

# NEWS of SPORT

## COMPARATIVE FIGURES ON CHANCES OF ATHLETICS AND CARDS IN WORLD SERIES

**Harry Cros, New York Herald-Tribune Sport Expert, Favors Athletics Mathematically But Looks for Cards to Cop—A's Lack Incentive After Taking Three Series in Row—Cards Look to Young Derringer in the Box—A's Pitchers Shade Cards.**

(By Harry Cross)

The business of forecasting the probable winner of a World Series by mathematics is as often wrong as it is correct, because many elements enter into baseball's grand finale which do not appear in the figures. Take for instance, the Athletics and the Cardinals, who are so far ahead in the American and National Leagues that in all probability no one can catch them. They will combat each other in October as they did a year ago. The Cardinals were outclassed at that time and the inference is that the same condition will obtain again.

The St. Louis Club, however, will be a different baseball machine from that of last year. It should be a much stronger team. Last year the closeness of the pennant fight in the National League left the St. Louis players fagged out when the World Series started, while the Athletics had won their flag easily and had plenty of time to relax in preparation for the series.

This year the Cardinals will have an opportunity to slow down toward the finish. They will have a better balanced ball club and also will have the benefit of last year's experience with Mr. Mack's juggernaut. Then, too, they have an unusual amount of good reserve power, the result of the chain-store system whereby the Cardinals rake in the best talent of their numerous minor league finishing schools.

### Favor Athletics

On a mathematical basis Philadelphia has the better ball club. The club batting average of the Athletics is .289, according to last week's official figures, as against .285 for St. Louis. That is close and so are the club fielding figures. The Athletics have a club fielding mark of .976 the Cardinals, .974.

The Athletics' best individual slugger is Simmons, with .385 while the Cardinals' top batsman is Bottomley, with an average of .338. The next best hitter of the Mackmen is Cochran, with .337, while the Cards' second hitter is Hafey, with .327. Haas and Bishop are the Athletics' two other .300 hitters, while Frisch and Collins also are just within that class for the Cardinals.

Comparative figures show that the Cardinals have made 136 double plays this season, to 110 by the Athletics, a decided edge for the National Leaguers in infield defense, although the Cardinals have made 129 errors to 110 by the Athletics. The Athletics have made 100 home runs to the Car-

dinals' fifty two but the St. Louis club leads in two base hits, 280 to 262, and has made sixty two three baggers, to fifty two by the world champions.

### Mack's Pitchers

In pitching the Athletics again have a decided advantage especially with Grove, who has won twenty six games and lost only three, for an average of 900. The Cardinals' best pitcher is Haines, with eleven won and three lost, an average of .786. Mahaffey, of the Athletics, has won fifteen games and lost two, for an average of .715. Earnshaw has a pitching mark of .708, with seventeen games won and seven lost, while Derringer, the young hope of the Cardinals staff, has won fifteen and lost six, a mark of .707. Grimes, Hallahan, Johnson, Lindsey and Rhem all are pitching above the .500 mark, while the other Athletic pitcher, Rommel, Hoyt, and MacDonald, are under .500. Hoyt's mark for the season with both Detroit and the Athletics is ten won and eleven lost.

The Athletics already have won two world championships in a row and, to take a third one, the Philadelphia club must overcome the lapse of incentive which naturally comes with a repetition of triumphs. There is a let-down in the fighting key of ball players after they have gone just so far along the high road of victory. It has been so in the past.

### Hope Big Things

It isn't to the older pitchers such as Haines and Grimes that St. Louis looks, but to young Paul Derringer, who, in his first year in major league ball, has flashed a change of pace which usually comes to a pitcher only after seasons of experience. Great things are expected of this boy from Kentucky.

The Cardinals this season have shown far more speed on the bases than the Athletics, with eighty-eight to the Athletics' nineteen, but the Mackmen are playing a different type of baseball. They have relied on power rather than on finesse and it may be that the difference in the baseball used in the leagues is the reason for this.

Coasting along at a big lead, the Cardinals will have an opportunity of studying the ball used in the American league and the Athletics will have the same opportunity, so that the difference in the ball is not likely to be an important factor.

A Southern girl asked for a divorce on the ground that her husband's family has all turned bootleggers. The in-laws are out-laws.

## SHIELDS, WOOD RATE HIGH FOR SINGLES TITLE

New York, September 1—With every great ranking player in the United States now in the East or enroute here, the fiftieth annual men's national singles championship tournament commemorating the golden jubilee of the game in the United States will get under way next Saturday afternoon on the turf courts of the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills.

New players will be fighting this year for the national honors won last year by John Hope Doeg, of Newark, N. J., whose gaunt shadow always fell across the pathway of the ambitious youngsters who were striving for the title during Big Bill's uninterrupted march from 1920 to 1925 and again in 1929, left the field open to the younger generation when he entered the professional ranks this year and there are at least four or five younger men who will be rated about on even terms who play starts next week.

### Seeded Players Listed

The United States Lawn Tennis Association championship committee, in which F. Schuyler Van Bloem, is chairman, already has made an analysis of the entries and has decided to see eight Americans and eight visitors from abroad, as follows:

#### United States

- No. 1—Ellsworth Vines, Jr.
- No. 2—Francis X. Shields.
- No. 3—Sydney B. Wood, Jr.
- No. 4—George M. Lott, Jr.
- No. 5—John Hope Doeg.
- No. 6—Clifford Sutter.
- No. 7—John Van Ryn.
- No. 8—Wilmer Allison.

#### Visitors

- No. 1—Fred Perry.
- No. 2—Patrick Hughes.
- No. 3—Christian Broussus.
- No. 4—Jacques Brugnon.
- No. 5—Dr. Jack Wright.
- No. 6—Marcel Rainville.
- No. 7—Marcel Bernard.
- No. 8—Andre Merlin.

## SPORTING BRIEFS

### Lits Fighter's Bans

Buenos Aires, September 1—As a part of Argentina's observance of the first anniversary of the 1930 Revolution, September 6, the Buenos Aires boxing commission has awarded amnesty, effective on that date, to all boxers who are now under suspension.

Those who are to be reinstated include Normal Tomasullo, a heavyweight, who recently returned from a campaign in New York and claimed fouls in two successive fights. He received a six-month suspension.

### Dempsey Comes Back

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 1—Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, knocked out Big Tom Sawyer, Vancouver heavyweight, in one minute and fifteen seconds of the first round and then took on two other fighters in a boxing exhibition here last night.

Sawyer ripped in with both hands but Dempsey came back with left hooks to the chin and rights to the body and the Vancouver man went sprawling for the ten count.

The next opponent, "Tiny" Lamar, Tacoma heavyweight lasted one round, but was knocked down for counts of eight and five. Del Wolfe of Bellingham, Washington, went two rounds landing one heavy right to Dempsey's head, which apparently failed to shake Dempsey. Dempsey was clowning around with his man in the last minute.

Dempsey boxed with smaller gloves than he used in his three previous exhibitions.

Kindred religious Liberals held a meeting in the Orange Hall last evening, but it was of a non-political nature.

## WHITE SOX BUY DALLAS HURLERS

Dallas, Texas, August 31—Lou Garland, right-hand pitcher, and Ralph Erickson, a southpaw, have been sold of the Chicago White Sox by Dallas of the Texas League.

Garland goes immediately to the Sox for \$15,000 cash, so as to be on hand for the city series with the Chicago Cubs.

Erickson was bought for \$10,000 and will report next spring.

## CORRECTION IN SOUND FILM NOW POSSIBLE

Boston, Sept. 1, If an actor speaks the wrong word in the filming of a sound picture, it is not always necessary to retake the whole scene.

This was demonstrated the other day at a Boston studio where sound explanations are added to silent news reels. In explaining a picture of the waterfront, the lecturer's tongue slipped. Instead of saying something like "Two hundred and sixty thousand pounds of fish are landed here daily," he said "Two hundred and sixty thousand tons of fish are landed here daily."

To avoid shooting the sound again, the director stood in front of a microphone and sang "pounds, pounds, pounds," up and down the scale. Then the pitch of his voice that most accurately matched that of the lecturer was selected.

The exact spot on the film where a tiny line marked the word "tons," the directors word "pounds" was substituted. The job was so skillful that it was absolutely unnoticeable in the screening of the reel.

## DROUGHT DRIVES WILD ANIMALS INTO THE OPEN

Bakersfield, California, Sept. 1—A shortage of grubs and other succulent dainties to be found under boulders and logs, plus general poor mountain foraging, has caused bears to invade the lowlands, stockmen from the Kernville district complain.

The cattlemen say the bears have raided many pigpens and a number of unoccupied summer cabins.

From Wasco, 25 miles northeast, come reports that coyotes have become so bold as to remain in the open in the daytime and on several occasions have tried to fraternize with dogs.

Several coveys of quail have forsaken the mountains for the outlying districts of Bakersfield, residents have reported, and at Wasco a covey of Japanese pheasants has taken possession of a eucalyptus grove, where food and water are plentiful.

## EATS GOLD AND GLASS

Chicago, Illinois, Sept. 1—For more than a year Frederick Hoelzel has been eating pellets of metal, glass beads, strands of knotted thread, and twine.

He has even eaten gold and solid rubber—not because he likes their taste—but because he volunteered to aid University of Chicago physiologists in experiments which they hope will discover information which will aid them in conquering indigestion.

The metal Hoelzel eats mixed with the usual fare of a healthy person. He first offered himself because he suffered from severe stomach trouble which a high school student here.

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