Guide to the Collection of World Tours Ephemera

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Abstract
This collection contains ephemera related to baseball’s world tours of 1888-1889 and 1913-1914. Albert Goodwill Spalding initiated the first world tour in 1888, taking his Chicago White Stockings and the All-American Team “’round the world” to bring baseball to an international audience and promote the Spalding Brothers’ business interests. On the tour’s twenty-fifth anniversary, Charles Comiskey and John McGraw took the Chicago White Sox and the New York Giants on a similar tour. The collection mainly consists of menus, newspaper clippings, and programs.

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Le Revue des Sports, March 6, 1889
Various clippings about the tour, New York Herald, March 10, 1889
Australasia, January 5, 1889
Poster of the players from the Chicago Sporting Journal
Dinner Program from the Grand Hotel, Yokohama, 1913
Table plans for the World’s Tour, March 7, 1914
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History

1888-1889 World Tour

After the conclusion of the 1888 baseball season, Albert Goodwill (A.G.) Spalding decided to promote America’s national pastime to an international audience by orchestrating a tour around the world of his Chicago White Stockings and a hand picked all-star tea, the All-American Team, consisting of the best ballplayers from the other National League teams. By promoting this traveling expedition, Spalding sought to plant the seeds of American baseball culture on foreign soil, and elicit publicity and support from the domestic audience. Called the Spalding Australian Tour (even though the players visited many places other than Australia), the tourists traveled to Minnesota, Midwest, Colorado, California, Hawaii, South Pacific Islands, Australia, Egypt, Italy, France, and United Kingdom to played exhibition baseball games.

On October 20, 1888, the tour, including reporters, servants, tourists, and the tourist’s wives, left Chicago, Illinois for St. Paul, Minnesota. Traveling by rail, the party then headed South through the Midwest and Colorado to California. From there, they boarded a steamship for Hawaii, where the royal family met them. After leaving Hawaii, the tourists stopped at a number of South Pacific Islands on their way to Australia. The tourists played a number of games in Australia before departing for Egypt, where they saw the Pyramids, the Sphinx and Whirling Dervishes. Originally, they had considered stopping in Bombay and Calcutta but cancelled these because of a cholera and smallpox scare.

After touring Egypt, the tourists left for Italy. The group then traveled to Paris, where they played baseball before a crowd, including the President of France. Then, it was on to England, where the tourists played a number of baseball games on cricket fields, including a special engagement at the Crystal Palace. After England, the group traveled to Scotland and Ireland before setting sail for the United States.

On April 6, 1889, the group arrived in New York City. They continued playing exhibition games, and were feted with great banquets in almost every city they visited. On April 20, 1889, the group arrives in Chicago to complete their tour after traveling more than thirty thousand miles.

Those participating in the tour included:

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<tr>
<th>All-American Team</th>
<th>Original Team</th>
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<td>Brown, Tom, 1860-1927</td>
<td>Boston, National League (N.L.)</td>
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<td>Carroll, Fred, 1864-1904</td>
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<td>New York, NL</td>
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<td>Cincinnati, American Association (AA)</td>
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<td>Kansas City, AA</td>
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<td>Ward, John, 1860-1925</td>
<td>New York, NL</td>
<td>Captain, shortstop</td>
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1913-1914 World Tour

Taking their inspiration from the Spalding Australian Tour of twenty-five years before, John McGraw and Charles Comiskey decided to take their two teams on a similar tour between the 1913 and 1914 seasons. Comiskey and McGraw funded the tour completely. For the position of Managing Director, Comiskey and McGraw chose Ted Sullivan. Sullivan penned an account of the tour in 1914 entitled, History of World’s Tour: Chicago White Sox and New York Giants.

Although the group was comprised primarily of regular season players from the White Sox and Giants, a few marquee players like Tris Speaker and Jim Thorpe also participated. The tour began with a barnstorming tour across the United States before they left from Seattle, Washington, making stops in Japan, China, the Philippines, Australia, Egypt, Italy, France, and England. While traveling, the tourists survived a near shipwreck, had a personal audience with Pope Pius X, met Thomas Lipton (tea magnate), the last khedive of Egypt, and played before England’s King George V. Their tour concluded in the United States, where both Comiskey and McGraw held banquets for the players and the press.

Those participating in the tour included:

**Chicago White Sox**

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<td>Benz, Joe</td>
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<td>Bodie, Ping</td>
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<td>Callahan, Nixey</td>
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<td>Chase, Hal</td>
<td>First Base</td>
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<tr>
<td>Comiskey, Charles</td>
<td>Owner, Manager, Outfield</td>
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<td>Crawford, Sam</td>
<td>Outfield, (Detroit American League) (AL)</td>
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<td>Daly, Tom</td>
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<td>Egan, Dick</td>
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**Chicago White Stockings**

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<td>Burns, Tom</td>
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<td>Pettit, Bob</td>
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<td>Pfeffer, Fred</td>
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<td>Ryan, Jimmy</td>
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<td>Spalding, A.G.</td>
<td>Owner, President</td>
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<td>Sullivan, Marty</td>
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<td>Tener, John</td>
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Evans, Steve, 1885-1943 | Outfield (St. Louis, NL)
---|---
Leverenz, Walt, 1888-1973 | Pitcher (St. Louis, AL)
Russell, Reb, 1889-1973 | Pitcher
Schaefer, Germany, 1877-1919 | Second Base (Washington, AL)
Schalk, Ray, 1892-1970 | Catcher
Scott, Jim, 1888-1957 | Pitcher
Speaker, Tris, 1888-1958 | Outfield (Boston, AL)
Weaver, Buck, 1890-1956 | Third Base

**New York Giants**

Demaree, Al, 1884-1962 | Pitcher
Donlin, Mike, 1878-1933 | Outfield
Doolan, Mickey, 1880-1951 | Shortstop (Philadelphia, NL)
Doyle, Larry, 1886-1974 | Second Base
Farber, Red, 1888-1976 | Pitcher (Chicago, AL)
Fromme, Art, 1883-1956 | Pitcher
Hearn, Bunny, 1891-1959 | Pitcher
Magee, Lee, 1889-1966 | Outfield (St. Louis, NL)
Mathewson, Christy, 1880-1925 | Pitcher
McGraw, John J., 1873-1934 | Manager
Merkel, Fred, 1888-1956 | First Base
Meyers, Chief, 1880-1971 | Catcher
Snodgrass, Fred, 1887-1974 | Outfield
Tereau, Jeff, 1889-1946 | Pitcher
Thorpe, Jim, 1889-1946 | Outfield
Witlse, Hooks, 1880-1959 | Pitcher
Wingo, Ivey, 1890-1941 | Catcher (St. Louis, NL)

**Sources**


**Scope and Content**

This collection is organized into two series, each representing one of the tours. Series I contains information on the 1888-1889 World Tour. The series contains correspondence, diaries, inventories, maps, menus, passenger lists, posters, programs, and tickets.
Series II contains information on the 1913-1914 World Tour. The series mainly contains menus, programs, and booklets commemorating the tour.

**Controlled Access Terms**

These records are indexed under the following terms in the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s Library catalog. Researchers wishing to find related materials may wish to search under these terms.

**Topics**

- World tour

**Corporate Names**

- Chicago White Sox (Baseball team)
- New York Giants (Baseball team)

**Personal Names**

- Comiskey, Charles A.
- Spalding, A. G. (Albert Goodwill)

**Form and Genre**

- Ephemera, 1880-1890
- Maps
- Menus
- Programs

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*Scope note:*
Series I contains materials relating to the 1888-1889 World tour. The materials are arranged alphabetically by type. Oversized materials have been separated out.

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*Scope note:*
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Maps, Commercial Zone, 1888
Maps, Nordd Lloyd Bremen Line, 1889
Table Plans, World’s Base Ball Tourists, March 7, 1914

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Various clippings about the tour
*New York Herald*, March 10, 1889
*Australasian*, January 5, 1889

Poster, from *Chicago Sporting Journal*