

RACE MAY BE A DEAD HEAT

So Close are Leaders in American League that Possibility of Tie Now Be Talked of.

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New York, Aug. 29.—Three American League teams—New York, Washington and Detroit—are romping down the finish line in the pennant race less than 20 points apart, and there is a possibility that the race may end in a dead heat. What would happen in the event of a triangular tie is a question that has puzzled more than one fan.

The first step would be meeting the league's board of directors. The directors would probably would order a special series to determine the championship. Then the question would rise as to what kind of a series should be played. Probably it would be a "sudden death" affair.

Suppose the three leading contenders did finish in a tie. Would New York, for instance, play Washington first and then play Detroit, while Washington and Detroit also played off in a series? If it were played off that way another tie might result. For New York might win from Washington, Washington might win from Detroit, and Detroit might win from New York. That would give a victory each to New York, Washington and Detroit and the whole process would have to be started over.

In the case of a "sudden death" series, the three contenders would draw for places in the first clash and one would draw a bye. Suppose New York and Washington were brought together in the first draw. They would play as many games as the board of directors ordered and the team which came out at the little end of the horn would be eliminated.

The winner then would play Detroit for the final honors. If the team that won in the first clash also defeated Detroit, there would be no question about supremacy, as it would have defeated both its rivals.

But if Detroit won in the final series, the loser in the first series would have some grounds for a howl to the effect that it could have beaten Detroit had it been given the chance.

Should a tie result between two clubs at the end of the season, the question would go to the board of directors in the same way, but their decision would be much easier. It would be a simple case of deciding how many games should be played to determine the winner. The chances are that the owners of the competing clubs would have something to say about it. If they wished for a series they might get it, though in the general interest of the sport it probably would be better to settle it with a single game. If a series were undertaken it might drag out because of bad weather and seriously interfere with the world series.

There can be no permanent tie declared at the end of the season, because the order of the league is that a championship must be effected. If it should happen that the teams seemed to be tied, but the carrying out of the decimal point would give one team an advantage, the championship would go to that team, exactly as in individual ball player's average in field or at bat is determined by carrying the decimal further than three places if necessary.

Championships are determined on a percentage basis instead of the old fashioned method of victories and defeats because so many vexatious situations arose when an attempt made was to reckon victories by the latter method. For instance, a club would claim that if it had four victories over the third place team and another club also claiming the title had only three, its victories over the strong third place club should be the deciding factor, regardless of the fact that defeats by other clubs had brought its average down to its competitor's level.

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GAME FOR THE SAKE

New York, Aug. 29.—As showing that strenuous though tennis may be a game it does not burn out its stars too rapidly, hold former champions in the national singles tourney now in progress at Forest Hills. Tilden has been national champion for four years. William M. Johnston has been twice upon the throne, the first time nine years ago, and Norris Williams won his first championship ten years ago and the other eight years back.

It depends pretty much upon how much a man makes of his game. Maurice McLoughlin, was indeed the meteor which tennis enthusiasts held him to be. But like an comet, the brilliancy of his flame was out of all proportion to the endurance thereof. No man gave an impression of so great an expenditure of sheer physical energy as McLoughlin and his quick decline was the penalty.

Tilden plays with an immense amount of reserve when he wishes to. But when he gives he gives lavishly of his energy. The point is he is not always giving. Norris Williams has never killed himself by overwork on the courts and Bill Johnston while active as a cat does not throw away energy unnecessarily.

But for sheer conservation of physical resources Watson Washburne may be commended. He moves over a court with the grave deliberation of a professor studying some esoteric chart. Washburne wins by brains and where physical activity and brains are opposed to him he always loses; but not otherwise.

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Houston, 4;	Philadelphia, 1.		
Cincinnati, 4;	Pittsburgh, 5.		
St. Louis, 12;	Chicago, 5.		
Standing of Teams			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	75	47	.615
Pittsburgh	71	51	.582
Brooklyn	70	54	.564
Chicago	67	56	.545
Cincinnati	66	61	.520
St. Louis	54	72	.430
Philadelphia	47	75	.385
Boston	45	79	.363

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Friday's Scores			
Chicago, 4;	Cleveland, 5.		
Washington, 5;	New York, 1.		
Philadelphia, 1;	Boston, 5.		
Detroit, 9;	St. Louis, 3.		
Detroit, 6;	St. Louis, 7.		
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The Sportsman

By Walter Camp

New York, Aug. 29.—"Rabbit" Maranville, the former joy of the scrappy fan, says that the game of baseball is becoming too scientific and that there no longer is enough fight in it. This brings up the old question once more, whether all the life is being leached out of competitive sports.

Baseball, by edict of those who control the clubs, can be made a

Question—First batter hit for three bases. Next batter struck out. The catcher dropped the ball and the man on third tried to get home. Catcher put him out at the plate. Runner on third was next up. Could he go to bat after being caught at home?
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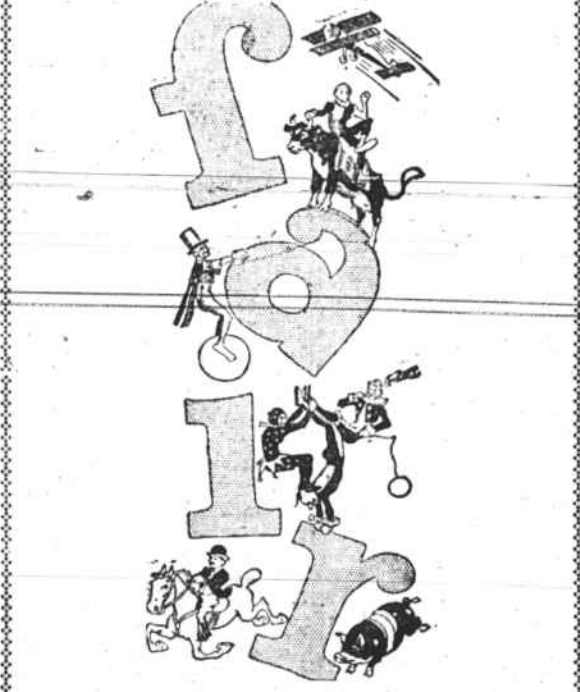
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