



Sam Jones who has pitched fine ball for the Red Sox

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WALTER JOHNSON

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ALL my life I have had two ambitions. One of these ambitions was to pitch a no hit game the other to take part in a world's series. I have been very near a no hit game a good many times. In fact I don't rightly know why I never succeeded in quite putting one over. It's a tough contract all right, breezing through nine whole innings against the good hitters we have in this American League. And I believe you have to get more than your fair share of the breaks and a good bit of luck. Probably I will go out there some afternoon when I haven't as much stuff as common, and am not really trying and turn the trick, if I ever do. But I am getting well along and have about come to the conclusion that that particular honor is not for me.

Horning in on the world's series is an even harder stunt for the chance doesn't depend on your own individual efforts. It takes more than one man's good play to win a pennant. Washington has had its ups and downs since I have been with the club, more downs than ups. We have come somewhere near the head of the procession once or twice but most of the time we have sat on the fence and watched the other clubs breeze past. This season I didn't know but that the draft might upset some of the other clubs so that we could have a look in. It did wreck the White Sox our strongest contender but of course the

# What the Stars Say

*Brief Comments on the Big Series from Leading National and American League Players*

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Red Sox had to come through with a burst of speed while the Cleveland club developed great strength. I guess I will spend my world's series as usual, reading in the papers about what the other fellow did. But I would sure like to get the chance to pitch one of the big games sometime before I die.

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TY COBB

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A WAY back nine years ago (that's a long time in baseball) I took part in my last world's series game. And I have been dreaming about getting into another one of those famous scrimmages ever since. But that's as far as I have got, the dreaming stage. And the longer I go the further away I seem to get from a possible chance at the big show.

It isn't the money involved that means the most to me although I wouldn't refuse my share of the rake off if it came my way. But frankly that isn't the main inducement from my point of view. There's quite a different reason why I should like to get one more chance at the big event. My Major League career has been, in the main, all that I ever hoped it would be. But there are one or two things scattered along the course of that career that I would change if I could. And one of these things is my showing in the world's series.

True, I flatter myself that my work ten years ago wasn't exactly punk. But I will confess I didn't shine to say the least. I was fast and full of pep in those days, and I could play ball after I really got started. But the series seemed a little too short for me to get under way. Now I am frank to believe conditions would be different. I am not so fast as I was then, but I know a vast deal more about baseball. I am confident in my own mind, that my added experience would enable me to play a much better game now than I was able to play in 1909. Yes my world's series showing is a thing that rankles in my memory and I would gladly improve upon it if I could. But the chance is not one of my choosing. The club is not going well, I am getting old and baseball has fallen temporarily upon evil days. I am afraid the opportunity to play in another world's series will never come my way again.

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CACTUS CRAVATH

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I have felt that my big league career hasn't been quite all it should be. For one thing I got a very slow start. I was in the Minors several seasons when I might, just as well, have worn a Major League uniform. And when I did get fairly started on the big circuit I never seemed to connect with a large salary. But anyway, I have had my whack at the world's series. There have been other players in the ranks much longer than I who never got a look in. There is Hal Chase for instance, and there was Nap Lajoie. I am better off than they were. True I was fortunate enough to get into just one series and I didn't do myself very proud in that one. But what difference does it make?

I have played in series where I averaged a couple of good hits to a game. The fact that I didn't do that well in my solitary world's series doesn't bother me. I got into the big games anyway, no body will ever be able to alter that fact.

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TERRY TURNER

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I am probably as near a world's series right now as I shall ever be. And I don't suppose that is very near. We have the Red Sox to beat which is some contract in itself. And in addition there is the uncertainty about the whole series this fall. Still I can't help thinking I should like to get in there just once. I have been in the league a good long while but I have never yet been on a pennant winning club. Can you beat it?

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ROLLIE ZEIDER

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If we get into the big series this fall with the Red Sox as our opponents there will be one curious angle to the games which perhaps not many people know. I come from a town where I could naturally count on the good will and best wishes of a lot of people. But the odd thing about it is that Scott, the Red Sox short-stop comes from the same town. Now what I would like to know is this. Will the people back home root for me and the Cubs or will they root for Scott and the Red Sox? A fellow ought to feel sure of the support of his own town at any rate. But I'm not in that position.