Baseball First Game Speed Boats Whip-Po'-Will Jr. Trotting Battle Royal Postponed Speed Boats Wins in 41.52 Trotting To Ima Jay

RAIN AT CHICAGO;

Players Spend Day Under Cover Doping Out Plays for Opener.

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Red Sox's Second-Sacker Split Finger-Probable Line-Up.

round of the battle tomorrow. leaders expressed confidence of the out-

The only outcropping of news which enlightened an otherwise dismal, gloomy session of the "hot stove" league lay in the injury to Dave Shean, the Red Sox second baseman, who split the middle finger of his throwing hand during practice, and who, it was said, may not appear in tomorrow's line-up. Jack

There were 17,000 reserved and box seats available.

Teams and Umpires.
The umpires announced for the opening contest are: Hildebrand. Owens, O'Day and Klem. and the probable lineup was given as follows:

Cubs-Flack rf., Hollocher s.s., Mann lf., Paskert c.f., Merkle 1b., Pick 2b., Deal 3b., Killifer c., Tyler or Vaughn p. Red Sox-Hooper rf., Shean 2b., Strunk c.f., Ruth lf., McInnis 1b., Scott s.s., Coffey 3b., Schang c., Mays or Bush p. In giving out the line-up, no mention was made of Fred Thomas, third-baseman, who was given a furlough from the Great Lakes Naval Training Station yesterday in order to play, and who is among the eligibles on the Boston list.
Prices of admission, including war tax, were as follows: Bleachers, 55 cents: pavilion, \$1.10: grand stand, reserved seats, \$1,65; box seats, \$3.30.

Chicago, Sept. 4.—Prevented by rain from staging the first game of the world's series today, the Chicago Nationals and Boston Red Sox spent the day under cover preparatory to the game tomorrow which, weather permitting, will inaugurate the last struggle for the premier baseball honors to be played during the war.

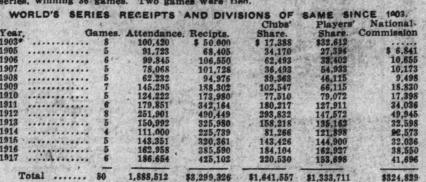
Fred Mitchell, manager of the Cubs, and Manager Barrow, of the Boston club, kept their players closely segregated to day, working out problems of defence and attack preparatory to the opening round of the battle tomorrow. Both

The world's series for baseball supremacy will be reproduced on the Playograph and Paragon Score Board at the Star Theatre, commencing today, at 3.30, when the Red Sox and Cubs clash in the opening game at Chicago.

The Cubs seem to have the call in local fandom for the big event.

What Has Happened in the World Series in Former Years





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RAINS IN BRANTFORD

Mitchell's Team Stronger in the Figures, But Sox Can Fight.

BOSTON LUCKY

Hub Has Great Record in World Series Games -Some Dope.

New York, Sept. 4.—There is one man who thinks the chances of Red Sox and Cubs for the world's series honors are even, and that is "Shortstop" the expert of The Sun, who writes:

With the nation plunged up to the hilt in the mightlest conflict the world yet has known, the 1918 world's championship baseball series, which opens in Chicago Cubs and the Boston Red Sox, hardly can expect to get the attention that in former years has been showered on the baseball classic.

Prior to America's entry into the world war interest in these games had reached such a high pitch and had become so universal that the nation practically shut up shop on the afternoon of the big contests to look on or stand around the score boards, Prominent business men have asserted that on the afternoon of world's championship games business in America and Canada would be 50 per cent. below normal.

However, in these days of relentless strife, America can give only passing attention to its former star sporting events. The former fan, now wearing a tin derby instead of his summer straw hat, and yelling defiance at the retreating Germans instead of exercising his vocal chords in behalf of his home team now is the national hero. The lad in khaki far outshines the former popular idols of the diamond—the Cobbs, Speakers and Johnsons.

Has Official Endorsement.

At that Boston may not suffer in the end by the shift of the Chicago games to the grounds of the White Sox. It will give the sensational Hooper a chance to roam the extensive south side pas-



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LAWN BOWLING

Over Two Hundred Entries Expected for East Vs. West

At the spring meeting of the D. B. T. Saturday, September 21, was selected as the date for the annual East v. West match. This has been printed in the schedules of the various clubs with the object of keeping this date open. An entry fee of \$2 per rink will be collected, and the entire proceeds will be divided between the Home for Incurable Children, on Bloor street, and the Soldiers' Bowling Fund. Entries are expected from every club within a radius of 50 miles from Toronto. Last year 212 rinks entered, and this big total is expected to be passed this season.

The draw will be made at the Granite Club on Thursday, September 19, and published in The World the following day. Send entries to R. M. Spiers, 17 Woolfrey avenue, secretary for East vs. West match. object of keeping this date open. An

FINAL FOR WALTON TROPHY.

The final game in the Walton trophy, between Riverdale and St. Matthews, will be played on Withrow Park lawn next Tuesday at 7 p.m. DOMINION SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

It is expected that the addition of a second competition in connection with the singles competition will result in an increased entry. This second competition not only means an addition to the prize list, with the opportunities of winning these prizes, but that each competitor will have at least two games. This second competition will be particularly welcome to those who make the trip to Toronto especially to play for the singles championship.

championship.

The draw will be made at the Granite Rink on Tuesday, September 10, at 8 velock, and published in the Toronto papers of Wednesday, September 11.

Entries should be sent to R. B. Rice, 60

Whip-Po'-Well Jr. Scored Five Points and Leopard II. Four

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ture, and as a defensive outfielder, especially in a world's series, Hooper never has had an equal.

It is practically a toss-up between Hooper and Eddie Collins as to which of this pair has been the most consistent world's series performer. Hooper, a player whose averages never can show his real worth to his team, starred in each of the three series in which he took part—1912, 1915 and 1916. His catch in the eighth game of the deciding series in 1912, robbing Doyle of a home run, described by McGraw as the greatest catch he ever saw, prevented New York from winning in regulation innings.

Hooper hit .290 against the Giants that fall, his lowest world's series average. He hit .350 against the Phillies in 1915, hitting two home runs in the fifth and last game, and .363 against the Dodgers, He played all around Speaker in the series in which the famous pair played

THRILLING RACING AT HARTFORD, CONN.

Ima Jay Wins the Battle Royal After a Hot Contest.

Hartford, Conni, Sept. 4.—There was scarcely a heat in today's Grand frout racing card at Charter Oak Park, which included the \$5000 Battle Royal for 206 trotters, that did not end in a hair-raising finish, in nearly every instance the horses being neck-and-neck when they passed under the wire. The greatest thrills for the big crowd were provided in the 2.04 pace, which Judge Ormond won in straight heats, but finishing under Crozier's lash on each occasion. The lead 'changed several times during the heats, but Judge Ormond displayed the necessary reserve power on each occasion when called upon.

The Battle Royal was won by Ima Jay, owned and driven by Harvey Ernest, after a hot contest with Cox's Lassie.

The heats of the 2.13 you were well contested. Bouquita Girl won the opener, but could do no better than finish second, while Minnie Arthur, seventh in the first heat, captured the second. The third went to Minnie Arthur in a driving finish, giving her the race, The summary:

The Battle Royal, for 2,06 trotters, purse \$5000:
Ima Jay (Ernest) 2 1 1
Busy Lassie (Cox) 1 4 2
Esperanza (Geers) 5 2 4
Royal Mack (Murphy) 3 3 3
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Time-2.06. 2.064. 2.0634.
2.13 trot, purse \$1000:
Minnie Arthur (Snow) 7 1 1
Bouquita Girl (Crossman) 1 5 3
Peterex (Murphy) 2 2
Belle Stanford (McDonald) 2 7 7
Frisco Worthy, Oscar Watts and Hank
Stout also started,
Time-2.03%, 2.12%, 2.09%.
Time trials:
To beat 2.18, pacing—Ruby Tramp
(Connors), won. Time 2.13%.
To beat 2.24%, pacing—Bettini (Crozier), won. Time 2.17%.
To beat 2.30, trotting—Handy Forbes
(Comnors), won. Time 2.21%.

RAIN STOPPED MATCH RACE.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 4.—The match race between William and Single G., two champion pacers, which was to have been held as the feature event of today's race program at the Indiana State Fair, was postponed on account of rain. The race, which is for a purse of \$4000, may be held Friday, it was said.

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