

CHAMPIONS DIVIDE DOUBLE WITH LEAGUE TAIL-ENDERS

Willett Holds Nationals to
Pair of Hits—Johnston
Bests Killian in
Second

BROWNS DEFEAT
ATHLETICS 2 TO 1

Score in Opening Contest 3 to
1: Washington Blanks Tigers
2 to 0 in the Last

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Washington, Sept. 21.—Two games that were fully as hotly contested as any pair that marked the series with the Athletics, and that were filled with as good baseball as any two that might be picked from any of the four played in Philadelphia, today resulted in an even break on the parts of the Tigers and Nationals.

Detroit won the opener, 3 to 1, while left opposing Dolly Gray, the left-hander who has been so troublesome to the Tigers.

A ninth inning rally, after eight rounds that made it look like the victory for the team that should first break a tie that existed from the fourth on, decided this.

McIntyre Comes Back.

In the second number Walter Johnston, alleged cripple for life, opposed Ed Killian and won a shut-out victory, 2 to 0, that was in no wise the left-hander's fault. An error cost him one run, and in the ninth inning he was fighting for the day started the day with the same number of games to play.

How the Thing Stands.

The Tigers can lose two more than the Athletics and still be tied with them at the end of the year. Each team lost a game. Those defeats balance each other. But, in addition, Detroit won one. That game is in its pocket. The Athletics have still to win their corresponding contest. If they fail they will have gained nothing. If they lose it, they will have gone back a full game, counting the half game ground lost today.

Detroit is the better placed at the end of the afternoon because it can never lose the points that the first game represents, while the Athletics may do so, and can recover nothing that they did not have this morning if they win out.

No Reason to Kick.

There are no regrets to offer for the outcome of the clashes. Detroit had the break of the luck in the opener, and it went to Washington in the second game. Willett allowed but two hits, on one of which the man making it should have been thrown out. But he kept the Detroit rooters on the anxious seat all through the game, because of his wildness.

He issued five passes, and three of these were given to the first batter of an inning. One cashed for the only run Washington made. This would not have counted save for two errors, these plays costing the Kansas a shut-out.

Credit to Bush and Cobb.

All of the Tigers played brilliant ball in the opener, but credit for the victory, and for the small number of hits made by Willett, can be given to two men. Bush played a marvellous game at short and cut off three balls that should have been safe hits. Cobb made the feature play of the day, and undoubtedly saved Detroit from defeat.

It came up in the sixth inning. There were two men on, and two out, when Leftell smacked a liner into right field. The Georgian came in on the run, dove for the ball, took it as it was about to hit the earth, and came up with it after doing a half-somersault. It was a wonderful catch, and cut off a triple and two certain scores.

First Game.

Washington, A. B. R. H. O. A. E.
Conroy, 2b. 2 0 0 2 6 0
Stanage, c. 4 0 0 1 7 2 0
O'Leary, 2b. 3 0 0 5 3 1
Willett, p. 3 0 0 0 2 0
Totals 22 0 0 27 19 2

Three-base hit—Bush. Sacrifice hits—Engelb, 2b. Stolen bases—McBride, Double play—McBride, Conroy and Engelb.

Left on bases—Washington 6, Detroit 4. First base on balls—Off Gray 2, off Willett 5. First base on errors—Washington 1. Struck out—By Gray 6, by Washington 2. Time, 1:30. Umpires, Evans and Dineen.

The Second Game.

Washington, A. B. R. H. O. A. E.
Conroy, 2b. 3 1 1 0 0 0
Milan, c. f. 3 1 1 1 0 0
Engelb, 1b. 4 0 1 1 0 0
Gessler, r. f. 4 0 1 1 0 0
Lelivelt, 1. f. 2 0 0 1 0 0
Yabe, 2b. 3 0 0 0 0 0
McBride, s. s. 2 0 1 0 6 0
Street, c. 3 0 1 8 1 0
Johnson, p. 3 0 0 2 0 1
Islattery, 1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 28 2 6 27 9 1

Detroit, A. B. R. H. O. A. E.
D. Jones, 1. f. 4 0 0 1 3 0 0
Bush, s. s. 3 0 0 2 2 0
Cobb, r. f. 3 0 0 2 0 0
Schmidt, c. 4 0 2 4 2 0
T. Jones, 1b. 3 0 1 6 0 1
O'Leary, 2b. 4 1 4 1 0 0
Kilian, p. 3 0 0 1 2 0
McIntyre, 1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 33 0 6 24 8 1

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