

# Diamond Dots and Dashes

*The Very Latest News From Big League Circles*

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The following brief panoramic view of the events of the baseball world during the past month will be a special feature of the Baseball Magazine for the future. In this article we aim to give in a clear, concise way the principal baseball events in all the big league cities. Of necessity, for lack of space, this review must be brief, but it is our earnest purpose to make it especially instructive and interesting.

ONCE again have the American League representatives triumphed over their National League rivals, and once again are the Philadelphia Athletics champions of the World. The New York Giants were the ones to fall before the American League pennant for the years 1910 and 1911.

The Athletics clearly demonstrated that they were the superiors of the National League team in all departments of the game. The all-around pitching of the Philadelphia's twirling staff and the wonderful hitting of Frank Baker was too much for the Giants.

The Giants were a big disappointment to all. They failed to make even a decent showing with the stick, while Christy Mathewson and Otis Crandall were the only pitchers on John McGraw's pitching staff that came out victorious.

But what's the use of rambling on this way? The world's series of 1911 is now a thing of the past. The papers throughout the country have been full of nothing else but the world's series. How each and every game was won or lost has been told several times over, until even the smallest urchin on the street is able to give you a clear and concise story of the six games.

While the American League won the world's championship title, they lost the Ohio title, for the Cincinnati Reds, un-

der the leadership of Clark Griffith, surprised the baseball world by taking the Cleveland Naps, under the leadership of George Stovall, into camp. The defeat of the Cleveland Naps was the big surprise of the post-season series, although the one-sided series between the Chicago Cubs and the White Sox was another surprise. The Sox simply played tag with Frank Chance's once great team, while the Cubs, to the surprise of every baseball fan in the country failed to win one game.

The White Sox, under the leadership of Hugh Duffy, annexed the Windy City championship in four games. The Cubs were outplayed in every one of the four games played. The powerful hitting of Amby McConnell and Ralph Kreitz, the rookie who broke up the first game with his timely wallop, were the big features.

The St. Louis Browns, the tailenders of the American League, sprung the sensation of the year when they sent the scrappy Cardinals down to defeat in the fight for the championship of the Mound City. Previous to the opening of the series the men under the management of Reddy Wallace were not given a look in by the wise ones. What they did to the Cards, however, is now a matter of history.

Strange to relate, three of these teams that took part in the post-season series will have new leaders at their helm next

season. Cleveland will be under the leadership of Harry Davis. Cincinnati is just now without a manager. Clark Griffith, who was leader of the team and has been for the past few seasons, threw up his job in Porktown and cast his fate with Washington of the American League.

The Chicago White Sox, who won the championship of the Windy City from the Chicago Nationals, will be under the leadership of Jimmy Callahan, and Hugh Duffy will go back to the minors. The Boston American League team will in all probability have a new leader next year, as will also the St. Louis Browns. Just who will lead these teams next season is a mystery. Washington, of the American League, will also have a new director.

The Red Sox next season will be under a new manager, and also a set of new officers. On January 1, James J. McAleer, the former leader of Washington, and a few other teams in this great country of ours, will take his place as president of the Boston American League baseball team. McAleer is expected to arrive in Boston inside of the next two weeks or so, and when he comes here as president of the local club he will also come as a future resident of Boston. Along with McAleer will come Robert McRoy as treasurer, for many years secretary of the American Association and close friend and protege of Byron Bancroft Johnson. John I. Taylor, who has spent many thousands of dollars in his efforts to give Boston a winning team, will retire from the presidency and take up the duties of vice-president. The passing of John Irving Taylor from the presidency of the Boston Red Sox is to be regretted by all. Taylor as president of the local American League team has come in for a great deal of criticism, owing to the manner in which the team has been handled and the trades in which Boston has figured. But taken all in all, Boston has got the better end of the trade every time but once, and that was in the famous Lord and McConnell deal for Frank Smith and William Purtell. This is about the only deal that baseball critics can point

at and say Boston was stung. The Red Sox next season, in addition to having a new manager and a new set of officers, will have a new home, as they have one of the most magnificent baseball plants in the country now under construction, which will be ready for the opening game. The new grounds are situated in what is known as the Fenway section of the Hub, and when completed will accommodate about 30,000 fans.

The finish the Red Sox made the last few weeks of the season is still the talk of the town. The wonderful showing of "Buck" O'Brien was the sensation of the year, and it looks as though Boston had picked up a jewel in this youngster, who is a product of the Bay State, hailing from Brockton. The Sox next year, with the right manager, should prove to be a winner from the start, as they have a pitching staff that is second to none. This was shown during the closing month of the season. With Joe Wood, Buck O'Brien, Eddie Cicotte, Charlie Hall, Larry Pape and Ray Collins in true form and the youngster to be heard from it looks as though the Red Sox were well equipped with box artists for next season. Casey Hagerman, the former Denver pitcher and running mate of Buck O'Brien, must not be overlooked by any means. This fellow had one chance to show his curves to the Red Sox fans, and after getting a bad start he loomed up in fine style. Hagerman next year should develop into a winner. The outfield will remain about the same for Speaker, Lewis and Hooper are a trio that is hard to beat. Olaf Henriksen, however, is going to give Lewis a fight for his job. Henriksen, until he was injured, was going at a great clip, and all pitchers looked alike to him. The infield, however, is worrying the fans and new owners. They realize that there are one or two weak places which must be fixed up. First base is very weak and the same can be said of shortstop. Jake Stahl will in all probability be seen back at his old job and, perhaps, as manager. It wouldn't be much of a surprise if Charlie Wagner and George McBride of Washington changed places before the

season started. McAleer is sweet on McBride and would like to get him. Clark Griffith, on the other hand, is just as sweet on Charlie Wagner, one of the gamest players that ever drew a glove on his hand. Grif likes a game player, so there may be something in this deal.

The Rustlers next season are going to give some of the baseball sharps the surprise of their lives. They are no longer the joke of the National League, as was proven during the last few weeks of the season. The outfit which represented the Boston National League team in the National League during the closing weeks of the season was one that struck terror to the heart of every pitcher they faced. And well they might, for in the line-up were four men who were hitting above the .300 mark. They were Kirk, Miller, Sweeney and Donlin, and at times, Jackson. These five men finished the season well above .300. Jackson led the National League and Kirk was the runner up. The outfield of the Nationals next season is going to be one of the hardest hitting outfields in the business, with Miller, Jackson and Donlin in action. Kirk, the former Southern League player, may be shifted to the infield, although he finished the season in the National League as an outfielder and fielded his position without a flaw. He has played the infield for the Rustlers and Tenney may decide to use him there instead, as he cannot afford to drop either Donlin, Miller or Jackson. Bill Sweeney is a fixture at second and Al Bridwell will continue to hold down shortstop. Houser, the former American Association and Philadelphia American first-sacker, will have to fight for his position with Hank Gowdy, the youngster from the Texas League, whom Boston secured in the deal whereby Herzog went to New York and Bridwell came to Boston. Third base is the weak position of the team and the chances are that Kirk will look after this position. McDonald, the youngster, secured from the Buffalo Club of the Eastern League, while a fast fielder and a clever base-runner, is a very weak batsman and can hardly hold

his place on the Rustlers these days. A few years ago he would have been a star with the Rustlers, but those days are past and President Russell is determined to have a bunch of players who can hit as well as field. Fred Tenney will manage the team from the bench next season, according to the statement of President Russell, upon his last visit to Boston. The pitching staff of the Rustlers is practically an unknown one, for there are several youngsters on the roll and they may prove to be whirlwinds and then again they may amble back to the minors. The Rustlers, however, seem to have picked up a pitcher of the first water in Donnelly, the youngster from the Troy Club of the New York State League. He was with the Rustlers during the closing weeks of the season, and his work against the Pittsburgh Pirates and Chicago Cubs stamps him as a comer. Otto Hess, the old Cleveland south-paw, and more lately with the New Orleans team of the Southern League, will be seen with the Rustlers next season. Cy Young and Buster Brown will also be seen on duty, as will Tyler, McTigue, Weaver, Griffin and a few others.

The Giants are going to have a hard time winning the National League pennant next season, much harder than this year. They proved to the satisfaction of all in the recent world's series that they were greatly overrated. Their batting strength has not been consistent. Meyers, Doyle, Herzog and Devore were the only men to show up strongly in the world's series, with the exception of Mathewson and Crandall. The base running of the Giants was noticeable by its absence. McGraw will have to make several shifts in his team next season in order to land a pennant. His pitching staff is uncertain. Marquard, while he did first-class work during the past season, is not yet wholly dependable, while Mathewson is showing signs of decline.

The Highlanders next season will hardly be recognized when they take the field for the opening game of the American League season. Hal Chase will probably again lead the team, but there

is a slight chance that he may be dropped as manager in favor of someone else. The record of the Highlanders under the leadership of Chase, is not any too good, and the fans of the big town, although they idolize the fair-haired boy, have criticised his managing. Chase will be seen at second base next season and Jack Knight will hold down the first sack. A new face will be seen at short and the outfield will hardly be recognized. Charlie Hemphill, who has played in the American League since its invasion of the East, is about to change the scene of his activities. He is mentioned as the next manager of the Jersey City team.

Brooklyn will again be under the leadership of Bill Dahlen, despite the many rumors that "Bad Bill" was at outs with Charles Ebbetts and that he would have to look for another job next year. Dahlen made a good showing with the Dodgers this past season, and it was principally against the Chicago Cubs. The Giants have the Dodgers to thank for their winning of the pennant and the elimination of the Cubs, for the Dodgers this season won thirteen games from the Chicago outfit. George Bell, the veteran pitcher of the Dodgers, has been sold to Montreal of the Eastern League. Harry Lumley, former manager, may be seen in the outfield of the Brooklyn team next season, as he has been drafted by Ebbetts. Harry has been hitting the ball well above the .300 mark since his release by Brooklyn two years ago. It looks as though he would play the outfield for the Dodgers.

Washington, of the American League, will next season be under the management of Clark Griffith, the "Old Fox." The return of Grif to the American League, after an absence of two years, was one of the biggest surprises of the season. Grif is one of the men responsible for the formation of the American League and was the first manager of the Chicago White Sox. He then went to New York and led the Highlanders, but he had poor luck in the big town and shifted from the American to the National, going to Cincinnati as manager of the Reds. His success in Cincin-

nati was not a bit better than it was in New York. Grif, however, has given his successor the foundation of a great team, and with the proper management Cincinnati should see some real baseball next season. Grif could have had his job in Cincinnati this year if he desired it, but he did not care to lead the Reds again, as he had the chance of buying a part interest in the Washington Club. His acceptance of the managerial position with Washington took his Cincinnati friends by surprise and also the officials of the Cincinnati Club, Grif will not find it hard making a better showing with the Washington Club than his predecessors have. Washington, like the Boston Nationals, have been in the rut so long that the fans do not look for them to get out of it. The Boston Nationals, however, are apparently due for a raise, and it is now up to Grif to pull the Senators out. He certainly has some mighty fine material on hand for next season in Milan, Street and Johnson.

The two Philadelphia teams will stand pat on their line-up for next season. The passing of Harry Davis is about the only thing that will happen in Quakertown. The Athletics, with their present pitching staff, are going to make the going rather hot in the American League next year. Danny Murphy, the veteran outfielder, has been appointed captain in place of Harry Davis. Eddie Collins was offered the position, but he declined it, and Connie Mack then offered it to Murphy. Lefty Russell, the \$12,000 beauty, who thought that he could hold up the club for a big salary and thereby prevented himself from getting a share of the world's series money, has probably seen the error of his ways and next season he will work his head off for the club, that is if he is with the Athletics. In addition to Plank, Bender, Coombs, Morgan and Krause, the Athletics have a couple of good pitchers in Danforth and Martin. The two youngsters showed in the few games in which they took part that they were there with the goods. There is nothing to be desired either in outfield or infield. The

catching department will remain about the same, although it is rumored that Paddy Livingston will go to Cleveland.

The Phillies, the sensation of the National League for the first few months, will cut some figure in the National League race next year if they can overcome the hard luck which has followed them this past season. The injury to Charlie Dooin, the scrappy leader of the Phillies, was a hard blow to the team, and one from which they never recovered. The Phillies will stand pat on their team next season with the possible exception of the catching department. This proved to be the weak spot of the team after the injury to Dooin. Carter, a youngster, however, gives promise of developing into a star, and "Runt" Walsh, the youngster who played every position on the team last season, has developed into a fine catcher and may hold down this position next season.

The Chicago Nationals will be a greatly changed team when they take the field next year. The Cubs as they stand now are an inferior team compared to either New York or Pittsburg. The once great Chance machine is a thing of the past. The Peerless Leader is no longer to be seen on first. The famous Johnny Evers is far from his best form. The home run clouts of Frank Schulte alone saved the Cubs from many a defeat last season. Without Schulte's bat it is doubtful if they would have figured in the race at all. Their infield was pretty well shot to pieces. They have no regular first baseman, and these men are hard to find, as the Pittsburg Club, St. Louis Browns, Boston Nationals, Boston Americans and Washington team can testify. Tinker and Schulte are about the only members of the once great machine who seem still capable of putting up the article of ball that made the Cubs famous.

The White Sox next season will be under a new manager who is still not a new manager. He is James J. Callahan, the only and original comeback among the big league players of the present day. James was leader of the White Sox previous to the days of the famous Fielder

Jones. He has the material for a good team next season and should make things interesting for the Athletics, Tigers, Cleveland and Boston Red Sox. The Sox, however, finished in the first division this past season and Callahan will have to go some to better the record made by Hugh Duffey.

The Pittsburg Pirates are the dark horse of the National League. Can they come back? The Pirates at one time this past year looked like the winners of the National League pennant, but at the last moment they went to pieces and never did come back. The Pirates have several classy youngsters in their line-up for next season, but are none too strong in the pitching department. Their main hope is Marty O'Toole. In the few games that he pitched as a member of the Pirates he showed that he is a pitcher of great promise.

The Detroit Tigers, like the Chicago Cubs, have shot their bolt. Their pitching staff, once the terror of every other team in the league, is gone. Wild Bill Donovan and George Mullin, the two old stand-bys, are about done. True, they still have some good baseball left in them, but it is only good. What is needed these days is not good, but excellent ball. The Tigers have no youngsters in their pitching staff who can take the place left vacant by these two grand twirlers. The outfield of the Tigers is in a class by itself when it comes to hitting. The infield, however, is none too strong. Jennings is anxious to regain the veteran, Germany Schaefer, now with the Washington Club, whom he traded in 1909 to Washington for Jim Delehanty. Jennings would like to use Germany in the outfield when a south-paw is in the box against the Tigers. Bauman, the youngster secured from the New Bedford Club of the New England League, looks to be about the best youngster Jennings has picked up since the day he grabbed Ownie Bush.

The Cleveland Naps are another team that will be under a new manager next season. The veteran, Harry Davis, the hero of the world's series between Philadelphia and New York, will lead the team. Davis, in the recent inter-league

clash demonstrated that he can still play the game with the best of them and the chances are that he will hold down first base in place of George Stovall. The latter will cast his fortunes with some other team. Davis is going to have a hard job on his hands making good. The showing of the team under Stovall was the sensation of the league, and unless Davis lands them in the first division next year he is in bad with the Forest City fans.

Cincinnati will also have a new manager next season; just who is not known at the time of going to press. The one who does land the job is going to have a hard time on his hands making good, although he has the makings of a good team. Clark Griffith, the former manager, has gotten together a team of youngsters that with the proper handling will make the best of them in the National League hustle. The passing of Grif is regretted by almost every player on the Cincinnati team.

The Cardinals will enter the race of 1912 with brighter prospects of success than ever before. Their record,

while sadly crippled during the close of the season, was so game a struggle in the face of enormous obstacles as to excite the admiration of the whole baseball world. The unfortunate accident to Roger Bresnahan put a stop to all pennant prospects for the season but the Cardinals, in almost every contest, died hard, and that is the spirit that the fans are so anxious to see. Bresnahan has signed a five-year contract and is secure in the management of the team for some time to come. He has several sterling players to build on and with the addition of a number of new stars should round out an able team.

The veteran, Bob Wallace, has had a hard struggle this season. It is no light task to take the material he found at his disposal and win games. He has done perhaps as well as could have been expected under the circumstances. In any case, the friends of the lowly Browns must have taken some satisfaction at the way in which they trimmed the apparently much stronger Cardinals during the post-season series.

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