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# SPORTS REFLECTIONS

of Athletes and Events

Answering the Mail: If a catcher drops a third strike, and has to throw to first to retire the batter, the catcher does not get credit for an assist. The pitcher is credited with a strikeout, the first baseman a putout.

It is possible for a batter to get credit for a run batted in on a dropped outfield fly, with less than two men out. If, in the opinion of the scorer, a runner on third could have tagged up and scored, had the ball been caught, it is rightfully a run batted in.

If, with a runner on third, the catcher makes no effort to retire a runner stealing second, it is still scored as a stolen base, because the runner forced the catcher to show his hand.

If a runner is trapped between bases, each defensive player who handles the ball during the continuing play gets credit for an assist, and the man who makes the tag gets credit, of course, for a putout.

There is no basis for a protested ball game, if an umpire in the opinion of the protesting team makes a bad call, as such. An error in judgment can't be protested, if the rules of the game aren't violated.

The rules of baseball are based on common sense, and most of the puzzlers that stump you in scoring a game can be figured out with a little reasoning. Every effort has been made to be completely fair.

However, it is inevitable that in certain situations a player

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The very society of joy redoubles it; so that, while it lights upon my friend it rebounds upon myself, and the brighter his candle burns the more easily it will light mine.—South.

The devil loves nothing better than the intolerance of reformers, and dreads nothing so much as their charity and patience. James Russell Lowell.

However exquisitely human nature may have been described by writers, the true practical system can be learned only in the world.—Fielding.

A really great man is known by three signs—generosity in the design, humanity in the execution, moderation is success.—Bismark.

Fools with bookish knowledge are children with edged weapons, they hurt themselves, and put others to pain. The half-learned is more dangerous than the simpleton.—Zimmerman. 6 Nothing is such an obstacle to the production of excellence as the power of producing what is good with ease and rapidity.—Aiken.

Give me the benefit of your convictions, if you have any, but keep your doubts to yourself, for I have enough of my own.—Goethe.

It is an error to suppose that courage means courage in everything. Most people are brave only in the dangers to which they accustom themselves, either in imagination or practice.—Bulwer.

To buy books only because they were published by an eminent printer, is much as if a man should buy clothes that did not fit him, only because made by some famous tailor.—Pope.

Few men are so obstinate in their athesim, that a pressing danger will not compel them to the acknowledgement of a divine power.—Plato.

The best rules of rhetoric are, to speak intelligently; speak

from the heart; have something to say, say it; and stop when you've done.—Tryon Edwards. 6 I have often said that all the misfortunes of men spring from their not knowing how to live quietly at home, in their own rooms.—Pascal.

Pride, the most dangerous of all faults, proceeds from want of sense, or want of thought.—Dillon.

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gets something that obviously he didn't earn. Take, for example, the pitcher who is blasted for several runs in the first half of an inning, and is removed for a pinch hitter in the second half.

His team goes on to score enough runs in the half of the inning to take and continue the lead for the rest of the game. The pitcher who has been blasted, and removed for a pinch hitter before the winning run was scored, still gets credit for the victory.

Because of this, Vida Blue, who gave up three runs, was credited with the victory in this year's Major League All-Star game. But how else could it have been scored?

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