

BOTH YANKEES AND INDIANS WILL DO WELL TO LOOK BEHIND THEM

GRIFFS MAY HAVE A
WORD TO SAY
PLAY BETTER BALL THAN LEADERS

Recent Spurt Has Put Them Right in the
Race and There's Plenty of Time
for an Upset.

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Stranger to say the Yankees do not regard the Washingtons seriously, although the latter are playing far better baseball than either Cleveland or New York. If the Senators had been in the lead, the Yankees would have been in the lead.

Nothing but trouble besets the Giants. After getting on even terms with the Pirates early last season, they have been in a constant state of flux. The Giants have been in a constant state of flux.

Metropolitan pitchers have a bit in St. Louis, but they have not been able to get on even terms with the Cardinals. The Cardinals have been in a constant state of flux.

The verdict of "not guilty" in the trial of the Black Sox, which was held in the city of St. Louis, has been a great relief to the fans. The fans have been in a constant state of flux.

Late News Items

PHILS NOT TO BE SOLD
NOW, SAYS MR. BAKER

Then He Adds They Won't Be Put on the
Market Until They Have Become
a Winner, at Least.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Aug. 9.—Reports continue in circulation that the Philadelphia National League club is about to be sold to Jack Dunn and the club transferred to Baltimore, met with positive denial. The latest rumor was made by a man who had been in the city for some time.

Tom Nelson of Brantford Dies.
BRANTFORD, Ont., Aug. 9.—Thomas J. Nelson, principal owner of the Brantford Club in the Michigan-American League since its organization, and one of the best known sportsmen in Canada, who died August 5, was buried Monday.

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KNOCKED EVERS OUT NOW THEY "REGRET"

PROOF AGAIN THAT SOMEBODY HAS
TO BE THE GOAT.

Fault of Trojan, They Say in Chicago, Is
He Fell Into Old Crabbing Habits
When Team Lost.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 8.—Sincere regret was expressed by every fan in Chicago when the announcement was made by President William "Boss" Evers of the Cubs that Johnny Evers had been relieved of his duties as manager.

Inability to get along with his players is the reason Evers was deposed. Apparently there was a fair amount of harmony among the players themselves but the men declare they lost heart and interest because of the constant jawing they had to stand from the manager.

Evers has disappointed me. Early in the spring I thought Evers had overcome his nagging habit and that he was going to show himself a successful manager. For a month after the season opened I still believed it, because the club apparently was hustling for him all the time.

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SOME SAYING HUMOR IN BLACK SOX CASE

INSTANCE HONEST CHICK GANDIL'S
FAREWELL TO JOHNSON.

But Hardly a Joke When Jurymen Meet
Their Peers in a Celebration After
Returning "Just" Verdict.

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 8.—We saw a thing in the news today, we saw a thing in the news today, we saw a thing in the news today, we saw a thing in the news today, we saw a thing in the news today.

There was some sympathy in Detroit for Cicotte until he made this statement. It was ill advised. Had Cicotte, after the verdict was returned, retired to his farm and continued the silence that he maintained on counsel's advice between the time of indictment and the return of the verdict, he would have retained the sympathy.

Of all that motive crew we admire Chick Gandil. He, the Lill of that cast, is our choice. Gandil at least has a sense of humor. Original and Side-Splitting.

Gandil's humor almost saves a deplorable situation. Deft and sure is the Gandilian contribution to the world's fun. For has there been a funnier line printed since the sport than Gandil's statement after the verdict: "I guess that'll leave Ben Johnson. He can't frame an honest bunch of ball players."

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INDIANS HAVE HARD ROAD TO END OF RACE

MUST WIN IN COMING HOME STAND
OR FACE HANDICAP.

Fans Hope Speaker's Men Will Show More
Fight to Regain Lead Than They
Did to Keep It.

CLEVELAND, O., Aug. 8.—The world's champion Indians are now in second place and confronted with the hardest task of the season. The coming home stay will practically wind up the season at Dunn Field and unless they reconquer the domestic and their chances of retaining the title seem on the verge of being lost.

The pitching here of late has been off and the bunt has been missing. Also the Indians seem to be a bit discouraged by the demonstration that an old hoodoo has bobbed up to plague them. It was Washington that did the damage.

Look Good in Bush Games.
The faithful fans are becoming a bit weary over the changes which are being made in the team. They are wondering just what all their favorites are doing.

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PRETTY GOOD FOR A HASBEEN

OUTFIELDER MAX CAREY

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It is presumed that Wilhelm will finish the season as manager. It is difficult to believe that any baseball man of reputation would come here under present conditions. Wilhelm was an All-in pitcher and coach for a minor league team last year and Donovan fetched him here as coach and scout.

Fielding Billy with a Rest.
It is not all the pitchers' families as the golding has been raised in spots and some of the mental performances have been open to question. Likewise the hitting has been poor in some of the games.

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No Travel Dates To Break Major Pennant Series

By JACK LANG

There will be no playoffs in the major leagues this year. There will be a Championship Series, National League, and a Championship Series, American League, but no playoffs.

Of course, newspapers and fans will continue to call them playoffs, but the powers that be in baseball have decided to avoid the use of the word "playoffs" and call their windup games in each league the "championship series."

That's the official name for the first divisional playoffs — oops, there's that word again—in major league history. The East meets the West in each league in a best-three-out-of-five series with the winners to be declared the official league champions and to meet in the traditional seven-game World Series.

Final plans for the first league championship series have been drawn up by the two-man committee of Charles Feeney of the San Francisco Giants and Lee MacPhail of the New York Yankees, two of the brighter executives in the game. It was Feeney and MacPhail who did most of the planning for last fall's expansion drafts and for the current divisional play.

Series to Begin October 4

Plans for the playoffs — sorry about that Commissioner Kuhn — revealed here recently have the American League East Division champs hosting the West Division champs to launch that league's championship series and the West Division in the National League hosting the East Division.

The series in both leagues will begin on Saturday, October 4, with the first two games being played in one city and the final three in the other. Barring rain, the series in both leagues will be over by Wednesday, October 8, and the World Series will begin on Saturday, October 11.

For example, if Baltimore is the East Division winner in the American League, it will host the West Division champs on October 4 and 5.

At the same time the West Division winner in the National League—say it's Cincinnati—will be taking on the East Division champs in Cincinnati.

Originally, plans called for a travel date on Monday, October 6, but they have since been scrapped and now there will be no travel date.

Respite Seen Helpful

"It was the general feeling," said Feeney, "that a travel date and the possibility of rain could result in the series lasting until Friday, October 10, and the winning team would then have to be ready to play the World Series the next day."

"We just felt that the two teams meeting in the World Series should have a day or two of rest beforehand so the Championship Series now will end on Wednesday. There will be no travel date."

If there is a tie in any one of the four divisions in the two leagues, a one-game playoff—it's okay to use that word in this case—will be held and the winner declared divisional champ. A flip of the coin will decide the site of the one-game playoff. Also, if three teams are tied on the final day, coins will be flipped beforehand and there will be a one-game elimination playoff with the third team drawing a bye

and then meeting the winner of the first game.

A three-way tie in any division—and it's not unlikely in the National League West Division—would really create a problem. It would push back the start of the Championship Series, National League, until Sunday, October 5.

The regular season ends on Thursday, October 2. One playoff game would be played October 3 and the other October 4.

Financial arrangements for the league championship series and the World Series already have been decided. They will be the most lucrative slices of the melon in baseball history.

Dodgers Hold Mark

The largest share ever awarded a player on a winning World Series team was the \$12,794 each member of the Los Angeles Dodgers received in 1963. The largest share any losing player received went to the same Dodgers in 1966 when they received \$8,189.36 each for scoring two runs and losing four straight to Baltimore.

Under the new set-up, the losing team in each divisional playoff will receive a guaranteed \$5,000.

The winners of each league championship get nothing except that by winning they automatically advance to the World Series where they will be guaranteed \$10,000 for just competing.

Baseball has reached a parity in that respect with professional football, which has a \$15,000-\$10,000 guarantee for competing teams in the Super Bowl.

Baseball's new payoff for runner-up teams in the divisional championship series is better than some World Series winners were receiving not too many years ago. A team finishing second best in its league is now assured of a \$5,000 payoff.

Others benefiting from the big melon are the top three teams in each division, who will share in some way or other in the final Series pool. Six teams in each league will collect in one way or another and a dozen teams in all will receive post-season checks. That's a 50 percent payoff to the 24 teams in the two leagues.

NBC Has Air Rights

The National Broadcasting Co., which has the exclusive World Series radio and TV rights, also picked up the rights to the league championship series in each loop.

Games in the East Division series will start at 1 p. m. each day except in cities like Baltimore, where baseball is prohibited before 2 o'clock on Sundays.

Games in West Division cities will start three hours later. Only on Sunday, October 5, will both games start at 1 p. m. local time. That's because NBC has a contract to televise American Football League games the same afternoon. Presumably they will do the baseball playoff game first and the football game later.

According to Carl Lindemann, sports director for NBC, games in the eastern time zone will be televised starting at 1 p. m. with the games in the western time zone being televised three hours later.

No blackouts are planned. As in the World Series, games will be on national TV and they will be available to fans in the competing cities.

Gandil: 'I'll Go to My Grave With a Clear Conscience'

By DWIGHT CHAPIN

The old man sits in his living room with the shades drawn to protect against the heat of a mid-summer day in Calistoga, Calif.

A jackhammer working on the street outside clanks and roars, but the voice of Charles Arnold (Chick) Gandil rises above it.

"Exonerated," he keeps saying. "We were exonerated. But that damned Judge Landis took more power than the courts and we were blacklisted for all time. I want to know on what grounds baseball did this to us."

Chick Gandil is 82 years old and for 50 of those years he has lived with a skeleton in his closet—the skeleton of baseball's greatest scandal, the Chicago Black Sox of 1919.

Some have said that Chick Gandil, the big, tough first baseman, was the ringleader who made the deal with the gamblers to conspire to throw the World Series against Cincinnati.

But he says now:

"I never confessed. And five of the eight players who were accused of throwing the Series didn't."

Of the eight, just Gandil and shortstop Charles (Swede) Risberg are still alive. Death has taken the others—Fred Ciccotte, Oscar (Happy) Felsch, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Fred McMullin, George (Buck) Weaver and Claude (Lefty) Williams.

Smoker for 70 Years

Chick Gandil says that he has been smoking 70 of his 82 years ("I guess if it hasn't hurt me yet, it's not going to") and he was chain-smoking and nervously crushing out the butts as he talked.

"I have," he said, "taken an awful beating in this thing. But it's all on record. My hits won two of the games against the Reds. If I'd been trying to throw the Series, would I have tried to win those games?"

"If anybody wants to say I looked terrible, at bat or in the field, let them get the papers and look it up. If I'd been hooked up with the gamblers, they wouldn't have let me live after I got those base-hits."

The record does show that Gandil drove in the first two runs in the third game with a single as Dickie Kerr beat the Reds, 3-0. And in the sixth game, he singled in the winning run for Kerr as the White Sox won again, 5-4.

The years have erased some of the memories. Gandil says the eight banished players "never kept



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much touch, any of us."

But some things don't go away.

"I had trouble with my appendix in 1919, during the season," Gandil said. "But old Comiskey (Charles Comiskey, the White Sox owner), he said freeze it and go ahead and play, that they'd operate on me at the end of the season."

Never Again at \$4,000

"I went ahead and played for that \$4,000 he was paying me. I told him I'd never play again for that. I wanted \$6,000. I told him I'd quit if I didn't get it and I did quit, after the 1919 season."

"Eddie Collins, our second baseman, was the only one of our players who was making big money and he had it written into his contract when Chicago got him from Philadelphia. Take Lefty Williams now—as good a pitcher as there was in the American League—he was only making around \$3,000."

"Comiskey was an awful guy. But you know, there was something you had to admire about him."

Gandil moved to Calistoga several years ago. "I had carbuncles and I wanted to get rid of them," he said. There are mineral springs and mud baths here.

Calistoga has been something

of a sanctuary for him in his twilight years. But newspapers and magazines come into his home. He shows you his clippings, with reference to the Chicago Black Sox. The references are heavily marked in pencil and pen.

"They won't let it die," he said.

"What was said about me, starting right with the trial, made me want to start a suit," he said, "but my mother talked me out of it. She didn't want the publicity, so I went along with her."

"But from now on, I'm gonna sue the hell out of all of them. I'm tired of taking it after all these years."

His consuming ambition is still to have his name cleared somehow by baseball.

He has children, grandchildren, and he worries a lot about what they might have to suffer because of the scandal.

"I've been talking to Melvin Belli, the lawyer," he said, "and he's interested in my case. He knows there's a lot wrong with baseball and he thinks maybe we can do something about it."

Advice for Kids

"I advise all kids who are thinking of going into baseball to get themselves an education or a trade. I was awfully lucky to have a trade to fall back on. I was a plumber. When baseball is through with you, it will can you, quick."

"I wrote to Judge Landis three times, asking to be reinstated. He never even had the courtesy to answer me."

"I only wish I'd kept copies of the letters—I didn't. Landis was the 'Big II.' What the hell gave him the authority to do what he did to us—bar us, take away our livelihood, the way he did?"

Over the years, Gandil estimates that he has received 300-400 letters from kids, asking for autographs. Most of them, he says, don't mention the Black Sox.

"I would like to have worked with kids, coached them," he said, "but I never could. There was always the chance that something, some little thing, would come up."

In the end, that's always how it is. There is no escaping the thing.

"I guess," he said, "that I have been made the goat because I was the only one of the players who quit after the 1919 season. It was just that I wanted more money from Comiskey. Is that wrong? These young players get more to sign now than I got in an entire career."

"I'll tell you this. I'm going to my grave with a clear conscience."

Hatton Helped Santo Overcome Jittery Start

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works any harder. The fact that he has won a Gold Glove six straight times for being named third baseman of THE SPORTING NEWS' N. L. All-Star fielding teams and holds all kinds of fielding records is the result of constant practice.

"I owe Grady Hatton the most for making me a good-fielding third baseman," said Santo. "After I had been signed out of Franklin High in Seattle, my first club in professional baseball was San Antonio, managed by Hatton."

"Grady was a third baseman himself and he immediately took me in hand."

I fielded the ball pretty well, but my throwing was awful.

"I was having a terrible time the first month. I believe I was

hitting only .150 and already had 15 errors."

"The writers were saying I was too young and inexperienced and ought to be sent down to a lower minor league club."

"It was close to cutdown time and I went to Grady and told him I was sure I could play for San Antonio, now that I was getting over my nervousness. Well, he said he'd keep me. And he didn't regret it, because I hit four hom-

(Editor's Note: The Ron Santo cover of this week's issue represents the first reproduction of an oil painting by THE SPORTING NEWS. The painting was made by Chris Sherry for McDonald's Oil Portraits, a new enterprise of Tommy McDonald, former National Football League star.)

ers that first week and finished the season batting .327 and driving in 87 runs."

Ron knows only one way to play the game. And that's to give it everything he has.

He's naturally aggressive, but he learned about drive and hustle when he still was a youngster in Seattle. And the one he credits most for instilling him with the right attitude is the late Fred Hutchinson.

"Hutch was the manager at Seattle when I was ballboy there in 1955," recounted Santo.

"Just having a ability isn't enough," Hutch told me. 'You have to have the desire to go along with it.'

"It left quite an impression on me," said Santo. "And I've played that way all my life."