



IN THE DIAMOND

WORLD SERIES BIG RECEIPTS

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—No clearer or more positive illustration of the extraordinary interest taken by the public in the annual world's championship series of baseball games can be desired than that furnished by a glance at the financial results, a statement of which is officially announced at the end of each post-season competition for the coveted title and flag. Through the box office its popularity can easily be measured. Compared with the meagre returns at the initial series in 1884 the enormous crowds registered by the clicking turnstiles show that by leaps and bounds the attendance in recent years has assumed by the clicking turnstiles show there is no telling what it may amount to in years to come.

The first championship games between the Providence "Grays" and the Metropolitans may have been only lightly attended and there is nothing on record to show what the receipts amounted to for the three games then played, as Providence won three straight. The following year, however, when seven games were played in four different cities, Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, the financial result was about \$2000. That year the fight was a hot one between the Chicago Nationals and the American Association Club of St. Louis, and one can hardly imagine what would be the yield now if such a series were possible over a similar circuit.

Of course, in those day seats in the bleachers could be had for "two-bits" and the best seats in the grand stand brought the top price of half a dollar. Even at those rates there could not have been much enthusiasm judging from the results. Today, however, prices have soared so that a single admission costs a dollar, or rather that is the face value of the little cardboard and the holder of one of these is considered lucky if it has not cost him more than thrice that amount.

Each of the winning players on the winning side in 1903, the first year that the series was played under the conditions which now prevail, received \$1,316.25 and each of the losing players got \$1182. In 1912 the Boston winners received \$4,022 each and the New York losers were handed \$2,566 each. Last year each player of the Athletics got a winning portion of \$3,246.36 and the losing share for each New York player was \$2,164.22

The basis upon which the world's series receipts are divided is as follows. The National Commission gets ten per cent of the receipts of each and every game. The players of the two competing clubs receive 60 per cent of the remaining 90 per cent of the first four games played. The sum is divided 60 per cent to the winners and 40 per cent to the losers. The remaining 40 per cent of the 90 per cent of the

first four games goes to the club owners. Ninety per cent of the receipts of every game after the first four becomes the property of the stockholders of the two contesting clubs.

Year.	Attendance.	Receipts.	Clubs' Share.	Players' Share.	National Com.
1903	100,429	\$ 50,000	\$ 17,388	\$ 32,612
1905	91,723	68,405	34,170	27,394	\$ 6,841
1906	99,845	106,550	62,493	33,402	10,655
1907	78,068	101,728	36,622	54,933	10,173
1908	62,232	94,976	39,363	46,115	9,498
1909	145,295	188,302	102,547	66,925	18,830
1910	124,222	173,980	77,510	79,072	17,398
1911	179,851	342,164	180,217	127,911	34,036
1912	251,901	490,449	293,832	147,572	49,045
1913	150,992	325,980	79,109	135,264	32,497
Totals	1,284,558	\$1,942,534	\$923,251	\$751,200	\$188,973

CATCHERS FOR WORLD SERIES

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—In all likelihood only four men will be called upon to work at the receiving ends of the batteries during the world's championship series between the Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Nationals. Each club will undoubtedly depend upon the two catchers who have given such a good account of themselves all through the playing season. They will take an important part in the struggle for is soon as a catcher dons the mitt and mask of his calling in a contest he assumes an immense amount of responsibility. In fact there is no telling how many of the games are directed from behind the plate. In addition to exchanging signals with the pitcher as to the weakness or strength of the batters, he has to be a quick thinker, keen sighted, always alert and invariably accurate in throwing to head off the base pilferers.

In this department Connie Mack is probably the more fortunate in having Lapp and Schang, both of whom have had previous experience in world's championship games. Lapp played in the 1910, 1911 and 1913 games, each time on the winning side and this will be the fourth time his services will be needed for the retention of the flag in Philadelphia. Although only thirty years old, Lapp has had a lot of experience during the nine years he has been identified with professional

baseball. He stands five feet, ten and one-half inches and weighs about 170 pounds. Last year he took part in only one of the five games played for the championship. Schang, on whom most of the work behind the bat devolved in the Athletics-Giants' series a year ago bore the brunt of the work throughout this year's American League season. Last year he caught in four of the five games played in the world's series and may do the larger share again in the coming contests. He is twenty-four years old, is five feet, nine inches tall and weighs 180 pounds. His experience in major league baseball dates back just four years. Ira Thomas, the veteran catcher, is another on whom Manager Mack could call in case

of accident to either of the two mentioned, but he has not been in the game much during the past season and it is not likely that his services will be needed. The Athletics also have a fourth catcher in McAvoy, late of the Baltimore International League team, but it is not at all probable that he will be called upon to go behind the bat against the Braves.

Manager Stallings has two very reliable receivers in Gowdy and Whaling, both of whom have been wonderfully successful this past season. Both are young men and each has been identified with professional baseball for five years. The success of the team, phenomenal as it was, in landing the National League pennant this year, speaks volumes for the work of the batteries and the catchers naturally are not to be overlooked for the parts they played so well in bringing about the unlooked for victory.

Gowdy, who did the lion's share of catching for the Braves during the season, stands one inch over six feet and weighs 197 pounds. Whaling, who is twenty-five years old, just one year older than Gowdy, also is a six-footer and weighs 188 pounds.

The season's records of the Athletics and Braves' catchers, as compiled from unofficial figures, is as follows:

Philadelphia Athletics				
Names	G. P. O.	A. E. P. C.	Bat.	
Schang	.95	470	156	29 .956 .268
Lapp	.59	283	82	10 .973 .214
Boston Braves.				
Name	G. P. O.	A. E. P. C.	Bat.	
Gowdy	.94	435	155	12 .979 .238
Whaling	.56	249	86	6 .982 .215

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