

SPORTING PAGE

SWISH GOES DOPE, EVERYBODY HELPS GIVE BUCKET TILT

English Swipe Polo Title—Welsh Raps Ritchie—Boston Leads Giants—Feds Finish Season.

BY KARL ALLISON.
The "dope" has been upon so often this year that it must be very dizzy by this time.
The American polo team, if you'll remember, was to have one of those lead pipe clinches against the British invaders. But the polo championship now rests on the other side.
The tennis fans were sure that McLaughlin et al., could turn aside any foe that attacked them, but Wilding and Brookers came into our midst and left with the championship laurels circling their domes.
The Harvard crew was doped to beat that Yale outfit by half a mile or so. Yale won.

Ritchie Gets His.
Willie Ritchie was doped to knock the consciousness out of one Frederick Welsh, an English person. Frederick is now doing vaudeville skits as "Lightweight Champion of the World."
The Pirates were doped to make a great fight for the National League pennant. And they made a grand fight to keep out of the cellar.
The Cards were assigned a place in the second division but look where they ended.
The Giants were expected to repeat, but did they?

R. Marquard who pitches in the summer to keep his form divine is another person who assisted in upsetting the "dope."
Organized baseball had it all doped out that the Feds would turn up their toes and provide a job for the embalmers long before July 4th. But—
The Athletics preserved the dope to win the American League pennant. The Red Sox tried their darndest to do a little upsetting in this case, but they fell a bit shy in their aim.

HOW THEY RANK

National League.				
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	
Boston	89	64	.584	
New York	84	70	.546	
St. Louis	81	72	.529	
Chicago	78	76	.508	
Brooklyn	75	79	.484	
Philadelphia	74	80	.480	
Pittsburgh	69	85	.447	
Cincinnati	60	94	.388	

American League.				
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	
Philadelphia	98	53	.649	
Boston	91	61	.599	
Washington	80	73	.523	
Detroit	80	73	.523	
St. Louis	71	82	.464	
New York	70	83	.456	
Chicago	70	84	.454	
Cleveland	51	102	.333	

Federal League.				
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.	
Indianapolis	86	65	.570	
Chicago	86	67	.562	
Baltimore	80	68	.541	
Brooklyn	74	75	.497	
Kansas City	67	83	.447	
Pittsburgh	62	82	.431	
St. Louis	62	87	.416	

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.
National League.
New York, 5; Philadelphia, 1.
(First game.)
Philadelphia, 8; New York, 0.
(Second game.)
Brooklyn, 3; Boston, 2.
(First game.)
Boston, 7; Brooklyn, 3.
(Second game.)
American League.
Boston, 8; Washington, 4.
New York, 2; Philadelphia, 1.
(First game.)
Indianapolis, 7; St. Louis, 4.
Buffalo, 3; Brooklyn, 0.
Kansas City, 1; Chicago, 0.
(First game.)
Kansas City, 5; Chicago, 3.
(Second game.)
Baltimore, 11; Pittsburgh, 1.
(First game.)
Pittsburgh, 1; Baltimore, 1.
(Second game.)

GAMES TODAY.
American League.
New York at Philadelphia.
Washington at Boston.
Federal League.
St. Louis at Indianapolis.
Pittsburgh at Baltimore.
Brooklyn at Buffalo.

FIGHT CARD OFF; BUSSEN RETIRES
The boxing card announced for Oct. 14 by Billy Benson, promoter, has been called off. It will be probably the last of the month instead. Glenn Cookley who was to furnish the main bout with Kid Clarke wrote that he had sprained his side and would be unable to go on.
Boxing fans will receive with regret the announcement that Urban Bussen who put up such an interesting bout with Oakley in the preliminary a few weeks back has quit the fighting game.

SOX ARE FAVORITES IN CHICAGO SERIES
[BY LEASED WIRE.]
CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—The White Sox-Cubs city series opens this afternoon at Southside park with Benz scheduled to pitch for Comiskey and Vaughn for the Cubs. The advance seat sales indicated an attendance of 25,000. The Sox are slight favorites, having won four and tied one of seven previous series with the Cubs.

Chile plans to use oil burning equipment on all government railroads.

Baseball Generals Whose Men Meet in World's Series Fight



Here are the two big men in the baseball world today smiling for the camera man. George Stallings (at left) called the "Miracle Man," has earned himself a niche in the Base Ball Hall of Fame in a few short months. Connie Mack has long had a place in Hall of Fame and he expects to display his better right to it this year by nipping Stallings' world championship aspirations in the bud. The first game of the big series will open in Philadelphia on Friday afternoon. The Athletics have a distinct advantage in the playing schedule for the first two games are to be played on their home grounds. The first two days of the following week will be spent by the championship teams in Boston and what will happen after that nobody knows as yet.

BREAKS IN LUCK DECIDE GAMES IN WORLD SERIES

BY FRANK G. MENKE.

Luck probably will be the biggest factor in deciding the baseball championship of the world.

With the teams almost evenly matched in pitching power, with the teams close together in batting power, and the fielding edge of the Braves offset by the base-running advantage of the Athletics, it is likely that the club that wins the series that starts Friday, will be the club that gets the "breaks" of the game.

When it is admitted by baseball authorities that luck is 70 per cent in baseball and that ability counts only 30 per cent in the grand total, it will be seen just how little dependence can be placed upon the "dope" that is furnished by figures.
If two teams were to fight it out for a stretch of 30 to 50 games, the team that was superior in ability eventually would rise triumphant. But in a series limited to seven games, it's a different story. One lucky "break" may give one team the edge in the early part of the series and that advantage will be big enough to carry them through to victory before the other team has a chance to recover.

Luck has figured largely in every world series game to date, and there is every reason to believe that the coming series will be no exception. And, as things look now, it's the team that gets the most "breaks" right at the jump that will grab the championship.

The Red Sox defeated the Giants in the 1912 world series not because they really were a superior ball team, but very largely because they got the "breaks" of the game. The muf that Snodgrass made in the ninth inning of the final game was an inexcusable piece of work—yet it was a wonderful piece of luck for the Red Sox.

The fly that Engle drove at Snodgrass in that game was the easiest chance that had been offered to Snodgrass throughout the series. It was a drive that was directly at him. He didn't have to move ten feet. It was so easy that he took it too easy—and dropped it. His error lost the game and gave to the Red Sox the title of world champions.

It was luck for the Red Sox—sheer luck. But their luck didn't begin in that game. Several times during the early part of the series they got the "breaks"—and riding along with the "breaks" they rode to victory.

Two Hits Win Title.
Back in 1906 Rohe, a substitute in the White Sox ranks, delivered a brace of hits that gave the White Sox the championship of the world. Rohe was regarded as the wisest, bitter among the "bitless wonders." Yet it was Rohe who delivered the punches. Can anyone deny that the hits he made at the critical moments were not hits of luck for the White Sox? If Rohe had been a .300 hitter, he might have expected him to deliver a timely swat. But he wasn't a .300 hitter. He'd gone hitless day after day during the regular season, yet, when the world series was played, he smashed out the wallops that were fatal to the Cubs.
In nearly every world series in the past there are records of "breaks" that have come at some time or other in nearly every game. And the winner of the series, invariably has been the team that has garnered the larger share of the "breaks." There have been times when the division of "breaks" has been about even—and neither side has been favored. But those times have been rare.
John McGraw is among the many baseball men who declare that ability counts for only about 30 per cent in deciding a ball game.
"A game is 70 per cent luck," remarks the Giant leader. "If you're lucky you'll win, no matter what a dumb team you are handling. And, if you're unlucky, you won't win, no matter how many stars you have in your lineup."
Christy Mathewson, hero of hundreds of diamond duels, agrees with his chief.
"There have been times in my career when I have lost games that I should have won had the breaks been with me," says Matty. "And there have been other times when luck was with me and I won, although I had nothing on the ball, and had no license to win."
"A team can go into a game and play the greatest game of its career, yet, if it isn't favored by luck to a certain extent, at least, it cannot win. Luck is the biggest factor in every ball game."
Bill Bradley, manager of the Brooklyn Federals, and a big league star for many years, echoes the sentiments of McGraw and Mathewson. He goes even farther than McGraw by saying that baseball is made up of 75 per cent luck.
"Luck is the all important factor in a ball game," says Bradley. "Skill doesn't count for much in the total aggregate."
"Evidence of this are apparent every day. Very often the league-

leading team has gone against the tail-end team and been beaten soundly."

And so, in face of these facts, cited by men who are old in baseball experience, fandom may prepare itself for some real surprises when the Braves and Athletics go into battle on Friday.

R. Y. M. BOWLERS STRENGTHEN LEAD
King, for Vanquished Braves, Rolls High Score of 226 Pins.

	Games.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
R. Y. M.s.	6	5	1	.833
Braves	6	4	2	.666
Athletics	3	0	3	.000
Victors	3	0	3	.000

The R. Y. M.s continued their good work last night in the City Bowling league and annexed to games out of three from the fighting Braves. The score were not as high as they were a week ago, but nevertheless the bowlers topped the pins into the pit for good scores, making 919 in the first game. The Braves won the third game with an 882 count. King, lead-off man for the Braves, who is one of the most consistent bowlers in the city, showed that he had lost none of his sunning by rolling 226 in his last whirl at the meples for high score. Meyers, captain of his team, set a good example for his men by scoring high average, 201, and high total, 602. Scores follow:

R. Y. M.s.				
	1st.	2d.	3d.	Av.
B. Martin	204	227	155	195
Youngflesh	180	176	147	168
J. Martin	211	132	153	165
Runge	142	179	180	167
R. Miller	202	220	161	194
Totals	919	834	766	...
BRAVES.				
King	151	167	226	181
Green	143	181	177	167
Bowman	142	114	161	139
Hosier	134	156	132	141
Total	775	829	882	...

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PLAY WINTER POLO
[BY LEASED WIRE.]
NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Several members of the Hunt and Polo clubs of Long Island, who pass their winters either playing polo or hunting in England and France, in all likelihood will direct their attention and winter to the polo tournaments to be held on the Pacific coast in connection with the San Francisco Exposition and opening of the Panama canal.

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PREBLE NINES LOAD FOR TITLE BATTLES

New Paris Signs Clements, Cooney and Liebhardt to Trim New Madison.

New Paris and New Madison are at fever heat over the game to be played Sunday at Athletic park. Both teams will do some loading up, as they love each other about as well as the Germans love the English. Mayor Kimball of New Madison has sent word that he will bring all the town over, and Marshall, manager of New Paris, will do the same.

The game will be started at 2:30 instead of 2:45 o'clock.

New Madison has made another addition to its line-up. Lester Clark, who was captain and catcher of the Richmond team last year, and held the same position with Winchester this summer, will do the catching. Negotiations are on between Glenn Liebhardt, the former Cleveland star, and Marshall, and if proper arrangements are made he will trim the game for New Paris.

Marshall has also signed Cooney, this year's demon slugger of the Winchester crew, and Clements the leading hitter of the S. A. L. for the outfield. The other local men in the New Paris line-up are Lucas, Roop, Clapp, Hampton and Niebuhr. Raney, the heaviest hitter on the team, after a long lay-off because of an injury, will be back on first.

COFFEY TO FIGHT

[BY LEASED WIRE.]
NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—James Coffey and Al Reich are scheduled to appear in two ten round bouts at the Stadium A. C. tonight. Coffey will cross gloves with Terry Kellar of California, and Al Reich will mix punches with Tom Kennedy, who recently arrived from France.

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BOSTON FANS MOURN ACCIDENT TO SMITH

Odds on Series Jump to 10 to 3 After Mishap to Brave Player.

[BY LEASED WIRE.]

BOSTON, Oct. 7.—Boston baseball fans were in gloom today over the news that Red Smith, the Braves' third baseman, had broken his leg in the game at Brooklyn yesterday. The odds on the Athletics in the world's series lengthened to 10 to 3. Many fans believe that Smith's purchase six weeks ago from Brooklyn meant the winning of the pennant. Aside from Connolly, he was the best hitter on the team, a fine fielder and an excellent thrower.

Mayor Curley will not attend the games at Philadelphia on Friday and Saturday. Former Mayor Fitzgerald will lead the hub delegation or rooters. Mayor Curley and Former Mayor Fitzgerald are bitter political rivals.

The Indianapolis crew over St. Louis, dropped the Tinker scappers to second place, a full game from the top. A slight chance still remains, but the Hoosiers must lose their two remaining battles, and the Chifeds must grab their lone engagement. It is almost a hopeless case.

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