

# 1909 CHICAGO CUBS

104-49 2nd  
MGR Frank Chance (NN)  
"The Peerless Leader"

DP: 311 to 331

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	BA	SB	W/K	HR	T	D	L	R	RNG	Def.		
Frank Chance " <i>Husk</i> "	.272	29		-	113	132	251	244	S	SD	1B92	R R
Johnny Evers " <i>The Crab</i> "	.263	28	MK	-	113	126	242	243	AAR	SD	2B126	L R
Joe Tinker	.256	23	MW	112	121	136	242	241	AAR	SD	SS143	R R
Harry Steinfeldt	.252	22	MK	111	113	132	242	236	AAR		3B151	R R
Frank Schulte " <i>Wildfire</i> "	.264	23	MW	112	116	126	243	243	AAR	T-1	OF140(RF)	L L
Solly Hofman " <i>Circus Solly</i> "	.285	20		111	113	126	254	251	AAR		OF153(CF/RF)	R R
Jimmy Sheekard	.255	15		-	112	132	241	241	AAR		OF148(LF)	L R
Jimmy Archer	.230	5	MW	111	113	124	234	231	AR	SD	C80	R R
Pat Moran	.220	2		111	112	126	231	225	AR	SD	C74	R R
Del Howard	.197	6		111	113	121	215	221	AAR		1B57	L R
" <i>Heinie</i> " Zimmerman <i>Henry</i>	.273	7	MW	-	112	131	245	245	AAR		2B31, SS12, 3B4	R R
Joe Stanley	.135	0		-	-	114	156	155	AAR		OF16(LF/CF/RF)	B R
John Kane	.089	1	MK	-	-	115	142	141	AAR		OF8(LF), 3B3, SS3, 2B2	R R
George Browne	.205	3		-	116	-	216	223	AAR		OF12(CF)	L R
Fred Luderus	.297	0	PK	116	126	136	251	255	AR		1B11	L R
Tom Needham " <i>Deerfoot</i> "	.143	0		-	-	-	164	156	AR		C7	R R
Mordecai Brown	.176	0	MW	-	112	121	212	212	SLO	SD	P50	B R
Orval Overall	.229	0		115	121	143	233	231	SLO		P38	B R
Ed Reulbach	.140	0	PK	-	113	122	161	156	SLO	SD	P35	R R
Jack Pfister	.169	1	PK	-	-	113	212	166	SLO		P29	R L
" <i>Rube</i> " Kroh	.150	1	PK	-	-	-	156	163	SLO		P17	L L
Irv Higginbotham	.231	0	MW	-	-	-	235	231	SLO		P19	R R
" <i>Rip</i> " Hagerman	.130	0	MW PK	-	-	123	154	154	SLO		P13	R R
Pitcher R	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	153	145	SLO			
Pitcher L	.110	-	MW PK	111	-	113	145	146	SLO			

	ERA	IP	W	K	G	GS	SV				
Mordecai Brown <i>SD</i>	1.31	343	122	622	50	34	7	.176	B R	"Three Finger" "Miner"	
Orval Overall	1.42	285	132	561	38	32	3	.229	B R		
Ed Reulbach <i>SD</i>	1.78	263	133	632	35	32	0	.140	R R	"Big Ed"	
Jack Pfister	2.43	197	126	635	29	25	0	.169	R L	"Jack the Giant Killer"	
" <i>Rube</i> " Kroh	1.65	120	126	631	17	13	0	.150	L L	<u>Floyd Myron</u>	
" <i>Rip</i> " Hagerman	1.82	79	135	632	13	7	0	.130	R R	<u>Zerah Zequiel</u>	
Irv Higginbotham	2.19	78	126	632	19	6	1	.231	R R		
Rudy Schwenck	3.86	14	124	652	3	2	0	.250	L L		

– 1910 Franklin P. Adams "Baseball's Sad Lexicon" (Based on the Cubs heated rivalry with the Giants at that time.)

These are the saddest of possible words: Tinker to Evers to Chance. Trio of bear cubs, and fleeter than birds: Tinker to Evers to Chance. Ruthlessly pricking our gonfalon bubble, making a Giant hit into a double—words that are heavy with nothing but trouble: Tinker to Evers to Chance.

Mr. Adams wrote a weekly column for the New York Evening Mail. The Cubs finished SECOND to the PIRATES in '09, six-and-one-half games behind the Pittsburghers. The Pirates won the season series, 13-9. The "double" in Mr. Adams's verse refers to the plethora of double plays turned by the Cubs' HOF infielders (Joe Tinker/Johnny "The Crab" Evers/Frank "Husk" Chance)...*Chicago were the defending National League champions the three previous seasons. (They would be champs again in 1910.) The Cubs hit .245 as a team and in the "deadball" era they clouted twenty home runs and sixty triples. Tinker and Frank Schulte tied for the team lead in triples (11) and homers (4)...The dominating pitching staff completed the season with a miniscule 1.75 ERA. Mordecai Brown, an Indiana coal miner and farm boy who had lost parts of two fingers on his pitching hand during his youth working a food-chopper, was 27-9 in wins/losses with 32 complete games. He led the N.L. in both categories. His disfigured hand allowed him to throw the most wicked curveball in baseball with a remarkable spin rate. Orval Overall was a 20-game winner while Ed Reulbach would win nineteen and lefty Jack Pfister seventeen. Overall topped the majors with 205 strikeouts. Cubs starters accounted for 97 percent of the team's victories, a record which still stands to this day. The staff completed 111 ball games, including 32 shutouts.*