

BASE BALL

and Other Sports

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SPORTING SIDELIGHTS.

THE TEAM OF OUR DREAMS.

Nine batsmen that walk to the plate each day,
While the only tune that the band can play
Is "Over the fence and far away."
Bing! On the crest of the old trademark,
Soaring up like a winging lark,
Over the fielders and out of the park.
With never a strike-out and never a "pop,"
And never a drive that the fielders can stop,
But batting "one thousand" with never a drop.

Nine fielders that grab every bingle in sight,
Slams to the left of 'em—hits to the right,
Pulling 'em down, though as high as a kite.

With never an error and never a "boot,"
With never a fumble, however they shoot,
Or wobble or wobble or skid out or scoot.

"Squeezing 'em tight" overhead, underneath,
One hand, or both, as the drives skim the heath,
Or when this is impossible, using the teeth.

A slab corps that faces each team at the bat,
Shooting them over in this way or that,
But striking 'em out with terrific eclat.

With the speed of a Krupp when the enemy's shelled,
With "control" of the type that the Standard Oil spelled,
With the curves of L. Russell or Madame A. Held.

With never a base-hit secured by the foe,
Yet right to the spot every time they must go—
Now, honestly, truthfully—Isn't this so?—By Grantland Rice in the Nashville Tennessean.

Yesterday afternoon's practice was a source of much pleasure to the two hundred fans that gathered at the A. & M. Athletic field. Never before has a Raleigh team exhibited so much ginger, pepper, and other things that go to make a great baseball team. The infield work of the regulars was so fast that a greasy streak of blue lightning would have felt ashamed of itself. Hoover, Brumfield, Murray and Brouters certainly put in some great work.

The Regulars and Yanigans lined up for a few innings with Brown and White, both southpaws, doing the slab work. Brown was working for the yanigans, and he loomed up as another star upon the baseball horizon. White delivered the goods for the regulars in great style, the Yanigans only securing one run off him and that was on a home run by McManus, the first man up. Both of these twirlers promise to give some of the would-be pennant aspirants a bunch of trouble.

Fuech was on the grounds, but was not called upon to show his art in the pitcher's box. He officiated in



This is a picture of Evans, the St. Louis Nationals right fielder. He has been playing great ball during the present season.

the left garden in Hoffman style. McManus was also holding down an outer garden with great success.

Hampton was seen behind the bat for the first time, and although it was very plain that he was not in the best of form, he looked to have the makings of a good backstop after a few days of hard work. Irwin, who was on the job for the Regulars, was there in his same old easy going way. He is there with the bells on.

The work of the entire squad was of such a high order that it would be a tough proposition to single out any one player as the shining light in yesterday's practice. But it may be said without the slightest hesitation or exaggeration, that Dick Crozier has two sets of infielders, either of which would equal our wildest expectations. For the Regulars, allow me to reiterate that the work of Hoover, Brumfield, Murray and Brouters was so fast that the crowd of onlookers were continually applauding the sensational stops, throws and other good plays. Suffice to say that Crozier and Hoffman were romping around the outfield. They were never known to fail to star in that capacity.

Large crowds are attending the practices every afternoon, which goes to show that the professional baseball spirit, which has been dormant for the past several months, will soon break forth in all its fury. The crowds are as welcome as the flowers in May, as it encourages the players to do their very best to get in trim for the hard race ahead.

Those right field bleachers are still doing business at the same old stand. Dick Crozier was forced to run nearly to the top of them yesterday when he attempted to gather in a line drive to right centre. He either had to take his chances by running up the bleachers or fall over them, which would have been as bad. What argument can be offered against the removal of

these hindrances to the playing of the right and centre fielders? Everybody that goes to see the practices remarks, "Why don't they move those bleachers in right field? And no one seems to be able to give them a reasonable answer."

The atmosphere down around the village on the raging Cape Fear has cooled off considerably in the past few days, or the cover will not stay tucked in at the foot of a certain Fayetteville rooter's bed. A great wave of morality has struck the fan that offered to wager that Fayetteville would take the first game, or he has been putting his feet close to the ice box. Which is the most probable?

That Dick Crozier has not secured Waits Hamrick, one of the catchers of the Railroaders in '07, is welcome news here. Hamrick has a number of friends in this city who would regret his presence in this league if he wasn't over here. He is one of the coming catchers of ball-dom, and his hitting makes him a valuable asset, and with all of this he is an exceedingly clever fellow.—Rocky Mount Record.

Fear not, my lad, nor let not thy teeth chatter, but put this away in your knowledge emporium. "If Waits Hamrick plays ball this season, he will be seen in a Red Bird uniform." But there are others. Big Irwin is calculated to give the cold shivers to the young and unsophisticated.

At the rate Frank Smith is winning games for the White Sox this early in the campaign, many baseball fans look for the piano mover to surpass the wonderful record of Ed. Walsh in 1908. During last year's American League race Walsh made a record of forty victories, fifteen defeats, one tie, taken out once, and finished nine games.

Trinity 0, Raleigh League, 7, and ten just think Trinity 0, and Philadelphia 1 (with Coveleskie pitching.) Ye Gods, watch for that dope from ye scribe in the capital city. No use to tie up again with that lubber as to which is the fastest the Carolina or the East Carolina, but set in to claiming the championship of the league and back your assertions on the above figures. But back to earth again, that looked well for the Red Birds, and if you keep that stride you won't tail end the league. But we still insist that we must have a three days awful rainy spells if Raleigh ends the first week with a thousand percentage.—Rocky Mount Record.

Thank you. It is indeed kind of you to condescend to give Raleigh a position above the bottom round of the ladder. Pardon inquisitiveness, but will you please enlighten your humble servant on two subjects: Will you put the expression, "three daps awful rainy spell, etc." in a little plainer English; and put me next to the source of your knowledge about Raleigh's claims to a 1,000 percentage at the end of the first week of playing?

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YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

National League.
At Philadelphia: Philadelphia, 5; New York, 2.
At Chicago: Chicago, 0; Pittsburgh 1. (11 innings.)
At Brooklyn: Boston, 7; Brooklyn, 6. Second game: Boston, 2; Brooklyn, 5.

American League.
At Cleveland: Cleveland, 10; Chicago, 2.
At Boston: Washington, 1; Boston, 0.
At New York: New York, 11; Philadelphia, 3.
At St. Louis: St. Louis, 4; Detroit, 2.

South Atlantic League.
At Charleston: Charleston, 0; Chattanooga, 2.
At Jacksonville: Jacksonville, 1; Columbia, 2.
At Columbus, Ga.: Augusta, 1; Columbus, 2.
At Savannah: Macon, 2; Savannah, 5. (11 innings.)

Southern League.
At Birmingham, Ala.: Birmingham, 9; Montgomery, 3.
At Atlanta, Ga.: Nashville, 1; Atlanta, 0.
At Memphis, Tenn.: Mobile, 2; Memphis, 1.

Carolina Association.
At Spartanburg: Spartanburg, 6; Charlotte, 3.
At Winston-Salem: Winston-Salem, 3; Anderson, 0.
At Greensboro: Greensboro, 1; Greenville, 0.

Virginia League.
At Roanoke: Roanoke, 4; Danville, 3.
At Lynchburg: Lynchburg, 4; Portsmouth, 0.
At Norfolk: Norfolk, 4; Richmond, 3.

Other Games.
At Rocky Mount: Rocky Mount, 3; A. C. College, 2.
At Princeton, N. J.: Virginia, 0; Princeton, 3.
At Washington, D. C.: Carolina, 4; Georgetown, 2.
At Fayetteville: Fayetteville, 4; Raeford, 0.
At Macon, Ga.: Mercer, 3; Georgia Tech., 2.

BALL GAMES TODAY.

National League.
Philadelphia at Brooklyn, rain, 4 p. m.
New York at Boston; cloudy, 3:30 p. m.
St. Louis at Pittsburgh; cloudy, 3:30 p. m.
Cincinnati at Chicago; clear, 3:30 p. m.

American League.
Boston at New York; rain, 4 p. m.
Washington at Philadelphia; cloudy, 3:30 p. m.
Chicago at Cleveland; clear, 3:30 p. m.
Detroit at St. Louis; clear, 3:30 p. m.

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