

LATE HAPPENINGS IN SPORTS

WORLD WIDE INTEREST IN COMING MEETING OF ATHLETICS AND CUBS

Local Ball Players as Well as Eastern Experts Are Divided in Selecting the Winner of the Series—Star Twirling Staff of the Philadelphia American League Champions Balances on the Dope Scale with Machine-Like Regularity of the National League Pennant Winners

Data on World's Series of 1910

DATES OF GAMES
 First game, Monday, October 17, at Philadelphia.
 Second game, Tuesday, October 18, at Philadelphia.
 Wednesday, October 19, teams on railroad going to Chicago.
 Third game, Thursday, October 20, at Chicago.
 Fourth game, Friday, October 21, at Chicago.
 Fifth game, Saturday, October 22, at Philadelphia.
 Sixth game, Sunday, October 23, at Chicago.
 Place of seventh game, if necessary, to be decided by toss of coin.

National league umpires, O'Day and Rigler; American league umpires, Sheridan and Connolly.

PLAYERS ELIGIBLE
 Chicago National League Club—Archer, Beaumont, Brown, Cole, Chance, Evers, Foxen, Hofman, Kling, Kane, McIntyre, Needham, Overall, Pfeffer, Pfeister, Richie, Reulbach, Sheekard, Steinfield, Schulte, Tinker, Weaver and Zimmerman.

Philadelphia American League Club—Atkins, Bender, Barry, Baker, Coombs, Collins, Donohue, Dygert, Davis, Derrick, Houser, Hartsel, Krause, Lapp, Livingstone, Lord, Morgan, Murphy, McInnis, Oldring, Plank, Thomas and Strunk.

BY E. V. WELLER

The world's series, the first game of which will be played tomorrow afternoon at Philadelphia, is the object of discussion around all the local ball camps, and wagers galore have been made on the outcome during the past few days. Philadelphia's great pitching staff, the enthusiasm of the younger players composing with the machine-like regularity of the national league leaders by the dopesters of Southern California who are backing their hopes and prophecies with the clink of the exchange of the realm.

From poolroom to poolroom, in front of the cigar stands, around the ball park before the start of the game, everywhere, if you were observant, you might have been able to discover the groups of the ball mad fans discussing the possibilities of the "biggest series of them all." There are plenty of followers of Connie Mack, although Cub money seems to be more in evidence. For the first time in many years the division of the prophets is fairly equal, and by tomorrow noon when the batteries have been muttered over a few hundred times by the assembled expectant fandom you will be able to find plenty of the "necessary" floating around for takers.

Hearsay and purely guesswork, betting on what the other fellow says, adds an additional spice to the wager and the money which the Philadelphia and Chicago fans and their neighbors will spend on crown-vest boards among the clouds to watch the all-important game through a spyglass or a telescope will be posted with the "friend near by" and the two prophets will stand before the bulletin boards and add their "Ohs" and "Ahs" to the assembled multitude. Baseball is the real game about this time of the year and the slothful "might be" fan will only need to listen to the excited discussion of one or two of the world's series groups to become once and for all one of the incorrigible, eccentric yet always beloved fans of the game national.

LOCAL PLAYERS' PROPHECIES

Local baseball interest, as well as that throughout the country, centers in the world's series which will commence tomorrow afternoon at Philadelphia between the Chicago Cubs and the Philadelphia Athletics. The majority of local baseball followers are backing Frank Chance's great baseball machine as the winner of the series, and local betting favors the Cubs at odds ranging from 10 to 8 to even money. Even the Cub admirers, however, are experts of opinion in regard to the big series:

MANAGER HOGAN, VEINON
 "I like the Cubs on account of their great teamwork and former experience in world's series. To take part in games for the world's title is now the ambition of every ball player, and I think that the Athletics, being younger than the majority of the Cub players, will be more subject to nervousness and so more likely to blow up, which is a fatal affliction of such a series."

MANAGER GRAHAM, SACRAMENTO
 "I favored the Cubs to grab the world's title at first, but am now inclined to pick the Athletics on account of their great pitching staff. Connie Mack's pitchers have done some wonderful work this season and should continue their performances in the big series. Barring experience, I consider the Athletics to be the superior of the Cubs. Anyway the series will be hard fought from start to finish."

ROY BRASHEAR, VEINON CAPTAIN
 "The Athletics look like the real goods to me, although I would like to see Chance's men win out. The Cubs have not been up against any such spit ball artists this season as Mack has on his staff, and this is where I think the Cubs will lose."

UMPIRE MCGREEVY
 "The Cubs for mine. Previous experience will count in this series, and I look for Chance's men to cop the title."

C. F. PARKER, SECRETARY ANGEL CITY BALL CLUB
 "Their great knowledge of the game, previous experience in world's series play and excellent teamwork will win for the Cubs."

"KITTIE" BRASHEAR
 "I give the Athletics a shade, although I think the series will be very close and hard fought."

ARTIE ROSS
 "It looks like an even proposition to me. Baseball is too uncertain to pick a winner in the coming series. The Cubs may have a bad week and lose, and then the reverse might happen."

DRUMMOND BROWN
 "The Cubs all the way for mine."

BILL FISHER
 "Chance's team looks like the one best bet to me. I base my prediction on their experience in the past world's series, and they are admitted equally as good as the Athletics."

ROY HITT
 "The Cubs to win out in a very close series is my prediction. The Athletics

are fast and aggressive, but will be more apt to lose their heads than the veteran Cub team."

COL. J. W. BROOKS, VEINON CLUB

"The Athletics look like winners to me. They are young and coming, while several of Chance's stars are slowing up. The young blood for me."

WALTER CARLISLE

"Connie Mack's team looks good to me. The Athletics will meet their match in the coming series."

CHARLIE BAUM

"I pick the Athletics to win over the Cubs. A team of veterans who are beginning to slow up generally has to fight hard to hold its own against a younger, aggressive club, and the Athletics are both of equal strength I would select the younger men."

EASTERN EXPERT OPINIONS

W. G. WEIAT, PHILADELPHIA EVENING TELEGRAPH

Before Johnny Evers was injured I believed that the Athletics of the American league would win the world's series from Chicago, and, naturally, since that unfortunate occurrence I have not changed my views.

In my opinion the Athletics are the best collection of team workers the American league ever had, just as the Cubs were the finest machine ever known in the world's history. Whether the planned-in-advance system of pitching is better than the apparently instinctive efforts of the Cubs, no one can say. Each method has been successful in a league race, which speaks well for it.

Luck may upset a lot of "dope" and where it is most likely to figure is in the weather. Cold weather crippled Donovan of Detroit last season and it may do the same to the Cubs. The veterans—Brown, Reulbach and Overall—are more likely to be affected by a cold snap than Mack's twirlers.

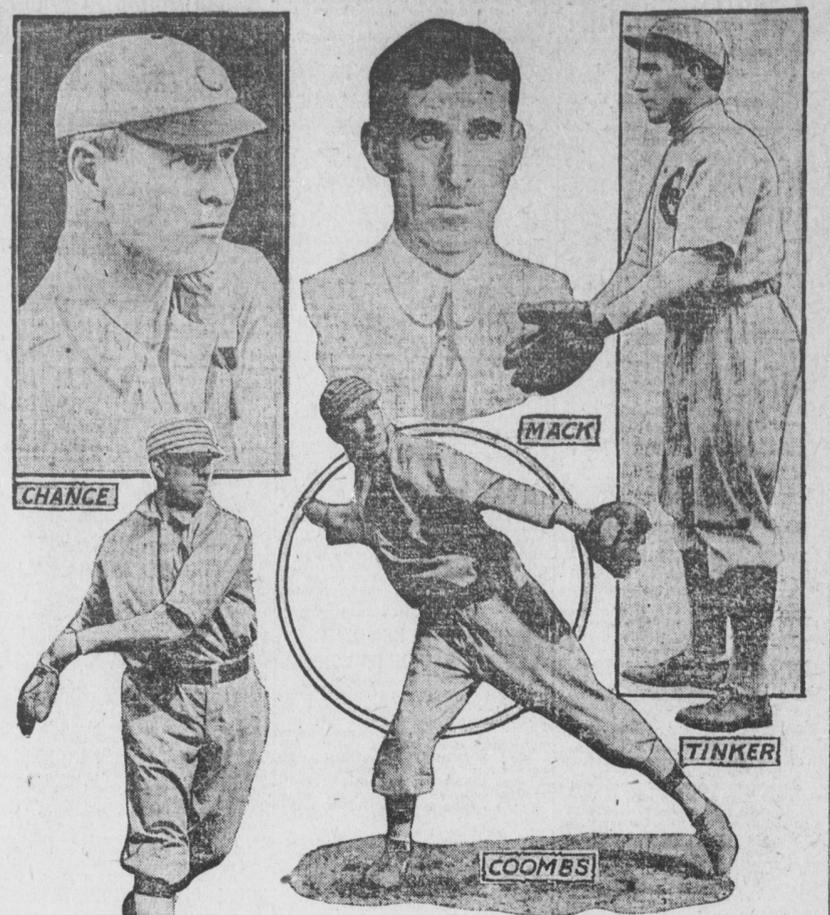
While the Cubs have been through three world's series, while only a few have been up against any such spit ball artists this season as Mack has on his staff, and this is where I think the Cubs will lose."

A. E. WATTS, BOSTON TRAVELER

The Cubs will not triumph over the Athletics as easily as they did over the Tigers, but they should win with at least a two-game margin. The Athletics have a perfectly balanced team of good hitters and the best pitching staff in either league, but when you have said this you have said it all.

The Athletics have one lone sterling base runner in Eddie Collins, with the other players able to make any showing at all in this department. The Cubs have five competent base runners in Hoffman, Tinker, Chance, Sheekard and Schulte. And when you think of the base running forthcoming in the world's series, it is well to consider what the Athletic base stealing is like—

Diamond Experts of Cubs and Athletics Who Will Have Part in World's Championship Play of 1910



Mack was outmaneuvered in his series against New York with McGraw at the head of the Giants, and he is likely to be outmaneuvered again.

J. S. SMITH, DETROIT JOURNAL

The enforced absence of Johnny Evers will rob the Cubs of whatever chance they did have in the world's series with the Athletics. Evers is so necessary to the general team work of the Cubs that his absence cannot help but cripple the champion team of the National League.

The Athletics will enter the series better fitted physically than the Cubs. Every player on Mack's team is apparently fresh. They have not displayed any signs that would indicate that the strain of the race has told on them. Their lead was so secure that it eliminated all worry.

With Evers out, there is only one department in which the Cubs excel. I refer to the catching. Kling and Archer are superior to Thomas, Livingstone, Donohue or Lapp, but at the same time, Mack's backstops are not so badly outclassed as to give the Cubs a tremendously big advantage behind the bat.

The fact that Mack's catchers work well with his pitchers shows that they are of inestimable worth to the success of the Mack machine. The Athletics tower over the Cubs in pitchers by such a margin that a comparison is unfair to the Philadelphia twirlers. Bender, Coombs and Plank ought to show a continuance of their remarkable form this year. Cole is Chicago's best bet, but even he will have a hard time trying to best the three mentioned Mack flingers in a pitchers' battle.

L. F. WOOSTER, BROOKLYN TIMES

With Johnny Evers on the shelf the Cubs lose a great deal of strength. The famous combination—Tinker, Evers and Chance—is broken up, and that may mean a great deal. It must be remembered, however, that there is one thing that will stand the Cubs in stead—their world's championship experience. Three times have they been through this grueling test, which will prove a valuable asset and offset, to some extent, the absence of Evers and any physical advantage the Athletics may have over the footsore and battle-scarred heroes of two world's championships.

It has been argued that the Philadelphia pitching staff is superior to that of Chicago. That is doubtful. Some of the signs of going back, it is true, but it is a safe bet that they are not so far gone as to be unable to acquit themselves nobly, as they generally do when big things are happening. The Cubs are stronger in the catching department and their outfield is as impregnable as ever. Their infield is weakened by the accident to Evers, yet Zimmerman, with the great machine playing around him, may rise to the emergency and prove a big surprise.

J. E. GRILLO, WASHINGTON STAR

While the approaching world's series will be one of the hardest-fought struggles in the history of baseball, I believe that when the smoke has cleared away Connie Mack's Athletics will be in possession of the world's title.

There is, in my opinion, just enough advantage on the Athletics' side to give them the series, though it may require seven games to prove this. Mack has the pitchers, his team is a better hitting one than the Cubs and while perhaps the infield of the American league champions is not as well seasoned as that of their coming rivals, it offers a strong defense and is much more apt to be steady under a strain than it has been given credit for.

The loss of Evers is a blow to the Cubs. To him has been attributed the reputation the Cubs have of being a brawny aggregation. Zimmerman may be a good ball player and do splendid work in the series, but he is not an Evers. So the chances are that the Cubs will not present as strong a front as if the team was intact.

On the other hand, Mack's team appears to be in perfect condition. He will keep his players in action, playing exhibition games against an all-star combination which Jim McAlleer is to handle during the week preceding the world's series, so that his team will enter the fray in prime fettle and right on edge.

The Athletics' pitchers have been doing much better work than those of the Cubs and should show to better advantage in the series. Of course there is no denying that the Cubs have the better catchers, and while this is most important, the difference is not so great as to offset the other advantages to which the Athletics can point. There is no better infield than the Cubs, but with Evers out of it, Mack's men will loom up just as well. The Cubs' outfield is no doubt the faster, but it will hit no better than the trio that will occupy the Athletics' garden.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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CHICAGO, O. ST. LOUIS 1

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—In the final game of the season here today Chicago defeated St. Louis, 4 to 1. Score: Chicago 4, hits 8, errors 0; St. Louis 1, hits 5, errors 1. Batteries—Vaughn, Quinn and Mitchell; Druce and Myers. Umpires—Klein and Evans.

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ATHLETICS TAKE FINAL GAME FROM ALL-STARS

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 15.—The final game of the series between the All-Stars and the Philadelphia American league champions today resulted in a victory for the Athletics, 3 to 0. The series stands four for the All-Stars and one for the champions.

Bender, Plank and Krause each pitched three innings, the former allowing two hits, Plank one and Krause none. Score: Athletics 3, errors 0; All-Stars 0, hits 3, errors 0. Batteries—Walsh and Street, Donohue; Bender, Plank, Krause and Thomas, Livingstone, Umpires—Din- en and Egan.

GIANTS TAKE THIRD GAME FROM N. Y. AMERICANS

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Fast base running and heavy hitting marked the second victory of the New York Nationals over the Americans today, 6 to 0. Score: Nationals 6, hits 11, errors 2; Americans 0, hits 1, errors 2. Batteries—Vaughn, Quinn and Mitchell; Druce and Myers. Umpires—Klein and Evans.

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1910 BASEBALL SEASONS PRODUCES NEW BATTING RECORDS

Never before in the history of baseball has the interest in the batting heroes of the two major leagues been so intense, and although many of the busybodies strove to stir up a little trouble in regard to Lajoie's remarkable eight hits from eight tries at St. Louis, their efforts brought little harm and Ty Cobb and Larry Lajoie are friends as of old. Both have expressed their admiration of the other's skill and have let no rivalry interfere with their friendship. The latest official reports give Cobb the batting championship of 1910, with a percentage of .384 as compared with Lajoie's .384084.

The race has been a true "race." Needham of the Chicago Nationals jumped out ahead for the first week. Lajoie was the leader the next eight weeks. Snodgrass had the honor for the following week. Then came Lajoie for three weeks, only to be replaced by Cobb for two weeks. Snodgrass, however, won from again for three weeks and Cobb showed for one week next. Lajoie had the call for four weeks and last week he and Cobb were practically tied.

The batting of the two leagues to date of October 7 has been set out officially as follows:

NATIONAL LEAGUE				AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Player	Clubs	Gms	AB	R	H	SB	AVG
Crandall	New York	44	72	10	25	3	.347
Goode	Boston	73	121	21	37	1	.306
Magee	Philadelphia	51	105	10	21	2	.277
Wagner	Pittsburg	147	247	39	77	18	.314
Campbell	Pittsburg	94	171	17	37	12	.282
Snodgrass	New York	117	205	33	61	11	.293
Hofman	Chicago	127	250	45	145	10	.328
Wilhelm	Brooklyn	105	195	20	50	10	.256
Paskett	Cincinnati	142	262	42	151	15	.301
Keeler	New York	17	30	5	8	3	.260
Tinker	Chicago	127	244	48	138	17	.323
Byrne	Pittsburg	147	260	101	179	18	.288
Konetchy	St. Louis	128	248	33	147	9	.296
McLeary	Boston	102	184	22	52	14	.282
Burns	Cincinnati	33	61	5	18	1	.295
Schulte	Chicago	113	222	33	163	27	.293
Devore	New York	95	185	19	45	9	.273
Robert	Cincinnati	90	208	30	80	18	.281
Graham	Boston	110	220	31	84	7	.273
Ratwell	Philadelphia	129	247	47	138	10	.280
McIntyre	Chicago	28	59	3	17	3	.288
Wheat	Brooklyn	132	266	38	117	9	.292
Miller	Boston	98	185	16	49	12	.265
Doyle	New York	145	262	55	161	11	.286
Wilson	Pittsburg	48	95	14	27	4	.283
Zimmerman	Chicago	91	201	25	55	4	.282
T. Clarke	Philadelphia	142	273	33	78	18	.286
Meyers	New York	125	269	29	103	10	.271
Merkle	New York	141	269	37	139	18	.280
Beck	Brooklyn	102	195	18	52	14	.266
Lauerus	Philadelphia	43	118	14	33	1	.279
Mowrey	St. Louis	135	260	41	128	16	.276
Hobbit	Boston	123	242	37	67	12	.275
Leach	Pittsburg	131	251	31	68	11	.271
Mitchell	Cincinnati	154	288	48	161	20	.270
Resman	St. Louis	25	29	3	8	1	.273
Phillipi	Pittsburg	31	40	3	11	1	.275
Beck	Boston	151	265	32	72	9	.271
Grant	Philadelphia	147	281	45	152	30	.271
Murray	New York	144	249	37	116	22	.270
Neider	Pittsburg	150	271	32	73	18	.269
Sweeney	Boston	149	281	43	130	26	.268
Doolan	Philadelphia	143	257	35	70	15	.264
Coulson	Brooklyn	21	73	9	20	1	.273
Herzog	Boston	106	217	31	59	19	.267
Downey	Cincinnati	111	250	33	66	14	.265
Brudlow	New York	129	244	37	64	12	.262
Daubert	Brooklyn	149	289	66	141	22	.262
Lennox	Brooklyn	125	229	30	59	10	.259
Bleser	Pittsburg	142	273	54	72	9	.262
Evers	Chicago	125	248	86	114	10	.262
Heath	Philadelphia	93	220	33	57	6	.259
Rardin	Boston	45	123	13	32	6	.260
Huggins	St. Louis	144	252	35	65	17	.259
Gray	Washington	120	238	30	62	10	.258
Shean	Boston	147	271	32	70	16	.258
King	Chicago	99	221	30	57	5	.258
Beaman	Philadelphia	123	243	37	62	11	.257
Ellis	St. Louis	128	255	38	65	14	.257
Neider	Brooklyn	154	268	60	129	25	.257
Hummel	Brooklyn	149	259	47	142	18	.256
Oakes	St. Louis	154	249	49	114	22	.254
Schaefer	Chicago	168	300	59	143	20	.254
Dickson	New York	32	4	1	0	0	.250
Simon	Pittsburg	117	226	1	25	1	.250

CLUB BATTING RECORDS

Club	Gms	AB	R	H	SB	AVG
Philadelphia	122	4217	677	1234	268	.280
Detroit	125	4104	635	1181	268	.286
Boston	126	4104	635	1181	268</	