

WHITE SOX ATTACK STIFFER THAN REDS'

Rice Classes Chicago Offense Lustiest in Leagues.

OASES MINUS IN LINEUP

Red Assault Lacks Balance of Pals
Hoss Aggregation, Veteran
Sport Writer Contends.

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lished by American Association.)
Who'll win the series?

Offensive strength.
The ball club strongest in attack has won on average two world's series out of three played.

No one would ever accuse the White Sox of 1906 or the Braves of 1914 of being stodgy at bat but the Cardinals' attack was the other way. But for all that they won with comparative ease, taking eight of the ten games required to round out the competition.

The Tigers of 1909 looked better at bat than the Pirates, yet the latter predominated. So, superior batting strength includes no set-up. It is merely that much of a margin to work on, other details being in the 50-50 sector.

The Sox attack.

Sox Attack Lusty.
The White Sox through this season have launched the lustiest offensive in either league. They have outbatted all but their league rivals by a decisive margin.

Make no important mistake on this point. The White Sox can stand up to anyone pitching with any club on record.

A batting order that carries Weaver, Collins, Jackson and Felsch with Gandil, Leibold and Schalk horning in here and there is about as easy to guess as a hydroelectric tank.

This team has hit with the Mackmen in their best season. The normal batting average of a big league ball-player is .250. Total the average of all involved if you have a few weeks to go, it will once again prove you will find these figures approximately correct. Yet here is a club that has tossed out an average above .280 all year, including the pitchers.

No Soft Spots in Lineup.
From the top of the batting order down through the list there is no soft spot, no single pitcher to pick as a resting point. When he drops one tough customer he finds himself face to face with another until the next soon begins to tell.

Red strength.
The Reds in turn are no light hitting club. They have shown the most powerful offensive in their league since 1914.

With Roush, Daubert, Groh and others they have both power and speed—a well-developed attack that has broken through consistently. Their club average has circled around .276 all season, which is no feather-lined assault.

They have also put upon display a game brand of attack, the sort that takes the other entry to the rush. The two clubs together stand as the leading representatives of the two leagues in offensive strength. There is no "tug" when it comes to the occasion. Nothing but good pitching will stop the Reds. No semi-class effort will hold them at bay.

Strength Below Sox.

But for all that they can't hit with the White Sox, they can't sing the Tigers with Cobb, Peach, Hettlinger and Flagstead in harness has completed a standard production of the well-known punch.

The Reds attack doesn't carry the same balance shown by the White Sox, who in this respect are unequal.

They have no collection of dynamite to match Weaver, Collins, Jackson and Felsch.

The Collins-Jackson combination is now the best run-getting team in the game, and a marvel at getting on, one way or another, and needs as much on the ball as it can carry without becoming lopsided.

Collins, next to Cobb, is the most dangerous athlete in attacking the ball, and I refer her to baserunning as well as batting. And in a world series Collins' record is far beyond that of Cobb.

Oases Are Scarce.

If a pitcher can work his way past by Collins and Jackson and then can't spell his might hold them in check. But there isn't any oasis at hand anywhere along the line—no cool, shady spot where one might pause and inhale a few deep breaths.

Holding this attack.
Pat Moran is a past master at developing and picking up the ball. He may be seen here but has a fine staff. But Pat is facing the hardest assignment of his career in this respect. He is fortunate in having enough good pitchers to fall back on in case one struts into trouble, but it will fit it a hole of a job when it comes to rolling back the Sox offensive day after day.

Now the best league defense has been able to turn this trick, and the American league has its share of defensive strength. Here and there some workman in the rifle pit would subdue the Sox for a day, but the next afternoon they would break out with increased fury.

The Reds have a first-class attack, but not the slashing, driving power of their post-war rivals.

INTER-LEAGUE SERIES SET

St. Paul-Coast Games to Begin October 8, Is Plan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 25.—The St. Paul baseball club, winner of the American association, is to meet the winner of the Pacific Coast League—Los Angeles—on Oct. 8, in the first series ever played between the pennant winners of these two leading minor leagues.

Arrangements for the series are being made by committees at Los Angeles, including representatives of both the Los Angeles and Vernon clubs, which is negotiating directly with St. Paul, rather than through the offices of the Pacific Coast League.

The Pacific Coast league season ends Sunday, October 5, and the series with St. Paul will start according to plans, Oct. 8. The games will continue daily until the series is decided. Whether best four games out of seven or the best five out of nine will determine the champion has not been settled.

After the series in southern California an exhibition series of about three games will be played here with the Oakland and San Francisco clubs.

Lowest brow in the works discovered in Yonkers. He can wear an opera hat without opening it up.

PAIR OF OUTFIELDERS WHO WILL DRIVE IN RUNS FOR THE CINCINNATI REDS.



EARL NEALE AND SHERWOOD MAGEE.

CATCHERS ARE BIG FACTOR IN SUCCESS OF BALL TEAM

Umpire Billy Evans Calls Ray Schalk "Original Pepperpot" and Recounts Some of the Remarkable Plays Made by Famous Backstop.

W. G. "Billy" Evans, famous American league umpire and baseball authority, has written for the "Sportsman" on "Catching Play." In it he gives some interesting information on Ray Schalk, Bill Hariden and Ivy Wingo, and direct the action of the White Sox and Reds on the field. This is the sixth of a series published by Mr. Evans which are being published exclusively in The Oregonian.

BY BILLY EVANS.
American League Umpire.
W. H. PART has a catcher play in the winning of a pennant. If Ray Schalk, the "human dynamo" of the Chicago White Sox, had been put out of the running during the season because of an injury that query would probably have been answered. Certainly the Sox would have had their troubles to win, you should ask Pat Morris for one good reason why the Cincinnati Reds prospect in 1919, he would undoubtedly speak of his catching staff. In Bill Hariden and Ivy Wingo, Moran had two catchers who gave his team excellent mechanical services, coupled with great judgment.

Chicago Pitcher Big Part.
In a short series of seven games the work of the catchers play a decidedly important part in the success or failure of a club. The brainy catcher must try to outguess the opposition. If he believes the steal or hit-and-run is on, it is up to him to waste one, with a hope of breaking it up. On the other hand, the calling for two many waste balls is apt to get his pitcher into considerable trouble if the opposition fails to play as the catcher figured it. As each batter steps into the box a problem arises whether to call a curve or a straight ball. He must call the right ball for his pitcher to deliver the ball to the plate. When the pitcher appears to be loafing or getting a bit careless, Schalk proceeds to return the ball with such speed that one begins to wonder who is really doing the work.

Ray is Good Everywhere.

Most catchers are satisfied to do all their performing in the immediate vicinity of the home plate, but not the unusual Mr. Schalk, for he roams everywhere, but is most efficient for the umpire to depend on in certain games in which Schalk made plays that are decidedly unusual for a catcher.

In fact I believe Schalk starts out to be the best catcher in the game.

He is the first to receive the record of having mad put-outs at first, second and third bases. In one of the games the third baseman was pulled far in to handle a bunt. He got the batter at first, then hit him in the head, and finally got him in the ninth-inning registration of the enemy.

Errors Account for Scores.
The first of two errors of omission on the part of Sibley in the fifth double account for the first "Yipper" run in the fifth. Two more came in the eighth on Blue's boot, a double by Griggs, an infield out and Pinelli's sacrifice hit. The second error was charged to the account of Piercy, retired at the end of the fifth in order to let Bill Stumpf ground out for him and score the run. The third came in the eighth for Rodger. Portland scored twice more when "Lefty" Sutherland's double, chased Kingdon across with the final Beaver run in the eighth.

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Miss Fay King, New York cartoonist, was among those out with influenza.

In another game, racing down to first to back up all plays, as is his custom, he shifted his position and made straight for the first sack. The batter had overrun the base in the direction of second. A perfect throw from the right field to Schalk enabled him to retire the runner trying to get back to first. Now play on.

On another occasion he nipped a runner off second. In the run-up that followed between second and third Sibley got into it, the pitcher took the runner out as he was making a last wild break for second, just a moment before he reached the bag, getting the assist and put-out. Some play on the part of the players are alike over. He is always doing something different. He makes you take notice in any ball game that he works. Fans who see him perform in a big series are sure to watch a master workman.

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Sacramento's Big Hit.

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The Greatest Second-Sacker of the Game May Prove Too Much for the Cincinnati Reds.

IN 1907 HE RECEIVED HIS DEGREE FROM COLUMBIA U.

DURING THE DETROIT-ATHLETIC TIPPING GAME OF 1907 HE WAS SENT IN TO DO THE STICKING FOR RUDOLPH IN THE IT AND LANDED ON FIRST SINCE THEN HE'S ONE OF THE HARDEST MEN TO KEEP OFF FIRST

EDDIE COLLINS
WHITE SOX - MAIN SPRING AND SECOND SACKER

ASSAULT IN FIFTH DEFEATS SENATORS

Rodgers' Pitching Ace Pound-ed Hard by Beavers.

SACS PROFIT BY ERRORS

Boots by Siglin and Blue Help Visitors to Tallies—Kingdon Has Big Day at Bat.

Pacific Coast League Standings.

At Portland—Portland, 6; Sacramento, 4; Los Angeles, 6; Vernon, 4; San Fran., 8; Oakland, 9; Seattle, 10; Salt Lake, 2; At San Francisco—Oakland, 2; San Francisco 3-1 (first game 12 inn.).

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When he did get the ball over the rubber a willow in the hands of an abled-bodied Mackman hit it where any Senator could field it. Four of the seven hits made off Piercy came in that delightful stretch of the game when the Beavers batted all the way around. The session was productive of heaps of action.

With one Beaver gone to the happy hunting grounds, Piercy started the game by walking. Wristeller singled and Billie Schaller drove them both into the dugout by doubling to right. George Maisel singled across the keyhole, and Kingdon followed with a single. Kingdon, Maisel taking second on Elmer's throw to the plate. Maisel took third when Blue grounded out; Siglin walked and stole second. Baker was hit by a pitched ball, filling the bases.

Kingdon Hits in Place.

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