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# Outfield Trio Carries Chicago Cubs' Big Punch

By Alan Gould  
(Associated Press Sports Editor)  
NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (AP)—It doesn't take more than a quick glance at the figures to realize that the "big punch" of the Cub attack is possessed by the outfield trio of Al Simmons, Kiki Cuyler and Hank Wilson.

No one member of the Chicago club has a thing on the very useful Mr. Al Simmons, who happens to be just about the best all-around outfielder in baseball but collectively the Cubs have a distinct edge on their rivals on attack. On defense there is little, if anything to choose, with Simmons and Cuyler ranking as the best of the ball players.

Not since the palmy days of Cobb, Crawford and Vane, the great Detroit trio, has there been any harder outfield group than this Cuyler, Wilson, Stephenson combination.

Their batting figure, collectively, on the basis of the latest unofficial averages, is .324, a margin of 15 points over the aggregate mark of .309 for Simmons, Mike Haas and Big Miller of the A's. The big three of the Cubs has accounted for 678 of the 952 runs scored by the team, either by crossing the plate personally or driving mates over. Their rivals have figured in 621 of the 832 runs tallied by the A's. Individually Wilson has the best run-producing record. In fact the big Chicago dash to the top dated from the time the round ball was shifted to the clean-up role where his feat for hitting in a pinch could best be capitalized.

Among a number of vital factors

In the Cub rise, few are more conspicuous than the work of the Cuyler, the team's leading base stealer, who has enjoyed his greatest all-around year since he helped the Pirates win the pennant in 1925. Stephenson is less spectacular but the ex-Alabama collegian also has surpassed anything previous in his major league career, with a batting mark that is the highest yet ever made in fast company and second only to Hornsby's in the Cub lineup. When injuries kept either Cuyler or Stephenson out of the game, the Cubs had an able substitute at hand in the speedy Cliff Heathcote.

**Plenty of Speed**  
The development of Haas and the steady work of the veteran Miller contributed much to the triumph of the A's. The former's batting fell off toward the close of the season but when the Cubs men were building up their decisive lead the young centerfielder hit at a sensational clip. Haas hasn't the punch of his rival, Wilson, but he is faster and quicker. Miller, 35 years old and five years older than Stephenson, nevertheless has retained unusual speed as well as a keen batting eye.

# JACK DEMPSEY CARD TO DRAW CHICAGO FANS

CHICAGO, Oct. 1 (AP)—William Harrison Dempsey, the promoter, formerly Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, will present his first boxing show as an impresario in his own right, tomorrow night at the Chicago Coliseum.

Indications are that the Coliseum, remodeled and its seating capacity increased to accommodate 19,000 persons, will be filled for Dempsey's premier.

# Stars, Missions Enter Last Lap Of Pennant Race

By the Associated Press  
Pacific Coast league clubs today were engaged on new battle grounds for the week to put the finishing touches on the 1929 season, with the Hollywood Stars in the fore, their league lead still threatened by the San Francisco Mission Reds, although the South-seas are two full games ahead. The fact that the Reds were still in the running for second half honors could be credited largely to a lucky break in the final schedule. While the Hollywood club was slated to meet the strong Portland club, the Reds were matched against the lowly Seattle Tribe whose sole claim to distinction has been that of holding down the after section of the league all season. Thus, a good week for the Missions might provide a thorny path for the Stars.

Meanwhile, the San Francisco Seals were slated to finish the season against the Sacramento Senators in the latter's home town, and the Angels were to tackle the Oaks in the lot across the bay. As things now stand, the season is doomed to die after next Sunday's games. However, there is a chance for a replay if the possibility that a play-off for the pennant may be scheduled. If the

# Neil Will Replace Preston For Cards

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Oct. 1 (AP)—The first conference game of the season here Saturday between Stanford and Oregon universities will offer an opportunity to at least one aspiring gridiron warrior for honors in the field of battle this year.

Phil Neil, 195-pound Stanford end, who can toss a 200-pound tackle like a sack of beans, will replace Johnny Preston, who is on the injured list, and thus get his chance to become the first 1925 freshman to win a regular position with the varsity. Neil, in the game against the San Francisco Olympic club last week, proved a revelation to Coach Pop Warner. He will be the first new boy in the starting line-up Saturday.

**60 FRESHMEN TURN OUT**  
RUGENE, Ore., Oct. 1 (AP)—Sixty-nine University of Oregon freshmen answered first call for

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# FIRST GAME FOR TIGERS SATURDAY

## La Grande High Will Open Football Season Against Wallowa

The La Grande High school football team, the Tiger edition of 1929, will have its first test Saturday afternoon, when the Wallowa eleven will entertain the blue and white horde on the Wallowa field. The contest is to begin at 2 o'clock.

Wallowa may not have as strong an outfit on the yard lines this year as last, with Sarrett, Crawford, Povee, and others of the 1928 squad no longer in school, but year in and year out, the neighboring town turns out a team that no one can sneeze at.

During the last decade Wallowa has won nearly as many games as La Grande in the inter-school series and, although without as large and numerous material as the Tigers, will have the advantage of playing at home against a visiting team that will try out a new system for the first time under fire.

**Tough Game Expected**  
Coach Ira Woodie, pointing just at present to the Nampa game to be played here a week from Friday, is nevertheless expecting a serious encounter Saturday. With four weeks of practice behind the squad, Woodie was working his men vigorously last night, with a scrimmage dated for Wednesday afternoon about 4 or 4:15 o'clock, possibly with the normal school outfit.

Observers at the high school field found Woodie using a formation new to this section for receiving the kick off—a formation that, at first glance, seems to have many advantages. It shields the ball carrier, even long enough to permit a fumble and recovery without much chance of interference, and practically assures the ball carrier of reaching a certain yard line. This formation will be one of the surprises the Tigers will bring on opponents in the near future.

Woodie is shaping up a formidable line to screen the activities of an equally formidable backfield, and from the outlook just now, the Tigers will go onto the field Saturday with a lot to display for expectant fans. One thing appears to be certain, it will be a hard-hitting, quick-starting squad, versed in the A.D.'s of football and how this and that play should be executed.

On the defense, the entire squad shows considerable strength, and many believe it is safe to wager that there will be no great number of touchdowns scored through it this season.

**Facing Heavy Schedule**  
Despite the fact that La Grande appears far longer than in ordinary years, the season this fall has all the earmarks of a particularly tough one. With hardly a breathing spell, the Tigers will take on seven more major games after Wallowa, starting with the interstate clash with Nampa here on Oct. 11. A trip to Enterprise Oct. 18 will be followed by a contest here Oct. 26 with the strong Tucker High school and on Nov. 11 the Buckaroo, coached by raging Fritz Kramer, will come over the mountains for an Armistice day tilt. By the way, there is never an armistice between the Bucks and Tigers on the gridiron, and this season's game promises more than the ordinary amount of thrills.

With only four days of rest, the championship McLaughlin high squad of Milton-Freewater will play the Tigers here Nov. 16, with the Union High school team coming here Thanksgiving day. Games also may be played with North Powder and Cove.

# NIGHT FIGHTS

By the Associated Press  
SALT LAKE, Utah, Oct. 1 (AP)—A series of boxing bouts, including George "Kid" Carter, Denver, (6); SAN FRANCISCO—Joe Glick, Brooklyn, outpointed Frankie Stinson, San Francisco, (10); PHILADELPHIA—Matt Adgie, Philadelphia, knocked out Tony Marullo, New Orleans (1); Andy Dixon, New York, outpointed Billy Ameer, Phoenix, Ariz., (10); WICHITA, Kas.—George Manley, Denver, outpointed Murray Gibby, New Haven, Conn., (10); BUFFALO, N. Y.—Jimmy Satterly, Buffalo, outpointed Len Dracy, Flint, Mich., (6); TORONTO—Jack Purvis, Indianapolis, stopped Leo Brazay, Toronto (4); George Gifford, Toronto, stopped Carl Schmedel, Indianapolis (5).

# Teams Fighting For Positions As Season Ends

By Hugh S. Fullerton Jr.  
(Associated Press Sports Writer)  
Dog fights for positions down the line in the two major league standings featured the closing week of the campaign.

In the National league there is the possibility that New York's Glens can take second place away from Pittsburgh with a strong finish. Battle for the top of the second division is going on between Philadelphia and Brooklyn. The only other question left for the older circuit is whether the champion Cubs can run their total of victories up to 100 games before the end.

The American league has only one real chance among the possibilities. Washington in fifth place and Detroit in sixth may reverse their positions before Sunday night. A mathematical possibility remains that St. Louis may gain a tie for third with Cleveland.

**Giant's Chance Slim**  
The Giant-Pirate squabble also is nearer the realm of pure mathematics than of probability. Pittsburgh has a three game edge with as many to go. The Giants have five to play. Brooklyn and Philadelphia are tied for fifth place with three games apiece left.

McCarthy's Chicago boys have 95 victories on the books so far and six more possibly in sight. The Cub schedule calls for a five game series at Cincinnati before they close at home against Pittsburgh. Cleveland fans expect to have little trouble in clinching third place in the American league. St. Louis has to capture all games to gain a tie.

Washington has a rather tough row to hoe in keeping fifth place out of the hands of Detroit's Tigers. The Senators have only two game margin and have pairs of games to play against the Athletics and Red Sox. Detroit's schedule calls for a four game series with the lowly White Sox, already beaten in eleven of their 18 encounters this year.

No games were scheduled yesterday.

**OVER MILLION DOLLARS GOES BACK TO FANS**  
CHICAGO, Oct. 1 (AP)—Approximately a million and a half dollars' worth of "regrets" are being made ready for the mails at the offices of the Chicago Cubs. At the same time, under registered mail, will go forth tickets to those fortunate enough to obtain seats for the two, and possibly three, games to be played here.

# Sport Slants

by ALAN J. GOULD

When you consider that Connie Mack was piloting the Athletics to their first American league pennant in 1902, before any one of his present "Big Three"—Cochrane, Fox and Simmons—was born, you have some idea of what it means to the old master to lead the big parade again, 15 years after he ripped apart one of the greatest baseball machines of all time.

When you realize that Mack will guide his "hoops" in the world series battle that starts October 8 at Chicago, where the Athletics of 1910 put the skills under another great Cub team, you may realize a few of the emotions that stir the competitive spirit of the 65-year-old dean of strategists.

Generations of ball-players, all-time stars such as Cobb and Speaker, have come and gone while Mack has stuck to the helm of the Philadelphia craft, winning seven pennants over a period stretching from 1902 to 1929.

The ballplayer's name of John E. Quinn, dean of the Athletics' pitching staff, is an old man. At 44 or thereabouts he is the oldest major leaguer in active service but Quinn was a nation's youth of 17, swishing in the front regions of Pennsylvania, when Mack's famous score-card was signalling to such great moundmen as Eddie Plank and Rube Waddell, with the 1902 champions.

At about the same time, the left-handed tendencies of Robert M. Grove, aged 2, and George Walberg, aged 3, were being noted for the first time, although it would no doubt have been a severe shock to their parents to be advised by some sportsman they would later be compared with Plank and Waddell.

The cost had more than average share of the great ball-toters of 1929 with Cagle, Harmer, Strong, Reul and others in the All-American league. Of this quartet, Cagle of the Army alone is back for another campaign but a few of those worth observing will be Marsters of Dartmouth, Whitmer of Princeton, Opelous of Pennsylvania and Ellis of Yale.

At Marsters' gulped all over the premises for Dartmouth as a senior more in 1927. I saw him run a great Yale team ragged one afternoon that season and outshone any individual on a field where Bruce Caldwell was doing his stuff for Old Eli. Injuries cramped Marsters' style last fall. He never struck top stride. This year he is being drilled to hold down the quarter-back post and, barring mishaps, should furnish some of the main thrills the gridiron has to offer. He does everything and does it well.

**Detroit Florist Retires From Ring**  
NEW YORK, Oct. 1 (AP)—Phil McGraw, the Detroit florist, has retired from the ring.

The veteran lightweight announced he was through with the cauliflower industry last night after he had taken a terrific beating from Jack (Kid) Berg of England, in a ten round bout at the St. Nicholas arena.

McGraw said he had amassed a fortune of more than \$100,000 in the ring and felt that the time had come for him to hang up his gloves forever.

**FIGHT TO A DRAW**  
ARTOHA, Ore., Oct. 1 (AP)—George Ingross, Astoria, and Jimmy Dolan, Los Angeles, fought to a draw in the main event of the boxing commission smoker here last night. They are writers.

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