

## 1904 American League Recap

I would love to take the time and do a truly professional recap like Rod Caborn does, but I have tried before, and I just cannot match that level of production. So, I tip my cap and will put forth as good a recap as I can.

A lot happened during this replay. I won't go into the issues I dealt with on a personal level, but to let you know that they had removed a great deal of love for both baseball and APBA. Fortunately, I began to overcome those issues, and thanks in part to my friends in the APBA community the ILLOWA league, and a much-needed road trip to Kansas City have restored my interest in both.

When I started the season, I was excited because this will give me a complete 5 year stretch from my initial replay of 1901 through 1905, which saw me reenter the face to face community for the first time in a long time.

When I opened the sleeve of cards (I always sort the AL teams first and the NL last, saving my Cubs for last) It was pretty obvious who was going to the World Series, but it was also going to be a very top-heavy standing final result. By that I mean that the upper division was significantly better than the lower division.

So, as I go into my recap, a reminder of how I do replays. Because the 1901 season was my first, and the schedule called for 140 games, that is my benchmark. All replays will be 140 games. This is to avoid arguments like "Pujols played 162 games per year while Ruth only played 152". It's not a knock on either player, but It will be much easier for me to evaluate the numbers as I am finally starting to get enough games played for them to build up.

I also am using a 4-man rotation. I will continue to do so as long as the rosters have enough starting pitchers with enough appearances to make it work.

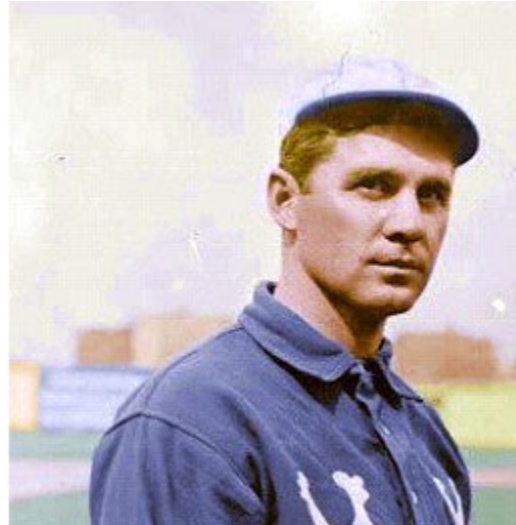
So, it's time to meet your award winners.

American League MVP



Napoleon Lajoie  
Cleveland Indians  
.338 AVG 2 HR 51 RBI 38 SB

American League POY



Jesse Tannehill  
Boston Red Sox  
27-7 2.20 ERA .85 WHIP 6 Shutouts

And here is how the season standings ended up:

|           | W   | L   | Pct. |
|-----------|-----|-----|------|
| Red Sox   | 102 | 38  | .729 |
| Yankees   | 78  | 62  | .557 |
| A's       | 78  | 62  | .557 |
| White Sox | 77  | 63  | .550 |
| Indians   | 70  | 70  | .500 |
| Tigers    | 63  | 77  | .450 |
| Browns    | 56  | 84  | .400 |
| Senators  | 38  | 102 | .271 |

As you can see, I was not completely right in my pre rolling assessment. While the Red Sox were far and above everyone else, and the Browns and Senators in their usual afterthought spots that the majority of teams were pretty much fighting for position most of the year.

So, let's discuss the teams:

As I said earlier, once I saw Boston's cards, the race was already over. I have never felt so strong about a team's chances to dominate before this, and I was not disappointed. Boston may have the smallest roster in the entire set. They quite frankly didn't need much more than what they had.

Their starting 9 were a solid defensive bunch, one of only two fielding one teams in the game. But even Boston had to a lesser degree the same issue that plagued most teams in the game, their bottom three hitters.

Freddy Parent (.310 3 HR 22 SB) was probably the best leadoff hitter in the AL. Constantly setting the table for the power hitters in the lineup was crucial, as they really didn't need to score that many runs.

Jimmy Collins (.254 5 HR 66 RBI) struggled badly out of the gate, and had to rely on a solid second half to get numbers as unexpected as you see here. Jimmy sacrificed about 10 points off his batting average as the hit and run was always in order (see my old article on the "newer" charts hit and run and how I think they hurt deadball lineups for more detail)

Chick Stahl was part of the punch in this lineup. Chick had a double column card with a first column 2 at 66, so he lost a fair amount runs scored because of the many times I hit that number on the hit and run. (Not a complaint on the charts)

John "Buck" Freeman (.263 9 HR 100 RBI) spent most of the time being the backbone of the Boston lineup. He got off to a blazing start, and right about the time Collins heated up, Freeman began to run out of juice. For those not familiar with Buck's career, he was a true power hitter for his era.

APBA has routinely rewarded him with single column cards with three power numbers, and usually a four zero card when he doesn't get a great card.

Like I said Buck struggled over the final 3 weeks and I was worried he may miss out on the century mark for RBI's. This was a big deal, as nobody else was going to make it if he couldn't. With a 140 game schedule, numbers like that mean a lot. He finally did it on game number 138 against the Senators.

After that, the rest of the lineup was more or less there to move runners along and play defense. Kip Selbach (.236) took a complete nosedive in the second half after providing Freeman protection most of the year.

Hobe Ferris (.225 5 HR 73 RBI) had a monster September, but was largely ineffective at the plate otherwise. Lou Criger (.213) and Candy LaChance (.225) were in the lineup solely for defense.

The bench didn't have enough players to actually be a bench in my opinion. It consisted of exactly 3 players, and they only came in when other players were ejected or injured, and most of Boston's starters were J-0, so that didn't happen much.

Catcher Charles Farrell (.213) got some time when Criger went down in April, but wasn't any better than him other than not being rated slow.

Bob Unglaub (.154) finished a few games for Ferris, who was hobbled a bit by ankle issues and Tom Doran, who barely missed being "Moonlighted" appeared in exactly one game and had one at bat, a pinch hit ground out on the final day of the year.

Let's be honest, the rotation, and what a rotation! Carried this team all season. The pitching staff consisted of exactly 5 pitchers, so when the occasional injury popped up George Winter (8-4 1 SV 2.61 ERA) was invaluable as the swingman.

Of the four, Cy Young (19-14 2.10 ERA .82 WHIP) was the best rated of the three A's that anchored the rotation, separated by a better strikeout letter than his teammates.

However, while Cy was a solid and dependable hurler, he may have been the least effective of the 4 starters. He also had a decent year at the plate, hitting just .170, but had 7 extra base hits, including 2 homers.

Jesse Tannehill (27-7 2.20 ERA .85 WHIP) won pitcher of the year honors in what was basically a 4 man battle. Whenever he took the hill if the other team didn't have a B going it was almost certain to be a W for the bosox.

Norwood Gibson (24-6 2.35 ERA .89 WHIP) came very close to winning the POY honors, but came up 3 votes short, and had he not missed a couple of starts in June may have picked those up.

Bill Dinneen (24-7 2.42 ERA .93 WHIP) was the lone B to make the rotation, and he was every bit as effective as his higher rated counterparts. Many times, he picked up a win against the A's and White Sox when they started to try and get close.

New York Yankees      78-62

New York got its first good team of the deadball era, and used their ratings to the best of their abilities. I actually expected them to not match their real world finish in second based on the other teams, but they proved me wrong.

"Honest" John Anderson (.255 4 HR, 26 SB) had a bit of a down year from what I expected, but was on base enough for teammate Willie Keeler (.322 4 HR 60 RBI 26 SB) to work his 3 31's on the hit and run the way you would hope for. Keeler challenged Lajoie all summer for the batting title, but came up short (pun not intended)

Pat Dougherty (.266 5 HR 51 RBI) was solid, if not spectacular. He just never really went on a tear and eventually spent the last 2 weeks on the bench as a pinch hitter.

Jimmy Williams (.276 4 HR 84 RBI) is the only remaining member from the 1901 Orioles that basically folded and were moved to New York. Always a solid hitter, with good speed and a plus defender, brought a lot to the table for the future bombers.

John Ganzel (.233 2 HR 52 RBI) almost saw me die from shock when I saw his card. You can find his card from my first ever replay in 1901 when he was a VERY deserving Terrible Tuesday winner (loser?)

This was his first year back after taking time off from that year, and he got a great card (5-6-2 and an 11) but didn't live up to what I expected, but it was a vast improvement over his previous season.

William "Wid" Conroy (.246 6 HR 56 RBI 26 SB) was off to a horrible start, moved way down the lineup and only kept his job as a starter since nobody else was any better.

He finally started hitting, especially for power when August started to come to a close. Hitting 5 of his 6 homers in the final 3 weeks saw me move him back up the lineup and the Yankees finally put the A's and White Sox out of second for good.

Norman "The Tabasco Kid" Elberfeld (.224 23 SB) and James McGuire (.210) really struggled badly as the season wound down and saw serious reductions in their playing time.

The bench wasn't very strong though, so even though players like Conroy and Elberfeld seriously underperformed I didn't have much to work with.

The only bench player that did well was Dave Fultz (.333) who was used primarily as a defensive replacement for Dougherty and to pinch hit. Dave's big moment was a pinch hit homer to beat Rube Waddell in August. It was his only homer of the year and one of the few he has hit in his career.

John Kleinow (.200) saw limited time in late September when it was obvious McGuire wasn't going to rebound. John Thoney (.375) probably should have gotten more pinch hit opportunities, but Fultz was doing well in that role and I didn't want to tempt fate.

James Osteen (.258) saw time as a late replacement. Over the final two weeks I inserted Orth Collins (.270) into Dougherty's spot as he had a near monster card. Unfortunately, he didn't quite hit as well as I hoped for, but it was a good two week run that produced some extra runs down the stretch.

Like most teams of this era the Yankees were going to go as far as their pitching would take them. I want to charge APBA with crimes against baseball. John Chesbro (20-16 2.94 ERA .94 WHIP), the only 40 game winner in history, with an ERA under 2 and a WHIP just over 1 got rewarded with just an A & C rating!

I knew he would not match his real world numbers, but the lack of the deserved A & B rating really hurt him at times.

Virgil Garvin (21-13 2.63 ERA .98 WHIP) was a good number two hurler, and John Powell (17-17 2.80 ERA) was reliable, but it was the number four pitcher that really kept the yanks in the hunt for second. Al Orth (18-15 3.56 ERA) was just a C, which in the deadball era is not all that strong.

Orth got hot in July and through July, and most of August pitched more like a B, and sometimes an A. Picking up some key wins was big as the Yankees looked to try and hold off a tough battle for second.

The bullpen didn't see a lot of action, but Calvin Griffith, nearing the end of his playing days went 0-1 with a 2.67 ERA in limited use.

Philadelphia A's            78-62

Tullos "Topsy" Hartsel (.252 2 HR 35 SB) Topsy had a 5-6-2 card, and didn't really do as much as I hoped for. However, he did run well and constantly was on second base. This was important, as some hitters really didn't do much in the bottom of the lineup.

Lafayette Cross (.281 76 RBI) had a bit of an interesting card. Despite not hitting .300 he was given a 15 7. One of the reasons the A's played a bit of a 50/50 style of ball most of the season was that he just couldn't get the rolls on a consistent basis.

I moved him all over the lineup, but given the struggles other teammates were suffering I put him at the 2 spot and said screw it. Over the final 5 weeks he went on a solid tear and came close to his actual batting average.

Danny Murphy (.284 12 HR 76 RBI 41 SB) was an MVP threat to Lajoie. Another card with a 5-6-2 and unlike Hartsel he didn't miss much. He hit early and often. The only reason his RBI total was so low was the lack of runners on base for a good part of the year.

Ralph Seybold (.271 1 HR 46 RBI) one of the many who underperformed. I know it's a deadball era, but Seybold should NEVER finish with one homer given his power.

Jasper Davis (.276 10 HR 82 RBI) one of my all time favorite deaball players after Lajoie, really struggled badly early, playing significantly worse than expected. I was forced to move him almost to the bottom of the order. Once Cross moved to the second spot and Seybold to the 5 spot I took a chance and bumped him up to 6 and suddenly the rolls came around.

Over September he hit 5 homers and drove in 19 runs, and when combined with Cross and Murphy really got the A's back in the hunt for second.

Shortstop Monte Cross (.181) and catcher Osse Schrecongost (.154) really hurt this ballclub. While Cross had his SS-9 rating as a crutch to lean on, Schrecongost was esentially useless.

While reserve Mike Powers took over in the final month and limped along at .208 it was like having Johnny Bench in the lineup compared to what the A's were getting.

Another reserve who moved into the lineup was Danny Hoffman (.327 2 HR 20 RBI). Despite only playing in the final month he was a drastic improvement over Oliver Pickering (.209 4 SB). One of Hoffman's homers was a game winner in the bottom of the ninth against the Browns.

Lou Bruce (.111) played in games where Lafayette Cross had to be removed due to ejection or injury.

The reason I expected the A's to do more was pitching. Armed with one of the best 1-2 punches in the game, Rube Waddell (16-15 2.18 ERA .87 WHIP) lead all of baseball with 230 strikeouts and averaged 7.06 per game, which for a deadball era pitcher would be like a pitcher averaging 10 today.

The only reason his win count was so low is basically the first two months he was out dueled by the other elite pitchers this year.

Eddie Plank (19-13 2.59 ERA .97 WHIP) was every bit as dominating as Waddell. finishing with 196 K's was another hurler that was hurt by lack of offense.

Chief Bender (18-13 2.46 ERA) had his best replay for me so far. He was counted on to win those tough games against other teams # 2 or 3 hurler.

Weldon Henley (17-15 2.79 ERA) was good, but sometimes had games where the wheels came off the wagon. If he had been more consistent, he could have won 20.

The reserve pitcher struggled for the most part, but Andy Coakley (3-1 1.42 ERA) was solid as a rock when moved into the rotation in September.

Fred Applegate (3-2 3.40 ERA) and Jim Fairbank (2-2 4.00 ERA) were decent in a small amount of relief work.

Chicago White Sox      77-63

Chicago was an interesting squad. I really thought they would hit better than this. I know this is the early stages of the "hitless wonders", but I just expected a little more.

James "Nixey" Callahan (.230 43 SB) got off to a red hot start, and through May had scored more runs than games played. Unfortunately that came to a sudden halt in an 0-17 series against the A's. He struggled badly, as did most sox hitters in the second half.

John Donahue (.236 2 HR 58 RBI) was one of the few in reverse order of the hitters. He struggled mightily coming out of the gate. Unfortunately, Chicago, like Boston kept the purse strings extremely tight and there were no real options early on so I just had to grind through a tough April through June.

James "Ducky" Holmes (.260 1 HR 16 RBI) was a J-4, who only saw action over the final month. He easily had the best hitting card on the entire roster, and despite the very limited playing time had 15 extra base hits and stole 7 bases in just 30 games.

Edward Green (.251 3 HR 64 RBI), who somehow has the nickname "Danny" despite that not being his middle name was steady, if not spectacular. In addition to stealing 27 bases, was one of the more clutch hitters on the team, with 6 game winning RBI for the season and led the team with 10 sacrifice bunts.

George Davis (.254 1 HR 59 RBI) was dead to the world in June. He started off decently enough, but after a tough eastern swing through Boston, New York, and Philadelphia shaved 30 points off his average and he had dropped just under .200 for the year. He came alive for the final two months and provided Green with some rare protection down the stretch.

Gus Dundon (.215 13 SB) was on this roster simply because he provided solid defense at third base. Traditionally a weak hitter with a solid glove and a J-0 rating was the only reason he played as much as he did.

Lee Tannehill (.217 50 RBI) is the brother of Red Sox pitcher of the year Jesse. Unfortunately none of Jesse's greatness rubbed off on him. He has been in 3 replays now and hit terribly in all of them. He is another player that benefitted from the lack of roster depth.

Billy Sullivan (.166 1 HR 10 SB) was somehow NOT the worst hitting catcher in baseball, but it was very close. The only other catcher was a J-4, so again I was forced to endure rally killing results on a daily basis.

Once Ducky Holmes was inserted into the lineup I ignored the complaints of player-manager Fielder Jones (.202 3 HR 16 SB) and benched him. He was hitting .245 as late as August, but he struggled in a 9 game road trip through Detroit and St. Louis, and the lowly Browns pitching staff managed to shut him down completely. This sent him into a nasty tailspin, so with Holmes being at the point where he would not be in overuse category I gladly benched Jones.

The rest of the tiny bench never saw much action other than Holmes. Frank Isbell (.316) served as a late inning replacement for Tannehill and as a solid pinch hitter.

Back up catcher Ed McFarland (.233) was going to be my starting catcher over the final month. Unfortunately, after about a week he was injured and done for the season. Needless to say that put a damper on the backstop duties.

From the time the White Sox came into being, they made one thing clear. This team is pitching first, and ANY hitting was a bonus. Oddly enough, the Sox pitchers were better at the plate than the regulars. As a group the foursome hit .235 with 19 extra base hits. Doc White and Nick Altrock both homered.

As a whole this team had one of the more consistent rotations, but the severe lack of hitting hurt their chances as they battled for second place.

Frank Owen (18-15 2.62 ERA .99 WHIP) was the team's front man. There were others that were just as good, or better, but he always seemed to come up with a big win.



Guy "Doc" White (22-12 2.40 ERA) led the team in wins, innings pitched, shutouts and complete games. Probably the best all around athlete on the roster he also hit .228 with 5 doubles, a triple, a homer and 10 RBI. He also stole 4 bases.

Frank Smith (18-16 2.81 ERA) was as solid as the top two. The only real difference for Smith was that he led the team in runs allowed, and lost a couple of games he should have won.

Nick Altrock (14-15 3.10 ERA) although his numbers were the worst of the four starters, this crafty left hander was knocked around on a few starts in August and was last in complete games among the starters.

The bullpen for this team struggled for the most part. Elmer Stricklett (1-1 7.58 ERA) and Tom Dougherty (8.57 ERA) were like gas on a fire, and thankfully didn't see much work.

"Big Ed" Walsh (1-0 3.00) was a late season call up who started and went the distance on the final day of the season.

Roy Patterson (3-4 4.21 ERA) was the teams "closer" when rare opportunities came along. Unfortunately, he was 0-4 in that role.

Cleveland Indians      70-70

The Indians are a team that still has some big holes to fill. While the core of this team is as good as any in the league, the weaker players took a serious toll on the won-loss column. They did become my first deadball team to have more double plays than errors (92-60).

Harry Bay (.225 4 HR 48 SB) really didn't live up to expectations. I didn't think he would be Ty Cobb, but I certainly expected better. Equally disappointing was his 88 strikeouts in the table setting role.

Napoleon Lajoie (.338 2 HR 38 SB) was the victim of me wanting to use his monster card in a hit and run dominated role. Unfortunately, Bay didn't set up this awesome card and his RBI count (51) suffered for it. He still managed to win his third batting title and MVP award.

Elmer Flick (.309 5 HR 95 RBI) Elmer finished second in RBI and was among the top ten in all power spots and stolen bases, tying teammate Lajoie for 5th with 38 bases. In fact, the top three batters in Lajoie's lineup were all in the top 5 and amassed 124 of the team's 168 steals.

Billy Lush (.272 4 HR 76 RBI) was a solid addition to the lineup. He moved steadily up the lineup as other players headed to season long slumps.

Bill Bradley (.264 7 HR 69 RBI) really did a lot of everything. Gold glove defense at third base, hit for power, stole 15 bases and hit 10 triples. The only real issue early was his batting average. Starting the

season with a 0 for 19 set the stage for a Ryne Sandberg like April, and like Sandberg got better as the weather warmed up.

Harry Bemis (.203) was a total liability at the plate, but was a decent defender with a strong throwing arm. Missed some time with an injury after a home plate collision, and I discovered his back up was an even worse hitter.

Cotton Turner (.215) was in the lineup for defense only and it clearly showed.

Another problem for Cleveland was the bench, or lack thereof. While Bradley, Flick and Lajoie played every day, when the weaker players were injured or needed a day off the replacements were terrible.

Fritz Buelow (.101) spent about a month in the lineup when Bemis went down, and as bad as Bemis was doing, Buelow somehow managed to be significantly worse.

Claud Rossman (.167) played a couple of days for Turner and was totally worthless.

George Stovall (.273 18 RBI) came in for the final month of the season and was a tremendous upgrade from Charlie Carr. Unfortunately, a J-4 rating killed any chances for more playing time.

The pitching staff had to carry the load. Because the hitters often failed at times, they were required to shut down the opponents to win.

Addie Joss (19-15 2.65 ERA) failed to have a WHIP under 1 for the first time in 4 replays. He didn't miss by much at 1.01.

Bill Bernhard (18-15 2.74 ERA) was another solid pitcher that was hurt by lack of run support.

Francis "Red" Donahue (14-16 3.94 ERA) was good enough to hold the weaker teams at bay, but had trouble against teams like Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

Earl Moore (12-16 3.65 ERA) Earl took the brunt of the beat downs by the upper division. He didn't always pitch poorly, but he was matched up against a lot of team's number one and two starters.

The bullpen was actually better than many. John Hickey (3-6 4.85 ERA) was hot and cold, but spot started for the bottom of the rotation on occasion.

Late season call ups Otto Hess (2-0) and Robert Rhoads (2-2 2.49 ERA) when the tribe was out of contention and showed promise for the future.

Detroit Tigers 63-77

Detroit was a team that didn't seem to have much of an identity. By that I mean they were not a pitching, hitting, fielding or running dominated team. That will begin to change in a couple of years, but for now the Tigers are in "the gap" development wise and it showed. For the fifth time in 10 replays they turned a triple play.

"Wahoo" Sam Crawford (.246 3 HR 43 RBI) had a down year, but still had plenty of time to shine. His power certainly came to the forefront as his 40 extra base hits account for 30% of his hits. He led the league with 19 triples and stole 17 bases as well.

Matt McIntyre (.238 3 HR 49 RBI) had a year similar to Crawford, but with slightly reduced power and speed numbers.

Charlie Hickman (.284 8 HR 67 RBI) had the best card on the team, so naturally he ended up with the best numbers. Like Crawford and McIntyre, he had good power for this era, and his extra base hits totaled about a third of his overall hits. Charlie's 38 doubles were 5th in the AL, and had a surprising 14 triples. While not the fleetest of foot, he still had 10 stolen bases.

Lew Drill (.242 2 HR 56 RBI) as the team's catcher his main duty was to cut down stolen base attempts and provide good defense. He was a little suspect in both. But the Tigers backup catcher was a J-4, so it didn't matter. He did however manage 5 stolen bases, despite being somewhat slow on the bases, and was hit by pitch 14 times.

Bill Coughlin (.213) was only in the lineup for defense. He struggled badly through the season and was lucky to reach the Mendoza Line.

The bottom third of the lineup was as weak as it gets.

Jimmy Barrett (.195) as player-manager he didn't seem to do well at either one. Another player in the lineup due to reserve limitations. Robert Lowe (.189) was very unproductive, and Charlie O'Leary (.194) was finally dropped from the lineup in September.

The reserves were very limited in use, and the ones who did finally go into the lineup seemed to get hurt instantly. Lorenzo Gremminger only played 3 games in place of Coughlin before going down for the season, and Robert Wood, who got hurt a lot in my 1901 replay lasted one game.

Thankfully William Robinson (.224) managed to survive September in one piece, it was a huge improvement that after shifting some players around allowed me to bench the hapless O'Leary.

The one area that made this team at least tolerable for finishing out the string was the pitching. They are still a bit behind the upper division, but they have a couple of hurlers that can be built around.

George Mullin (21-10 2.00 ERA .97 WHIP) was the team's ace. Although the team played poorly most of the year it was Mullin that stopped the losing streaks.

"Wild Bill" Donovan (16-15 2.75 ERA) was a little better than I expected. By luck or skill, he managed to have a lot less walks than he should have. Donovan led the staff in hitting at .247 and had a solo homer and 12 RBI at the plate.

Ed Killian (9-22 3.26 ERA) took the worst of the beatings. It seemed that every time he took the mound something bad happened.

Frank Kitson (13-17 3.52 ERA) As the team's only C starter in the rotation there were times that Kitson managed to outperform Killian, who was a B. Although he got hit the hardest in the games he lost; evidenced by his staff high 241 hits he managed to get enough wins to not be a complete liability.

The bullpen was a big problem through the summer. Jesse Stovall (2-1 5.00 ERA) was probably the most successful. Al Ferry (2-4 1 SV 6.06) was sort of a closer, all be it a bad one. Charlie Jaeger (0-4 4.50 ERA) was the most effective, but couldn't get help from the hitters. Arthur Raymond (0-4 7.09) was brought in when Killian and Kitson just couldn't take any more and just ate innings.

St. Louis Browns            56-84

The Browns disappointed me. I didn't expect them to be in the upper division, but I felt they could be more competitive. Their biggest issue was a teamwide first half slump where everyone was hitting so poorly the team batting average was .189.

Emmet Heidrick (.249 2 HR 40 SB) was the first to start hitting. Once he began to set the table the hit and run opportunities began to open up and the hits finally returned.

Joe Sugden (.247) although he missed a week in July, he was one of the steadier underachievers during the great hitting drought. He was moved up in the lineup slowly through the second half in order to get some better production.

Bobby Wallace (.267 2 HR 68 RBI) If Wallace hadn't gone cold over the final two weeks of the year, he would have hit .300. Unfortunately, he got as cold as anyone I can recall during a replay.

Jesse Burkett (.228 3 HR 38 RBI) Jesse struggled badly in September and lost about 20 points off of his average.

Tom Jones (.229 3 HR 62 RBI) Jones just never got into any rhythm. I moved him all over the lineup and never got any better results. His three dingers tied Burkett for the team lead.

Richard Padden (.214) Padden was only in the lineup for defense. He never did much with a weak card.

Charlie Hemphill (.201 2 HR 50 RBI) Charlie was a tremendous underperformer. The lack of options was the only reason he continued in the lineup.

Charles Moran (.173 1 HR) Was one of the worst everyday players in baseball. Benched in August, but forced back into the lineup when Gleason got hurt for the season.

The reserves were not very good. Other than Mike Kahoe (.227) played when Sugden went down, and considering how weak the lineup was actually not too bad. Pat Hynes (.276) substituted for Hemphill when the position players moved around a bit and was a solid reserve. Harry Gleason (.195) was just starting to hit when he got hurt covering a close play at third and was done for the year.

One might think that a team that played this badly would have horrible pitching numbers, but as I mentioned earlier, I expected this team to be at the top of the lower division.

Harry Howell (15-17 3.72 ERA) disappointed more with his bat than on the mound. Harry was a former position player and always rewarded with a solid hitter's card. He did hit one homer, but it was one of the few times he reached base this year.

Fred Glade (11-19 2.65 ERA 1.00 WHIP) was really snake bit. It seemed like every time he took the mound the batters took the day off. St. Louis was shut out 5 times when he was the starter.

Barney Peltz (11-21 2.89 ERA) Hmmm. Two pitchers back to back named Fred and Barney. Peltz was another pitcher that really had tough luck. Although in his case it was more of his fault than any. He allowed a whopping 270 hits in 308.1 innings, and had to strand a LOT of runners to be this good.

Ed Siever (16-16 3.01 ERA) The only pitcher with a winning record for the brownies. Like Peltz, he allowed a LOT of baserunners, but managed to keep many from scoring.

As with most teams of this era, the St. Louis bullpen was not very deep, or effective. Harry Morgan (1-4 2 SV 4.59 ERA), no, not the guy who played Col. Potter, was the teams "closer" and "led" the league with his mighty total of 2. John Sudhoff (1-4 5.50 ERA) and Clarence Wright (1-3 4.83) rounded out the staff.

Washington Senators 38-102

Remember at the start when I said that as soon as I saw the Red Sox cards they were going to the series? As soon as I saw the Senators cards, I knew they would be the worst team in baseball, and possibly ever.

They certainly ended this replay as expected, but as bad as they played, they were not even close to my worst team. When going through these cards I was stunned at how horrible they were. Even worse, nobody was even good at defense. In fact, if APBA were to have a fielding FOUR they would get it.

Joe Cassidy (.210) was the leadoff hitter. He combined with Bill O'Neill (.223 1 HR 23 SB) for one of the worst 1-2 combos to top a lineup.

Garland Stahl (.276 4 HR 57 RBI) was the ONLY thing to look forward to on this team. He also hit 11 triples, stole 17 bases and was hit 10 times.

Malachi Kittridge (.227) At times it appeared that Kittridge would go on a run and be productive, but they always came to a stop 2-3 games later and he would slump right back to where he was.

Frank Huelsman (.216 4 HR 56 RBI) was a bit of a disappointment. He actually should have had a better year than this, but he did tie Stahl for the team lead in homers.

Pat Donovan (.174) it was kind of sad to see Donovan, who was a big part of my 1901 Cardinals team struggle so badly. Unfortunately, the bench was very small and somehow far worse.

Hunter Hill (.170) I think Hill was born about 90 years too soon. He traditionally has cards that allow for decent power (for the deadball era) a lot of strikeouts, and a low batting average. Hill was so bad he didn't even hit any homers this year.

William McCormack (.173) was only in this lineup because there was nobody else available without a J-4. That's how weak this team was.

The bench consisted of 4 players. William Clarke (.240) who was the main pinch hitter. Given the nature of this team he should be runner up to Stahl for team MVP.

George Nill (0-13) played late in the year when I could no longer stand seeing Hill in the lineup. Silas Herring (.153) was in the lineup early in the year when Hill got hurt and I didn't want to play Nill. Harry Hoffman (0-3) didn't see much work.

Of course, the pitching was the worst in the league. Casey Patten (15-18 3.14 ERA) was the team's top hurler. He also had 4 shutouts.

Tom Hughes (9-22 3.89 ERA). You have to have a pretty good year to lose 20 plus games and still have an ERA under 4.00. Tom only walked 64 hitters, and only 118 hits in 266 innings. Considering the talent level providing his run support, and Cy Young himself would have trouble bettering this.

John Townsend (10-22 4.58 ERA) it was a tough year. John did however have a moment of glory in an otherwise gloomy season, pitching his first career no hitter July 20 against the White Sox.

Albert Jacobson (4-27 5.54 ERA) Congratulations Albert! You are the worst pitcher in baseball! Setting records for most losses in a season (27) hits allowed (357) is going to be a hard challenge for anyone else to be this bad.

And the bullpen was every bit as bad as the starters. Howard Wilson (0-4 10.74 ERA) and Ed Dunkle (0-3 11.25 ERA) were easily the worst duo in relief, if that's what you want to call their appearances. Adelbert Mason (1-3 8.29 ERA) completed the putrid trio of relievers. Wilbert Wolfe (1-3 3.00 ERA) who was a J-4 starter, and moved into Jacobson's spot in September and immediately made the losing a little more tolerable.

Here are the American League's best players.

1904 AL Batting Leaders

Batting Average

| Player            | Team     | AVG  |
|-------------------|----------|------|
| Napoleon Lajoie   | Indians  | .338 |
| Willie Keeler     | Yankees  | .322 |
| Freddy Parent     | Red Sox  | .310 |
| Elmer Flick       | Indians  | .309 |
| Danny F. Murphy   | A's      | .284 |
| Charlie Hickman   | Tigers   | .284 |
| Lafayette Cross   | A's      | .281 |
| Garland Stahl     | Senators | .276 |
| James T. Williams | Yankees  | .276 |
| Jasper Davis      | A's      | .276 |

OBP

| Player          | Team     | OBP  |
|-----------------|----------|------|
| Napoleon Lajoie | Indians  | .385 |
| Elmer Flick     | Indians  | .363 |
| Willie Keeler   | Yankees  | .358 |
| Freddy Parent   | Red Sox  | .354 |
| Billy Lush      | Indians  | .352 |
| Charlie Hickman | Tigers   | .332 |
| Ralph Seybold   | A's      | .330 |
| Lew Drill       | Tigers   | .329 |
| Garland Stahl   | Senators | .328 |
| Danny F. Murphy | A's      | .325 |

Slugging Percentage

| Player            | Team     | SLG  |
|-------------------|----------|------|
| Napoleon Lajoie   | Indians  | .470 |
| Charlie Hickman   | Tigers   | .455 |
| Elmer Flick       | Indians  | .454 |
| Danny F. Murphy   | A's      | .446 |
| Garland Stahl     | Senators | .426 |
| Freddy Parent     | Red Sox  | .426 |
| Willie Keeler     | Yankees  | .416 |
| James T. Williams | Yankees  | .413 |
| Jasper Davis      | A's      | .406 |
| John Freeman      | Red Sox  | .404 |

OPS

| Player            | Team     | OPS  |
|-------------------|----------|------|
| Napoleon Lajoie   | Indians  | .855 |
| Elmer Flick       | Indians  | .817 |
| Charlie Hickman   | Tigers   | .787 |
| Freddy Parent     | Red Sox  | .779 |
| Willie Keeler     | Yankees  | .774 |
| Danny F. Murphy   | A's      | .771 |
| Garland Stahl     | Senators | .754 |
| Billy Lush        | Indians  | .739 |
| James T. Williams | Yankees  | .731 |
| Jasper Davis      | A's      | .727 |

Runs Scored

| Player          | Team      | Runs |
|-----------------|-----------|------|
| Freddy Parent   | Red Sox   | 109  |
| Napoleon Lajoie | Indians   | 97   |
| Harry Bay       | Indians   | 90   |
| Danny F. Murphy | A's       | 90   |
| James Callahan  | White Sox | 86   |
| Sam Crawford    | Tigers    | 85   |
| Jimmy Collins   | Red Sox   | 83   |
| Willie Keeler   | Yankees   | 81   |
| Jasper Davis    | A's       | 80   |
| Tullos Hartsel  | A's       | 79   |

Hits

| Player          | Team    | Hits |
|-----------------|---------|------|
| Napoleon Lajoie | Indians | 185  |
| Willie Keeler   | Yankees | 182  |
| Freddy Parent   | Red Sox | 179  |
| Elmer Flick     | Indians | 166  |
| Danny F. Murphy | A's     | 156  |
| Lafayette Cross | A's     | 151  |
| Ralph Seybold   | A's     | 151  |
| Charlie Hickman | Tigers  | 149  |
| Chick Stahl     | Red Sox | 148  |
| John Anderson   | Yankees | 148  |

Doubles

| Player            | Team     | 2B |
|-------------------|----------|----|
| Napoleon Lajoie   | Indians  | 46 |
| Garland Stahl     | Senators | 44 |
| Bobby Wallace     | Browns   | 39 |
| James T. Williams | Yankees  | 39 |
| Charlie Hickman   | Tigers   | 38 |
| Jimmy Collins     | Red Sox  | 35 |
| Elmer Flick       | Indians  | 33 |
| Billy Lush        | Indians  | 33 |
| Malachi Kittridge | Senators | 33 |
| Kip Selbach       | Red Sox  | 32 |

Triples

| Player          | Team      | 3B |
|-----------------|-----------|----|
| George S. Davis | White Sox | 19 |
| Sam Crawford    | Tigers    | 19 |
| Tullos Hartsel  | A's       | 17 |
| Freddy Parent   | Red Sox   | 16 |
| Chick Stahl     | Red Sox   | 16 |
| Elmer Flick     | Indians   | 15 |
| Joe Cassidy     | Senators  | 15 |
| Tom Jones       | Browns    | 14 |
| William Conroy  | Yankees   | 14 |
| Charlie Hickman | Tigers    | 14 |

Home Runs

| Player          | Team    | HR |
|-----------------|---------|----|
| Danny F. Murphy | A's     | 12 |
| Jasper Davis    | A's     | 10 |
| John Freeman    | Red Sox | 9  |
| Charlie Hickman | Tigers  | 8  |
| Bill Bradley    | Indians | 7  |
| William Conroy  | Yankees | 6  |
| Elmer Flick     | Indians | 5  |
| Jimmy Collins   | Red Sox | 5  |
| Hobe Ferris     | Red Sox | 5  |
| Pat Dougherty   | Yankees | 5  |

| Runs Batted In    |         |     |
|-------------------|---------|-----|
| Player            | Team    | RBI |
| John Freeman      | Red Sox | 100 |
| Elmer Flick       | Indians | 95  |
| Chick Stahl       | Red Sox | 85  |
| James T. Williams | Yankees | 84  |
| Jasper Davis      | A's     | 82  |
| Billy Lush        | Indians | 76  |
| Lafayette Cross   | A's     | 76  |
| Danny F. Murphy   | A's     | 76  |
| Hobe Ferris       | Red Sox | 73  |
| Bill Bradley      | Indians | 69  |

| Walks Drawn    |          |    |
|----------------|----------|----|
| Player         | Team     | BB |
| Billy Lush     | Indians  | 66 |
| Jesse Burkett  | Browns   | 60 |
| Harry Bay      | Indians  | 56 |
| Kip Selbach    | Red Sox  | 56 |
| Tullos Hartsel | A's      | 56 |
| Lew Drill      | Tigers   | 55 |
| Ralph Seybold  | A's      | 51 |
| Jimmy Barrett  | Tigers   | 50 |
| Frank Huelsman | Senators | 50 |
| Chick Stahl    | Red Sox  | 48 |

| Stolen Bases    |           |    |
|-----------------|-----------|----|
| Player          | Team      | SB |
| Harry Bay       | Indians   | 48 |
| James Callahan  | White Sox | 43 |
| Danny F. Murphy | A's       | 41 |
| Emmet Heidrick  | Browns    | 40 |
| Napoleon Lajoie | Indians   | 38 |
| Elmer Flick     | Indians   | 38 |
| Tullos Hartsel  | A's       | 35 |
| Willie Keeler   | Yankees   | 27 |
| Edward Green    | White Sox | 27 |
| John Anderson   | Yankees   | 26 |

#### 1904 AL Pitching Leaders

| Victories       |           |    |
|-----------------|-----------|----|
| Player          | Team      | W  |
| Jesse Tannehill | Red Sox   | 27 |
| Norwood Gibson  | Red Sox   | 24 |
| Bill Dinneen    | Red Sox   | 24 |
| Guy White       | White Sox | 22 |
| Virgil Garvin   | Yankees   | 21 |
| George Mullin   | Tigers    | 21 |
| John Chesbro    | Yankees   | 20 |
| Addie Joss      | Indians   | 19 |
| Cy Young        | Red Sox   | 19 |
| Eddie Plank     | A's       | 19 |

| Saves         |         |    |
|---------------|---------|----|
| Player        | Team    | SV |
| Harry Morgan  | Browns  | 2  |
| George Winter | Red Sox | 1  |
| Alfred Ferry  | Tigers  | 1  |

| Earned Run Average |           |      |
|--------------------|-----------|------|
| Player             | Team      | ERA  |
| Rube Waddell       | A's       | 2.18 |
| Jesse Tannehill    | Red Sox   | 2.20 |
| Norwood Gibson     | Red Sox   | 2.35 |
| Guy White          | White Sox | 2.40 |
| Bill Dinneen       | Red Sox   | 2.42 |
| Chief Bender       | A's       | 2.46 |
| Eddie Plank        | A's       | 2.59 |
| George Winter      | Red Sox   | 2.61 |
| Frank Owen         | White Sox | 2.62 |
| Virgil Garvin      | Yankees   | 2.63 |

| WHIP            |           |      |
|-----------------|-----------|------|
| Player          | Team      | WHIP |
| George Mullin   | Tigers    | 2.00 |
| Cy Young        | Red Sox   | 2.10 |
| Rube Waddell    | A's       | 2.18 |
| Jesse Tannehill | Red Sox   | 2.20 |
| Norwood Gibson  | Red Sox   | 2.35 |
| Guy White       | White Sox | 2.40 |
| Bill Dinneen    | Red Sox   | 2.42 |
| Chief Bender    | A's       | 2.46 |
| Eddie Plank     | A's       | 2.59 |
| George Winter   | Red Sox   | 2.61 |

| Complete Games |           |    |
|----------------|-----------|----|
| Player         | Team      | CG |
| John Chesbro   | Yankees   | 35 |
| Addie Joss     | Indians   | 34 |
| Virgil Garvin  | Yankees   | 34 |
| Guy White      | White Sox | 34 |
| Al Orth        | Yankees   | 33 |
| Frank E. Smith | White Sox | 33 |
| John Powell    | Yankees   | 33 |
| Harry Howell   | Browns    | 32 |
| Barney Peltz   | Browns    | 32 |
| Bill Bernhard  | Indians   | 32 |

| Innings Pitched |           |       |
|-----------------|-----------|-------|
| Player          | Team      | IP    |
| Guy White       | White Sox | 330.2 |
| John Chesbro    | Yankees   | 327.1 |
| Cy Young        | Red Sox   | 321.1 |
| John Powell     | Yankees   | 315.0 |
| Virgil Garvin   | Yankees   | 312.0 |
| Jesse Tannehill | Red Sox   | 311.1 |
| Frank E. Smith  | White Sox | 311.0 |
| Al Orth         | Yankees   | 309.2 |
| Barney Peltz    | Browns    | 308.1 |
| Addie Joss      | Indians   | 295.2 |



| Strikeouts     |           |     |
|----------------|-----------|-----|
| Player         | Team      | K   |
| Rube Waddell   | A's       | 230 |
| Eddie Plank    | A's       | 196 |
| Chief Bender   | A's       | 189 |
| Cy Young       | Red Sox   | 166 |
| Guy White      | White Sox | 159 |
| John Powell    | Yankees   | 153 |
| John Chesbro   | Yankees   | 149 |
| Earl Moore     | Indians   | 143 |
| Frank E. Smith | White Sox | 142 |
| Virgil Garvin  | Yankees   | 137 |

| K Per 9 Innings |           |      |
|-----------------|-----------|------|
| Player          | Team      | K/9  |
| Rube Waddell    | A's       | 7.06 |
| Eddie Plank     | A's       | 6.19 |
| Chief Bender    | A's       | 6.05 |
| Earl Moore      | Indians   | 4.97 |
| Cy Young        | Red Sox   | 4.65 |
| John Powell     | Yankees   | 4.37 |
| Guy White       | White Sox | 4.33 |
| Casey Patten    | Senators  | 4.25 |
| Frank E. Smith  | White Sox | 4.11 |
| John Chesbro    | Yankees   | 4.10 |