

SUPERBAS SET FAST PACE IN BEATING THE CUBS

Play Another Game of the Sort That Wins Pennants and Arouses High Hopes—Fielders Remarkably Steady and Hits Are Bunched Effectively—Smith Gives Thrilling Exhibition.

By "RICE" OLD SUBSCRIBER calls up to ask how the winning percentage of a ball team is determined. We tell him, to add the number of games won to the number lost, and divide that into the total won. He says much obliged, most courteously, and we hope he buys the paper this afternoon and finds that the Brooklyn Superbas have won 90 and lost 57, which, being added, give a total of 147. Dividing that into 90, we have a percentage of .612. It would have been 89 won and 58 lost if Sherrerd Smith had not uncorked about his best game of the season yesterday, when he pitched the last of the six with the Chicago Cubs and shut them out by 2 to 0.

Today we have with us the Phillies for the first of three games in three days, and, as a trust fund for themselves and the fans of Flatbush and environs, the Brooklyn Superbas have a lead of one and one-half games on those Phils. It is a small lead, but their own, and Flatbush's, as Shakespeare would have written if his knowledge of baseball had extended beyond a "palpable hit." The Phillies would have to win two games in a row to pass the Superbas, and if they won two and lost one, they would get hence to Philadelphia still in second place, to finish the season with six games in four days with the Boston Braves.

No game was played by the Phillies yesterday, and George Whitted, their eminent left fielder, who has become one of the best ball players extant, had a box seat at Ebbets Field to see the smearing of the Cubs. While George and his pals were idling, the Superbas advanced half a game, which was no small matter in these parlous times. Furthermore, the Superbas advanced against Jim Vaughn, who has been a sort of terror to them for several years, and they did it by playing the kind of ball worthy of a contender in the World's Series. Only seven games remain in the regular season, and we are coming to believe that the Superbas are in a spurt that will carry them through those seven at top speed.

Back in Their Stride. The Superbas had every right to be nervous yesterday. Loss would have meant meeting the Phillies with a lead of half a game and with the reasonable certainty that they would have a face Alexander twice in three days.

Not a sign of nervousness was displayed. The Superbas stuck to their knitting in the field and at bat with all the confidence and assurance expressed before the last election in New York. They were not hitting Jim Vaughn, a southpaw of parts, to any large and appreciable extent. In fact, in the nine innings they touched Jim for exactly five hits, which were just as many as the Cubs made off Sherrerd Smith, also southpaw, who pitched in the pinch in the seventh inning. George Cutshaw opened with a single in the true Cutshawian style, so to speak, and Mike Mowrey sacrificed with much noise and Ivan Olson banged a single that brought in Cutshaw from second.

That was the sort of stuff of which champions are made. It is the cleanest-cut performance of the team in some time. True, the Superbas already had a lead of 1 1/2 games on the Phils, and Jake Daubert tripling off the first two balls pitched by Vaughn in the first inning, but one run was not many, and what the gang needed was another to give Smith an edge against the ordinary adversaries of the pastime. The run was produced by Messrs. Cutshaw, Mowrey and Olson, and many thanks for the same.

Smith a Fine Fielder. It will be remembered that on Monday, in the first game, Sherrerd Smith pitched to one batter, who was expensive Kelly, a pinch hitter. Expensive bounced a high one to Smith and Smith rather gummied the chance. He was severely hit, but he did not see the ball until it started to come down, because of the sun.

That same Smith yesterday gave as nifty an exhibition of fielding his position in the box as a fan could expect to see. He had already established the record heretofore for great stunts by pitchers when he went in for Rucker against the Phils in the eighth inning of the second game at Ebbets Field on June 24, with men on first and third, made a marvelous pick up and scooped the throw on Doyle's slow roller, and snagged George Burns at the plate.

That play has stood out in our mind more than any other this year, but Smith was not the only one who was nifty. In the fifth, he was strictly on the job and threw out a Cut at the plate, hitting another run. It should be further remarked that upon Stengel's wonderful throw from the right field fence, squarely into Mike Myers, Daubert's out by first inning, when Stengel was making a vain effort to catch Flack going from second to third on Sater's fly, Smith not only backed up third but he backed it up with a double play, the proper distance behind Mowrey.

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PICKED TO STOP THE PHILLIES TODAY

Terminal-Keen Racing Witnessed.



Baseball Writers to Dine Superbas, if They Win

Big Banquet of the Fans Planned as a Testimonial to Robbie and His Clan—Noted Men to Toast the Athletes.

Pennants are few and far between, Brooklyn speaking, and the Brooklyn Chapter of the Baseball Writers Association of America, U. S. A., has deemed it fitting that it celebrate the prospective pennant of the 1916 Brooklyn National League team with the big eat at the Ritz, Brooklyn, upon a date to be announced later. The 1916 Superbas will be the guests of honor at the banquet, which will be held at the Ritz, Brooklyn, upon a date to be announced later.

Major Matters

Twenty-three straight for the Giants, but a narrow squeak. Herzog won yesterday's game with his triple in the ninth inning.

George Stallings will not die easy. He announces now that he will stop the Giants with Dick Rudolph. But Dick seems to have gone a little stale from overwork.

Although they tied the count in the ninth inning the Yankees were unable to hold their own, and lost out in the tenth to the Red Sox, 3 to 2. Shockers' wildness lost the game.

So, if the Sox can win without Bill Carrigan being on the job, what is the answer? Why, Jack Barry. Barry was on the coaching lines yesterday, directing the Boston play.

All things point toward Barry's being appointed manager of the Red Sox, as Bill Carrigan has reiterated his statement that he will retire, and Donovan, over in Buffalo, says he intends to remain in the club, a strict League champion.

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Harvard Secures New Track Coach

(Special to The Eagle.) The necessity of bolstering Harvard track teams in the field events will be met this year with a new coach to have charge of the weight men and jumpers. Dr. Burton C. Morrill, formerly track coach at Bowdoin and last year the coach at Purdue University, has signed a contract to watch out for the field men. He will be assisted in this department by Ellery H. Clark, who last year helped to develop the men.

HUNTS MEET OPENS WITH A BIG BOOM

Society Out in Force at Belmont Terminal-Keen Racing Witnessed.

(Special to The Eagle.) Belmont Park Terminal, L. I., September 28—The first of the autumn meeting of the United Hunts Racing Association here yesterday was a pronounced success from every possible angle. The racing was of a high order and the stands were thronged with society in its brightest colors.

The day was ideal, and because of that the attendance at the meeting far exceeded the fondest expectations of the officials of the association.

Steeplechase racing of the highest type was witnessed. Every event was hotly contested, and the general public thrilled the crowds in the stands. The Autumn Steeplechase Handicap, with a cup presented by Harry Payne Whitney as the principal prize, was the feature event of the afternoon. It was won by the Duke of Duluth by a head from M. J. Shannon.

In the opening race of two miles, over the brush course, Ormead won after a fine start on the stretch with Grey Leg and Etesian. Herbert L. Pratt won a race in which his horse finished fourth. Socony was named first after winning four of the five races, when the first three horses were disqualified for roughing it.

Runs Quarter in .74 3-5 On His 61st Birthday

(Special to The Eagle.) Boston, Mass., September 28—Twenty years ago, on the 28th of September, he was born in the town of Harvard in 1880, Thornton H. Simmons celebrated his 61st birthday yesterday by enacting the quartet-mile race in 61 seconds at Harvard Stadium.

Starting from the long stretch, he was paced by the Rev. Dr. James E. Farrar long since appointed himself chaplain of the Superbas, and probably will be there. The Right Rev. Mons. E. W. McCarthy, Rabbi Nathan Krass and others also will be invited. County Clerk William E. Kelly, Borough President Lewis H. Pounds, Eric Palmer, secretary to Mr. Pounds, and president of the Brooklyn Press Club; John H. McCooey, Jake Livingston and similar pillars of the community, with every sort of degree of fan, will sample the soup and crack the nuts. It should be a great night.

Sunday School League Plans a Busy Season

The regular quarterly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Sunday School Athletic League will be held tonight in the Central Branch Y. M. C. A., 65 Hanson place. President William J. Honan desires every member to be present in order that plans for a most active fall and winter season may be quickly put into operation.

A successful baseball season has just been concluded; the three leading teams finishing as follows: Central Presbyterian, St. Luke's E. L., and the Boston Athletic Club. In addition, the regular athletic meets held throughout the season, it is expected that the usual basketball and bowling tournaments will be held and the members of the schools are urged to write the secretary, at 55 Hanson place, for particulars.

Flatbush S. S. A. L. Plans a Big Meet

The Flatbush Sunday School Athletic League will hold its first annual outdoor meet on Saturday, October 7, at E. S. A. L. Field, Avenue K and East Sixteenth street. In case of postponement, the meet will be run off one week later, at the same place.

There will be four events open to registered A. U. athletes, and six to members of the league. Handsome prizes have been selected, and from the entries to date, the officials of the league are sanguine that the first annual meet will be a success.

CORC GAMES NEXT SUNDAY.

The annual games of the Cork football team, under the auspices of the County Cork Men's Association, will be held in Celtic Park next Sunday. There will be two football matches, one between the Cork and the Cork and one hurling match, Clare against Cork. The music will be by Professor Lynch's orchestra. The arrangements for the event are in charge of the Cork Athletic Club.

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The Dope on the Pennant Races

NATIONAL. Brooklyn being one and a half games ahead of the Phillies, due to that thrilling victory over the Cubs yesterday while the Phillies were idle, it will take the loss of all three games in the series with Philadelphia to knock Uncle Robbie's boys off the top of the ladder. Boston's sixth straight win over the Pirates kept the Braves three and a half games behind, and the Giants' twenty-third straight victory kept them six and a half games to the rear. Two more games will decide whether the Giants can take their place. The series with the Braves will tell the tale. The dope:

Table with columns for National and American leagues, listing teams and their records.

Work of the Superba Pitchers to Date

Table showing statistics for Superbas pitchers, including names, wins, losses, and other metrics.

Brooklyn vs. Phila. At Ebbets Field Tomorrow 3 P. M.

Advertisement for Clermont S. C. featuring a portrait of a man and text about a golf tournament.