It's One Vine Time for Veeck Conference

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For all or parts of eight consecutive decades, the Veeck family was a fixture at one side of Chicago or the other.

From innovation to controversy to four league pennants, William Sr. and his son Bill left their imprints on the game, many of which remain visible decades later.

In commemoration of their many contributions here, the Chicago Baseball Museum will host the symposium One Family, Two Teams: The Impact of the Veecks on Chicago Baseball on Thursday, Sept. 20, at the Chicago History Museum.

The event will take place 75 years after the vines made their debut in the Wrigley Field outfield, yet another Veeck vision that has stood the test of time.

Guest speakers will include local historian-educator Dr. Timuel Black, author Paul Dickson, longtime Sun-Times columnist Ron Rapoport and former White Sox general manager Roland Hemond and third baseman Eric Soderholm among others. Ticket information will be announced on our Website in the next few days.