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SCOTT PERRY AND THE NUMBER  
THREE.

**I**F there is any mystic power in certain numerals—if any special number exercises magic influence over the destinies of athletes—then Scott Perry, “the bone of contention,” is certainly swayed and largely governed by the figure 3. All through his campaign, the number 3 has cropped up, sometimes to help, sometimes to hinder him, but continually coming forward in strange fashion, curious emergencies.

This is how the figure 3 had swung the fortunes of Scott Perry up to August 8:

April 17—Perry relieved Adams in the ninth with three on bases. The only batter to face Perry, Schang, immediately belted a wallop that drove in the three and settled the game 5 to 4.

May 7—Three Athletic runs in the eighth won for Perry from the Yankees 5 to 2.

May 14—The White Sox beat Perry, 3 to 0, and the Athletics made only three hits.

May 18—Cleveland beat Perry 3 to 2, getting all three runs in the first inning.

May 22—Detroit defeated Perry 3 to 1, and again the Athletics made but three hits.

May 28—The Browns defeated Perry, 3 to 2.

June 1—The Browns made three runs off Perry in the first frame, and beat him 8 to 5.

June 5—The White Sox beat Perry 4 to 3.

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June 20—The Red Sox vanquished Perry 3 to 0, all three runs coming in the sixth inning.

June 23—Washington defeated Perry 5 to 4, three Washington runs happening in the fourth inning.

June 27—Washington beat Perry 3 to 2 in ten innings.

July 4—Three errors lost for Perry to the Red Sox, 2 to 1, in eleven innings.

July 9—Detroit beat Perry 5 to 4, scoring three runs in the fourth inning.

July 15—After the Browns had made three runs off Gregg, Perry went in and won out 5 to 3. Then he took on the Browns again, and beat them 6 to 4, the Athletics making three runs in the fifth.

July 20—Perry whipped Cleveland 10 to 4, the Athletics getting three in the first inning.

July 25—Detroit defeated Perry 7 to 3.

July 28—Detroit beat Perry 6 to 2. Three Detroit runs came in the third and three in the seventh.

August 5—Perry beat the White Sox 5 to 2, the Athletics making three in the fourth session.

How's that for a mystic influence, as wielded by the number Three?

THIS has been the Year of the Three to Two score—a season marked by 3 to 2 finishes in unexampled profusion.

It is quite probable that an exact count of all the games would show that there were as many 3-2 games as there were any other two kinds of scores put together. Take the figures 3 to 1 and 2 to 1, for instance—add all the 2-1 and 3-1 games together, and it will be found that there weren't as many of them, combined, as there were battles which ended 3 to 2. A curious record.

Up to Aug. 9, there were 67 3 to 2 games in the two major leagues—30 in the National, 37 in the American. Oddly enough, only one of the National League games went into extra innings, while there were seven extra inning mills in the American, one going nineteen innings and another lasting thirteen. Cleveland played more 3 to 2 games than any other team—fifteen of them—while the Boston Red Sox played only three. Washington was the most formidable club when it came to the 3-2 games, Griffith's men winning ten and losing only two. The world's champion White Sox were the poorest club in 3-2 battles, winning two and losing seven.

Cincinnati handed the Cubs 3-2 defeats on two successive days, and the Cubs, only two days later, put over the first of two successive 3-2 wins against the Cardinals. On May 14, the Giants gave the Pirates two beatings, both by 3-2 scores. On July 25, New York slipped the Cardinals two whalings, both by 3-2 finishes.

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