

WORLD'S SERIES IN BASE BALL

History of the Interleague Championships Since 1884.

BRIEF GLANCE AT THE GAMES

First Title for Premier Base Ball Honors Was Between Providence and Metropolitans—Popularity Has Increased.

The coming world's championship base ball series will once more demonstrate the wonderful popularity of the sport in every city and town throughout the United States...

The idea of the so-called world's series did not originate with the present major league magnates, however. The first was a result of rivalry between the National league and the old American association, organized in 1882...

It was in 1884 that the first world's series was played, between the champion Providence team of the National league and the Metropolitans of New York, pennant winners in the American association...

Offer of Temple Cup. The Temple cup was offered for competition in 1884, and the Baltimore, champions, met the New Yorks, who finished second. This trophy was played for every year after that until the end of 1897...

When the American league expanded in 1901, which brought on a bitter fight entailing heavy financial loss, there was no chance for a world's championship...

Under the Commission. The series is under the absolute control of the National Base Ball commission, with the contesting clubs forced to give bonds in the sum of \$10,000 each to guarantee good faith and a strict obedience of the rules...

The series of 1884 between the Providence Nationals and the Metropolitans consisted of only three games, all played at the Polo grounds in this city. Providence made a clean sweep, winning by 6 to 8, 2 to 1 and 11 to 2...

Dasher Troy and Dade Esterbrook on the base; Jack Nelson, shortstop; Edmie Kennedy, Chief Roseman and Steve Brady in the outfield...

Anson and Comiskey. Anson's Chicago and Comiskey's St. Louis Browns were the competitors in 1888. Each team won three games, while one contest was a draw...

Browns Third Time. The St. Louis Browns won the American association pennant in 1887 for the third consecutive time. They met the heavy-hitting Detroit, champions of the National league...

Giants Beat Them. The New York Giants, having won their first National league championship pennant, tackled the four-time champion Browns in the 1888 series...

Giants Win Again. The Giants won the world's championship again in 1889 in a series with the Brooklyn American association pennant, winning six games to two, the receipts amounting to about \$30,000...

stop; Harry O'Brien, Corckhill and Brown in the outfield. This was the first game of the series at the Polo grounds...

Cleveland-Boston. The series in 1882 was between the Cleveland and Boston National league teams, the former having won the "first season," ending in midyear, and the latter taking the "second season" campaign...

Temple Cup Series. The Temple cup series in 1886 was between the Baltimore, again champions, and the Clevealnds, who won four games to one...

Boston and Baltimore. The last series for the cup, in 1887, was between the Boston, champions, and the Baltimore, who won four victories and one defeat...

The Boston Americans won the first world's series under the present arrangement in 1903 when they defeated the Pittsburgh five games out of eight. More than 100,000 persons paid to see these games...

different post-season championship games the following have passed away: Radbourne, Esterbrook, Kennedy, Clarkson, Williamson, Burns (Chicago), Mike Kelly, Foutz, Crane, Slattery, Buck Ewing, Bill Brown, Hub Collins, Darby O'Brien, Herman Long, Shorty Fuller, Eddie Burke, McGarr, Stivetz, Marlin Bergen, Chick Stahl and Mike Powers...

The rival Chicago teams, the Cubs and White Sox, locked horns in the 1906 series, the latter winning four games to two. The total attendance was 56,548, and the gross receipts amounted to \$106,550...

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