

# MAJOR LEAGUE ATTENDANCE NEARS RECORD

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (AP)—Major league baseball attendance for the season just closed showed a 10 per cent increase over last year's figures, and was within striking distance of all time records.

Semiofficial compilation today by the Associated Press disclosed a grand total of 9,447,497 fans passed through the turnstiles of the sixteen American and National League clubs.

This compared with an aggregate of 8,585,000 in 1936, thereby producing a total increase of 862,497.

## HIGH IN 1930

The all-time "high" was reached in 1930, when the total attendance for the two major circuits reached 10,186,000.

The most striking feature of this year's showing is that the Detroit Tigers, second-place club in the American League, set the attendance pace, with a total of 1,181,000. This was a record for home game attendance in the

Motor City and exceeded by nearly 40,000 the home game figures for the world champion New York Yankees, hitherto the undisputed No. 1 drawing card.

The Yankees, however, helped Detroit set a new home mark. The New Yorkers, for the eleven games they played in the Tigers' park, helped draw 271,000 fans.

## GIANTS, CUBS HIGH

In the National League, where only half the eight clubs registered increases, the champion New York Giants and second-place Chicago Cubs came closest to the million-mark with 991,007 and 950,000, respectively.

The biggest single game attendance, 68,939, was registered at the Yankee Stadium June 20, when the champions beat the White Sox twice. Tops in the National League was 61,756 at the Polo Grounds for a double-header between the Giants and Dodgers on Memorial Day. At Cleveland's Municipal Stadium, July 18, when Joe DiMaggio's

home run for the Yankees beat Bob Feller, the attendance was 59,884.

The Yankees and Giants drew most of the year's biggest crowds on the road.

Most major league clubs guard their official attendance figures closely, preferring to give out only estimates, but the following comparative tabulation, for home games, is based upon authentic information:

NATIONAL LEAGUE		
	1937	1936
New York Giants	991,097	850,000
Chicago Cubs	950,000	800,000
Pittsburgh Pirates	525,000	425,000
St. Louis Cardinals	490,922	509,000
Boston Bees	275,000	225,000
Philadelphia	250,000	250,000
Brooklyn Dodgers	484,482	600,000
Cincinnati Reds	450,000	490,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4,416,501</b>	<b>4,150,000</b>
AMERICAN LEAGUE		
	1937	1936
New York Yankees	1,141,995	1,100,000
Detroit Tigers	1,181,000	1,020,000
Chicago White Sox	595,000	550,000
Cleveland Indians	570,000	475,000
Boston Red Sox	578,000	600,000
Washington Senators	400,000	350,000
Philadelphia Athletics	435,000	250,000
St. Louis Browns	130,000	90,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,030,995</b>	<b>4,435,000</b>