



CLEANED FROM THE 1917 RECORDS

SOMETHING rather novel in the way of baseball figures—a column showing just how well, or how poorly, the big league pitchers were supported by their fielders—has been compiled, and the statistics tell some eloquent stories. Take, in the case of any pitcher, the percentage of earned runs made off his delivery, as compared with the total number of runs scored

off him, and it will pretty nearly show what sort of backing he received. When hardly any runs, except earned ones, make the circuit, it is quite evident that grand support is given in the field, and when a flock of the tallies are unearned, it is equal evidence that there were many errors here and there.

Lee Meadows, of the Cardinals, seems to have received the best backing of all National League pitchers. Out of 99 runs made against him, 91 were earned, and only eight were helped around by errors. The worst support appears to have been given Pete Schneider of the Reds. Out of 128 runs made off Schneider's delivery, 53 came round unearned—a condition of things which must have made Pete feel like committing many a massacre among his pals. One odd thing in the National records—Alexander and Oeschger, both of the Phils, allowed exactly the same number of runs and earned runs each, and the records of Pfeffer and Marquard, both of Brooklyn, duplicates in the same fashion.

Bob Groom, of the Browns, got the best support in all the land. Out of 80 runs scored against him, only four were unearned. Urban Faber, the great star of the White Sox, evidently won his games against discouraging support, for 39 runs, out of a total of 92 scored off him, were unearned.

The exact figures:

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
PITCHERS	RUNS	EARNED	PCT.
Meadows, St. Louis	99	91	.919
Tesreau, New York	71	63	.887
Rudolph, Boston	104	92	.885
Packard, St. Louis	50	44	.880
Schupp, New York	69	59	.855
Watson, St. Louis	74	63	.851
Ames, St. Louis	75	63	.840
Lavender, Philadelphia	61	51	.839
Cadore, Brooklyn	86	72	.837
Benton, New York	78	65	.838
Tyler, Boston	81	67	.827
Jacobs, Pittsburgh	87	71	.816
Cooper, Pittsburgh	90	78	.813
Carlson, Pittsburgh	64	52	.813
Ragan, Boston	50	48	.812
Allen, Boston	61	49	.803
Miller, Pittsburgh	98	78	.796
Steele, Pittsburgh	88	70	.795
Mayer, Philadelphia	62	49	.790
Doak, St. Louis	123	97	.789
Horstman, St. Louis	67	53	.788
Pfeffer, Brooklyn	84	66	.786
Marquard, Brooklyn	84	66	.786
Barnes, Boston	115	88	.765
Smith, Brooklyn	103	78	.757
Grimes, Pittsburgh	101	76	.752
Sallee, New York	70	52	.743
Alexander, Phila	108	80	.741
Oeschger, Philadelphia ...	108	80	.741
Perritt, New York	61	45	.737
Demaree, New York	86	63	.733
Nehf, Boston	78	56	.718
Toney, Cincinnati	119	83	.697
Rixey, Philadelphia	102	71	.696
Cheney, Brooklyn	80	55	.688
Vaughn, Chicago	97	60	.680
Douglass, Chicago	123	83	.675
Eller, Cincinnati	60	40	.607
Hendrix, Chicago	94	62	.660
Anderson, New York	40	26	.650
Regan, Cincinnati	106	65	.613
Schneider, Cincinnati	128	75	.586

AMERICAN LEAGUE

PITCHERS	RUNS	EARNED	PCT.
Groom, St. Louis	80	76	.950
Danforth, Chicago	56	51	.911
Seibold, Athletics	86	70	.814
Foster, Boston	43	35	.814
Meyers, Athletics	122	99	.812
Ehmke, Detroit	84	68	.810
Williams, Chicago	94	76	.809
Leonard, Boston	88	71	.807
Shaw, Washington	118	95	.805
Johnson, Washington	105	84	.800
Boland, Detroit	89	71	.798
Mogridge, New York	82	65	.793
Shawkey, New York	81	64	.790
Ruth, Boston	93	73	.785
Cicotte, Chicago	76	59	.778
Bagby, Cleveland	90	70	.778
Johnson, Athletics	76	59	.778
Cullop, New York	70	54	.771
Coveleskie, Cleveland	78	60	.769
Dumont, Washington	76	58	.763
Ayers, Washington	67	50	.761
Noyes, Athletics	74	56	.757
Gallia, Washington	92	69	.750
Shore, Boston	76	56	.737
Koob, St. Louis	81	58	.716
Fisher, New York	49	35	.714
Shocker, New York	59	42	.712
Lambeth, Cleveland	48	34	.708
Harper, Washington	85	60	.706
Scott, Chicago	37	26	.703
Davenport, St. Louis	137	96	.701
Dauss, Detroit	105	73	.695
Mays, Boston	81	56	.691
Mitchell, Detroit	66	45	.682
Russell, Chicago	61	41	.672
Klepfer, Cleveland	84	56	.667
Morton, Cleveland	74	49	.662
James, Detroit	71	46	.648
Schauer, Athletics	116	75	.647
Sothoron, St. Louis	135	87	.644
Bush, Athletics	101	64	.634
Russell, New York	42	25	.620
Coumbe, Cleveland	54	32	.593
Faber, Chicago	92	53	.576



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