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Sport Slants

by Alan J. Gould

Manager Connie Mack, Mickey Cochrane, Lefty Grove, Rube Walberg and Jimmie Dykes have all played baseball post in the pennant victory of the Athletics but in all-around usefulness Alojusius Harry Simmons tops the Tribe of Mack without much, if any question.

"Simmons has no weakness, as a fielder or batsman," Connie Mack told me not long ago. "He does the right thing instinctively at the plate. He thinks and acts quickly."

While Al Simmons came up from Milwaukee of the American association in 1924, the critics promptly laughed him "Waterbucket Al" from the fashion in which he anchored his right foot at the plate and predicted he would come to no good as a hitter because of this [illegible] stance. The critics had their tongues when Al's American association average of .398 in 1925 shrunk to .308 in big company in 1926 but nobody has been chiding Bush with the great outfielder at any time since then.

Simmons batted .336 in 1925, Manager Dutch Hellmann a great fan for the league batting championship. He has been a contender for the hitting honors ever since, hitting .343 in 1926, then .392 to be second chased Hellmann down the stretch in 1927 and .351 in 1928, finishing fourth in the batting race. This year he is the champion of the lot.

Simmons has further lost Simmons is not dangerous in a pinch, more consistent in running around with men on bases," say the baseball experts. The figures for 1929 bear out this out.

It should be a great battle in the world's series between the Athletics champions, Simmons batting .392, strong man of the Chicago Cubs. Each club has a number of good hitters but Simmons is the only one in and out, the most threatening the big punch, especially than any of the others, including Foxx, Haas and Miller of the A's or Hornsby, Cuyler and Stephenson of the Cubs. Each leads its team in batting.

Any baseball team had a pitching staff as fit for this series where there is no rest between games, as Connie Mack has, would be foolish to seek replacements for the great center trio of Grove, Earnshaw and Walberg, great man, and [illegible] Grove stands McMillan and Quinn. These three alone are formidable as any combination on the gridiron.

Johnny Warner, at Stanford, has the experience of a similar problem in filling the shoes of Robertson and Kay, another outstanding [illegible] of pitchers in [illegible]ce. If he is to succeed Cravath in Baltimore the former position for The Card[illegible].

Illinois and Georgia Tech lost two of the best men of 1928 in Simmons, Harris and Peter Pond[illegible] and a similar case for All-American honors. The Army also lost its fullback in Hall so that no regret over the preparations for next season's opponents in [illegible] the middle of the line.

TONY RELASSOED

PITTSBURG, Kans., Sept. 30 (AP)—Tony Pompanatto, who escaped from the Pittsburg county jail here a week ago, was recaptured in Kansas City, Mo., by police there and returned to the county jail here today. Pompanatto is charged with the murder of Mrs. Mary Williams, widow of Daniel Edgerton Williams, who was killed in an automobile accident in California during the training season of the Portland Beavers.

Williams was a passenger in the automobile which Kopp is alleged to have driven recklessly.

Speedy Getaway

A department store executive in Minneapolis left a window key in the door of his apartment yesterday. A half hour later he returned to see [illegible] "I don't think Mrs. Nimrod would hold the key," [illegible] to Princeton.

Many Kinds of Snakes

It has been estimated that there are 1,000 kinds of snakes in the world. The United States has about 102 species.

Athletics Have Edge Over Cubs Behind The Bat

By Alan Gould
(Associated Press Sports Editor)

NEW YORK, Sept. 30 (AP)—The Cubs won the National league pennant in spite of a succession of troubles behind the bat; the Athletics captured the American league flag largely because of the aggressive brilliant play of Gordon (Mickey) Cochrane, the league's "most valuable player" in 1928 and still the best all-around backstop in baseball in 1929.

If backstopping alone decided the series, the presence of the spirited Cochrane could give the A's an overwhelming edge. Mechanically Cochrane may have his flaws.

"Cochrane is unquestionably the spark-plug of the team," Connie Mack said recently. "And he thrives on work."

It is a rarity for a catcher to bat in the critical third position in any batting line-up, but Cochrane's eyed and stickwork, testified to by a mark of .327, have kept him there. Barring an accident, the former Boston university star, who has been worth double his purchase price of $50,000 from the Pacific coast league, will catch every game of the series for the Mackmen.

Hartnett Lost as Catcher

The Cubs suffered a severe blow in the spring when their star receiver, Gabby Hartnett, a heavy hitter and hard worker, developed a lame shoulder. Hartnett has been out of the game all season and will not get into the series except as a pinch-hitter.

Old Mike Gonzales, the 37-year-old Cuban, gamely carried on early in the campaign, but was not equal to the job of working steadily behind the bat. In desperation Manager Joe McCarthy got Zach Taylor from the Boston Braves by the waiver route.

Taylor is neither as fast nor as dangerous a batsman as Cochrane but he is a reliable worker, experienced and a good thrower. He suffered a finger injury recently, forcing the Cubs to send young Semler behind the bat, but Zach has about recovered from that mishap and like Cochrane probably will catch every game.

Major Leagues Swing Into Last Week of Season

By William J. Chapman
(Associated Press Sports Writer)

The final seven days of the baseball season will hold interest chiefly for individual exploits and for the battle between Brooklyn and Philadelphia for the top of the National league's second division. After winning seven straight games which carried them into fifth place ahead of the Reds, the Phillies fell back into a tie for the position by losing to the Giants by 4 to 2 yesterday as the Pittsburgh Cubs shaded Boston by 5 to 2.

Rogers Hornsby's thirty ninth home run not only placed him in a tie with his team-mate, Hack Wilson, for third place in the National league derby, but also enabled the champion Cubs to shade Ben Frey, Cincinnati recruit from Nashville to a score of 1 to 0. Cold weather held the attendance to 12,000.

The Pirates divided two in St. Louis winning the opener by 3 to 1 and dropping the nightcap by 10 to 2. The Pirates still could lose second place—but only by dropping all their games.

Red Sox Win

In the American league Cleveland and Red Sox shunted the champion Mackmen for a 10 to 0 victory, the Means Grove, Yerkes and Hudlett offering. The Red Hose got to Grove for eight earned runs in five innings which will do Mr. Grove's official average no good.

George Pipgras and Wesley Ferrell selected the same day to share honors with two-hit games. Pipgras pitched the Yankees to a 2 to 0 victory over Washington, winning his eighteenth, and Ferrell turned back the Browns by 4 to 1 in Cleveland. The victory practically clinched third place for the Indians. Lou Gehrig hit his thirty-fourth home in the Washington game.

Detroit outslugged the White Sox to win a wild game by 9 to 8 in eleven innings. Gehringer and Stone aided the Bengals with home runs.

FAVORITES WIN OPENING GAMES

Oregon, Stanford, Oregon State, Southern California Subdue Rivals

Coast Conference Standings

	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Southern Cal.	1	1	0	1.000
U. C. L. A.	1	0	1	.000
Oregon	0	0	0	.000
Oregon State	0	0	0	.000
Stanford	0	0	0	.000
California	0	0	0	.000
Wash. State	0	0	0	.000
Idaho	0	0	0	.000
Washington	0	0	0	.000
Montana	0	0	0	.000

Saturday's Schedule

At Palo Alto—Oregon vs. Stanford.
At Los Angeles—Oregon State vs. Southern California.
At Berkeley—St. Mary's vs. California.
At Seattle—Montana vs. Washington.
At Pullman—Mount St. Charles vs. Washington State.
At Moscow—Whitman vs. Idaho.
At Los Angeles—Fresno State vs. U. C. L. A.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 30—The Stanford Cardinals, last year's conquerors of the Army, and the University of Oregon Webfoots, northern champions in 1925, will clash at Palo Alto Saturday in one of the crucial football games of the Pacific coast conference. Because of the reputed strength of the Webfooters the game is looked upon as a classic.

In the south at Los Angeles another big game will be played with the Southern California Trojans facing the Oregon State college Orangemen. This game may be more troublesome to the Trojans than they expect, for the Aggies are going into it with everything to win and nothing to lose, as they are not reputed a strong team this season, having lost, among others, Howard Maple, their star quarterback for three years.

California Meets Gaels

California will play a tough team in St. Mary's. Although not a conference contest, this game has been one of the annual classics in the south and promises to be fiercely fought. The Bears and Gaels each have strong elevens.

Montana and Washington will clash in Seattle. Although the Grizzlies have a stronger team than a year ago, they are hardly up to Washington's well-balanced strength, so it should not surprise if Bezzy's men roll up a large score.

Washington State will be host to Mount St. Charles at Pullman. This will be just a light workout for the Cougars, as Mount St. Charles is no mately for its heavier opponents.

Whitman and Idaho will mix at Moscow. At one time the Missionaries boasted a powerful aggregation. But after the drubbing they received at the hands of Washington Saturday there is little hope for them against the Vandals.

U. C. L. A. and Fresno State will play at Los Angeles. Despite all-years reports that the Bruins are stronger this season than they were a year ago, they do not measure up in strength to the other conference elevens and may have a struggle in downing Fresno.

No Upsets Last Week

There were no upsets in last week's play. Oregon bowled over its lighter opponent, Pacific, 53 to 0. Oregon State, after being held scoreless the first half, rallied in the last two periods to down California Aggies, 19 to 0.

California triumphed over Santa Clara, 27 to 6. The Bears showed a fairly fast offense, while Clipper Smith's Broncos did not quite come up to expectations.

Stanford Has Tough Game

Stanford had a battle of a lifetime to down the Olympic club, 7 to 0. Both teams put up a strong defensive game.

Anse Cornell's College of Idaho was no match for Washington State, the Cougars running up a 13 to 0 score.

Montana State, one of the most powerful mid-western elevens, fell before Idaho, 32 to 0. The Vandals had a big fast team and they fairly swept the Staters off their feet.

Montana clubbed a victory over Mount St. Charles, 18 to 6. The Grizzlies had a fairly strong offense and may prove troublesome in the conference race, although hardly a threat.

Other Saturday scores follow:
Georgia 7, Ellensburg normal 7.
Colorado Aggies 14, St. Regis 0.
Nevada 7, Brigham Young 16.
Michigan 39, Albion 0.
Wisconsin 21, South Dakota 0.
Indiana 18, Wabash 2.
Michigan State 58, Alma 6.
Wisconsin 22, Ripon 0.
Iowa 46, Carroll 0.
Michigan 16, Mount Union 3.
Florida 14, Southern college 0.
Alabama 45, Mississippi college 0.

High School
Pendleton 7, Pasco 7.
Franklin (Portland) 45, Hood River 0.

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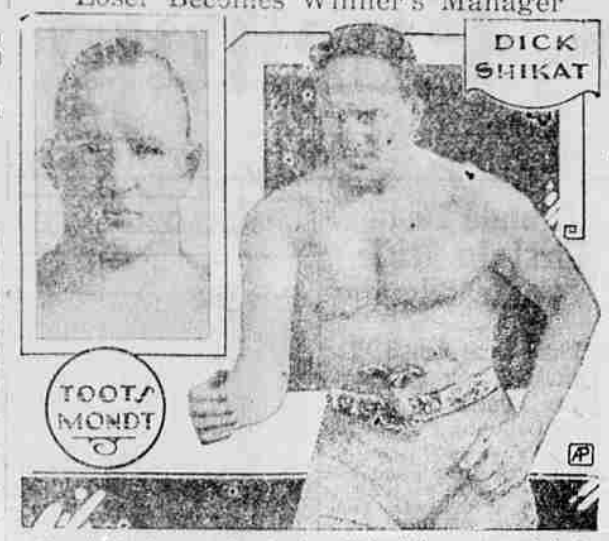

"Toots" Mondt got a break when Dick Shikat outwrestled him five months ago. Mondt promptly signed as Shikat's manager. Now Shikat is recognized as heavyweight champion in Pennsylvania and New York.

Ducks' Chances For Coast Flag Blasted by Oaks

By The Associated Press

Two full games ahead of the second place Mission Reds, the Hollywood Stars today led the Pacific coast league with only a week left of the 1929 baseball season. The Reds gave the Stars a strenuous week ending with the Sunday doubleheader which the two rivals split, but the Stars won the series four to three.

Lefty Jones hurled his Hollywood team-mates to victory in the morning game at Recreation park. The Stars won it by a 3 to 1 score. In the afternoon it was the Reds' turn to win, and Dutch Reuther pitched his mates to an 8 to 6 victory, shewing complete mastery of the Southern Sheiks. The record shows that Reuther is more than a match for the Stars every time he meets them.

The San Francisco Seals sank lower in the mire of defeat in Sunday's doubleheaders, losing twice in the day to the Los Angeles Angels in that club's last appearance at Wrigley field this season. The first game ended 7 to 5, and the afternoon game was 6 to 5. The double defeat blew up the chances of the Seals for second half honors, establishing them firmly in fifth place. The day's play was marked by frequent homers.

Ducks Drubbed

Pennant chances of the Portland Ducks were blasted to naught by the Oakland Oaks, who took both games by the same score each time, 8 to 2. Heavy batting by the Oakland crew accounted for most of the scoring. The Oaks, in sixth place in the standings, won the series five to two. The Ducks today were in fourth place, five games behind the first place Stars. Lombardi, one of Oakland's heavy batters, bagged four homers in the day's contests.

Both ends of the doubleheader at Seattle were raved up by the Sacramento Senators, thus putting the final touches on a four to three series win for the boys from the California capital. The score of the first meeting was 8 to 7, and that of the second was 4 to 2.

Yesterday's coast league results:
At Portland (1st game):

	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	8	11	0
Portland	2	9	0

Batteries: McEvoy and Lombardi; Mahaffey, Beck, Crandell, Ortman and Woodall.
Second game:

	R.	H.	E.
Oakland	8	16	0
Portland	2	6	2

Batteries: Craghead and Lombardi; Fullerton, Tomlin and Rego.
At Seattle, first game:

	R.	H.	E.
Sacramento	8	12	2
Seattle	7	12	3

Batteries: Brand and Koehler; Smith, King and Cox, Borreani.
Second game:

	R.	H.	E.
Sacramento	4	7	2
Seattle	2	7	2

Batteries: Yines, Gould and Harris, Reynolds and Borreani.
At Los Angeles, first game:

	R.	H.	E.
San Francisco	5	11	0
Los Angeles	7	10	0

Batteries: Glynn, Mails and O'Connell; Peters, Roberts and Sandberg.
Second game, 7 innings:

	R.	H.	E.
San Francisco	5	7	2
Los Angeles	6	10	1

Batteries: Gomez and Penobsky; Walsh, Bartoot and Hannah.
At San Francisco, morning game:

	R.	H.	E.
Hollywood	3	5	0
Missions	1	4	0

Batteries: Johns and Severeid; Pillette, Cole and Bronzel, Baldwin.
Afternoon game:

	R.	H.	E.
Hollywood	0	5	0
Missions	8	12	0

Batteries: Hulvey, Marty and Severeid; Reuther and Hoffman.

Prune Harvest Near Completion By End Of Week

By W. V. Connor
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore. (Special)—This week will see the bulk of the prune harvest over, although some orchards will not be finished till some time the following week. Nearly a hundred workers are busy at the association packing house where the greater part of the local crop is being handled. Stacklands, of Cove, are starting their outfit at the shed near the post office and Tom Adams is also handling the first of his crop this week. The fruit is not ripening very evenly so some growers will be through several days before others finish. Most of the prunes are being handled by filling and facing the boxes, some are being suitcased for shipment, and a few growers will use dryers instead of shipping the fresh fruit.

Union High football boys opened the season by playing the Cove eleven on the latter's field Friday afternoon. Union succeeded in making two touchdowns in the first part of the game and converted once. Cove made their two downs later but were unable to gain the extra point. Final score, Union 13, Cove 12.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vogel Saturday, Sept. 28, a baby daughter. The Vogels live on a ranch along the highway west of Union.

A public sale will be held this week at the home of Ellis Mitchell who has been farming the Arthur Rusick ranch along Catherine creek for the past few years. He will move to within a few miles of Baker and engage in the sheep raising business.

Ed Mitchell, who has been seriously ill at his home in North Union, is a little better according to latest reports.

The ladies' Altar society of the Catholic church has resumed its regular meetings for the winter. They were discontinued for the summer months.

Hitch-Hiker Dies When Hit By Auto

PORTLAND, Sept. 30 (AP)—Hitch-hiking along the Linnton highway, Fred Branner, 60, was killed last night when struck or an automobile as he attempted to flag down another car to obtain a ride, E. L. Englebretson, of Drain, Ore., said the man leaped from his side of the road to wave a car coming in the other direction. Before Englebretson could stop he had hit Branner.

Princess Louise Ill In Scotland

BRAEMER, Scotland, Sept. 30—(AP)—The health of Princess Louise, princess royal of Great Britain and eldest sister of King George, is causing some concern.

A bulletin issued today said: "The princess royal had a slight gastric hemorrhage yesterday. Her royal highness passed a restful night but the condition of her heart causes some anxiety."

The dance hall is youth's greatest peril, says the United States Children's Bureau. Maybe the government ought to recall Mabel Walker Willebrandt to regulate it.

League Standings

By The Associated Press

Coast League

	W.	L.	Pct.
Hollywood	58	38	.604
Mission	58	40	.592
Los Angeles	55	41	.573
Portland	53	42	.558
San Francisco	52	44	.542
Oakland	50	46	.521
Sacramento	35	61	.365
Seattle	25	71	.260

National League

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	95	51	.651
Pittsburgh	86	64	.573
New York	82	66	.554
St. Louis	76	73	.510
Philadelphia	76	81	.484
Brooklyn	70	81	.464
Cincinnati	64	84	.432
Boston	54	97	.358

American League

	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	102	46	.689
New York	88	64	.579
Cleveland	80	68	.541
St. Louis	76	72	.514
Washington	71	79	.473
Detroit	69	81	.460
Chicago	56	92	.378
Boston	56	96	.368

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