

**TALKING IT OVER**  
WITH JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The customers are going to see a couple of pretty well fagged out ball clubs in the world series, no matter which teams qualify as their league representatives. It's been a long time since the two leagues went into the stretch with nothing more than a narrow slit of sunlight separating the leaders.

Generally the races have taken on a definite form by the time the last week of September arrives. If not in both leagues, then in at least one.

But this has been a dizzy baseball year from the start and it threatens to remain consistent to the last. Right now the Yankees look as if they will last just long enough to stagger home in faint.

The schedule gives the Cardinals an edge in the other league, one in the theory that it's easier to whip a preliminary fighter than a semi-wind up fighter.

While the Giants are battling the Reds and the Cubs the Mississippians will be going through a form of light exercise against the Braves and the Brooklyns. Still you can't always tell. Even a preliminary fighter can win if he happens to land right.

THEN there are those fellows, Vance and McWeeny, ace hurlers of the Brooklyns. Indeed, it would seem that the fate of the Giants, strangely, lies in the hands of these two Brooklyn pitchers, Vance, always dangerous, and McWeeny, unbeaten this year by the Cards.

Always assuming, of course, that the Giants, who have established themselves as one of the game's teams that ever worked under Mr. John Joseph McGraw, continue to outgame, outbattle, and what is more important, outscore the other fellows.

So much for that. What is going to happen when the two ultimate survivors reach the series? What are they going to use for stamina, energy and drive?

ONLY the players who are storming through these games can appreciate the tenseness of the fight, what with a league championship practically hanging on every ball pitched, every ball batted and every ball thrown.

A young team will recuperate from one of these stretch finishes with greater speed and freshness than an older team, despite the fiction that veteran's nerves stand up better in a crisis.

For this reason should the Giants get into the series they would figure to be a more formidable opponent than the Cardinals, for one is a young team and the other is an old team.

This might also apply to the Yankees, who face the double pressure of a terrific fight and a crippled front. The Athletics would be better equipped to carry on in the series than Col. Jacob Ruppert's young men.

Most ball teams like an easy race. At least they like a reasonably easy finish. This leaves them fresh for the series, an angle that is probably more important than is generally recognized.

THERE was the case of the Yankees two years ago. They just did manage to win and in the series they were beaten by the Cardinals, which team had an easier and less fatiguing team in its league.

And last year the Pirates went into the series after just such a race as the league is having today. This physically spent and battle-worn Pittsburgh team was beaten four straight.

This consideration will not be quite so important this fall. The survivor in the American is likely to be as weary and exhausted as the survivor in the National.

And I am beginning to think you can say the same for old Gus H. Fan.

After these two finishes the series can't offer him much in the way of thrills. It is almost like being asked over to a fish bugler's Kreiser.

**Tulsa to Meet Oklahoma City**

By United Press

TULSA, Okla., Sept. 25.—Tulsa won the second half honors in the Western League, which closed its 1928 season Monday. The Oilers making doubly sure of remaining at the top of the heap by defeating Des Moines twice in double bills.

The Oilers will meet the Oklahoma City Indians, winners of the first half of the split season, in a play-off series which opens at Tulsa Wednesday.

**CHUCK MEETS BYRNE**

Veteran Indianapolis Boxer Opposes Louisville Scrapper at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Sept. 25.—Chuck Wiggins, Indianapolis heavyweight veteran, who stopped the winning streak of Les Marinier, University of Illinois football player, will meet Jimmy Byrne, Louisville, Ky., in a ten-round decision bout here to-night.

The Mike McGlone-Tuffy Griffith open-air bout scheduled here for Monday night was postponed until Thursday, because of cold weather.

# Champion Tribesmen Step Into Frigid Weather at Rochester

Wintery Aspect Greets Hoosier Club on Arrival for Series.

**SWETONIC MAY TWIRL**

Right-Hander to Mound in Opening Tilt.

BY EDDIE ASH,  
Times Sports Editor

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Sept. 25.—With the arrival of the Indians, American Association champions, in Rochester today, this city is heated up in baseball enthusiasm over the "little world series" starting Wednesday, but the weather is far from ideal. In fact it's terrible.

The Tribe pastimers apparently stepped right into winter and the Hoosiers kept close to their rooms this morning.

Manager Betzel planned to send his A. A. pennant winners through practice this afternoon if there was a possible chance. The weather guesstimated rain but the morning outlook had more of the snow than flake. Flakes fell in a few Northern New York points Monday and Rochester natives won't be surprised if the next few hours bring out the sleighs.

**Long Rest for Steve**

Stephen Swetonic, youthful colleague right-hander on the Tribe staff, is Manager Betzel's choice for the pitching assignment in the series opener Wednesday. The courageous boy from the East has had a long rest and is figure to be at top form if the frigid atmosphere doesn't interfere with his effectiveness.

Still enthused and filled with conversation over the hot fight they waged to win the A. A. pennant, the Indians remained up until a late hour in their Pullmans on the trip from Indianapolis and many of the athletes crawled beneath the sheets again when they arrived at the Seneca Hotel, Tribe headquarters, this morning.

**Friday Open Date**

Owner Jim Perry, manager Betzel and Secretary Clauer spent an active morning looking after park arrangements and other items connected with the "little series" game, scheduled in Rochester, of which there will be four, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday being left open to take care of a possible postponement or tie.

Billy Southworth's Rochester Red Wings won the International League pennant by a mere whisker, the first in seventeen years for this city, and local fans plan a noisy "little series" opening celebration Wednesday if the weather takes a turn for warmth. The Red Wings finished their season Sunday on the road and they have a big welcome coming to them.

**Kallio Triumphs in Mat Feature**

Gus Kallio defeated Speed W. H. Thom, Indiana University mat coach, in two falls out of three in the feature bout of Monday night's wrestling show at Tomlinson Hall. A lot of action was provided and the large number of fans voiced their approval.

Yaqi Joe defeated Speed O'Neil, New York, two straight falls. Ralph Wilson, won two straight falls' from Scotty Fulton and Chet McCauley grappled Joe Oliver thirty minutes to a draw in the opener.

**Big League Stuff**

Avin Crowder, ace of the St. Louis Brown's pitching staff, Monday held the Philadelphia Athletics to four hits, a 6 to 2 victory, his twentieth of the season. Crowder allowed only one hit until the eighth inning when Bishop singled. A single by Simmons and a double by Foxx in the ninth accounted for the A's runs. John Quinn, veteran spitter, started for the Macks and was relieved by Orwell in the seventh.

The Cleveland Indians defeated the New York Yankees 4 to 3. Walter Miller held the Indians to five scattered hits. Hodges led the attack for the Tribe with three hits in four times at bat.

Larry Bostrom, though hit hard by the Cardinals, held the Indians to a fifth victory for the season, when the Indians defeated the Red, 7 to 4. Two Indians left-handeders won one out by Mel Ott and Travis Jackson featured the Giant's victory.

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**'ZUP' NOT SATISFIED**

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., Sept. 25.—Tommy Loughran, world lightweight champion, today said there is little possibility of his meeting Luis Firpo in Buenos Aires.

The champion admitted, however, that within a month he would meet some South American contender in Buenos Aires. "Firpo weighs too much for me," Loughran said.

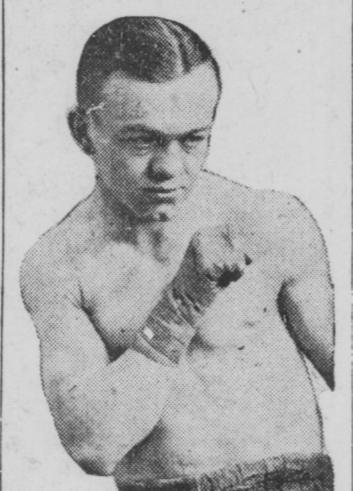
**PRO TENNIS TOURNEY STARTS WITH 30 PLAYERS ENTERED**

By United Press

FOREST HILLS, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Thirty players were entered in the second national professional tennis tournament at the West Side Tennis Club, beginning this afternoon.

Karel Kozeluh, the great Czechoslovakian player, who has defeated Vincent Richards three straight

**'Little Fellows' on Card Tonight at Tomlinson Hall**



Happy Atherton

**Match Play Started in Golf Event**

Maureen Orcutt Leads in U. S. Women's Meet With an 80.

By United Press

HOT SPRINGS, Va., Sept. 25.—Thirty Americans and two Canadians were to meet today in match play which will lead to the United States women's championship for one of them. The East had its full share of entries, and so did the Chicago area. California was very much in the running, as was Wisconsin and Maine.

Miss Maureen Orcutt of Haworth, N. J., medalist, led the eastern contingent, which includes Miss Glennie Coletta of Providence, Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Hurd of Philadelphia, Miss Marion Hollins of Glenhead, L. I.; Mrs. J. S. Dissens, Jr., of Philadelphia; Miss Helen Hicks of Hewlett, N. Y.; Miss Rosalie Knapp of Glenhead, L. I.; Miss Betty Guthrie of Westhampton Beach, L. I.; Miss Beatrice Gottlieb of New York; Mrs. G. H. Stetson of Philadelphia; Mrs. E. H. Baker of Boston.

Miss Orcutt won medal honors with a fine 80.

Only one of the six former champions and defending champion, who started Monday failed to qualify. Miss Margaret Curtis of Boston, who won in 1911, had a 94 this year, three too many.

**NO MINORS FOR BANCROFT**

Dave Bancroft says he never will play in the minors. The Brooklyn shortstop says he is through when he won't be able to hold a job down in the big leagues.

**Another Pennant for Huggins?**



The above reproduction shows what sort of expressions the rival managers of the New York Yankees and Philadelphia Athletics are wearing today. With six more games to play, Miller Huggins' New Yorkers are holding a two-game advantage and experts today were counting the world's champs as "in." The Yanks lost Monday to Cleveland, 4 to 3, but the tired Mackmen let another golden opportunity fly by the boards by losing to the Browns, 6 to 2.

## Yanks Counted 'In' as Macks Again Fail in Pinch; Cards, Giants in Gruelling Struggle

BY FRANK GETTY

United Press Sports Editor

NEW YORK, Sept. 25.—The two-game lead of the New York Yankees now looks like money from home, and Philadelphians who heard rumors of Connie Mack's Athletics winning the American League pennant know it was merely some of the neighbors talking over the door, departed days of 1914.

Avin Crowder's twentieth victory of the season at St. Louis Monday proved all but fatal to the 1928 pennants of the Mackmen, who thereby lost their third game in four days and face an all but hopeless task in their pursuit of the elusive championship.

Their great drive to the top, during which the Athletics overcame a Yankee lead of thirteen games in August and early September, apparently took all the Philadelphia club had to give this year.

**N. Y. Two Up**

The situation today is simply this: The Athletics have five more games to play; the Yankees, six. During that brief span (as major league pennant races go), Philadelphia

must overcome an advantage of the world's champs.

The standing of the clubs is as follows:

	W	L	Pct.	to Play
Yankees	91	52	.649	6
Athletics	94	54	.655	5

If the Yanks break even in their remaining games, the Mackmen must win all five of them to capture the pennant by the margin of half a game. If the world champions win four out of six, nothing their rivals may do can prevent Miller Huggins' club from retaining the championship.

Even if the crippled Yanks succeed in adding only two games more to their winning column, the Athletics have to win four out of five to finish in front.

The downfall of the Mackmen dates from the series in which they engaged the world champions in New York during the week of Sept. 9. When that series opened, the Athletics were in first place, having fought their way to the top in one of the game's uphill struggles in the history of baseball. The

Yankees took their three out of the four games played and the race was as good as over.

**They Slipped Again**

Four days ago, Philadelphia was once more within striking distance of the goal. The Yankees led by a single game, and were a badly crippled ball club, disrupted by injuries. They were able to win only two games out of the next four, a golden opportunity for the Mackmen.

The standing today is:

	W	L	Pct.	to Play
Cardinals	91	57	.615	6
Giants	90	58	.608	6

Both National League contenders are showing the strain of the desperate stretch finish, yet both are fighting with spirit and vigor.

Neither has an altogether dependable pitcher left for duty, but each club is hitting the ball hard and effectively.

It will not be at all surprising if the National League race is fought out to the last September Sunday, when the rivals for the 1928 pennant meet at the Polo grounds and settle matters between themselves.

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