

# SPORTS



## Comment On Sports

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—Some months ago we said that the Chicago White Sox were the team of the year in the Majors even if the Sox didn't win a pennant. That still goes but the Sox may have to move over and share billing with the New York Giants. The Giants lost eleven straight games early in the season and the Dodgers pulled away in August to 13 and a half lengths.

### SPORTS GAMBLING

The possible infiltration of gambling operations into amateur and professional sports will be the subject of an inquiry to be conducted by a special committee, appointed by Attorney General J. Howard McGrath and including representatives of racing, boxing, professional baseball, college football, professional basketball, college basketball and professional football.

The chairman of the committee is Francis T. Murray, director of athletics at the University of Pennsylvania.

In connection with the announcement, it is emphasized that the inquiry should not be regarded as a "black eye" for sports. Apparently, no accurate information on gambling activities is available other than recent disclosures involving college basketball players in New York and the Midwest.

While the special committee will do little more than study the situation and make recommendations for legislation, if necessary, it will have the power to focus public attention on whatever it reports. If the survey discloses no need for remedial legislation, the committee will so decide and its findings, we think, will do much to reassure those who are inclined to believe that there is greater corruption in the sports field than recent disclosures revealed.

Even the most rabid Giant fan counted the Giants just about out of it. Yet, recently, the Giants knocked the Dodgers off in two to pull within five games of the leaders. They had brought themselves that close on the wings of a 16-game winning streak. But, even now, no one knows if the Giants can possibly turn the impossible trick of catching the Dodgers. And indeed the day after the Giants had kayoed Brooklyn for the second straight day, they lost a game in the race by dividing a doubleheader while the Brooks swept two.

Whatever the final outcome is in the National (this columnist took the Giants back in February) the New York club has moved fast in the last two months. And Leo Durocher can probably have his job back next year at his own price, or thereabouts. The thing which probably did it was a fire stemming from a burning desire to win. That's what makes great ball players, like Cobb, Gehrig and Ruth, great. They like to win, but hate to lose even worse.

That's why Durocher traded some men and brought in others when he rebuilt the Giants. He often says this or that player is his type of ballplayer, meaning they have fire, an intense devotion to winning. Paul Richards is the same way about his baseball. He hates losing next to death. Not necessarily bad sports, these people just can't stand losing. If the average fan were choosing a manager, this is the type he would choose. Joe McCarthy had that almost fanatical devotion to winning; he was the type.

Durocher, of course, is the type, and should be given credit for his fine stretch drive. The old St. Louis Cardinals used to stage some grand stretch drives, in September, that kept all the fans on the edges of their seats until the last games of the year. Durocher, an old Gas House ganger, hopes to do the same thing this month.

But whether he does it or not, his try will do a lot for National League baseball which was threatened with a runaway race just a month ago. It is always better to have a few teams, like the Red

Delighted with the public's reception of "Samson and Delilah" and of "David and Bathsheba," Cecil B. DeMille plans to make the Book of Esther as his next picture. DeMille's "King of Kings" made in 1927, is still running.

You'd never suspect it but newcomer Mari Blanchard, who recently was one of New York's top model of bathing suits and is now one of Hollywood's most promising young starlets, was crippled by polio when she was nine years old. She was paralyzed below the hips, in her right arm and right side of her face. Her success in overcoming the disease was due to her mother's words, "Never give in to polio."

Red Skelton's picture, radio and television commitments may have to await his doctor's okay, when he returns from London. Red is said to be tired out and may be ordered to take a long rest before going back to work here.

Bing Crosby's eldest son, and current glamor boy, Gary, is planning to enter Stamford University this fall. He plans to finish school before taking up any other career—singing or acting.

That dance team—Marge and Gower—who have flashed to the big time through spectacular specialties in "Show Boat," won first attention from the producers by their version of the Charleston at the Mocambo night club's famous Charleston contests a year ago.

Eddie Bracken's willingness to help Preston Sturges out of a "financial hole" by doing a role in "Room Service" at the Players for free has certainly paid off. Eddie's now in a picture in Warners and has been offered five more—"Sad Sack," "Paradise Island," "Size 12," "The U. S. O. Story"—and one with Director Buzz Berkeley.

With seven pictures still unreleased, Janet Leigh could, if she wanted to, quit the screen for a couple of years without finding herself any the less popular. She has two unreleased pictures at RKO, "Jet Pilot" and "Two Tickets to Broadway," and five at her home lot, MGM.

Having paid off his huge \$12,000,000 debt, David O. Selznick is returning to production in October with "My Cousin Rachel," by Daphne Du Maurier.

Seventeen years ago, Richard Widmark worked on a cattle ranch near Missoula, Mont. Recently, when Dick arrived there

Sox, Cleveland and New York—in the American—scrapping for the flag, than to have one dominating the entire league horizon, like the old Yankees used to do under McCarthy.

### SPORTS QUIZ

1. Who is Don Mueller?
2. What is his recent claim to fame?
3. Did Ruth ever accomplish the Mueller feat?
4. Did Ty Cobb ever turn the trick?
5. When does Joe Louis fight Rocky Marciano?

**THE ANSWERS:**  
 1. Right fielder for New York Giants.  
 2. He hit five homers in two games against the Dodgers.  
 3. No.  
 4. Yes.  
 5. October 11th.

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