Red Sox Look Better Compared Man For Man

New York, Oct. 6.—Taken individually, player for player the Red Sox look better than the Phils in the coming world series clash. However, the Braves of last year proved the utter futility of individual comparisons, so here they are—take 'em for what they're worth:

PHILADELPHIA.

First Base.

FRED LUDERUS—Veteran of the old Philly team, and rated one of the best first sackers in the game. His tremendous hitting strength makes him always dangerous. He led the National league in hitting this year. Come to Phillies in 1910 from the Cubs. Taken all around, he's a bad man in a pinch or out. Late batting averages show him hitting around .320.

Second Base.

BERT NIEHOFF—Came to Phillies last year from Cincinnati, where he was going good, but he and Herzog couldn't get along. Has played second in excellent form this season, although he hasn't hit very well. Late averages show him around .240.

Third Base.

BOBBY BRYNE—Veteran of Fred Clarke's old pennant winning Pirates of 1909, although only 30 years old. Clarke traded him to Philadelphia in 1913 in the deal for Dolan. Rated average fielder, but weak with the stick. Hit slightly over .200 this season.

Shortstop.

DAVID BANCROFT—One of the real finds of the season. Came to the Pails from Portland, Oregon, in the Coast league, where he was a sensation. Is a lightening fast fielder and a dangerous hitter, late averages showing him around the .290 mark. Is only 23 years old and hails from Chicago.

Left Field.

GEORGE WHITTED—Came to Phillies during last winter in trade for Sherwood Magee, from Boston Braves. Made a good showing in last year's world series. Late averages show him hitting around .275.

BEALS BECKER—Has been shunted around a great deal, having seen service in Cincinnati, New York, and elsewhere. Was formerly rated one of the most dangerous batters in the National league, but has fallen down this season somewhat. He is now hitting around .250.

Center Field.

GEORGE PASKERT—A veteran of many hard campaigns, who came to Philadelphia from Cincinnati as part of the famous deal which sent Lobert, Rowan and Beebe from the same club to Philadelphia. Rated a good fielder, but has fallen off in his hitting the past two years. This year's averages show him hitting around .240.

Right Field.

CACTUS CARAVATH—Noted principally for his home runs. Broke National league record this season, and is noted as one of the hardest hitters in baseball. Is a veteran, 33 years old, and batted .280 this season.

Pitchers.

GROVER CLEVELAND ALEXANDER—The best pitcher in baseball, at the present time, and one of the greatest the game has ever known. His work this season classes him with the immortals, as he has won over 30 games. Practically 90 per cent of Moran's hope of winning the championship rests with Alexander. Came up from Indianapolis in 1910, and was farmed out to Syracuse, coming back up the next season. Has been quoted as saying he expected to pitch three games of the series if it goes over four games.

ERSKINE MAYER—Famous for his under-delivery. Mayer came to Philadelphia in 1912 from the Portsmouth club of the Virginia state league and made good right off the bat. Has been of great aid to Alexander this year in keeping the Phils in the lead. He has worked in thirty odd games this year and has won most of them. Generally selected to pitch the second game of the series.

GEORGE CHALMERS—A hard luck pitcher, and a good one. Chalmers was one of the sensations of 1909 and '10, but injured his shoulder and has been out of the game until this season. This year he came back, and has had fair success. To his credit it must be said he lost a lot of hard luck games this season. Chalmers went south with the Giants this spring and then went back to his old love—the Phils.

AL DEMAREE—The tall cartoonist was one of 1913's best pitchers with the Giants. Is a curve ball pitcher with fairly good control. Had a bad season last year which prompted McGraw to let him go. He won more than half his games this season.

EPPA JEPTHA RIXEY—One of the tallest men in baseball, standing 6 feet, 5 inches. Rixey came to the Phils in 1912 from a Virginia school, and has pitched with varying success. This year he has worked in twenty odd games, winning half of them.

GEORGE M'QUILLAN—Secured by Philadelphia from the Pirates in mid-season. McQuillan has been an in and outer, having been up and down all through a fairly long career. It is not likely he'll get a chance in the series.

Catchers.

BILL KILLIFER—The man who leaped into fame as "the Killifer case." This year Bill has been the best catcher in the league, barring possibly, Snyder of the Cards. Bill has a throwing arm second to none, and batted this season around .245. Bill was up with the Browns once, but went back, and was finally secured by the Phils. He became a regular in 1912.

ED BURNS—Second string catcher, and a good one. Came up in 1911 from Tacoma, Washington to the St. Louis Cards, but was shipped to Montreal from where the Phils grabbed him. Throws fairly well and bats around .230.

Utility.

OSCAR DUGEY—Member of last season's champion Braves, who came to the Phils in the Magee deal. Regular position is third. Hits about .150.

MILTON STOCK—Stock came from the Giants where he was tried out several years. The Phils got him as a part of the Lobert deal. Stock has worked in 60 games this season and batted in the neighborhood of .260.

"BUD" WEISER—Outfielder, secured from Charlotte in the South Carlinia league. Has been used almost wholly as pinch hitter or runner. Moran thinks he has a comer in him.

BOSTON.

First Base.

DICK HOBLITZELL—Plays first when Red Sox are working against a right handed pitcher. Good man, hits well and fields his position exceptionally well. Came to Red Sox from Cincinnati Reds last year. Hit over .300 last season. This year's late averages show him batting about .275.

DEL GAINOR—Works against the southpaw pitchers. Came to Boston from Detroit. Had a good season this year, working in over 70 games for a batting average of around .290.

Second Base.

JACK BARRY—Connie Mack's former prize shortstop, and member of the $100,000 infield." Ranked probably best second baseman in the league excepting Eddie Collins. This is his first year at second. Veteran of several world series, though young in years. Came to Boston this spring when Mack sold out. Hit around .245 this season.

Third Base.

LARRY GARDNER—Only infielder left who was member of the champion Red Sox of 1912. Has slowed up somewhat since 1912. Gardner has played all his professional ball for the Red Sox going there seven years ago when he got out of Vermont university. Late averages show him hitting around .275.

Shortstop.

EVERETT SCOTT—One of last year's finds. Scott has few superiors at fielding his position, although he is woefully weak at bat. That he has been able to hold a regular's job while hitting around .200 is a tribute to his work. Came to Boston two years ago from St. Paul. Is still a youngster and hails from Bluffton, Indiana.

Left Field.

DUFFY LEWIS—With Speaker and Hooper he composes what has been termed the "best outfield in the world." Is a veteran of the 1912 champions, an exceptionally good fielder and a good hitter. First attracted attention in California where he played with the Almeda team. Came to Boston six years ago and has been there ever since. Hit this season around .295.

Center Field.

TRIS SPEAKER—Speaker shares with Ty Cobb the title of being the best player in baseball, and needs no introduction. He has no superiors, not even Cobb, at fielding, although the Georgian outshines him at bat and on the bases. Has been with Boston eight years, and has hit above .300 most of that time. This season he batted around .325, and is the pivot of the Red Sox attack.

Right Field.

HARRY HOOPER—A fit running mate for Speaker and Lewis, although weaker at bat. Hit around .240 this season. Hooper is Boston's lead off man, and is fast on the bases.

Pitchers.

DUTCH LEONARD—Generally conceded to be the best southpaw in the game. Came to Boston several years ago, and always has been a brilliant performer. Hung up the best record in the American league last year for effectiveness, as he allowed only one and a fraction runs per game. Has been one of Carrigan's most dependable pitchers this season, finishing with an average of over .700. Some critics have selected Leonard as the man to face Alexander in the opener, although the majority favor Shore.

GEORGE FOSTER—One of the smallest and most effective pitchers in the American league this season. Much of the Red Sox success this season has been due to this diminutive mound man. He has worked in thirty odd games of which he has won twenty. Practically certain he will face Phils in one or more of the battles.

ERNIE SHORE—One of the latest pitching finds, and a good one. Shore came up from the old Baltimore club, when Jack Dunn sold out, and won a regular berth right away. He has been one of Carrigan's premier pitchers this season, and is favored in some quarters to pitch the opener. Thi ysear he won about 20 games. His 1-0 defeat of Detroit in that 12 inning tussle in which the Red Sox really won the pennant will long be remembered.

BABE RUTH—Like the three other Boston pitchers, Ruth has been one of the most successful chuckers in the league this season—a .700 workman. Ruth is a left hander, and besides being a pitcher of far more than ordinary ability, he has the distinction of being the best batter among the pitchers in the league. He hit above .320 this season.

RAY COLLINS—Collins has a varied career—last year he won a lot of games and was rated one of the best chuckers in the circuit, but has fallen down this season. He has worked in only a few games, splitting about even.

VEAN GREGG—Gregg is a veteran of the old Cleveland team which made such a good showing in 1913. Has worked in few games this season, and is not expected to get a fling at the Phils in the coming battle.

Catchers.

FOREST CADY—Boston has three catchers, of whom Cady is as good as any, and somewhat better at batting. He slugged this year around .245.

HARRY THOMAS—Can be rated as "average" catcher. Fields well, throws well and bats around .235.

BILL CARRIGAN—The Red Sox boss himself. Time was when Bill had few peers at working behind the bat, but he has slowed up of late years, although still a good man. Hit only a little over .200 this season.

Utility.

HAROLD JANVRIN—Janvrin is a youngster, who has played infield positions with varying success. He is inclined to be somewhat erratic, which led to his being benched. Hits around .260.

HEINE WAGNER—Carrigan's first lieutenant, has slowed up, but still is a bad man because he knows a lot of baseball. He and Carrigan form the strategy board which took the Sox to a pennant.

Spruce Lumber For Aeroplanes In Demand

Portland, Ore., Oct. 5.—A contract for 200,000 feet of clear spruce lumber to be used in aeroplane construction was entered into today between the British government and Swayne & Hoyt, timber brokers. The Atlantic Transportation company also participated in the contract, in that the lumber will be shipped to Great Britain in steamers it controls. The price was $98.75 per thousand feet delivered.

The lumber will be shipped to San Francisco and there transferred to the steamer Manchuria which is scheduled to leave for the British isles in about ten days.

The awarding of the contract brought into bold contrast the steamer freight rates existing before the European war and at the present time. When hostilities broke out the rate was $15 per thousand feet of lumber. Now it is $58.75.

WAR NEWS OF ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

The French war office declared that the ground lost by the allies between Chaulnes and Royes had been regained, and that important advances had been made on the right wing.

The London press bureau admitted that the Germans had made advances at Antwerp, but said that the situation in France was "satisfactory."

The German army headquarters announced that the French outflanking movement on the right wing had pushed the battle front north of Arras. Belgium moved its temporary capital from Antwerp to Ostend. The Germans reported that two more of the Antwerp forts had fallen.

The Russian General Staff declared that the Germans had brought up reinforcements and had partially checked the Russian advance in East Prussia.

The British admiralty announced that a German torpedo boat destroyer had been sunk by a submarine. The Japanese war office believes that the Japanese have sunk a German cruiser and two gunboats in Kiao-Chau bay. A Rome dispatch says that four Austrian torpedo boats and two torpedo boat destroyers were sunk in the Adriatic by mines.

The Germans officially announced their losses in killed, wounded and missing up to September 1, as 117,000. The total losses to date were 300,000.

GROCERY BOY'S THREATS

San Francisco, Oct. 6.—Blackhand threats against Mrs. Belle Knight, and a demand that she leave $200 at a certain place, "or you are a dead hen" turned out today to be the work of a grocery delivery boy, Guilio Grossi, whom Mrs. Knight had reprimanded.

EXPOSITION CLOSES DEC. 4.

San Francisco, Oct. 6.—In response to thousands of inquiries as to whether the Panama-Pacific exposition would be continued after the original date for closing, December 4, 1915, President Charles C. Moore, today formally announced that the exposition will not be held open after December 4. Moore said this statement is made without reservation, and may be accepted as final.

NEW STEEL COMBINE WITH BILLION CAPITAL

Midvale Steel and Ordinance Co. Files Incorporation and Start Rumors

New York, Oct. 6.—A new chapter in steel combinations, as great as that of the United States steel corporation fifteen years ago is being written here according to rumors in Wall street today. News of the incorporation of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company with $1,000,000,000 capital, had scarcely been received when another gigantic combine backed by Charles M. Schwab and Henry C. Frick was reported. This combine the reports said will bring together the Pennsylvania Steel company and the Bethlehem Steel company with perhaps the Cambria Steel company thrown in for full measure.

The Midvale combination has as its backers the Rockefeller-Corey-Converse group.

Supporters of the big combine plans are said to forese not alone the immediate vast profits of "war orders," but also a demand for steel products after the work, unprecedented in American history.

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