielded him an average of .350, the Pittsburgh hurlers of .342, the Red heavers of .339, the Boston gunners of .310, and the Giants artillerists of .279.

Daubert had made only a dozen errors during the past season and only once has he committed two misplays in the same contest. His biggest day's work at the first corner was on April 29, when he cared for twenty out of the twenty-one chances that came his way. On April 14, he obtained four assists, which is quite a lot for a first baseman.

Daubert is one of the sons of the Keystone State, Llewellyn being the place where he was born.

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Long Larry McLean of the Giants hit safely against each pitcher he faced in the recent world's series between the forces of McGraw and Mack, Larry was one of two athletes who accomplished this feat—a feat, by the way, that J. Franklin Baker could not accomplish, even though the Trappe Thumper was able to make a home run and do other divers things that tended to make the White Elephants for the third time the monarchs of the baseball universe. J. Franklin failed to bingle when facing Demaree and so did Eddie Collins, whose hitting, like Baker's, was wicked and timely.

McLean got three hits off Plank, two off Bender and one off Bush, his percentage against each Mack slabman being extremely high. It was .667 against the Indian, .500 against the youngest man who played in the series, Bush, and .428 against the veteran Plank.

Arthur Fletcher, like McLean, touched each Philadelphia pitcher for one or more safeties, but the infielder hit above the .300 notch against only one man—Bush. Fletcher's average against the man who made Brainard, Minn., the home of two world's series heroes was .500, against Plank and Bender it was .250.

Baker got the greatest number of his hits off Mathewson—viz., four—but it was Crandall against whom he rolled up his highest batting average, which was 1.000. J. Franklin hit at a .500 clip against Tesreau and Mathewson and a .400 pace against Marquard. Eddie Collins maced Tesreau for a mark of .750, Marquard for .667, Crandall for .500 and Mathewson for .286.

Oldring and Barry made safeties off every pitcher except Crandall and Schang failed to get a hit only against Tesreau. All the other Athletic regulars were kept hitless by two or more of McGraw's artillerists.

The figures below show the pitchers off whom the players in the world's series got their wallops :

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ATHLETICS

Baker, 9—4 off Mathewson, 2 off Marquard, 2 off Tesreau, and 1 off Crandall.

Collins, 8—3 off Tesreau, 2 off Mathewson, 2 off Tesreau, and 1 off Crandall.

Oldring, 6—2 off Tesreau, 2 off Demaree, 1 off Mathewson, and 1 off Marquard.

Barry, 6—2 off Marquard, 2 off Demaree, 1 off Mathewson, and 1 off Tesreau.

Murphy, 5—2 off Mathewson, 2 off Tesreau, and 1 off Marquard.

Schang, 5—2 off Marquard, 1 off Mathewson, 1 off Demaree, and 1 off Crandall.

McInnis, 2—1 off Demaree, and 1 off Crandall.

Strunk, 2—1 off Mathewson, and 1 off Demaree.

Lapp, 1—off Mathewson.

Plank, 1—off Mathewson.

Bush, 1—off Tesreau.

GIANTS

McLean, 6—3 off Plank, 2 off Bender, and 1 off Bush.

Fletcher, 5—2 off Bender, 2 off Plank, and 1 off Bush.

Murray, 4—3 off Bender, and 1 off Bush.

Doyle, 3—2 off Bender, and 1 off Bush.

Burns, 3—off Bender.

Shafer, 3—2 off Bender, and 1 off Bush.

Merkle, 3—off Bender.

Mathewson, 3—off Plank.

Herzog, 1—off Bender.

Snodgrass, 1—off Plank.

McCormick, 1—off Bender.

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