

# BASEBALL

and Other Sports

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## Farmers Blank Preachers On Their Home Grounds

In a mixture of good hitting on the part of the farmers, excellent pitching by Sexton, many errors by the preachers, and too much rambling with the umpires, the A. and M. had trimmed the Wake Forest aggregation, on the latter's ground Saturday, to the tune of four to nothing.

A. and M. scored in the first inning, when Freeman smashed the first ball over for a home run. It was one of the prettiest hits ever seen on the Wake Forest diamond. Pope wound up and shot a hot one about waist high. This happened to be Buck's style and he met it squarely on the nose. It landed between the center and left fielders and rolled across the road, which was far enough for Buck to have gone a base further if necessary. A. and M. scored again in the seventh on three errors and a sacrifice, and made two earned runs in the eighth. In the eighth Black led off with a single; Council followed with a sacrifice; Hartzel walloped one for three bags, scoring Black. Pap Harris sacrificed, scoring Hartzel. Thus ended the scoring.

Wake Forest had only one good chance to make a rally, and this was spoiled by mighty Sexton, who fanned Edwards with three on bases. Leg-

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Thoughts of a Baseball Fan.  
I've sat upon the bleachers,  
And I've prayed with hundreds more  
For a little timely single.  
That would net the winning score,  
I have watched the batter strike out,  
And I've groaned with ardor damp;  
Oh, I wish the boys could hit 'em  
As they do in training camp.

I have watched them through the summer,  
I have loudly shouted "slide"  
To a player stealing second  
And I fretted when he "died."  
I have seen them nabbed as nicely  
As a copper nabs a tramp.  
And I've wished that they'd run bases  
As they do in training camp.

For a home run hit is common,  
We've the correspondent's word,  
When a man is passed on wide ones,  
He just romps around to third;  
Oh, there is no doubt about it,  
Every player is a champ  
Till the game is on in earnest,  
And he's out of training camp.  
—Detroit Free Press.

### "Dick" Crozier



After many weeks of earnest effort the sporting editor has at last succeeded in securing a cut of J. Richard Crozier, who will be known to the Raleigh fans as "Dick," the fast left manager of the Red Birds. He not only knows the game from start to finish, but is one of the fastest outfielders in minor league baseball, and has led his teams in run-getting for eight consecutive years. He is a valuable man to guide the Red Birds, and if the writer is not badly mistaken the officials of the Raleigh Athletic Association will find that they have made a "find" for the managerial position.

able to play very much baseball before the middle of the season.

Turner is one of the Naps' stars and his absence will leave an awful gap. It is said Somers and Lajole are stuck on young Ball and Somers is trying to arrange a deal with Manager Stallings.

The New York price on Ball is \$4,000, but Somers expects Stallings to find himself in need of an outfielder. Cleveland has a surplus of outfielders, and one of them may go to the Yanks for Ball. Raferty and Josh Clarke are named as two of the outfielders who the Naps may place on the market.—New Orleans Item.

Why are left-handers so erratic, why do they lack control more than right-handed pitchers? was the question put to Pitcher "Cy" Young recently. "Cy" was asked because, if anybody knows, he should.

"I don't know that they are more erratic than right-handers," was the reply of the veteran. "I can see no reason why a left-hander should not locate the plate just as often as a right-hander, and I think he does."

"Doc" White, of Chicago; Waddell, of St. Louis, and a few others of the left-handers seem to locate the plate as often as anybody, when you stop to think it over. There is a popular opinion to the contrary though but popular opinions not backed by figures count for but little.

### SPORTING SIDELIGHTS.

Nice game of ball at Wake Forest Saturday.

Not so much squabbling hereafter. It makes the game slow and causes the fans to grow restless and lose interest in the game. And nine times out of ten, arguing with the "Umps" is of no avail.

If the Farmers keep up their present gait, they will nestle very close to the top of the college column at the end of the present season.

The Baptists' array of errors were quite unexpected by everybody. Pope pitched a good game and deserved much better support.

Sexton clearly demonstrated in Saturday's game that he is the steady college pitcher in the state. There are hosts of loyal fans that would like to see him wear a Red Bird uniform this season. With the sacks full in the third inning, he calmly and coolly proceeded to fan Edwards, who is considered to be one of the strongest hitters on Crozier's aggregation. Sexton is there with the goods.

Catcher Rowe, who has been signed by Manager Crozier, has played with the following teams, making a good record with all of them: Piedmont, W. Va., 1905; Portsmouth, Va., 1906; Bridgetown, N. J., 1907, and 1908. He was signed mainly on the recommendation of Lefty Hoffman, and you may bet your boots that Lefty knows a good one when he casts his observant glance upon him.

It is sincerely hoped and expected that the Raleigh baseball fans and their friends will contribute to the support of the team by visiting the Gem Theatre this afternoon and evening. A special program has been arranged for the benefit of the baseball club. All lovers of the national sport should turn out in full force.

Schlitzer, Coombs and Plank are working on a new slow ball that Captain Davis introduced. All three have been getting the hang of it very finely and now use it in practice. They have not sprung it in a game yet. The ball, in addition to being a slow one, has a sharp drop break that should prove a puzzler.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Fliedler Jones does not want much to return to the managerial position with the Chicago White Sox. All he wants to manage the team is a big salary, and an option on a half interest in the club. Some people have an exalted opinion of themselves.

Catcher Roth, of the Cincinnati Reds, holds a world's record for home run getting. While with the Evansville ball club he pounded the sphere for thirty-six homers in one season, which stands as the greatest number of home runs ever made in a single season of ball playing.

This hard-hitting backstop, who has been celebrated for his four-sackers since he began to make people take notice of him as a ball player, expects, during the coming season, to make another great home record with Cincinnati. He is in excellent shape, so the scribes say, and looks as though he should play the game of his life.

Sitton has a spitball that is a wonder. Even Addie Joss stands in open-eyed wonderment and admiration at Sit's great spitter. Joss says they don't pitch spitballs any better than the kind Sitton dishes up, and, as Addie is a pretty close student of baseball, he ought to know something about it. Like Wright, Sitton is long on the noodle stuff, and also like him he realizes that if he doesn't come

Jeffries still refuses to announce definitely that he will enter the ring with Johnson, but the strenuousness of his training and his perseverance in the exercises most needed to bring him into fighting trim have but one answer. He is sore at Johnson for the manner in which the negro boxer has gripped the world's title.

He is in good condition, and the following anecdote of his appearance on the stage of a local theater serves to show his true condition. In his act Jeffries boxes with his partner, Sam Berger. The moves are all planned, but yesterday Berger failed to dodge a right swing that falls to the champion's schedule, and as a result received a blow that was intended to pass over his shoulder. Sam didn't take the count, but he came very near it, and now it is a very wary bout that the general public is permitted to see.

When the retired champion was shown a telegram from Johnson, one afternoon last week, in which the negro said he was going to Boston to have an interview with Jeffries, the latter remarked: "Until such time as I make up my mind whether or not I will fight him, I have nothing to do with him. I have no business to discuss with him, and certainly I would not receive him socially." Abundance of class in those articulations.

In an article in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Jeff Thompson has the following to say about the present fighting outlook:

Ketchel will, if Jeffries won't, so it looks as though Jack Johnson will have a chance to defend his title as soon as he wants it.

I am somewhat doubtful of the wisdom of Ketchel in going against Johnson at this time. He is a little bit light for the job, but it is recalled that he is not lighter than Fitzsimmons when he took the title from Jim Corbett, and is pretty nearly, if not quite, as heavy as Sharkey when he went the long route with Jeffries.

The cowboy impressed me as a fighting man. He is a clean-cut young athlete, clear eyed, quick as a cat and with a pair of shoulders with power in them. That he can stand punishment and give it he has demonstrated, and it may be he can turn the trick.

Johnson has never impressed me as a great fighter. I am inclined to believe if Ketchel or any other big, strong, hard-punching fighter can get to the negro and punish him he will curl up. At long range his height and reach will give him a fatal advantage over Ketchel, but if the cowboy can get close to him and hammer him good and plenty I believe he can win.

In the meantime Jeffries is in reserve. The big fellow is getting into shape, and if the match with Ketchel falls through, or Ketchel is whipped, I believe Jeff will get in the game again.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 29—The White Sox have finished their stay in Los Angeles and will leave California today. They will pull up stakes here at noon and start east for Yuma, where they will stay over night and play an exhibition game Tuesday afternoon.

New Orleans, March 29—The Pelicans went down before the Neeps yesterday, by a score of 8 to 0, when they played their second exhibition game at Pelican park.

San Antonio, March 29—The Tigers had no mercy on the San Antonio Bronchos yesterday before a well-filled stand, and trounced them 17 to 4. All the Detroit sluggers were busily playing their trade. Cobb and Morarity contributed four safe hits each.

Cincinnati, March 29—The Cincinnati fans were given a glimpse of the 1909 Reds in action yesterday when the Colts defeated the Vets, 5 to 2, in an exhibition game at League park. The team arrived home from the south this morning.

Macon, Ga., March 29—The volcanic eruption which shook the Yankees last week was still in action today when the first team started for Columbus to play the South Atlantic club. To one of the newspaper men Stallings declared that of all his outfielders Billy Keeler would be first choice, but Keeler himself doesn't know what is coming off.

Dallas, Tex., March 29—As a parting salute to Texas and her hit-loving people the Giants in regular mid-season line-up soundly trounced the Dallas Texas League team, which is known locally as the Giants, by a score of 9 to 1.

Wichita, Kans., March 29—Washington made it three straight from Wichita by winning yesterday's game by a score of 6 to 2. The game was featureless, the pitching of Johnson, Burns, and Smith being too much for the western leaguers.

Topeka, Kans., March 29—Although the Washington Yandigans were able to get but three hits off the Topeka pitchers they won the second game of the series, 5 to 2.

Galveston, Tex., March 29—St. Louis Browns regulars defeated Galveston yesterday, 7 to 3, by a batting rally in the ninth inning, when every Brown stroking got a chance at the bat, scoring four runs.

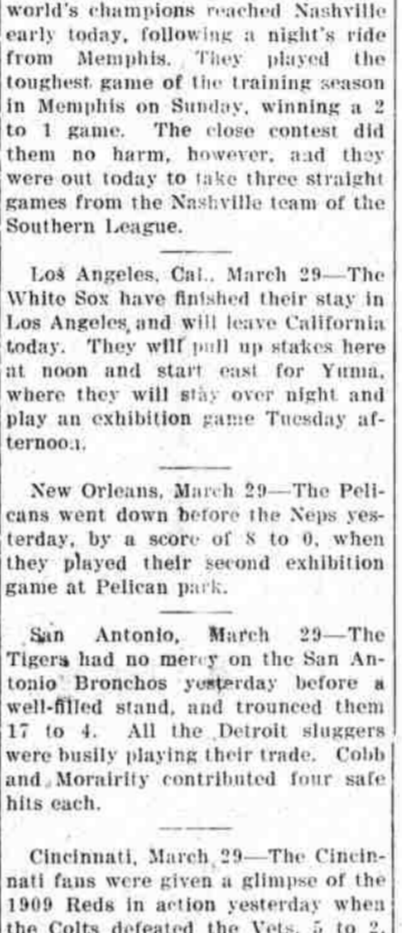
Hot Springs, Ark., March 29—In Saturday's game Tommy Leach injured himself slightly, and he did not take part in the game Sunday. The weather was cold and the pitcher's held themselves in. The Pittsburgh Regulars have begun to unlimber, and they beat the Yanigans against yesterday, 9 to 2.

Augusta, Ga., March 29—Yesterday was another off-day in the Boston National's camp, and the men enjoyed the lay-off, after their strenuous games of the last few days.

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