



CHICAGO CUBS ARE WEAKENING

Giants Nick League Leaders Twice; Yanks Take 18th from Browns

(By the Associated Press.) One of the most eventful days the National League has experienced this season is pointing the way for the possible dethronement of the Chicago Cubs, who today were only two and one-half games ahead of their closest competitors.

The Cubs were blazed twice yesterday by the Giants, New York, batting Hal Carlson out of the box in the first game during a furious rally that brought McGraw's team an 8-7 win, and taking the night cap 4-1 with a seventh inning splash at the expense of Charlie Root.

Even Break. The world's champion Cardinals could get nothing better than an even break in their twin bill with Brooklyn. Jess Petty stopped them in the opener, 2-1, but Jess Haines led the mound city entry to a victory by the same score in the second contest.

Only three and one-half games separated the Cubs from the Giants today to mark the first division span.

The Boston Braves, after whipping first division teams with much regularity in recent games, bowed twice to the Cincinnati Reds, 4-2 and 6-5.

Yanks Win Again. There was less excitement yesterday in the American League. The Yankees shipped the Browns again at St. Louis, this time by a score of 8-3. New York has won all its 18 games with Hawley's outfit this season.

Rain halted the Washington-Chicago game in the last half of the second inning with the Senators leading.

Philadelphia scored a 5-0 win over Detroit with Jack Quinn allowing only three safe hits.

Shim Harris let the Cleveland Indians down with two hits and the Boston Red Sox won by a 10-2 count.

Preliminary Work Begun on Bridge

With permission to construct an 800-foot span across Ewauna lake from the Eberlein tract to Ewauna Point—a bridge which will give the line access to terminal properties on the Whitefish ranch purchased from the Northwest Utilities company of Portland—the Great Northern Railroad company has initiated preliminary construction by sinking test piles in and adjacent to the lake.

The work was done yesterday by the Sawmill Engineering and Construction company and results of the test piling were wired last night by F. Hilt Hunter, head of the construction company, to L. C. Gilman, vice-president of the Great Northern railroad.

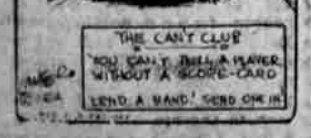
Sells Real Estate.

Zeb Terry, who played shortstop for the Cubs a few years ago, is selling real estate in Los Angeles now.

Was Dividend Payer.

Sarazen, recently retired, is one of the few thoroughbreds whose winnings exceeded \$200,000.

We simply cannot understand why the artful dodging Jack Delaney is supposed to be such a smart guy. Everything goes over his head.



Schuble's Case Similar to Joe Sewell's Debut

Rookie Shortstop Seems to be Making Good at Thevenow's Old Position



HEINIE SCHUBLE

Can Heinie Schuble of the St. Louis Cardinals duplicate the feat performed by Joe Sewell back in 1920?

To wise you up to the situation, Heinie Schuble is the rookie shortstop of the Cardinals, while Joe Sewell of the Cleveland Indians is the star of the American League at that position.

The conditions surrounding their major league debut are somewhat similar. The tragic death of Ray Chapman gave Joe Sewell his big chance. A serious injury to Tommy Thevenow was responsible for Schuble getting a chance to make good in the majors.

At the close of the 1919 season Ray Chapman, then the crack shortstop of the Cleveland Indians, had practically decided to forsake baseball for better business opportunities in other directions. Tris Speaker, then manager of the Cleveland club, believing his team had a great chance for the pennant, persuaded Chapman to remain in the game another year.

Tris Speaker had the right dope on the chances of his club to win hit, unfortunately. It cost the life of Ray Chapman. Near the close of the season, in an important game between New York and Cleveland, Pitcher Carl Mays of the Yankees hit Chapman in the head with a pitched ball. It knocked him unconscious. He later died as a result of the blow.

It was early in September and Cleveland was making a last ditch stand for the pennant. The club must have a shortstop at once if it was to remain in the race. The officials began to look for such a player for immediate delivery.

With the New Orleans club was a youngster by the name of

Joe Sewell. A star player at the University of Alabama, he had jumped into the Southern League with no professional experience and starred with the New Orleans club.

For years Cleveland has had a working agreement with New Orleans. That team had several of its players on option. A deal was made whereby Sewell was turned over to the Cleveland club at once for the release of all optional players and a reported cash transaction of \$600.

It was a trying situation for a youngster in his first year of professional ball to ask him to fill the shoes of so great a star as Ray Chapman with the club fighting for the pennant. He did a fine job of it, batted .329, a matter of 40 points better than he had done in the bushes, and aided Cleveland to win its first American League championship. He also did his part in the winning of the world series from Brooklyn.

Heinie Schuble's position at present is very similar to that of Joe Sewell back in 1920. Can he come through as Sewell did? He has made a great start in that direction.

Last season Shortstop Tommy Thevenow was not only the star of the St. Louis Cardinals in its fight for the pennant but the hero of the world series as well. A broken leg put him out of the running in the middle of this season.

In an effort to fill the bill, George Toporcer, the bespectacled utility man, was sent into the lineup to take Thevenow's position. The breaks were against him and in practically every game that he effected it cost the Cardinals the decision.

In desperation, the Cardinal management called on Heinie

The NUT CRACKER by Joe Williams

Electrician dies from bad liquor, says headline. It wasn't the voltage. It was the voltage.

"Cobb has not earned his pay this season." We admit Ty is terrible. He's done everything but pull a triple play unassisted.

"It would take a wooden mallet to beat Paulino," squawks Delaney. Acting on his own hunch it seems the young Mr. Delaney used a head of the same material in his sorry attempt last week.

Senator Willis wants a higher tariff on the onion. There's a vegetable we had counted on to protect itself.

But then if the "onion" goes out what are the sports writers going to use instead of "baseball."

And still speaking of the vegetable, just because this new giant catcher comes from the Bermudas, would that be a sure indication he knew his onions?

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Team	W	L	Pct.	
Chicago	12	48	.599	
St. Louis	55	39	.581	
Pittsburgh	48	49	.551	
New York	48	52	.570	
Cincinnati	54	65	.454	
Brooklyn	52	70	.429	
Boston	50	68	.424	
Philadelphia	44	77	.364	

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Team	W	L	Pct.	
New York	58	37	.704	
Philadelphia	72	53	.576	
Detroit	68	54	.557	
Washington	66	57	.537	
Chicago	59	64	.480	
Cleveland	55	70	.440	
St. Louis	47	75	.385	
Boston	39	84	.317	

Schuble, starting at short for Danville, in the Three-Eye League, a team owned by the St. Louis Nationals.

Asking a 19-year-old youngster, in his second year as a professional, to take Thevenow's place was a mighty big task, but he has responded courageously to the dire emergency.

It will be another miracle if he delivers as did Joe Sewell and makes possible a second pennant for the Cardinals.

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BILLY EVANS Says

Could the Chicago Cubs use Tony Lazzeri and Mark Koenig, star second sacker and shortstop of the New York Yankees?

I can hear Manager Joe McCarthy shout, "Yes! Is there any way I can get them?" Of course there isn't but Chicago had a chance to get both of them before New York grabbed Tony and Mark.

Bill Kuffer, now with the St. Louis Browns but who for years managed the Cubs, told me the story the other day. It's probably a good thing for the National League that Chicago didn't buy the two rookies or the present race wouldn't be as tight an affair as it is.

Bobby Wallace, one of the greatest shortstops in the history of the game, was the scout who tried to have Chicago buy Koenig and Lazzeri. Wallace placed his O. K. on the two youngsters before either of them had made much noise in the minors and they could have been secured at bargain rates.

I consider Lazzeri the most valuable young infielder in the American League. He has no peer at second or short and can do a fine job at first or third.

Shortly after Wallace had left on his first scouting trip, he informed me that he had seen two infielders in action who were future big leaguers," said Kuffer, in explaining how close the Cubs came to landing the two Yankee stars.

Wallace stressed the fact that both of the players were coming fast and that inside of a year or two would bring fancy prices. He expressed a preference for Lazzeri and said not to pass him by.

Following the usual procedure, the records and habits of the two players were carefully gone into. The report came back that Koenig was too high strung a player to stand up under the

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big league strain and that he had a tendency to be erratic in his play. The dope on Lazzeri was that he was none too strong physically.

"As a result of these unfavorable reports, the Chicago owners decided to pass up both players. What a mistake it was!"

Had Chicago taken Wallace's advice on Lazzeri and Koenig, the veteran scout would have earned his salary for some time by acquiring two such classy players.

While on the subject of the Cub infield, Fred Haney, former American League player, enjoyed a big thrill, only to be followed by bitter disappointment.

Some weeks ago the fall-out Boston Red Sox asked for waivers on Haney and Manager McCarthy, of the Chicago Cubs, claimed him. Going from a tail-end of one big league to the leader in another, was quite a jump. It seemed Haney finally had gotten a swell break.

At the time it struck me that Haney, a scrappy, aggressive player of the McCarthy type, would help the Cubs, for little Fred is

a pretty good man to have around. Then followed the disappointment. The other day Chicago secured Yeter of Indianapolis and Haney was sent to that club as part payment. Indianapolis is flitting with the cellar in the American Association. Yeter, a third baseman, had a chance several years ago with Cleveland.

Could Joe McCarthy use Tony Lazzeri and Mark Koenig? If he had them in his squad there wouldn't be much doubt about the 1927 pennant race. They would add just the right amount of reserve strength to the Cubs.

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