



1919 World Series: A Second Chance Compendium

A Second Chance look at the 1919 World Series, the players, the games, the good, the bad, and the ugly.

“Base ball is the cleanest one!”

On October 2, 1919, the day of Game One, the Philadelphia Bulletin published a poem which would quickly prove to be ironic:

Still, it really doesn't matter,
After all, who wins the flag.
Good clean sport is what we're after,
And we aim to make our brag
To each near or distant nation
Whereon shines the sporting sun
That of all our games gymnastic
Base ball is the cleanest one!



Pictured: Greasy Neale gets thrown out trying steal in the 2nd inning of Game #2.

If you're looking for scholarly work on the 1919 World Series, and the Chicago Black Sox I recommend *Scandal On The South Side* by Jacob Pomrenke, *Burying The Black Sox* by Gene Carney, or *Eight Men Out* by Eliot Asinof. I also recommend *Eight Myths Out*, a SABR compilation(<https://sabr.org/eight-myths-out>) as well as the podcast *Infamous America:Black Sox*. (<https://www.blackbarrelmedia.com/s2-infamous-america-black-sox>) If you're looking for scholarly work here, well, this newsletter has none of that. It does have a wonderful mini-bio on Lefty Williams from V's Verdun2's Blog(thanks V), a brief summary of the 1919 World Series, a DMB replay of the 1919 World Series, a moderately succesful drawing of Buck Weaver, as well as some *Eight Men Out* movie nonsense. So sit back, pour yourself a strong one(better make it two) and try to enjoy the nonsense that follows.

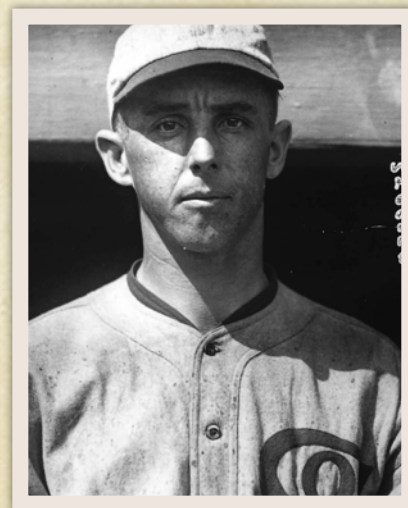


Action during Game #3 of the 1919 World Series

One Man Out

"Lefty, you shoulda listened to your wife."

Lefty Williams- Gashouse Gorillas [Verdun2's Blog](#)



In the movie "Eight Men Out" there is a wonderfully subtle scene between Swede Risberg (Don Harvey) and Lefty Williams (James Read). Risberg is pitching the fix to Williams when we hear the voice of Williams' wife (Nancy Travis) ask who's at the door. Williams responds it's a salesman and the wife replies that Williams should tell him "we don't want any." It's subtle because Risberg is actually selling something: the fix. Mrs. Williams is, in a throw off manner, offering excellent advice. Every time I see the movie I mutter to myself, "Listen to your wife, Lefty." He never does.

Claude Williams was born in Southwest Missouri in 1893. There seems to be a general belief that the 1919 White Sox were split along geographical lines with the Southerners and the Northerners squaring off in some replay of the Civil War. Ain't so. Only Joe Jackson was from the South. None of the others were from anywhere near the South except for Williams. He was from one of those border states that tore itself apart during the 1860s. Four of the counties in deep southwest Missouri were evacuated and turned into something like a free fire zone by the Federal Government during the Civil War. The idea was that anyone found in those counties was a bushwhacker and subject to immediate arrest and/or execution. After the war the returned citizens in those counties became some of the biggest supporters of anti-government rebels (and general thugs) like Cole Younger and Jesse James. Williams' family, from Aurora, came from one of those counties. I don't know how seriously they identified with the South, but I suspect it had an impact on their son.

Williams became one of the rarest of baseball commodities, a good left-handed pitcher. He played semipro ball in Springfield, Missouri, starred in the Appalachian League, and was picked up by Detroit in 1913. He wasn't an instant success going 1-4 over two years and picking up a save. He had a good curve, but neither his control nor the curve were what the Tigers wanted. They sent him to Sacramento after one game in 1914. He spent the rest of the season there, then slid over to Salt Lake City for 1915. He pitched well enough in Salt Lake (33 wins and 294 strikeouts) to get the attention of the White Sox.

He debuted in Chicago in 1916 and was a lot better than he'd been at Detroit. With better control and a wicked curve he became a staple of the ChiSox staff. He was 30-15 over two seasons, pitched a lot of innings, but didn't finish many games. In the 1917 World Series he pitched in one game (one inning). He gave up a run on two hits and struck out three.

In 1918, he joined Jackson, his roommate, and others doing Naval shipyard work in lieu of joining the military. I've hit this before in other posts, so I'm not going into detail about it here. He was back for 1919 and won 20 games for the first time (23). He was third in innings pitched, first in games pitched, and for the only time in a full season had an ERA+ over 100 (121). The Sox went to the World Series for the second time in three seasons. Williams started and lost three games. In 1920 he was off to a 22-14 start with a huge ERA and led the American League in home runs allowed when the Black Sox scandal broke. Along with the other players he was acquitted by a jury but banned by baseball.

Williams, as with the rest of the Black Sox, played outlaw ball. He continued playing through 1927. He moved to California and opened a landscaping business and nursery. It was reasonably successful and provided both financial stability and a life away from the harsh glare of the scandal. He died in 1959.

There is a story in Asinof's "Eight Men Out" that a gambler threatened Williams the night before game eight that the gambler would shoot Williams' wife if Williams survived the first inning (it's also in the movie). Asinof, years later, admitted he made up the story to catch plagiarism. I guess that's so. The story always worried me, but you never know. In my book, Williams has been one of the more sympathetic figures in the Black Sox Scandal (at least as far as any of these jerks can be sympathetic). He seems to have agreed to throw the World Series, gotten a little cold feet, overrode them and decided that the money was good, eventually overriding his conscience. I have to admit that I've done that too (overrode my conscience, not thrown the Series). Still, Lefty, you shoulda listened to your wife.

THE 1919 WORLD SERIES AS IT HAPPENED

The Chicago White Sox, winner of the 1917 World Series were 3-to-1 favorites just before the start of the 1919 Fall Classic. Eight(Maybe 7) members of the soon to be Black Sox, along with New York gambler Arnold Rothstein and friends, moved those odds on game day to 8-to-5 in favor of the Reds.



“Chicago White Sox dope to win the World Series in five out of eight games.”- Hugh Fullerton

When Eddie Cicotte hit Morrie Rath with the 2nd pitch of the game, (Cicotte had just 2 HBP in the entire 1919 season) Rothstein and his cronies were confident that the fix was on. Cicotte would last 3.2 innings getting pulled after allowing 5 straight hits, which included a triple, one of two on the day, by Reds’ starter Dutch Reuther. (Reuther, a left-hander was the 14th straight lefty to start a World Series game by National League pitchers.) The Reds won easily by a score of 9-1. The White Sox got just 6 hits, all singles, which included 2 hits by fix ringleader Chick Gandil.

“ That dirty louse, Cicotte, shook off my curve ball signs. He didn’t want to throw the curve ball. Now why in hell did he do that? Kept shaking me off,”- Ray Schalk

“ The White Sox are supposed to be a great ball club, but no team to my knowledge was ever defeated by so large a score in the opening game of the World Series where each contender was at its best”- Christy Mathewson



“When an 8 to 5 favorite in a World’s Series is beaten by a score of 9 to 1 in the first game, it looks as if all the dope has been upset and all the wise experts are cuckoos. Something was wrong, and it looks as if it was nothing else but overconfidence on the part of the Chicago’s team.”- James Cruisinberry

Lefty Williams started Game #2, and allowed just 4 hits, while pitching the CG. (Williams pitched a CG. Who’d a thunk?) His 6 walks, 3 of which came in a 3-run 4th inning, were a season high. Trailing 4-0 in the 7th the White Sox scored 2 runs when catcher Ray Schalk singled with Swede Risberg on 1st. Both came around to score when right fielder Greasy Neale overthrew 2nd base, and 3rd baseman Heinie Groh. sailed his throw over Reds’ catcher Bill Rariden. (Were both teams trying to throw this one?)

“there were a lot of funny things happening.”-Mgr Kid Gleason to White Sox owner Charles Comiskey after the game 2 loss.

“ Fix a World Series? Charlie, it’s impossible. Nothing to it.”- National League Commissioner John Heydler’s reply to Comiskey



“Where, oh, where are those odds that were being so freely offered only 48 brief hours ago? They are gone with the hopes of the White Sox and the claims of their rooters. And they are gone forever.”- Jack Ryder

In Game #3 Dickie Kerr tossed a 3 hit shutout. No Reds’ player reached 3rd base, and Kerr retired the last 15 batters. Joe Jackson had 2 hits, while Chick Gandil drove in 2 in the White Sox 3-0 victory.

“Well, they have beaten the two aces and now it is up to the deuce to go and get them. I only hope the deuce is not wild.” Dickie Kerr

“ But with all his [Kerr] lack of physical power and testing experience, he carried along the three great essentials of success, no matter what the game- courage, brains and skill.”- Grantland Rice



“ Dickie Kerr was the dark horse whose pitching has put the White Sox back at even money to win the series, although the game count is 2 to 1 against them.”- Tom Rice

In Game #4 Eddie Cicotte made 2 throwing errors in the 5th to allow 2 unearned runs to score, the only runs to score in the game. The White Sox managed just 3 hits and were 0-14 with runners on base.

“ The groan of the South Side fan is mingling today with the shriek of the slaughtered cow and the squeal of the vivisected pig just across the way in a vast medley of woe.”- Grantland Rice

“I muffed the ball on purpose. All the runs scored against me were do to my own deliberate errors. I did not try to win.”-Eddie Cicotte



“ There is no dope. When the ballplayers who hit the ball all season, when pitchers who fall down in their own circuit pitch great ball, and when Hap Felsch misjudges a fly ball, what’s the use?”- Hugh Fullerton

In Game #5 the White Sox again managed just 3 hits, while Lefty Williams lost his 2nd game of the Series. Edd Roush hit a 2 run triple in the 6th leading the Reds to a 5-0 victory. The 2nd straight shutout put the White Sox streak of not scoring a run at 22 innings.

“ The old inability to hit the ball out of the infield with a man on third base again spelled defeat for the Chicagoans. This time it was not Chick Gandil who fell down, but the mighty Shoeless Joe Jackson.”-C. Starr Matthews



“ I don’t know what’s the matter, but I do know that something is wrong with my gang. The bunch I had fighting in August for the pennant would have trimmed this Cincinnati bunch without a struggle. The bunch I have now couldn’t beat a high school team.”- Kid Gleason

In Game #6 Dickie Kerr won his 2nd game of the Series, despite giving up 11 hits in 10 IP. The White Sox overcame a 4-0 deficit, scoring a run in the 5th, ending a 26 inning scoring drought. The White Sox tied the score at 4, on a 2 out single by Ray Schalk. The Sox won it in the 10th on an rbi single off the bat of Chick Gandill!

“ As the fourth inning closed out in another flurry of Reds runs, 32,00 widely expanded throats began to herald the new world’s champions in a roistering chorus of fanatical joy. But just at the raw trim of disaster, just as they were fading into the mist, the old platoon got together, formed for one last counter attack, and before the astonished multitude knew what happened the Sox had blasted Dutch Reuther from the mound, tied the score and with the big barrier at last broken were on their way to an extra inning triumph.”- Grantland Rice

“The Reds and the White Sox played the worst game of baseball ever seen in the World series. They blew up completely, refused chances offered them to win and would have looked bad in the old willow swamp league, down there where the umpire carries a rifle.”- Bozeman Bulger



“ In the gray and ghostly drift of hurried shadows, thousands of dejected figures can be seen practicing quick starts tonight in the general direction of the Ohio River. The spectral line is growing in endless length.” - Grantland Rice

In Game #7 Eddie Cicotte pitched to win, while both Joe Jackson and Happy Felsch drove in 2 runs.

“ There was as much difference between the game Cicotte pitched today and the one he hurled in Redland in the opening game of the series a week ago as is there is between night and day,”- Fred Lieb

“ Felsch played an entirely different game and seemed perfectly at home in right field, besides knocking out a couple of hits, one of which drove home the two runs that put the Sox on easy street in the fifth.”-I.E. Sanborn



1919 Cincinnati Reds Championship Ring

“ It’ll be all over in the very first inning. Watch for the Reds’ big first inning.”- Reds rooster, or a Chicago gambler?

In Game #8 Lefty Williams made sure the gamblers made their money, retiring just 1 batter while allowing 4 runs in the 1st inning. Joe Jackson hit the only HR of the Series, a solo shot in the 4th inning. The 10-5 Reds’ victory made them World Series Champions for the 1st time.

“ Williams has worked three games in this series, not one of them up to within 20% of his American League standard.”- Hugh Fullerton

“George Weaver finished the series he started-the one hero of the White Sox, a titan with the bat and an unerring worker of great deeds in the field.”- Dan Daniel

**We’re forever blowing ball games,
Pretty ball games in the air;
We came from Chi; we don’t know why,
We come to bat, and fade, and die;
Fortunes always smiling; that’s why we don’t care;
We’ll just blow this here old ball game,
For we get a loser’s share.**

-Robert Maxwell, Ring Lardner

An estimate of \$2,000,000 in bets were placed on the World Series in NY City alone.

In the Series both teams made 12 errors. Ray Schalk threw out a record 10 base stealers.

The average time for each game was 1 hour, 50 minutes.

The Reds winning share was \$5,207, and the White Sox losing share was \$3,254.

The total attendance for the 8 games was 236,928.

The Cincinnati Reds would make their next World Series appearance in 1939. The Yankees with Lou Gehrig on the bench won it in 4 games. One year later the Reds would beat the Detroit Tigers in a hard fought 7 game Series.

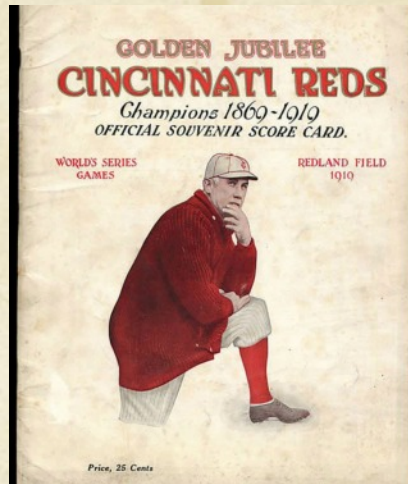
The White Sox didn’t see World Series action again until 1959. They lost in 6 games to the Dodgers. In 2005 they swept the Houston Astros, breaking an 87 year Championship dry spell.

“Regardless of this verdict of the jury,[Cook County jury] no player that throws a ball game, no player who entertains proposals or promises to throw again, no player who sits in conference with a group of crooked players and gamblers where the ways and means of throwing games are discussed, and does not promptly tell his club officials about it, will ever gain play major league baseball.”-Kenesaw Mountain Landis

1919 World Series: A Second Chance Look

What might have happened if Eddie Cicotte, Shoeless Joe Jackson, Lefty Williams and the rest of the notorious 8 had actually played to win?

Let's take a Second Chance Look:



As we know the Cincinnati Reds beat the Chicago White Sox in a best of 9 series in 8 games. At the time the White Sox were a heavy favorite to win, and many believe today that the White Sox would have handled the Reds pretty easily. It has always seemed to me that this Championship for the Reds was never embraced by baseball fans, and even by Reds fans. They were deemed an undeserving champion. Edd Roush was particularly vocal in his belief that the Reds were a better team that season and would have beat an honest White Sox team.



The Reds were 96-44, while the White Sox were just 88-52. The Reds hit .263 as a team led by Edd Roush(.321) and Heinie Groh(.310) Groh led the team with just 5 home runs. The White Sox hit .287 as a team, led by Joe Jackson(.351) and Eddie Collins(.319) Jackson and Happy Felsch both hit 7 home runs. The White Sox scored 668 runs while stealing 150 bases. The Reds scored 578 runs and stole 148 bases. The Reds combined for 238 extra base hits, while the White Sox had 313. Offensively the White Sox out hit, out scored, and out slugged the Reds rather handily. Advantage White Sox.



On the mound the White Sox were led by Eddie Cicotte(29-7) and Lefty Williams(23-11) and they had a 3.04 team ERA with 14 shutouts. The Reds were led by Hod Eller(19-9) Dutch Reuther(19-6) and Slim Sallee(21-7). Their team ERA was 2.32 with 23 shutouts. Advantage Reds.

Without going into a detailed analysis of which team faced tougher opponents, the Reds did win their NL Pennant by 9 games over the Giants in a pitcher's league. While the White Sox edged out the Indians by 3.5 games in a hitter's league. Before the Series started the White Sox were without starting pitcher Red Faber, but he would have been used out of the bullpen anyway. There was also a question about the health of Eddie Cicotte's shoulder as well. But when he decided to pitch for real he only gave up 1 earned run over his last 18 innings pitched in the Series.

I think the White Sox pitching would have faired pretty well against a weaker hitting Reds team. Dickie Kerr showed how well the Reds' hitters might have fared against an honest pitcher. I think the White Sox would have won this World Series in 7 games and I think this replay will mirror that result.

I will however be rooting for the Reds to win this replay. No matter how you slice it 7 of the 8 players chose greed over integrity. Shoeless Joe received \$5,000 and as far as I know, he kept the money. I really can't decide if he should be inducted into the Hall of Fame or not, but what I do know is, he should get in before Pete Rose. Buck Weaver never took any money, and all he is guilty of is not ratting on his teammates. I have a soft spot for Buck, but if it were me I would have ratted them out. They stopped being my teammate the second they took the money.

Game 1: Opens on a Wednesday in Cincinnati with Eddie Cicotte,(29-7) facing off against Dutch Ruether(19-6) in front of 30,511 Reds fans.

With 1 out in the 1st Eddie Collins walked, a passed ball moved him to 2nd, and a Buck Weaver singled him home. Weaver ended up on 2nd after Greasy Neale misplayed his hit. Joe Jackson followed with an rbi single to put the White Sox up 2-0.

Through the 6th inning Cicotte had allowed a single in the 3rd, 2 singles in the 4th, a single in the 5th, and 2 more singles in the 6th, but he did not allow a run. Ruether didn't allow a hit after Joe Jackson's rbi single in the 1st until there were 2 outs in the 6th. Happy Felsch singled, Chick Gandil was HBP, and Swede Risberg walked to load the bases. Ray Schalk walked to drive in Felsch, and Eddie Cicotte singled to center to drive in 2 and put the Sox up 5-0.

Cicotte ended with an 8 hit shutout. Despite just getting 4 hits the White Sox scored 5 runs aided by 6 walks off a wild Dutch Ruether.

10/1/1919, Cin19-ChA19, Comiskey Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1919 Reds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2	5	0
1919 White Sox	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	x	5	4	2	7	2

Reds	AB	R	H	BI	AVG	White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	AVG
Rath	2b 4	0	2	0	.500	Collins,S	rf 4	0	0	0	.000
Daubert	1b 4	0	0	0	.000	Collins,E	2b 3	1	0	0	.000
Groh,H	3b 4	0	0	0	.000	Weaver,B	3b 4	1	1	0	.250
Roush	cf 4	0	3	0	.750	Jackson	lf 4	0	1	1	.250
Duncan	lf 4	0	1	0	.250	Felsch	cf 4	1	1	0	.250
Kopf	ss 3	0	0	0	.000	Gandil	1b 3	1	0	0	.000
Neale	rf 3	0	1	0	.333	Risberg	ss 2	1	0	0	.000
Wingo,I	c 3	0	1	0	.333	Schalk	c 2	0	0	1	.000
Ruether	p 3	0	0	0	.000	Cicotte	p 3	0	1	2	.333
	32	0	8	0			29	5	4	4	

Reds	INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA	
Ruether	L 0-1	8.0	4	5	4	6	4	122	75	4.50
		8.0	4	5	4	6	4	122	75	

White Sox	INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA	
Cicotte	W 1-0	9.0	8	0	0	0	7	113	77	0.00
		9.0	8	0	0	0	7	113	77	

E-Daubert, Neale, Risberg 2. 3B-Felsch(1). RBI-Jackson(1), Schalk(1), Cicotte 2(2). CS-Duncan. K-Rath 2, Daubert, Groh,H, Neale, Ruether 2, Collins,E 2, Risberg, Cicotte. BB-Collins,E, Risberg 2, Schalk 2, Cicotte. HBP-Gandil. PB-Wingo,I. HB-Ruether.

Temperature: 56, Sky: clear, Wind: left to right at 16 MPH.

Game #2: Lefty Williams(23-11) vs Slim Sallee(21-7) in Game #2 of the 1919 World Series in front of 29,698 eager Reds' fans.

A Joe Jackson fly ball scored Shano Collins in the 1st. Chick Gandil doubled and scored in the 2nd. In the 4th inning Rbi singles by Shano and Eddie Collins was followed by a 2 run double by Joe Jackson, and a 2 run single by Happy Felsch.

The Reds made it a game with runs in the 5th, 6th, and 7th innings, but still fell 3 runs short.

10/2/1919, Cin19-ChA19, Comiskey Park

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1919 Reds	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	5	8	2	7	0
1919 White Sox	1	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	x	8	11	1	10	0

Reds	AB	R	H	BI	AVG	White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	AVG
Rath	2b 3	1	0	0	.286	Collins,S	rf 4	2	1	1	.125
Daubert	1b 4	1	2	1	.250	Collins,E	2b 4	1	1	1	.143
Groh,H	3b 5	0	1	1	.111	Weaver,B	3b 5	1	2	0	.333
Roush	cf 4	0	1	0	.500	Jackson	lf 4	1	2	3	.375
Duncan	lf 4	0	0	0	.125	Felsch	cf 4	0	2	2	.375
Kopf	ss 4	1	3	1	.429	Gandil	1b 5	1	1	0	.125
Neale	rf 3	1	1	1	.333	Risberg	ss 4	1	1	0	.167
Rariden	c 4	0	0	0	.000	Schalk	c 2	0	1	1	.250
Sallee	p 1	0	0	0	.000	Williams,L	p 1	1	0	0	.000
Gerner	p 0	0	0	1	.000			33	8	11	8
Smith, Ji	ph 0	1	0	0	.000						
Mitchell,R	p 0	0	0	0	.000						
Magee,S	ph 1	0	0	0	.000						
Regan	p 0	0	0	0	.000						
	33	5	8	5							

Reds		INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA
Sallee	L 0-1	3.1	9	8	7	2	0	67	43	18.90
Gerner		2.2	2	0	0	1	0	41	27	0.00
Mitchell,R		1.0	0	0	0	1	0	21	11	0.00
Regan		1.0	0	0	0	0	1	7	5	0.00
		8.0	11	8	7	4	1	136	86	

White Sox		INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA
Williams,L	W 1-0	9.0	8	5	4	4	4	131	80	4.00
		9.0	8	5	4	4	4	131	80	

Cin: Smith, Ji batted for Gerner in the 7th
 Magee,S batted for Mitchell,R in the 8th

E-Groh,H 2, Collins,S. 2B-Jackson(1), Gandil(1). 3B-Neale(1). RBI-Daubert(1), Groh,H(1), Kopf(1), Neale(1), Gerner(1), Collins,S(1), Collins,E(1), Jackson 3(4), Felsch 2(2), Schalk(2). K-Roush, Duncan, Neale, Sallee, Felsch. BB-Rath 2, Neale, Smith, Ji, Collins,S, Collins,E, Williams,L 2. SH-Daubert, Schalk, Williams,L. SF-Gerner, Jackson, Schalk. HBP-Felsch. HB-Gerner.

GWRBI: Jackson

Temperature: 46, Sky: clear, Wind: out to right at 16 MPH.

Game #3: Ray Fisher(14-5) vs Dickie Kerr(13-7) @ Comiskey Park Attendance :29,126

Happy Felsch doubled and scored on a Swede Risberg single in the 2nd In the 3rd Dickie Kerr singled to lead off the inning. A walk and a 2 run triple by Buck Weaver made the score 3-0. A Joe Jackson single ended the scoring in the inning. The Reds tried to make it interesting with single runs in the 3rd and 4th innings, but the White Sox put it away on a Ray Schalk rbi single, a Buck Weaver rbi double, a Happy Felsch single after a Joe Jackson triple ended the scoring.

Dickie Kerr allowed 11 singles and 2 walks, while giving up just 1 earned run to get the "easy" win.

10/3/1919, ChA19-Cin19, Redland Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1919 White Sox	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	7	16	2	8	2
1919 Reds	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	0	10	1

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	AVG	Reds	AB	R	H	BI	AVG
Leibold	rf 4	2	3	0	.750	Rath	2b 5	0	1	0	.250
Collins,E	2b 3	0	0	0	.100	Daubert	1b 5	0	1	0	.231
Weaver,B	3b 5	1	2	3	.357	Groh,H	3b 3	1	2	0	.250
Jackson	lf 5	1	3	1	.462	Roush	cf 4	0	1	0	.417
Felsch	cf 5	2	4	1	.538	Duncan	lf 4	0	0	0	.083
Gandil	1b 5	0	1	0	.154	Kopf	ss 4	0	2	1	.455
Risberg	ss 4	0	1	1	.200	Neale	rf 3	0	1	0	.333
Schalk	c 4	0	1	1	.250	Smith,Ji	ph 1	0	0	0	.000
Kerr	p 3	1	1	0	.333	Rariden	c 3	1	1	0	.143
	38	7	16	7		Regan	p 0	0	0	0	.000
						Fisher,R	p 3	0	1	1	.333
						Gerner	p 0	0	0	0	.000
						Wingo,I	c 1	0	1	0	.500
							36	2	11	2	

White Sox	INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA	
Kerr	W 1-0	9.0	11	2	1	3	2	122	76	1.00
		9.0	11	2	1	3	2	122	76	

Reds	INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA	
Fisher,R	L 0-1	6.0	10	6	6	1	0	83	49	9.00
Gerner		2.0	4	0	0	1	0	22	13	0.00
Regan		1.0	2	1	1	0	0	12	9	4.50
		9.0	16	7	7	2	0	117	71	

Cin: Smith,Ji batted for Neale in the 8th
 Wingo,I inserted at c in the 9th
 Smith,Ji moved to rf in the 9th

E-Jackson 2. 2B-Weaver,B(1), Felsch(1), Rariden(1). 3B-Weaver,B(1), Jackson(1). RBI-Weaver,B 3(3), Jackson(5), Felsch(3), Risberg(1), Schalk(3), Kopf(2), Fisher,R(1). CS-Felsch. K-Rath, Roush. BB-Leibold, Kerr, Groh,H 2, Rariden. SH-Collins,E 2.

GWRBI: Risberg

Temperature: 83, Sky: partly cloudy, Wind: right to left at 11 MPH.

Game #4: Jimmy Ring vs Eddie Cicotte in front of 34,363 White Sox fans at Comiskey Park

Both pitchers matched zeroes for 6 innings, with neither team getting a single runner to 3rd base. In the 7th, Buck Weaver was hit by a pitch and scored the only run of the game on a Joe Jackson double.

10/4/1919, ChA19-Cin19, Redland Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1919 White Sox	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	0
1919 Reds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	1

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	AVG	Reds	AB	R	H	BI	AVG
Leibold	rf 3	0	0	0	.429	Rath	2b 4	0	1	0	.250
Collins,E	2b 4	0	0	0	.071	Daubert	1b 4	0	0	0	.176
Weaver,B	3b 3	1	0	0	.294	Groh,H	3b 4	0	2	0	.313
Jackson	lf 3	0	1	1	.438	Roush	cf 4	0	0	0	.313
Felsch	cf 3	0	0	0	.438	Duncan	lf 3	0	0	0	.067
Gandil	1b 3	0	0	0	.125	Kopf	ss 3	0	0	0	.357
Risberg	ss 3	0	1	0	.231	Neale	rf 3	0	0	0	.250
Schalk	c 3	0	0	0	.182	Wingo,I	c 3	0	1	0	.429
Cicotte	p 3	0	0	0	.167	Ring	p 2	0	0	0	.000
	28	1	2	1		Smith,Ji	ph 1	0	0	0	.000
						Luque	p 0	0	0	0	.000
							31	0	4	0	

White Sox		INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA
Cicotte	W 2-0	9.0	4	0	0	0	1	103	73	0.00
		9.0	4	0	0	0	1	103	73	
Reds		INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA
Ring	L 0-1	8.0	2	1	1	1	0	85	52	1.13
Luque		1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	6	0.00
		9.0	2	1	1	1	0	95	58	

Cin: Smith, Ji batted for Ring in the 8th

2B-Jackson(2). RBI-Jackson(6). K-Wingo, I. BB-Leibold. HBP-Weaver, B. HB-Ring.
GWRBI: Jackson
Temperature: 68, Sky: partly cloudy, Wind: in from center at 9 MPH.

Game #5: Hod Eller vs Lefty Williams at Comiskey Park in front of 34,379 White Sox fans looking for the 5 game sweep.

With scored tied 0-0 in the 4th, Lefty Leibold walked and scored 2 outs later on a Joe Jackson double. That was all the Sox needed to complete the sweep, as Williams finished with a 4 hit shutout.

10/6/1919, ChA19-Cin19, Redland Field

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E	LOB	DP
1919 White Sox	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	2	0	7	9	0	4	2
1919 Reds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	2	1

White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	AVG	Reds	AB	R	H	BI	AVG		
Leibold	rf	4	1	1	0	.364	Rath	2b	3	0	1	0	.263
Collins, E	2b	5	1	0	0	.053	Daubert	1b	4	0	1	0	.190
Weaver, B	3b	4	2	2	0	.333	Groh, H	3b	3	0	0	0	.263
Jackson	lf	2	2	2	2	.500	Roush	cf	3	0	0	0	.263
Felsch	cf	4	1	1	2	.400	Duncan	lf	3	0	1	0	.111
Gandil	1b	4	0	1	1	.150	Kopf	ss	2	0	0	0	.313
Risberg	ss	4	0	1	2	.235	Mitchell, R	p	0	0	0	0	.000
Schalk	c	4	0	1	0	.200	Magee, S	ph	1	0	0	0	.000
Williams, L	p	4	0	0	0	.000	Regan	p	0	0	0	0	.000
	35	7	9	7			Neale	rf	3	0	0	0	.200
							Rariden	c	3	0	0	0	.100
							Eller	p	1	0	0	0	.000
							Smith, Ji	ss	2	0	1	0	.250
								28	0	4	0		

White Sox		INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA
Williams, L	W 2-0	9.0	4	0	0	1	3	88	57	2.00
		9.0	4	0	0	1	3	88	57	
Reds		INN	H	R	ER	BB	K	PCH	STR	ERA
Eller	L 0-1	5.1	6	5	5	3	1	84	46	8.44
Mitchell, R		2.2	3	2	1	0	0	32	20	2.45
Regan		1.0	0	0	0	0	1	7	6	3.00
		9.0	9	7	6	3	2	123	72	

Cin: Smith, Ji inserted at ss in the 6th
Magee, S batted for Mitchell, R in the 8th

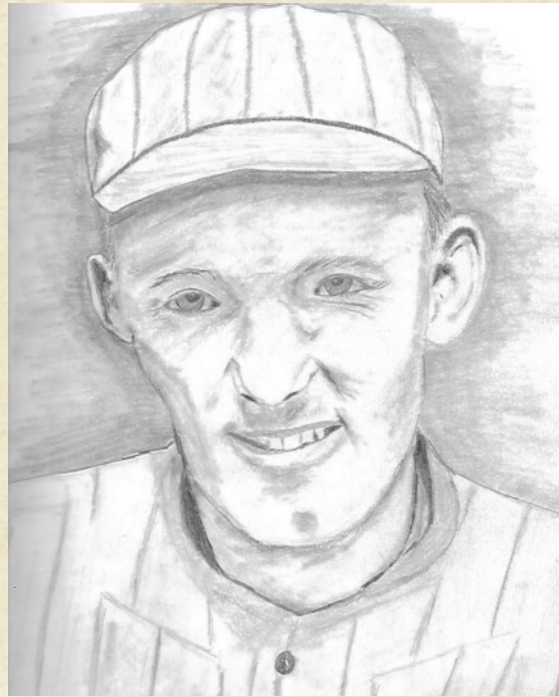
E-Rath, Smith, Ji. 2B-Weaver, B(2), Jackson 2(4). RBI-Jackson 2(8), Felsch 2(5), Gandil(1), Risberg 2(3). CS-Jackson, Gandil, Kopf. K-Risberg, Williams, L, Daubert, Groh, H, Smith, Ji. BB-Leibold, Jackson 2, Rath.
GWRBI: Jackson
Temperature: 77, Sky: clear, Wind: right to left at 14 MPH.

The White Sox outscored the Reds 28-7. The Reds did not score in the last 23 innings of the Series. Eddie Cicotte went 2-0 with 2 shutouts. MVP Joe Jackson hit .500 leading all players with 9 hits, 5 EBH, and 8 rbi.

This is the 3rd time I've replayed this Series. The White Sox have won it every time. No series went 7 games.



Helen Cook Weaver



Buck Weaver



John Cusack

George Daniel "Buck" Weaver was born on Aug. 18, 1890 in Pottstown, PA, just 90 minutes away from the mean streets of my hometown, Scranton, PA. He played 9 seasons with the Chicago White Sox hitting .272/.307/.355. He died on Jan. 31, 1956 in Chicago IL.

Weaver never took money to throw the World Series and played to win every game. I read somewhere that the White Sox continued to throw games during the 1920 season, and that Weaver may have been complicit in throwing some of those games. Disappointing if true, if not, I think he should be reinstated. However, I'm not so certain about Joe Jackson.

All photos that I've seen of Weaver are not very complimentary. I always felt that John Cusack was way too pretty to play Weaver in *Eight Men Out*. In Weaver's defense, Cusack is way too pretty to play just about anyone....amirite?!!!!

The photo below was taken in 1915 at the beginning of a vaudeville tour with The Cook Sisters. Weaver had recently married Helen Cook (far right), and standing next to him is pitcher Jim Scott, the husband of Harriet Cook. (Far left) Weaver actually looks good in this photo, but not too good looking for Cusack,....amirite?!!! Weaver was actually a pretty good dancer, while Scott was a very good singer, both talents put on display during their well received vaudeville show.

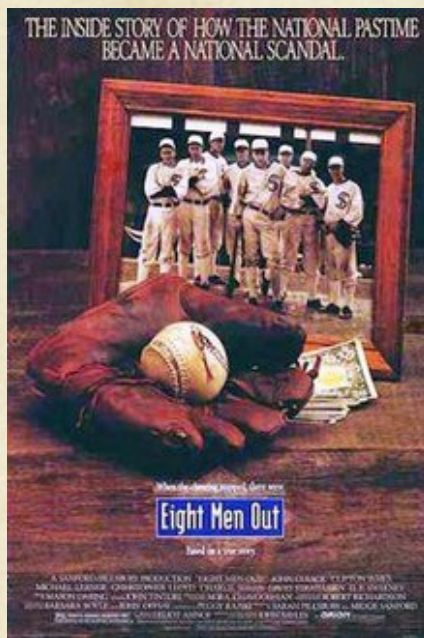


Harriet, Marie, Buck Weaver, Jim Scott, Bessie, Helen



The Cook Sisters.....Hubba Hubba!!

My Buck Weaver drawing doesn't look anything like John Cusack, and only vaguely like Weaver. Not my best effort, but his left ear looks pretty good!



Eight Men Out- Directed by John Sayles

A list of some of the things the movie got wrong:

(All items listed are from SABR member John Lamb's article *Eight Myths Out.*)

1. Lefty-batting Eddie Collins hits from the right-hand side of the plate.
2. Switch-hitting Buck weaver bats right-handed against a right-handed pitcher.
3. After the Sox defeat clinch the 1919 pennant, their bonus for the achievement from club owner Comiskey was a case of flat champagne. This happened after the Sox won the 1917 World Series, and the champagne probably wasn't flat.
4. Swede Risberg is portrayed as Gandil's co-partner in the effort to recruit Cicotte and other Sox players. Risberg was not a key figure in the recruiting of any of the players.
5. The film has Ring Lardner serve as Hugh Fullerton's partner in circling suspicious World Series plays on their scorecards. It was actually Christy Mathewson.
6. Fred McMullin is shown delivering a fix payoff to Joe Jackson in his hotel room following Game One. The lone fix payoff made to Jackson was delivered by Lefty Williams after Game 4.
7. Dickie Kerr is shown as a right-handed pitcher. Kerr is a lefty.
8. Kerr tells Kid Gleason that the first major league game he ever attended was a no-hitter thrown by manager Gleason in a victory over Cy Young. Kerr would have been 2 years old when Gleason quit pitching in 1895, and Gleason never threw a no-hitter during his big leagues career.
9. At the beginning of the trial, Hugh Fullerton comments that the prosecution has "three signed confessions" to use against the accused. There were no signed confessions by any players.
10. The threat delivered to Lefty Williams before his Game 8 start by Monk Eastman has no basis in fact.
11. The movie places baseball commissioner Kenesaw Mountain Landis in the courtroom gallery observing the proceedings. Landis never set foot inside Cook County Courthouse during the Black Sox case.
12. During the trial Buck Weaver jumps up and announces his desire to have a separate trial. All court records indicate that Weaver never spoke during the entire trial.
13. In the film's final scene Buck Weaver is watching from the seats when Joe Jackson, playing under the alias Brown, slams a triple for a semipro team from Hoboken, New Jersey. This never took place.

The Cast Of Eight Men Out:



Buck Weaver- John Cusack: Just 22 years old at the time of the movie, Cusack went on to play the love interest in the movie *Say Anything*. The scene where he stands outside his girlfriends house holding a boom box over his head, while Peter Gabriel sings, *In Your Eyes* always manages to bring a tear to my eye. When asked in 2009 why he had never married, he answered, "society doesn't tell me what to do." Words to live by.



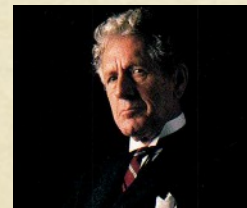
Eddie Collins-Bill Irwin: If you've ever seen the music video for Bobby McFerrin's- Don't Worry Be Happy, Irwin is the guy in the black top hat dancing around with McFerrin and Robin Williams. He also played Cindy Lou Who's father Lou Lou Who, in Jim Carrey's *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*. " I'm glad he took our presents. You can't hurt Christmas, Mr. Mayor, because it isn't about the... the gifts or the contest or the fancy lights. That's what Cindy's been trying to tell everyone... and me. I don't need anything more for Christmas than this right here: my family." (I disagree...it's about the presents.....from your family.)



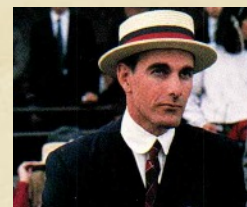
Kid Gleason-John Mahoney: We all know him as *Frasier's* Dad. He also appeared in the movie *Say Anything* with John Cusack. He played the father of the girl Cusack was banging. He also was never married. He died of throat cancer in 2018, he was 77. "Boy, things have really changed since my day. Back then, if a girl got in trouble, her family would send her away to relatives in another state, and if anybody asked, just lied and said she went to Europe. Then when she came back, they'd raise the baby as a little sister. Not like today; we had morals and values back then." - Martin Crane



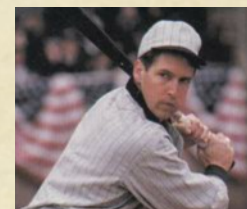
Lefty Williams-James Read: Read played George Hazard in John Jakes' mini-series *North And South*, along with Patrick Swayze and Keith Carradine. He currently plays George Chase in the soap opera *General Hospital*. He also played the love interest of Capt. Janeway in an episode of *Star Trek:Voyager*. That lucky bastard.



Kenesaw Mountain Landis-John Anderson: A character actor that has portrayed Abraham Lincoln on 3 occasions. He appeared in *Psycho*, *Gunsmoke*, *The Twilight Zone*, *Bonanza*, *MASH*, *McGyver*, and yes, even *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. He died in 1992 at the age of 69.



Ring Lardner-John Sayles: Director of *Eight Men Out*. Also directed *Brother From Another Planet*, several Bruce Springsteen videos, and many other forgettable movies. He recently produced 3 Episodes of *The Alienist*, and was executive producer of *The Man Who Killed Hitler And Then Bigfoot*.



Joe Jackson-D.B. Sweeney: Appeared in *Memphis Belle*, a personal favorite, and he played Travis Walton in *Fire In The Sky*, not a personal favorite. He has recently appeared for two seasons on *Two And A Half Men*, and is currently the narrator for *Mountain Men* on the History Channel.



Dickie Kerr-Jace Alexander: Alexander played Lee Harvey Oswald in *Assassins*, a musical by Stephen Sondheim. He also appeared in *Crocodile Dundee II*, and has directed episodes of *Xena: Warrior Princess*, *ARLI\$\$*, *The Practice*, and *House*. In 2016 he was convicted of possession of child pornography in New York, and is currently serving 10 years probation. I'm sure his wife and 3 children are proud of him.



Ray Schalk-Gordon Clapp: Appeared in all 12 seasons of *NYPD Blue* as Det. Greg Medavoy, winning a Grammy in 1998. He also has Star Trek cred, appearing in *Star Trek:Deep Space Nine*. He has most recently had a recurring roll in *Chicago Fire* playing a Catholic priest. Ray Schalk, arguing a play at home plate: “Safe? You cockeyed son of a bitch! I had him! Who’s paying you?”



Fred McMullen-Perry Lang: Lang has made his mark directing numerous TV episodes including; *ARLI\$\$*, *NYPD Blue*, *The Twilight Zone*, *Dawson’s Creek*, *ER*, and *Nash Bridges*.



Happy Felsch-Charlie Sheen: Sheen has appeared in many memorable movies, as well as a very successful sitcom. *Red Dawn*. *Platoon*, *Major League*, *Wall Street*, *Hot Shots*, and of course *Two And A Half Men*. Sheen is an anti-vaxxer, a 9/11 Truther, a spousal abuser, an addict, and is HIV positive. He’s called it “winning”, I call it sad. His recent charity works hints at his reclamation and recovery from his addictions. I wish Wild Thing luck.



Charles Comiskey-Clifton James: James played Sheriff J.W. Pepper in two James Bond Movies; *Live And Let Die*, and *The Man With The Golden Gun*. Other notable movies were *Cool Hand Luke*, *Bad News Bears In Breaking Training*, *Superman II*, and *The Bonfire Of The Vanities*. He passed away in 2017 at the age of 96.

“ You're that Secret Agent! That English secret agent! From England! You're chasin' somebody. Who you got this time, boy? Commies? Let's go get 'em! I'm with you all the way!”

-Sheriff J.W. Pepper



Billy Maharg- Richard Edson: Edson has appeared in several notable movies. *Ferris Beuller’s Day Off*, *Desperately Seeking Susan*, *Howard The Duck*, *Good Morning Vietnam*, and *Frankenfish*. I have lived most of my adult life telling people that 1919 World Series co-fixer Billy Maharg’s name is actually Graham. But an article written by SABR member Bill Lamb has essentially put the kibosh on that. From the article- “Although he had lived his 72-year lifeentirely as Billy Maharg, a number of modern baseball references, including authoritative ones like Baseball-Reference.com, now state that Maharg’s last name was actually Graham,

M-A-H-A-R-G spelled backward. No evidence is ever offered in support of this assertion because there is none. Indeed, despite its acceptance and repetition by many, the notion that Billy Maharg was actually named Graham is utterly specious, a peculiar but persistent canard refuted by both genealogical inquiry and perusal of historical sports pages.”

Utterly specious and a peculiar but persistent canard? Kind of turns my whole world view upside-down. Thanks SABR

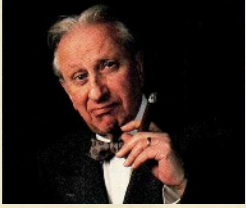
Maharg played 3rd base for the Detroit Tigers on May 18, 1912; the infamous Ty Cobb suspension game. He went 0-1 at the plate, successfully fielded 2 ground balls at 3rd, and then had several teeth knocked out on a bad hop grounder taken to the face. If that got me into the Baseball Encyclopedia, I’d sign up for a ball to the face any day.



Swede Risberg-Don Harvey: Harvey has appeared in *The Untouchables*, *Die Hard 2*, *Miami Vice*, *King Of Queens*, *NYPD Blue*, and since 2016 he has a recurring role in the daytime soap opera *General Hospital*. My wife is a big fan of *General Hospital*, and she was watching it one night, when I happened to glance at the TV as I was walking to another room to watch something manly on TV, and I said, “That guy looks like Swede Risberg.” She gave me “that look.” All the married SCL Gms know what I’m talking about.



Chick Gandil- Michael Rooker: Rooker has had quite a career. He's appeared in *Henry:Portrait of A Serial Killer*, *Mississippi Burning*, *JFK*, *Days Of Thunder*, *Tombstone*, *Mallrats*, and 3 seasons playing Merle Dixon on *The Walking Dead*, and recently *Guardians Of The Galaxy 1 and 2*, playing Yondu Odonto. The blue guy that controls his killer arrows using the sound waves from his whistles. It's way cooler than it sounds.



Hugh Fullerton-Studs Terkel: Terkel won a Pulitzer Prize in 1985 for general non-fiction with *The Good War*. His well-known radio program, titled *The Studs Terkel Program*, aired on 98.7 WFMT Chicago between 1952 and 1997. Some other awards that he has received are the National Humanities Medal, Medal for Distinguished Contribution to American Letters from the National Book Foundation, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Dayton Literary Peace Prize. Terkel passed away in 2008, he was 96 years old.

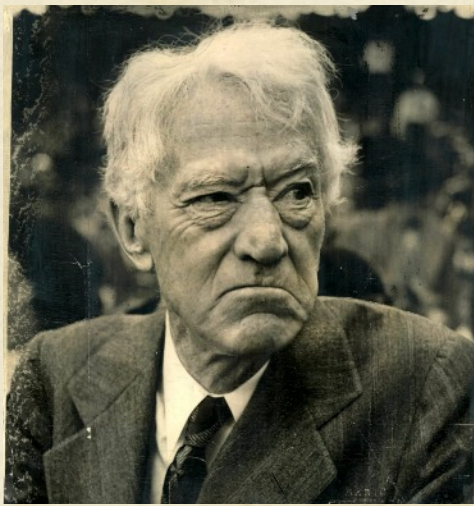


Arnold Rothstein-Michael Lerner: Lerner appeared in such TV shows as *The Brady Bunch*, *The Rockford Files*, *The Odd Couple*, and *M.A.S.H.* He's was nominated for an Academy Award in 1991 for his portrayal of Jack Lipnick in *Barton Fink*. He's also appeared in *Godzilla*, *Elf*, and *X-Men Days Of Future Past*.



Bill Burns-Christopher Lloyd: Lloyd made his screen debut in *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest* in 1975. He won two Emmys playing Jim Ignatowski in *Taxi*. He played Doc Brown in the *Back To The Future* Trilogy, and Fester in *The Addams Family*. He played a Klingon in *Star Trek III: The Search For Spock* as well as Judge Doom in *Who Framed Roger Rabbit?* "You know the really great thing about television? If something important happens, anywhere in the world, night or day... you can always change the channel."- Jim Ignatowski





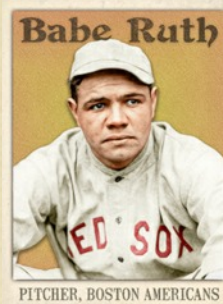
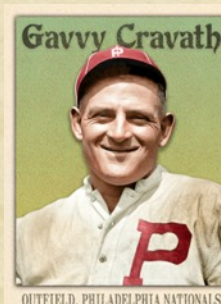
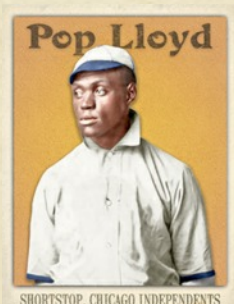
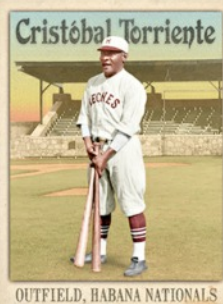
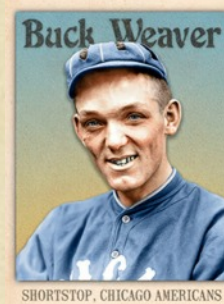
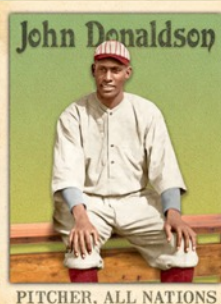
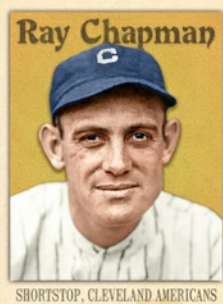
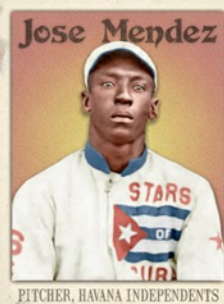
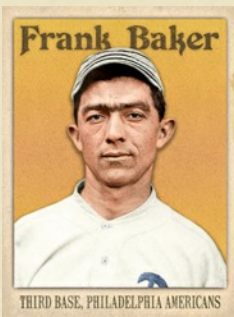
Kenesaw Mountain Landis

In 1920 the baseball owners were looking at a game in turmoil, the Black Sox scandal was in full flower, and they needed to fix the problem and fix it fast. They elected Kenesaw Mountain Landis as the 1st Commissioner in baseball. He was to rule with an iron fist, and clean up the game. The man who saved baseball. What a great guy. If you want to know more about Landis feel free to look at his wikipedia page. If you want to know what I think of him keep reading.

As a Judge he was a publicity seeking pompous blow-hard, with a complete disregard for the letter of the law. He levied monetary penalties that were attention grabbing, but untenable, ultimately getting overturned by another court. He left the Federal League hanging in 1914, when he reserved judgment in their case against the reserve clause and Major League baseball for the entire season, ultimately rendering no decision. His inaction portends a future indifference to another major wrong in the game of baseball.

I don't particularly like the guy. I think he meted out punishment with an arbitrary disdain for what is right and what is wrong. His handling of other gambling related issues, besides the Black Sox scandal, were strictly in the best interest of the image of the game, and his image as well. Did he clean up the game, neutralize the gamblers or eliminate the throwing of games ? No sirree. Ty Cobb, Tris Speaker, Joe Wood and Dutch Reuther might have something to say about that.

Landis was not the sole reason it took until 1947 for baseball to integrate, but he had the power to right this wrong and he chose not to. He abided by baseball's unwritten ban on black players and did nothing to push owners toward integration. He hid his racism behind the owner's racism and unwillingness to integrate the game. He was the 1st Commissioner of baseball, and he failed to do what was right. He was in my opinion, morally bankrupt, and an uninspiring piece of crap. I dedicate the Second Chance League to Landis and his pathetic legacy. This league is, in some form, what baseball could have been, what Landis could have been remembered for.



If I had Photoshop skills, I'd love to make these into SCL cards.