

# Benton Baffles White Sox and Giants Win a Game

## TELLING STICK-WORK WON THIRD GAME FOR GIANTS

McGraw's Men, Cheered on By Home Rooters, Went After Cicotte With a Will in Fourth and Batted Out Two Runs—Benton's Grand Box Work.

New York, Oct. 10.—Cheered on by thousands of loyal rooters, the New York Nationals turned desperately upon the Chicago Americans in the third game of the world's series here this afternoon and shut out their inter-league rivals 2 to 0. It was an entirely different appearing team that faced the White Sox at the Polo Grounds. For the first time since the present struggle for the baseball honors began, the Giants fought and won both victories and the breaks of the game.

As was the case in the initial contest in Chicago, the struggle developed into a pitchers' battle, but today it was Eddie Cicotte who was forced to bow before the prowess of the sweeping bats of the Giants. Pitted against Benton, the star of the White Sox hurling corps, he fought a valiant but fruitless battle, refusing to allow Cicotte's team to make a run to ease the strain. Only six of the visitors reached first, five on hits and one on a fielder's choice, and of these only two saw second base.

Played With a Dash.—Behind Benton the Giants played with a dash and brilliancy which were completely missing in the two preceding games. Despite Cicotte's fine control and deceptive curves, they smashed into the delivery of the White Sox pitching star in the fourth inning and hammered out the two runs which spelled victory and restored their confidence for the contests to come.

After the game the Nationals expressed the belief that they would be able to repeat tomorrow and start eastward again tonight. The downpour of the Thursday night on even terms with the Chicago combination when the outlook for a break in the series of defeats was not too bright.

For three and a half innings the opposing boxmen had proved invincible and the thirty odd thousand fans present were settling down for a hurrying duel when Robertson sprang into the calcium glare of fame. He ended the White Sox fourth inning attempt to penetrate the pitching of Benton with a great running catch of Gandil's long, hurried himself against the concrete wall of the grand stand and plucked the ball from the grasp of the catcher. He missed the catch, but as it was about to strike the wall, he had missed the catch, but as it was about to strike the wall, he had missed the catch.

Robertson's Little Effort.—But Robertson was not done. He doffed his fielder's glove and stepping into the batter's box, hurled a ball and called a sharp-breaking, low ball and drove it far into the outfield and on toward the fence and bounded away from their grasp. Robertson was sliding into first base when the ball was returned to the infield.

Holke followed with a two-base drive to left field, scoring Robertson. Hardin, playing in the second battle at catcher, advanced his teammate to third with a sacrifice, Cicotte to second. Benton could not follow Cicotte's curves and struck out. He bled in place of him, and then took the ball away from Catcher Schaik and, after examining it carefully, threw it into the Giants' dugout, while the crowd, scenting the "shine ball," roared vociferously.

When Cicotte hurled up a new white ball Burns hit a puzzling, slow grounder toward third which scored Holke, who was half way to the plate when but for Cicotte. He finally captured the spiers and tried to retire Burns at first, but his throw was wild and the batter continued on to second.

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win of Saturday, the winning pitcher was forced to deliver more balls than his defeated rival. Benton today pitched a total of 107 balls to Cicotte's 97, just as Cicotte, in his victorious game, hurled 101 balls to Salles's 88. During the nine innings which Benton pitched the Giants' grandstander hurled 26 strikes, 88 balls, 16 foul balls. Cicotte, pitching 97 times, secured 27 strikes, 13 foul strikes, gave 55 balls, and was fouled five times. He reached him for eight hits, went out 16 times on fielding plays and J. Mullins' two errors on Kauff's drive accounted for the remainder.

While there was little, if any, advantage between the two pitchers, it appeared to many as the Benton had more on the ball than Cicotte. His delivery came up with wide sweeping curves or broke with almost right-angle giants, which had the popping up most of the time. The Chicago twirler varied his pitching to a greater extent than Benton, and his control was as perfect as usual. To those who saw him work in the initial contest, it appeared as if he did not have as sharp a curve or break as Saturday, when he turned back the Giants with seven hits and one run. His record today was eight hits and two runs, while Benton let the White Sox down with five hits, no two coming in one inning.

Some Details.—Cicotte fanned eight Giants to Benton's five. Burns, Holke and Benton all fell before the Chicago hurler's slants, while Benton's only double strike-out victim was Cicotte. The New York team had twice as many runners stranded on the bases as the White Sox, the count being eight to four. Robertson led all the players, with three hits in four times at bat, for a total of five bases, while, of Chicago's five hits, Eddie Collins and Weaver each secured two. Neither Kauff nor Jackson had a fielding chance, and neither pitcher gave a base on balls, and none of the five errors contributed in any way to the score.

The total attendance was 33,516, and the receipts \$7,351. Of this amount, the players receive \$3,463.74, each club \$13,154.88, and the National Commission \$7,000. Neither the attendance nor receipts did the figures of today's game equal several world series contests played at the Polo Grounds.

The few vacant seats in either bleachers or stands were not visible from the field, and the thousands roared loudly and frequently for the Giants. The White Sox, however, were not friendly, for there was a delegation of some hundreds from Chicago, and those supporters lost no opportunity to cheer on their favorite. The stern cautioning by the umpires against "riding" of opponents was effective, and there was no quarrel among the players and no disputing of the umpires' decisions.

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With Cicotte turned back for a few days, at least, the Giants' supporters are looking for McGraw to start either Schupp or Salles in the next game, but the New York manager would give no hint of his plans tonight. He confined his remarks to a statement that at last the team had got going, and that he expected them to continue the winning pace from now on. So far as could be learned from the Chicago team headquarters, Manager Rowland's choice for tomorrow's game probably will lie between Faber and Russell.

In the eagerness to start the game, Umpire Klem forgot that Max Mitchell was to throw out the first ball, and had called "Play ball" before some drew the attention to the omission. When the mayor had performed his duty, John Collins of the White Sox stepped to the plate.

USUAL WAIT FOR OTTAWA.—There will be no meeting of the National Hockey Association until a week from Saturday, and Ottawa will have to declare its intentions, like all the other clubs, will have to send out contracts to the players on reserves before the 15th of this month or have them all declared

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Chicago	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	New York	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
J. Collins, 1b.	4	0	0	1	0	0	Burns, 1b.	4	0	1	1	0	0
McMullin, 3b.	4	0	0	1	0	0	Herzog, 2b.	4	0	0	1	0	0
E. Collins, 2b.	4	0	2	2	0	0	McMullin, 3b.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Jackson, rf.	3	0	1	5	0	0	Fletcher, ss.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Feich, cf.	3	0	1	5	0	0	Robertson, cf.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Gandil, lb.	3	0	0	6	0	0	Holke, lb.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Weaver, ss.	3	0	0	9	0	0	Robertson, cf.	4	1	1	1	0	0
Schaik, c.	3	0	2	2	0	0	McMullin, 3b.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Cicotte, p.	3	0	0	1	0	0	Benton, p.	2	0	1	7	4	0
Totals	31	0	5	24	6	3	Totals	33	2	8	27	14	2

Summary—Two-base hits—Robertson, Stolen bases—Robertson, Sacrifice hits—Robertson, Left on bases—Chicago 4, New York 8. First base on errors—New York 2. Earned runs—Off Cicotte 2. Struck out—By Cicotte 8, by Benton 5. Umpires—At the plate, Klem; first base, O'Loughlin; second base, Evans; third base, Rigler. Time—1:55.

free agents by President Frank Robinson, which would mean that any other club could annex them.

This Ottawa is not likely to defer. They only paid Toronto \$750 last season for Denny alone. So it is more than likely that Ottawa will take another chance at the senior professional game with the other N.H.A. club next winter.

LAKE SHORE OFFICERS.—The annual meeting of the Lake Shore Bowling League was held at the board of trade rooms. The following officers were elected for 1918: President C. Bonnik, Long Branch, vice-president, A. W. Briggs, Port Credit; secretary, E. S. Munroe, Port Credit; patrons, D. O. Cameron, Oakville; J. A. Harrison and T. M. and A. P. Ford. Prizes were presented to Messrs. J. Boas and A. E. Ford.

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## ONE BAD INNING BEAT MR. CICOTTE

Giants Got in Some Telling Work in Fourth—De-tailed Story.

First Inning.—Chicago—Collins fouled out to Hardin. It was a high difficult foul near the stand. McMullin fanned, swinging hard at the last one. E. Collins singled to centre. It was a solid smash and the first hit of the game. Jackson out. Benton to Holke. No runs. One hit. No errors.

The Giants' crowd were rooting like they were behind a sure winner. They whooped it up from the first ball Benton pitched. Eddie Collins was hoed and cheered as vociferously as were Kauff and Zimmerman in the Chicago lot.

New York—Burns met the first ball Cicotte served to him for a long foul, that almost dropped into the left field stands, and then fanned. It was the first game in which Burns failed to lead off with a hit. He swung hard at the last strike. Herzog flied to the box. Cicotte was mixing a fast ball with deadly accuracy with a wide curve. Kauff was safe at second when J. Collins dropped his high fly after a hard run. Zimmerman beat out an infield hit past the box. Kauff going to third. It was his first hit of the series. Fletcher scored Zimmerman. McMullin to E. Collins. No runs. One hit. One error.

When J. Collins dropped Kauff's fly the Giants got about the first "break" they have received in the series. The crowd set up a terrific din, rooting for a run. Cicotte was as cool as ice.

Second Inning.—Fletcher fouled to Holke. Gandil fouled to Holke. Weaver singled to left centre. He drove the second ball on a line past second base. Weaver stole second when Fletcher dropped Richardson's perfect throw. It was an error for Fletcher. Schaik flied to Burns. No runs. One hit. One error.

Burns made a nice catch for the last out. Schaik drove the ball hard, and Burns was on a dead run when he stooped for it and held it. Richardson's throw to second to catch Weaver was perfect. The Sox shortstop was first called hit, but Fletcher dropped the ball.

New York—Robertson singled to right. J. Collins hit Robertson to E. Collins, unassisted. Robertson was tagged on the base line. Richardson singled to centre. Holke taking third. It was a hit and run play well executed. Benton flied to the box. No runs. Two hits. No errors. On the throw to the plate Richardson took second. Burns fanned. He swung at the last one. No runs. Two hits. No errors.

Cicotte dedicated himself from a bad hole by using a baffling curve almost exclusively. The only fast ball Burns got was called a ball. Burns swung hard at the last one, but missed it by a foot. It was low and inside. It was his second strikeout of the game.

Third Inning.—Chicago—Cicotte fouled out to Hardin. Collins fouled a high one, which Holke got under but dropped. Collins out. Zimmerman to Holke. McMullin fouled out to Hardin. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error.

The official scorer gave Holke an error when he dropped J. Collins' foul. But for this Benton would have retired the side on two outs.

New York—Herzog fanned, swinging hard at the last one. Kauff safe at second when J. Collins missed his long fly in left. It was the second time Kauff reached second on an error by J. Collins. Zimmerman out. Weaver to Gandil. Kauff going to third. Jim hit the first base. 0 runs, 0 hits, 1 error.

With two balls called on him, Fletcher reached in error. Kauff on a squeeze play. He fouled the ball, however, and this chance for a Giant run was blasted.

Fourth Inning.—Chicago—E. Collins out. Zimmerman to Holke. Jim made a great one-hand stop, and shot the ball to first for a fast put out. Jackson out. Fletcher to second. Fletcher made a nice stop back of second. Fletcher singled to left. He hit the slow ball this time. Gandil flied to Robertson. Robertson was a terrific smash, that approached tickets for the stands.

Chicago—Robertson tripped to right field. It was a powerful smash that hit the bleacher wall. Jackson fell down in the crowd. The following officers were elected for the evening year. Honorary president, Bishop Reese, Dr. A. C. Crews, R. G. Hunter, president, Malcolm Suni, vice-president, D. J. McKinnon, secretary, W. H. Perry, directors, Mrs. E. Sprague, K. B. O'Brien, J. L. Clarke and A. P. Ford. Prizes were presented to Messrs. J. Boas and A. E. Ford.

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Up to this time the White Sox had pitched for only three hits. Only twenty batters had faced the Giant pitcher. He showed a great change of pace, and had the Sox batters completely on his staff.

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Total receipts, \$7,351.00.  
National Commission's share, \$7,308.00.  
Players' share, \$443.  
Each club's share, \$13,154.88.

Eight Innings.—Chicago—Weaver safe at second on a Texas leaguer over second. Weaver was given a two-base hit by the official scorer. Weaver was thrown out at third by Benton on Schaik's roller to the box. Schaik was safe at first. Cicotte fanned and Schaik was doing very well. Benton to Herzog. No runs. One hit. No errors.

New York—Jim lined to E. Collins. Fletcher flied to J. Collins. Robertson singled to centre. It was his third hit. Robertson stole second. Holke fanned. Third strike called. No runs. One hit. No errors.

Ninth Innings.—Chicago—Collins out. Hardin to Holke. McMullin out. Fletcher to Holke. E. Collins safe on an infield hit down first base line. The bleachers, figuring the last play as an out, swarmed onto the field and the game was called while the police cleared the field. Jackson out. Flied to Fletcher. No runs. One hit. No errors.

AMERICAN LEAGUE HEAD SHOWS RIGHT SPIRIT  
New York, N.Y., Oct. 10.—Ban B. Johnson, president of the American League and member of the National Baseball Commission, admitted today that he had volunteered for military service in following Klem's action of throwing one came to bat.

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