

SOX FAR AHEAD IN INDOOR ENCOUNTERS

Defeat Cubs in Six-Inning Tilt 12-5
Practically Clinching Pennant;
Giants Swamp Reds 13-12

KREGER PLAYS AS UMPIRE

Clark Watches Second Game from Balcony but Substitute Shows Skill as Arbitrator

Yes, dear readers, 'tis true. Mr. Anderson, our calm and efficient scorekeeper, was completely surprised when he closed his book Wednesday evening at about 10:30 o'clock with the score of the last game in favor of the Giants, 13-12.

It's like this. For the last three games Mr. Anderson was kept busy chalking up goose eggs against the victors of the other evening.

But let's start from the beginning of the evening and give you a full account of the doings.

Nash/Cazel's fighting Pale Hose lined up against the desperate Bears in the first encounter and won out 12-5. Nash's arm was in excellent condition judging from the way he mowed down his enemies. He allowed only 6 hits during the six innings of pastime but was blessed with wonderful support. His main support was Odh at right short and Eastman at the initial sack. Eastman evidently had some contraption in his pocket as every time the ball came within 6 feet of his lengthy paws he gathered it to his bosom usually with the result that another Cublet had taken the long trail.

The festivities started with the losers annexing a brace of runs in the first spasm. "Spasm" is right. Those Sox sure went into spasms when two hits and a couple of miscues sent the first four men across the plate. The Cubs were inoffensive during the next session annexing only one marker which was promptly annulled when the victors added a couple more to their already swelling amount.

During the next two innings everything was quiet, the Sox adding another run in the fourth.

In the fifth inning the Cubs found their batting eyes and sent three runs over. The next inning was the desperate stand of the Pale Hose and they made it look desperate by adding a quintet of runs. They owed the five additional markers to Kassner, the batting back-stop of the losers, who made several wild throws. Up to this time Kreger had hurled a fine game and if Kassner had kept his bearings on the game only one run would have resulted. Four hits and Kassner's poor display spelled defeat for his teammates.

The result of the game gave the victors a firm and practically impregnable hold on first place.

The Giants opened the second game by neatly setting the Voltz aggregation up in the other alley. To make the first inning brighter Runnfeldt and Harry Anderson each scored a run.

Charley Dehmlow's wonderful pitching lapsed temporarily in the second inning enabling the Crimson warriors to score a brace of counters. In the third inning the losers scored three more but five runs were entered in the Giants' column in their half.

During the next four sessions the Giants scored six runs while Charley mowed down the opposing batters in a la Cazel style.

In the eighth the fighting Reds scored seven runs coming within one of tying the score but Johnny Dethloff struck out in the pinch.

Some interesting sidelights to the game were the verbal battles between the Giants' first sacker Runnfeldt and the sterling receiver of the losers, Gutekunst. No one knew what they were arguing about but it was an interesting diversion in an otherwise practically uninteresting game.

Another sidelight was the failure of Gutekunst to stop a near-wild pitch in the sixth inning when Schaefer was holding down the batter's position. The ball went inch shell through a sheet of tissue paper the globule striking Kreger, the umpire, on his venerable head, and sending a noise through the gym similar to the Gutekunst-Runnfeldt uproar.

Still another interesting departure was Dehmlow's hurling. Charley only whiffed fifteen men but that was because a full game was not played. He watched the batters carefully playing on their weak spots continually.

The fourth and last sidelight is the wanton slaughter of Dethloff's batting average. Johnny has quite a reputation as a slugger but the only thing he hit Wednesday evening was the air near the batter's box; he fanned three times. True, he annexed one hit, but he usually is only contented after taking at least three or four home.

The result put the victors in a tie for second place. How come? Read on:

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No games now until Wednesday, January 7. Next week's issue will contain the batting averages not including this week's games.

One of the favorite pastimes of the men in the hospital at Forth Sheridan is to make beaded bags and purses. A great number of these are all ready to be lined, and the women in the various clubs and organizations are asked to come and get the bags, and line them for the men, at their meetings. The Washington Avenue Girls in Wilmette have started the work, and at their next meeting expect to line at least

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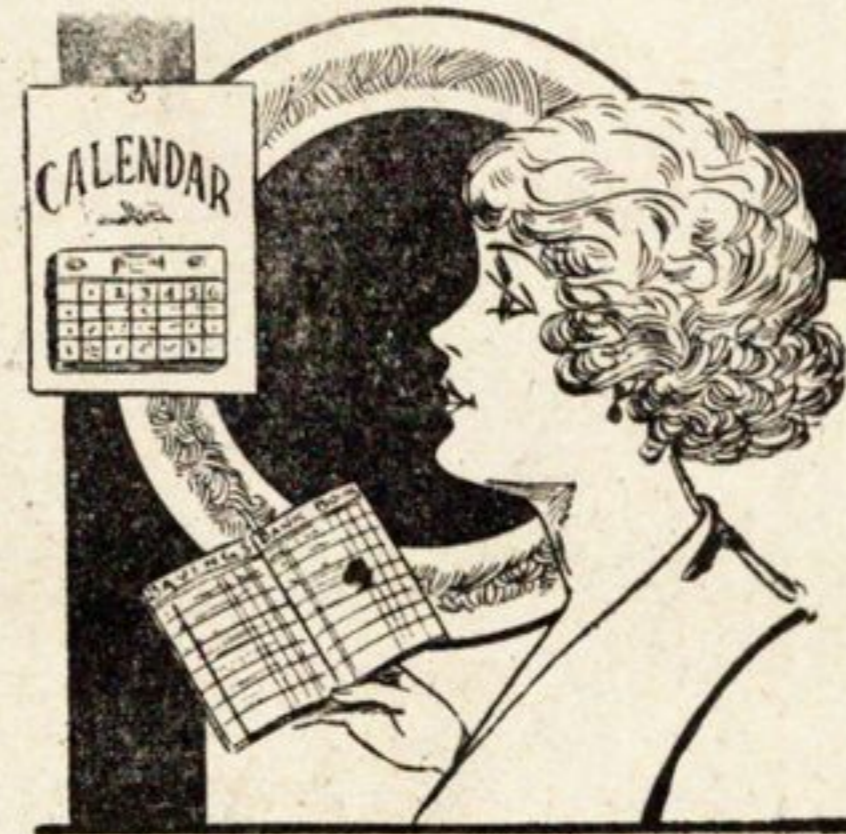
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