

# Five Homers were Means of Yanks Fourth Straight Win And Cleanup of Series Games

**Busting Babe Clouts Three Pitches For Circuit Trip—Gehrig and Durst Also Hit Homers — Sherdel Pitches Wonderful Game Till Seventh—Dispute Over Strike on the Babe Unsettles Hurler—Waite Hoyt Hurlled Yanks to Victory.**

Sportsman's Park, St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 9.—The Yankees said it with home runs today and brought the 1928 world's series to a crashing, record-breaking conclusion with their fourth straight triumph over the Cardinals.

Five crackling circuit clouts, three of them by the one and only Babe Ruth, four of them in two successive innings and all of them sounding taps for the Red Birds, enabled the Yankees to win by the decisive count of 7 to 3 and record a new world's series achievement by making their second successive clean sweep over National League champions.

The central and dominating figure in the most smashing triumph of world's series history was the mighty Ruth. The Babe's first two home runs twice tied the score, his second started the downfall of Willie Sherdel, and his third equalled the record for long range clouting that he set himself in the same park two years ago.

The drama of the whole game turned upon Ruth in the seventh inning in remarkable fashion, at a time when the Yankee punch was conspicuous by its absence and when the Cardinals were holding tenaciously to a one-run lead. Behind the clever pinch pitching of Sherdel, gamely seeking to break the Yankee jinx, the Cardinals had revamped their line-up in this last ditch fight and they seemed in a fair way to succeed until the Bambino lumbered into the picture in the seventh.

Ruth had given one ball out of the park, a drive that cleared the roof of the right field stands in the fourth, and Sherdel was pitching cautiously. One strike was called, then a second on a floater that the Babe let go by. Ruth shifted his stance, looked up at the score-board and as he did so Sherdel whipped another ball that cut the heart of the plate. It was a smart play but Umpire Pfirman, behind the plate, had raised his palms to indicate suspension of play for the moment, as Ruth, though still in the box, was obviously not in hitting position.

Sherdel incensed, to high pitch, rushed in to protest, followed by Captain Frisch and the rest of the Cardinals, arguing that Ruth, by remaining in the box, had been fanned. It was an angry debate, cheered on by Ruth fans' handclapping, but also to the accompaniment of wild boos and jeers from the crowd as Sherdel went back finally to the box. The southpaw mad and upset, threw two balls and then threw one the Babe caught and lifted over the entire right field barrier.

Sherdel, unable to settle down, was hit for another homer by Lou Gehrig, putting the Yankees into the lead. Then Sherdel walked dejectedly from the box when Bob Meusel laced a single to left.

One pitched ball thus had turned the whole complexion of the game, swiftly and surely.

Aided by it, the Yankees, after playing in slipsophed fashion behind Hoyt for the first six innings, got their famous attack functioning once more. Old Pete Alexander tried to check the tide but it was too late. The Yankees, with Earl Combs figuring in the attack is a pinch-hitter for the first time and driving in a run, ran up four runs altogether in the seventh, then capped the climax with two more home run thrusts, one by Cedric Durst and the other by Ruth in the eighth.

So aroused had become the bleacher crowd after that fatal seventh and Umpire Pfirman's ruling, that Ruth was the target for a mild shower of pop bottles when he went out to his position in left field in the Cardinal half of the inning. Three of the missiles landed within a short distance of

the Babe, who threw them from the field. There were wild jeers again when Ruth came to bat in the eighth, but, as suddenly, they turned to cheers as the Bambino hoisted his third homer to the roof of the right field stands.

To cap the climax of one of his greatest days, Ruth ended the game and the series with a remarkable one hand running catch of Frisch's foul along the left field boxes in the ninth inning, dashing in to the dug-out as the crowd surged out on the field.

The Babe's triumphant dash to cover ended a series in which the great slugger had shattered all world's series hitting records, added to his long range laurels and finished with a batting average of .625 that eclipses any one previous record. The highest mark before was .515 made by Hank Gowdy in the 1915 series with the Boston Braves.

In the crowning of the Yankees as world champions for the second successive year the tremendous hitting feats of Ruth as well as Lou Gehrig, who equalled one of the Babe's own marks, by gathering four homers, shared the spot-light with the pitching of Waite Hoyt. The sturdy young right hander of the Yankees won his second game of the series and his sixth in championship conflict, thereby equalling the record of old Chief Bender of the Athletics for the most triumphs any pitcher had gained in the classic.

Hoyt, until the seventh, was hit harder than he had been in the whole first game, when he let the Cardinals down with three hits and beat them 4 to 1. He was wilder, too, and unsteady as the Yankees gave him poor support, but he grew better as the game went along. Once feeling the reviving influence of the slugging Ruth and of his other mates, Hoyt returned to form and baffled the Cardinals, the only run tallied after the fourth being a gift in the ninth inning.

Hoyt, the young Brooklyn undertaker, had a big hand in burying the last of the Cardinals hopes but the big bats of Ruth and Gehrig were the factors that broke the heart of Sherdel and battered down the last defence of the home club.

## Orgy of Homers.

Never before has any world's series game witnessed such an orgy of long range firing as the Babe did. Not only were individual records given a severe hammering, but by getting five circuit clouts the Yankees did more than any two clubs, let alone one, has accomplished in the way of home run hitting in a single series game. The best that had ever been done before was three homers by one club and four by two teams.

All told the Yankees collected 15 safe blows off the pitching of Sherdel and Alexander but they wasted nearly all of them except the homers. In fact it was a fielder's choice and a sacrifice fly by Combs that produced the only two tallies not accounted for by homers.

The Cardinals, starting out gallily enough, got 11 safe hits off Hoyt, six of them in the first four innings, but they again failed to exhibit anything like a cleanup punch even with a revised line-up that had young Ernest Orsatti in centre field for Douthitt and Earl Smith behind the plate instead of Jimmy Wilson. These two did their part, getting five hits between them, but Bottomley, Hafey and the rest of the Cardinal sluggers failed to snap out of their slump.

Sherdel had lost three previous games to the Yankees and there was high hopes that he would break the jinx, for he had pitched good ball in every set-back. But the law of averages failed to work and Willie took it on the chin for the fourth time in two years at the hands of the American League clubbers.

## THE BOX SCORE

NEW YORK YANKEES										
	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E			
Paschal, cf.	4	0	1	1	0	0				
Koenig, ss.	5	0	1	4	2	1				
Ruth, lf.	5	3	3	2	0	0				
Gehrig, 1b.	2	1	1	7	0	0				
Meusel, rf.	5	1	1	0	0	0				
Lazzeri, 2b.	4	1	3	2	1	0				
Dugan, 3b.	3	0	1	0	0	0				
Bengough, c.	3	0	1	8	1	0				
Hoyt, p.	4	0	1	0	2	1				
*Robertson, 3b.	1	0	0	0	0	0				
**Combs	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Collins, c.	1	0	1	3	0	0				
Durocher, 2b.	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Durst, cf.	1	1	1	0	0	0				
Totals	39	7	15	27	7	2				
*Batted for Dugan in 7th.										
**Batted for Bengough in 7th.										

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS										
	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E			
Orsatti, cf.	5	1	2	4	0	0				
High, 3b.	5	0	3	0	1	0				
Frisch, 2b.	4	0	0	3	1	0				
Bottomley, 1b.	3	0	0	10	1	0				
Hafey, lf.	3	0	1	1	0	0				
Harper, rf.	3	0	0	2	0	0				
Smith, c.	4	0	3	4	1	0				
Maranville, ss.	4	1	2	3	1	0				
Sherdel, p.	3	0	0	0	0	0				
Alexander, p.	6	0	0	0	3	0				
**Martin	0	1	0	0	0	0				
*Holm	1	0	0	0	0	0				
Totals	35	3	11	27	8	0				
*Ran for Smith in 9th.										
**Batted for Alexander in 9th.										

Score by innings:—  
New York Yankees .. 000 100 420—7  
St. Louis Cardinals .. 100 100 001—3

Summary—Runs batted in, Durst, Ruth 3, Gehrig, Robertson, Combs, Frisch, Holm. Two base hits, Lazzeri, Collins, Orsatti, High, Maranville. Home runs, Durst, Ruth 3, Gehrig. Sacrifices, Combs, Hoyt, Frisch. Stolen bases, Lazzeri, Maranville. Double plays, Bottomley and Maranville; Koenig and Gehrig. Left on bases, New York, 11; St. Louis, 9. Bases on balls, off Sherdel 3, (Gehrig 3); off Hoyt 3, (Bottomley, Hafey, Harper). Struck out by Sherdel 1, (Meusel); by Alexander 1, (Meusel); by Hoyt 8, (Orsatti 2, Frisch, Bottomley 2, Hafey, Harper, Sherdel). Hits off Sherdel 11 hits and 4 runs (earned) in 6 1-3 innings, with 28 at bat; off Alexander, 4 hits and 3 runs (earned) in 2 2-3 innings, with 12 at bat; off Hoyt, 2 runs (earned). Losing pitcher, Sherdel. Umpires, Pfirman at the plate; Clarence B. Owens at first base; Charles Rigler at second; William A. McGowan at third. Time of game, 2:25.

## FOG HORN IN OLD COUNTRY SILENCED

Bexhill, Eng. Oct. 10.—"Mournful Mary" has lost her job. She has been given a full month's notice, and the nerve racked residents of the fashionable resorts within sound of her walls are jubilant.

The only friends "Mournful Mary" has are the members of the imperial merchant service guild which guards the interests of merchant seamen. They have submitted a protest against her dismissal with Trinity House.

What will fog bound ships do they ask indignantly, if Mary's piercing shriek fails to warn them that they are approaching the most dangerous turning in the English Channel? For Mary is the fog-horn of the Royal Sovereign Lightship and if she isn't popular with the residents at least the sailors appreciate her.

Bold Suitor—Dearest I love you! What is more. I'm going to marry you.  
Movie Actress (registering ennui)—You and who else?

## SPENCER SECOND GREAT TROTTER IN FOUR YEARS

Cleveland, O., Oct. 9.—The splendid advance the trotting breed has made in recent years again is exemplified by the great performance of the New York colt, Spencer, at the final Grand Circuit meeting of this year at Lexington, Ky. When this son of Lee Tide and Petrex traveled in 1.59 1/4 against time, he equaled the world record for three year old trotters and became only the second horse of age and gait in history to beat two minutes.

Up until 1924, a mile in two minutes or better by a three year old trotter was considered virtually impossible. Then Mr. McElwyn, the sensational horse owned by W. H. L. McCourtie of Dallas, Tex., proceeded to electrify the world with a time performance of 1.59 1/4 over the Lexington course. He was driven by Ben F. White, America's most successful developer of trotting colts.

Now, only four years later, the harness horse sport has another two-minute three year old. And both Mr. McElwyn and Spencer are from the same family. The former is a son of Guy Axworthy and Widow Maggie by Peter the Great. Spencer's sire, Lee Tide is a grandson of Guy Axworthy and the colt's dam is by Peter the Great.

Spencer was driven his great mile by Billy Leese, the New York pilot. But Indiana gets considerable of the glory in view of the fact the horse developed by Lon McDonald of Indianapolis, dean of Grand Circuit reinmen. And it also must be mentioned that Spencer was bred in old Kentucky.

He, indeed, has carved himself a neat niche in the hall of fame. Not only is he the joint holder of the world record for three year old trotters, but the greatest money winning futurity star in history, as well.

Spencer's record mile causes trotting devotees to wonder just how fast the unfortunate Fireglow, the San Francisco colt who died last August following an acute attack of indigestion, would have traveled had he not been taken from the earth. He was considered superior to Spencer by at least a second. Using this line of reasoning, Fireglow would have broken the world stallion record of 1.58 1/4 held by Lee Axworthy.

## X-RAY MARTYR GIVES ORDERS UNTIL THE END

Athis-Mons, France, Oct. 10.—Another martyr to X ray science has died in France. He is Fernand Ducretet, one of the most celebrated X-ray specialists in France and holder of the Carnegie Medal who died here from the ravages made by his terrible study.

Ducretet was only fifty years old X-ray work had rendered him totally blind and made fearful burns on his hands and face. But he persevered in his martyrdom and up till the hour of his death gave advice and directions to assistants who were following out his theories.

## P. E. I. FOXES TO BE SHIPPED TO FAR EAST

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 8.—The first shipment of silver black foxes from Prince Edward Island to Japan will be made from Charlottetown shortly. The shipment, consisting of a least ten pairs of foxes, consigned to Karafuto, Japan, is part of a plan to stock Japanese islands in the vicinity of the Sakhalin group with fur-bearing animals. James Cahill is accompanying the foxes as caretaker, and will also instruct the Japanese government in the fox ranching.

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