

ATHLETICS BOAST EDGE IN DEFENSE EXPERT BELIEVES

Superiority On Mound, Behind Bat and in Outer Garden Shown by A's—Card Infield Holds Palm

By Alan Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor) NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—(AP)—Measured by the calibre of pitching or the yardstick of fielding skill and experience, the world's champion Athletics possess a margin of superiority over the Cardinals in defensive strength for the baseball championship battle.

The National league champions have a faster infield, featuring the Frisch-Gelbert combination around second base. The A's otherwise, have an edge on the mound, behind the bat and in the outfield, especially if the sensational ball hawk, Mule Haas, is back in top form.

Sensational support Lefty Grove and George Earnshaw, the twin aces upon whom the hopes of another quick American league victory are based, always have had the benefit of sterling support from their teammates. Inspiration works both ways when either of these fast-ball flingers is on the mound.

It's an old baseball axiom that "You can't hit what you can't see" and at times last October it appeared some of the Cardinal batsmen were not properly visualizing the smoke of Grove and Earnshaw, let alone penetrating it with any substantial success. Walberg and Hoys will form the second line of pitching defense for the A's.

The Cardinal twirling defense will be distinctly a gamble, if Gabby Street is forced to rely on Paul Deringer and Bill Hallahan, instead of Burleigh Grimes and Jesse Haines, veterans of the Red Bird flock. Deringer is a newcomer to series fire with Hallahan, it's either a shutout or a knockout. He blanked the A's last year and he faced them last year and was routed in two innings the next time.

A's Infield Weaker The A's infield has never been the club's strongest point. Fox, for instance, does not compare with Bottomley as a defensive worker, although Big Jimmy is steady. Bishop is not so spectacular as Frisch, one of the great defensive second basemen of all time. Boley, an old reliable, cannot cover the ground, nor has he the arm that Gelbert owns. The Mack substitute, Williams, is more of Gelbert's type. Tykes is about on a par with either Adams or High at third.

On the outer patrol, the A's have two of the finest fly-chasers in Al Simmons and Mule Haas. Both cover acres of ground and have great arms. Haas, in left, and either Pepper Martin or Oscar in center, are the Cardinals, do not quite measure up to the exceptional standard of their rivals. Watkins or Toetiger, in right field for the National leaguers, lack the experience of the veteran Bing Miller.

Cochrane Dependable Mickey Cochrane may have one of two mechanical faults behind the bat. His arm is good, though not the best in the back-stopping business, but the great Mack receiver's all-around ability surpasses that of the clever Jimmy Wilson, No. 1 catcher for the Cards. Mickey's biggest advantage is as a bat. He is one of the greatest "money players" in baseball and has starred in each of the last two world series.

Connie Mack's famous scorecard must be ranked as a defensive weapon. The 68-year-old manager has studied the batting habits of every Cardinal, personally or through his trusted agents, and will have his men into position accordingly. If any cracks or cracks develop in the champion's defense, Mack has a flock of reserves primed to gallop into action.

South American Poloist Injured By Lofted Ball

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—(AP)—The injury list which has followed the Huntington club of Buenos Aires through its North American polo invasion, finally has struck down Lewis Lacey, 10-goal leader of the South Americans. He was hurt when he was struck in the face by a lofted ball hit by a teammate in the eighth and final chukker of a match between Huntington and Templeton in the Monty Waterbury handicap tournament yesterday. Physicians said apparently no bones had been broken.

Farmer Salesman Given Lessons In Art of Selling

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Louisiana farmers are not only being taught to raise crops but also to "take the stump" if necessary and sell their products to the world. Farmer-oralist contacts were sponsored this year by state teachers at vocational agriculture, with a state-wide farmers' speaking contest the climax. Cultivation of powers of sales arguments among Louisiana agriculturists is the object of the campaign.

PETITIONS ON FILE FOR JACKSONVILLE ELECTION

JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Sept. 29.—(AP)—Petitions are now being filed with city recorder, Ray Coleman, by those wishing to run for the office of mayor or councilman at the city election, November 3.

ROSBURG—This city awarded northern branch of soldiers' home to cost more than \$1,000,000.

Football's 'Old Man River' —By Pap



GABBY STREET ACE of the Cards

Francis Quiet is not only champion of the American amateurs, but he is also, or rather should be, a shining example and pattern to the rising generation in a very special department of the game of golf in which the youngsters, I regret to say, are strangely deficient.

That is the economy of time, in performing golf shots. The younger generation for some years has seemed to me to be getting slower and slower in golf, while, according to the people who are assumed to know, it has been speeding up in many directions.

Out on the Pacific coast the youngsters are especially delinquent. As to the increasing practice of making every putt of more than one foot an engineering problem; surveying it from both ends and often both sides; lining it up again and again before hitting the ball—well, I couldn't help seeing the contrast between old Francis Quiet and the kids in the recent national amateur championship.

Francis Quiet is, and always has been, a better putter than 90 per cent of these gallant youngsters may ever hope to be. Also, he was approximately twice the age of most of his five opponents in the championship.

It is not unnatural to expect a golfer to slow up a bit with the passing of the years; just as it is natural to expect youth to be exuberant and impetuous. But the kids did all the fusing around on the greens. I think they averaged at least three times the period for executing the average putt that Quiet required.

Francis would stand quietly by while an opponent about half his age studied and surveyed his putt from both ends and then pooped back of the ball for endless seconds, and then hung over it, before he could strike it.

Afterwards he would step briskly out behind his ball, look over the line quickly and sharply from the putting-end, step up to the ball, and swing the putter with that beautiful flowing stroke that has become one of the patterns of golf.

Speed and Skill. Perhaps I am awayed by the recollection of a more slashing school of youngsters, coming along 10 or 12 years ago—Sweetser and Von Elm and Knapp and Jones, lads who were less of the civil engineer in their play.

To be candid, they seemed to me to play better golf than the youngsters of today. Certainly they played faster. Nor do I remember that the class before them was noted for deliberation—Quiet and Evans and Gardner and Guitford and Fownes and back to Jerry Travers and Walter Travers, who were rated the greatest putters of their generation—perhaps of all past generations.

"Mha' em quick," old Alex Smith's advice, still has much to commend it. Especially to the youngsters who take quite too long about missing their putts. A "different" war book makes its appearance in "The Cross of Carl" by Walter Green. None can deny its being "different" and few will escape from the strange interest it develops.

SPIRIT OF ROCKNE WILL CARRY IRISH, SAYS NAVY COACH

ANNAPOLIS, Md.—(AP) Notre Dame won't feel the absence of Knute Rockne in its football wars for at least two years, in the opinion of Edgar "Rip" Miller, one of the famous coach's most outstanding products and now head coach of the Navy.

"Football is made up, to a large extent, by psychology," Miller said. "The psychology of winning this game for Rock' will add the needed spark for the Irish."

"I know I went out and clawed the dirt and played like — for 'good old Glip' and I never even knew how to spell his name then. It was just that he had been a great Notre Dame back and had given his all to the team before he died."

"That same spirit will go a long way toward giving Hank Anderson the spark he needs in addition to his coaching ability in seeking to take Rock's place."

Miller was an All-America guard in 1924, the year Notre Dame ripped the national gridiron with the famous "Four-Horseman" backfield of Stults, Crowley, Layden and Miller.

FREE FOOTBALL FOR BOYS NEAR BERKELEY BERKELEY, Cal.—(AP) Boys 12 years old and under will get a free view five times this year of the California football team in action. To gain admittance, groups must be organized in the various communities and applications made for passes in advance. A section of the stadium will be reserved for the youngsters.

WASHINGTON COUGARS LIGHTER THIS SEASON PULLMAN, Wash.—(AP) The Washington State college football team, Pacific Coast conference champions last year, will average 10 pounds less in the line and five pounds less in the backfield this season. The front wall is expected to average 188 and the ball carriers 177.

Blair Niles' "Strange Brother" is "The Well of Loneliness" theme enveloping an unhappy creature whose desires are falsely imprisoned in a man's body instead of a woman's. She has briefed an appeal for tolerance in her novel and her writing impresses with its sincerity.

Poet of Iceland To Be Harvard's Guest Professor CAMBRIDGE, Mass.—(AP)—A blond, youthful looking, 45-year-old scholar, Sigurthor Nordal, is coming to Harvard next fall as Iceland's first literary ambassador to this country's oldest college. Nordal, professor of Icelandic literature at the University of Iceland at Reykjavik, has been appointed the fifth incumbent of the Charles Elliot Norton professorship of poetry for the academic year 1931-32.

Prepare Athletic Field at J'ville JACKSONVILLE, Ore., Sept. 29.—(AP)—The athletic field at the Jacksonville public school is now in fine shape for sports. The county grader was rented to grade and level the field. The men teachers and the larger boys assisted by hauling the sand. Two new tennis courts were also made on the school grounds.

LOCALS TO MEET MARSHFIELD HIGH TOUGH OPPONENTS

Game Here Saturday Will Extend Tigers—Invaders Have Weight and Speed — Vision State Crown

The Medford high school football team will have its work cut out for it when it tangles next Saturday afternoon at Van Scoyoc field, with Marshfield high. The Coos Bay squad has weight and speed, and a veteran backfield, and practically the same team as in 1930. Marshfield is a tentative aspirant for state championship honors, and if they win, loud will be the crowing about it when it comes time to compare scores.

In the Milosevich brothers, Hazen Perry and Edlund, the visitors have a plunging and forward passing combination along with a heavy line. Point for Pass Defense The locals, somewhat enthused over their showing last Saturday, resumed practice last night and Coach Burgher started drilling them for a forward pass defense, and correcting the mistakes they made against Crescent City. The timing was slow Saturday. Several times the line opened up a big hole, only to have it close before the ball carrier could get thru it.

The work of eradicating a surplus of confidence is also underway. If it rains next Saturday, Marshfield will have a vantage, as that is the kind of weather they are used to. The locals play most of the season on a dry field, and to fool the weatherman, Coach Burgher will do some practicing with a wet and slick ball, if the clouds warrant.

The Junior high school in their game Saturday against the Tiger Cubs, showed up well and while they scored no touchdowns, neither did the foe. They are a big husky bunch of kids, and provide a lot of likely looking number for the senior high. Fans Get Double Bill The two games in an afternoon idea was tried out for the first time, and the customers got a lot of football for their money. It will not work so well when the Saturdays get short. The main game did not start until three o'clock, and was not over until after five. Businessmen and clerks can spend two hours away from their desks and tasks, but they can't spend all afternoon. If the weather is a little rough, it is another factor along with the early darkness.

Many fans feel that the Junior high games should be played either Saturday morning or Friday afternoon. They would draw just as many people as if they were a preliminary attraction, and the crowd could concentrate on its enthusiasm. It is argued that a doubleheader is too much on a busy afternoon.

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JAPANESE WOMEN NOW PRIESTESSES BUDDHIST ALTARS

KYOTO, Japan.—(AP)—Japanese women finally have won the right to become full-fledged Buddhist priestesses. In religious circles this move is regarded as likely to revolutionize the priesthood.

Training schools for women priests have been established in Tokyo and Kyoto. The revised regulations apply to temples under the jurisdiction of the Nichi-Honbanji of Kyoto, the largest Buddhist organization in Japan, and the head organization of the Shinshu sect.

The priestesses will be allowed to retain their bobbed hair, instead of having their heads shaved like the men. They may use a touch of face powder, too, and perhaps a suggestion of rouge for the lips.

But their gowns are restricted to black in order to prevent the possible evils of vanity arising from garments decorated with gilt foil or bright colors. Initiative in bringing about feminine priests was taken several years ago by the Buddhist Women's association of the Nichi-Honbanji. This same organization has now started a movement for feminine rights generally.

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