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## \* **Comparison of Averages** Sporting ShowsGiantsandWhiteSox Are Very Evenly Matched There is a stor

American League Champions Lead in Stolen Bases -Giants Make Most Hits, But A. L.\* Pitching is Stronges t. 'Tis Said.

Figures may not afford a true line, liams, for the White Sox, had won Mr. Thomas Mercer of Buffalo credit on what may happen in the coming seventy-four out ninety-six. Tied in Fielding.

world's series between the Giants and A fielding average of .968 is the the White Sox, but according to the latest batch of unofficial figures the rival pennant winners seem to be pretty evenly matched. In the team batting percentages the Giants, up to last Friday, showed .261, with .257 is .971. In two games less the Cient was a see to be set of .500 is the record of each major league pen-the Giants lead the the White Sox stand second to the Red Sox, whose latest team average last Friday, showed .261, with .257 is .971. In two games less the as if stationed away out and still

hit. But in run making and hitting

for Comiskeys' stars. The Giants Giants had 222 more chances. Their be on top of base plays. have played 145 games, scor- total was 6045, including 3916 putruns, making 1,200 outs, 1707 assists and 188 errors. hits, stealing 142 bases and re-ceiving credit for 134 sacrifices. The White Sox, in 147 games, had a re-cord of more times at bat, 620 runs, widual performances may turn the

1220 hits, 195 steals and 234 sacri- trick in the big event next month. This magnate had been seeing fices. Summing up, the Chicago Notional league partisans insist that certain friends off on a journey and champions had scored 29 more runs with Herzog in the lineup the Gianis had been so busy on the job that he champions had scored 29 more runs with Herzog in the medp the chains in the ball park slightly mud-in two more games, also excelling in stolen bases by fifty-three and hav-ing made a hundred more sacrifice shift of Weaver to shortstop so that in the first day hits, while the Giants had lined out young McMullin can play third base in operation in his ball park. twenty-two more bingles.

wenty-two more bingles. From these comparisons the con-From these comparisons the con- auditted that the charge with Risberg at over the field. There was an umpire white Sox are somewhat faster than short and Weaver at third, but the behind the plate, one around first McGraw's men in base running and former's poor stick work made the and another somewhere around third. that they rely with much greater con- insertion of McMullin absolutely nec- He looked again and again, reset fidence on the value of the sacrifice essary.

**Heavy Hitting Backstops** 

there isn't much difference, taking into consideration the collective of-fensive power of these formidable contenders for the world's cham-pionship. The fact that the White Sox, in spite of a pronounced lead in stolen bases, and sacrifices, scored Giants, who had played two games less, is taken to mean that McGraw has been able to obtain almost equal results in scoring with the hit and run system. McCarty and Rariden, the Giants' catchers, have distanced Ray Schalk with the stick. McCarty had played forty-nine games up to Friday and ninety-six contests, had rolled up .263. Schark, who had caught in 133 contests, had made ninety-two has been able to obtain almost equal results in scoring with the hit and run system. McCarty and Rariden, the Giants' catchers, have distanced Ray Schalk with the stick. McCarty had played forty-nine games up to Friday and ninety-six contests, had rolled up .263. Schark, who had caught in 133 contests, had made ninety-two bits in 409 times at bat, which yield-de a percentage of .225. An acci-dent to Schalk would leave the White Sox with one catcher, Byrd Lynn, who has had limited experience.

results in scoring with the int that run system. It must be remembered, however, that the quality of the pitching in the American league this year has excelled the strategy of the National league boxmen, so that the White Sox, in attack, have made a slightly better record than the Giants. But 274 the White Sox showing a

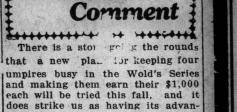
Sox, in attack, have made a slightly better record than the Giants. But McGraw's pitchers, who have made the best combined record in Gov. Tener's circuit, should be just as successful against the American lea-gue champions as the hurlers of the other teams on that well equipped organization. Taking the pitching averages as a basis for calculation, it is well to

basis for calculation, it is well to keep in mind that Saliee, Schupp, Benson and Perritt, who will oc- J. Collins, 12; Thorpe, 13; J. Smith, cupy the box for the Giants in the 3; Schalk, 18; Herzog, 10, and Ris-

cupy the box for the Giants in the berg 17. world's series, held their opponents berg 17. The Regulars At Bat. to a total of 729 hits up to Friday. | while Comiskey's Big Four-Cicotte. In five of the eight regular posi Russell, Williams and Faber, who tions outside of the light regular por-probably will face the National ica- ment the latest averages show an adprobably will face the National fea-gue champs, held the enemy to \$27 vantage for the Giants. Kauff, in safe blows. But again it must be considered that the real batting ting, after Thursay's games, with strength of the American league .308. Felsch, who will play that 

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that in the older circuit. Schupp Heads Strikeouts. Only three major league pitchers excel Ferdinand Schupp in strike-outs. They are Vaughn of the Cubs with 190. Alexander of the Phillies contraction of the Strikeouts and one more sacrifice, but the latter had knocked field, averageed .303 to Joe Jack-in Units for the Strikeouts and one more sacrifice, but the latter had knocked in a recent game that finally ended in Umpire Owens forfeiting the game to Chicago. The trouble began over



tages and we are willing to give for originating it. Instead of using two umpires in the outfield reaches end only one on bases, there would

But unless everybody attending the World's Series games keeps so

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his glasses, rubbed his chin, and then turning to the man in the next

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A message followed asking him to

eport at once. Walsh did not obey. A few days wait and Walsh got his message;

"You said you are in condition. Why don't you report?" This was Walsh's answer; "I am in condition, but the league

not.' Three days later the Three-I dis banded. Connie must have had side information.



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