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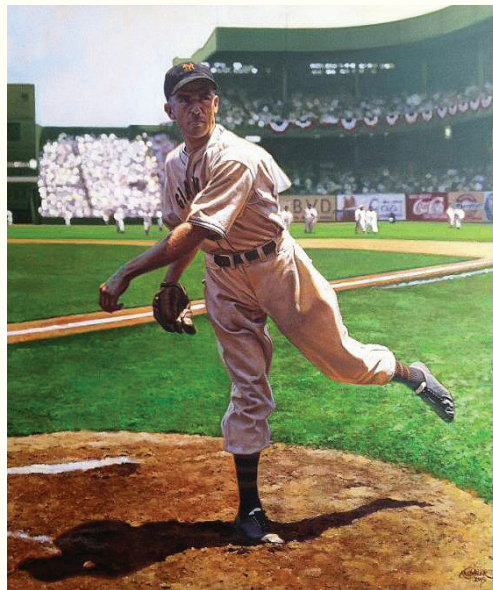
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Boston Bashes to 2-1 World Series Lead

By Calvin J. Butterworth
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Despite the possibility of three Grove vs. Hubbell match-ups in this year's Fall Classic, no one has been expecting hurling to dominate the Polo and Fenway fields this week, and it surely has not.

Both pennant winners “backed” into their respective championship perches with sluggish final weeks, the Giants in particular learning of their World Series ticket when the Cardinals made two damaging errors and lost 5-2 to Charlie Root and the Cubs on the season's final Friday. Nevertheless, the New Yorkers' third straight pennant was hardly a surprise, and their worshipping throng packed every inch of the stadium below Coogan's Bluff when our 35th World Series got underway...



A beleagured Carl Hubbell narrowly lost Game One. (painting by Graig Kreindler)

GAME ONE

Old Lefty was a bit wobbly out of the gate, as McCarthy, Ott and Leiber reached with one out and backup backstopper Harry Danning ripped a single past Higgins into left for a 2-0 Giant lead.

Then Most Valuable American Leaguer Jimmie Foxx strapped on his overalls and went to work. He lined a home run deep to left to begin the 2nd, silencing most of the bleating multitude. Hubbell fanned him after allowing a Vosmik triple and singles to Cramer and Chapman to start the following frame, but Cronin's sacrifice pop made it 3-2 for the Bostonians with minimal effort.

It remained this way until Danning singled in another run in the 6th to tie it 3-3. Neither lefty was fooling anyone, and it was Hubbell's turn to fail again in the 7th. The aforementioned Vosmik began matters with a double, Chapman

◆ FINAL STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS ◆

AMERICAN	W	L	PCT	GB	NATIONAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Boston	99	55	.643	—	New York	92	62	.597	—
New York	97	57	.630	2	St. Louis	91	63	.591	1
Cleveland	85	69	.552	14	Cincinnati	84	70	.545	8
Detroit	81	73	.523	18	Chicago	84	70	.545	8
Washington	75	79	.487	24	Brooklyn	74	80	.481	18
Chicago	74	81	.477	26	Pittsburgh	69	85	.448	23
Philadelphia	59	95	.383	40	Boston	68	86	.442	24
St. Louis	47	107	.305	52	Philadelphia	54	100	.351	38

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FINAL LEAGUE'S
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GREENBERG!



☞ singled him home for the lead and Mr. Foxx doubled into Polo's outfield netherworld to make it 5-3.

The last of the 9th was Grove's near-disaster. Seeds and Danning led with safeties and Cissell walked to bring on portsidig Archie McKain, With the grandstand shaking, McKain got Bartell to rap into a 4-6-3 double play, walked pinch-hitter Mancuso, then retired pinch-hitter Jo Jo Moore on a weak dribbler to end it.

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GAME TWO:

Fifteen-game winner Joe Heving matched up with thirteen-winner Bill Lohrman in the second affair, and once again the National Leaguers took the early lead 2-0, on a solo Mickey Haslin rocket and run-scoring Ott single. Also once again, the Red Sox flicked the deficit away like a bothersome gnat. Foxx singled home Cramer in the 6th, Cramer singled home Heving after two absurd infield hits with two outs in the 7th, Jumbo Brown took over for Lohrman and we moved into extra frames.

Or one of them, anyway, for Boston instantly treated Jumbo to a full-course dinner of his own baked rump. Chapman doubled and Foxx hit one nearly to Staten Island. After Cronin walked, Cliff Melton tried his luck—and had none to speak of. Doerr hit a two-run homer, Heving singled, Vosmik walked, Cramer doubled Chapman singled, and seven 10th inning runs were across!

On to Boston they repaired, with New England ready to sing and root their heroes on...

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GAME THREE:

By Hank Greenberg
 Special Gazette Columnist

BOSTON—My new friend Lilah Edelstein and I were given a fine catbird seat and ample free refreshments at Fenway Park to take in the action of Game Three, and it was far more enjoyable for us than for the home crowd.

The Giants had their way with Jack Wilson right away, scoring four runs on two walks, a Mancuso single and 3-run homer by Bob Seeds on a curve ball that hung a little too long over the plate. Lilah was more schooled than I thought she would be on the intricacies of the game, but I did have to explain how hitters “figure out” pitchers and the like.

The reason I say the 8-2 crushing was enjoyable was because my Hebrew-hating nemesis Ben Chapman went zero-for-four and botched a play in right field. I haven't forgotten his treatment of me the last few years, and likely never will.

Regardless, Hal Scumacher pitched a complete game gem, never really in danger, Ott and Haslin homered later, and with the second Hubbell/Grove matchup slated for tomorrow, there's a good chance this Series will soon be tied.

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◆ FINAL BATTING LEADERS ◆

SPOB (Slugging Plus On-Base)

<i>AL</i>	
J. Foxx, BOS	1.185
H. Greenberg, DET	1.096
R. York, DET	1.029
B. Dickey, NYY	1.020
<i>NL</i>	
J. Mize, STL	1.150
M. Ott, NYG	.956

HOME RUNS

<i>AL</i>	
H. Greenberg, DET	60
J. Foxx, BOS	53
R. York, DET	51
K. Keltner, CLE	40
<i>NL</i>	
J. Mize, STL	35
H. Leiber, NYG	31
W. Berger, CIN	30
M. Ott, NYG	30

BATTING AVERAGE

<i>AL</i>	
T. Wright, WAS	.363
E. Brucker, PHI	.363
J. Foxx, BOS	.342
B. Chapman, BOS	.342
<i>NL</i>	
J. Mize, STL	.378
G. Mancuso, NYG	.362
M. Haslin, NYG	.332
J. Medwick, STL	.332

RUNS BATTED IN

<i>AL</i>	
J. Foxx, BOS	190
H. Greenberg, DET	150
R. York, DET	131
L. Gehrig, NYY	131
<i>NL</i>	
J. Mize, STL	138
J. Medwick, STL	116
M. Ott, NYG	108

DOUBLES

<i>AL</i>	
J. Cronin, BOS	56
<i>NL</i>	
D. Padgett, STL	49

TRIPLES

<i>AL</i>	
T. Wright, WAS	21
<i>NL</i>	
E. Slaughter, STL	24

◆ FINAL PITCHING LEADERS ◆

EARNED RUN AVERAGE

<i>AL</i>	
B. Hadley, NYY	2.82
L. Grove, BOS	3.03
Krakauskas, WAS	3.06
<i>NL</i>	
W. Moore, CIN	2.24
J. Vander Meer, CIN	2.49
R. Bauers, PIT	2.54

NL

J. Vander Meer, Cin	22-12
B. McGee, STL	24-9
B. Lee, CHC	21-13
R. Bauers, PIT	21-16
B. Weiland, STL	20-13

STRIKEOUTS

<i>AL</i>	
B. Feller, CLE	268
B. Newsom, SLB	220
<i>NL</i>	
J. Vander Meer, CIN	194
B. Weiland, STL	161
C. Hubbell, NYG	151

More statisticals in next edition!