

## SOUTHPAWS LEADING

What do the White Sox owe to their three crack southpaws, Russell, Danforth, and Williams? Take the census and find out.

Reb Russell, when the statistics were last footed up, had won .733 per cent of games, taking a regular turn, and was therefore far ahead of his victorious club's total average. He had faced all comers with imperturbable nerve, and has been seldom walloped off the hill. As to steadiness—almost as wonderful as Benton's, has been the showing made by Russell. How many fans are aware that Russell, in 27 games, gave only 24 bases on balls, while 126 men fanned before his whirling throws? Benton and Russell, between them, have downed the joke about lefthanders' wildness, and downed it to stay buried for a while.

Williams, Comiskey's other regular worker in the southpawed brigade, had won .650 per cent of his games at the latest roundup. In thirty-one games, Williams gave but 57 bases on balls, not such a showing for steadiness as that of Russell, but still creditable to any pitcher, right or left-handed.

Dave Danforth, used mainly as a relief agent, has nevertheless managed to win .700 per cent of his few full games—and those games were of such value that they represent just the difference between first and third position for Comiskey's team. Danforth, when the tabs were last counted, had been in no less than 36 games, but only ten of them were decisive contests, seven being victories and three defeats. He had staved off defeat and saved the day on twelve occasions when other pitchers got the official credit of the victories.

To state the case as the White Sox prove it: Comiskey's lefthanders put his ballclub in the race and kept them there. Deduct the lefthanders, and the White Sox would be fighting to keep third.



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