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CLASSY PITCHING WAS CLEVELAND'S BIGGEST ASSET IN TITLE RACE

When Ray Chapman Was Killed by Ball From May's Delivery Fans Thought Indians Could Not Capture 1920 Pennant.

With a world's championship resting today in Cleveland, their ace which the Indians were forced to make to capture the coveted honor in the season just ended is worth recalling. The United Press, summarizing the season declares that Cleveland came into the American League pennant after perhaps the most unfortunate history of any club in that organization.

Time and again the Indians obviously have constituted one of the best outfits to the organization, only to succumb to injuries and unlucky breaks in playing. They finished second in 1919, 1918 and 1908, and third in 1917, 1913, 1911, 1906 and 1903.

Tris Speaker, who succeeded Lee Fohl upon the latter's voluntary retirement last year, was the only playing manager in the American League. When the 1920 season started Speaker had shown such remarkable executive ability that with his first-class material it was generally believed—barring the usual Cleveland lynch—the Indians would fight it out for first place with the White Sox and Yankees. This is just what happened.

Pitching Staff Is Good

Cleveland has as good a pitching staff as any club in the circuit, but it was the team's batting that proved the biggest factor in the race. For the first time in years a major league club presented a team average of more than .300. During the third week in September the Indians were hitting two points better than the coveted mark.

The tragic death of Ray Chapman, star shortstop, who was hit by a ball pitched by Carl Mays in New York at the height of the season, seemed for a time to have robbed Cleveland of a pennant again. The club wavered and dropped to third place. Not only was the club's morale affected, but apparently there was no chance of plugging the gap in the infield. Harry Lunte was tried out with indifferent success. Then, without any previous advertising, the name of Joe Sewell appeared in the line-up. The

youngster, who was obtained from New Orleans, began batting and fielding sensationally and the problem appeared to be solved.

Walter Mails a Find

Another late season find by Speaker was Walter Mails the big left-handed pitcher who failed with Brooklyn several years ago. Coming from Sacramento, he won his first five starts with the Indians.

Jim Hagby was leading pitcher of the league. Late in September he had won 23 and lost 10 games, a percentage of .737. Slim Caldwell had won 17 and lost 10, a percentage of .630; Stan Coveleskie had won 21 and lost 13, a percentage of .618; Guy Morton had won 9 and lost 6, a percentage of .600; and George Uhle had won 3 and lost 5, a percentage of .375.

At that time the team was batting as follows: Speaker, .339; Leslie Nimmamake, .345; Uhle, .346; Elmer Smith, .325; Joe Evans, .323; Steve O'Neil, .322; Charles Jameson, .318; Larry Gardner, .309; Doc Johnson, .302; Jack Graney, .298; George Burns, .293; Joe Wood, .244; Badger, .243; William Wambsgans, .242; Caldwell, .235; Coveleskie, .200; Lunte, .200; and Morton, .191.

SECOND SHUTOUT GAME GIVES INDIANS HONORS

CLEVELAND, Oct. 13.—For the first time in history, Cleveland today possesses the baseball champions of the world, the Indians. They earned that title by winning their fourth straight game yesterday on the home field from Brooklyn, champions of the National League. The score was 3 to 0 and it marked the second consecutive shutout suffered by the losers. The series ended with five games for the champions and two for Brooklyn.

Fans Stage Demonstration

One of the most remarkable demonstrations ever seen in baseball was staged in front of the grandstand after the game. Thousands of fans swarmed in front of the stand. As soon as the last man retired, Manager Speaker dashed to the stands from his place in centerfield and embraced his gray-haired mother, who occupied a box. Mrs. Speaker threw her arms around the neck of her stalwart son and they kissed each other while thousands of fans who had swarmed in his wake broke into a frenzy of cheers. Charles Ebbets, owner of the Brooklyn club, forced his way to the box and shook Mrs. Speaker's hand warmly. Then he



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congratulated the leader of the club that had downed his hopes. A big crowd on the field, after thunderous cheers, melted away.

The game was another hard one for Burleigh Grimes, who pitched for Brooklyn, to lose. Breaks were all against him. However, the Robin pitcher caused the first break that cost him the game when he threw the ball away at second base in the fourth.

First Score in Fourth

Cleveland scored first in the fourth. Gardner singled and went to third on Johnston's single. Johnston attempted a delayed steal of second. Miller threw to Grimes, who then hit a past second. Gardner scoring.

In the sixth, Jameson beat out a dinky roller and stole second. He scored on Speaker's triple.

Cleveland registered her third marker in the seventh. O'Neil doubled, but was run down when Coveleskie bunted. Coveleskie went to second. Jameson doubled, scoring Coveleskie. Grimes was pulled in the eighth for a pinch hitter, Munnix relieving him in the Brooklyn box.

FOOTBALL

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Oct. 13.—(U. P.)—Harvard's hopes for supremacy on the gridiron this autumn are running high. The prospects for developing a well-balanced Crimson squad was never brighter, according to the coaches.

Although Head Coach Bob Fisher has not made his final choice, his selections so far indicate that the average weight of the line men will be about 190 pounds, while that of the whole team should average 185 pounds.

The candidates in their daily workouts have shown excellent kicking and running qualities. The entire group of backfield candidates kick well.

In assembling a tentative line, Fisher chose three regulars, two substitutes from last year's squad, and two new men. This line consisted of Clark, a new comer from Colorado, who weighs 181 pounds; Lockwood, 184 pounds; Kane, 185 pounds; Tolbert, an Oklahoma man, 206 pounds; Brown, 206 pounds; Woods 222 pounds and Havemeyer, 175 pounds. Clark and Kane were used on the end and positions. Lockwood and Tolbert as tackles. Brown and Woods as guards and Havemeyer at center. This combination showed good teamwork.

Captain Arnold Horween, Dick Humphrey and Mitchell Grattwick, all stars of last year's team, are certain to have places in the backfield. Dick Humphrey and Art Hamilton are also working for places on the 1920 squad.

The coaches, among whom is Sam Felton, famous Crimson punter, are laying much stress on long kickers, running practice and interference.

Percy Haughton, who was head coach for the Crimson team for nine years, recently watched the men workout and expressed himself as much pleased with the outlook.

APARTMENT OCCUPANTS ARE ROUSED BY NOISY AND LIVELY INTRUDER

Occupants of the Security Apartments were aroused about 2 o'clock yesterday morning by a fight in which Superintendent Lovell of the building, and Kenneth Hauser an intruder under the influence of liquor, engaged.

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