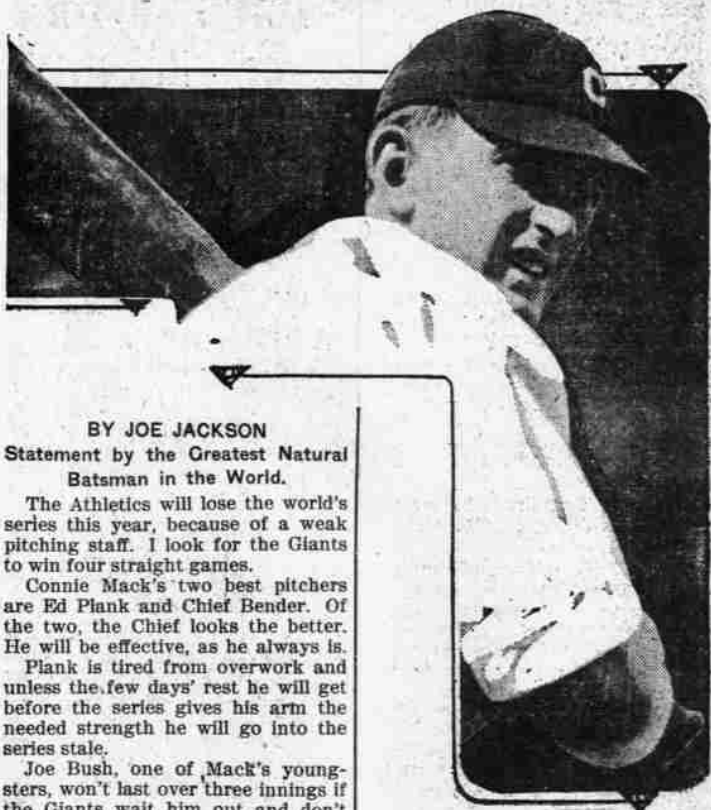


SIZING UP THE ATHLETICS' PITCHERS



BY JOE JACKSON

Statement by the Greatest Natural
Batsman in the World.

The Athletics will lose the world's series this year, because of a weak pitching staff. I look for the Giants to win four straight games.

Connie Mack's two best pitchers are Ed Plank and Chief Bender. Of the two, the Chief looks the better. He will be effective, as he always is.

Plank is tired from overwork and unless the few days' rest he will get before the series gives his arm the needed strength he will go into the series stale.

Joe Bush, one of Mack's youngsters, won't last over three innings if the Giants wait him out and don't hit until they have to. Bush strains every nerve and muscle in his body at every throw. He can't stand nine innings.

Carroll Brown doesn't use his best ball enough. He has a spitter as good as any I ever looked at when it is working right, and the spitball is hard to hit. But Brown doesn't mix it enough with his other stuff. His curves and fast ball aren't enough.

Shawkey, Mack's third youngster,

Joe Jackson.

won't last any longer than Brown. Shawkey's pitching might hold out, but the crowd in New York will get his nerve.

Coombs, world's series veteran and a real pitcher when he is right, can't help Connie this fall. A man just recovering from a serious illness such as Coombs had, can't possibly build up his strength in such a short time