

CINCY'S PITCHERS SHOWING UP WELL

About Six Hits a Game Has Been Their Average to Date with Rube Benton Perhaps Making Best Showing.

By JOHN B. FOSTER
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New York, April 24—Cincinnati's pitching staff, so far, has every appearance of being just what the late Pat Moran dreamed of—a steel frame, nickel plated defense for a team that is a little slow on its feet. Moran's idea was to build up a pitching staff that could hold the games close, because his players were not zippy enough on the bases to get that little one run which so often separated defeat and victory.

To date, the Cincinnati pitchers have been averaging about 6-1-2 hits per game. Too bad Moran is not living to see his hurriers go to it. Of course it is a long time from now until the end of the season, and clubs may turn topsy turvy before October 1, but right now it looks as though Cincinnati has the ideal pitching staff of which he dreamed.

Greatest of them all in many ways seems to be Benton. The Rube looked mighty well at Orlando this spring. He was a little stout, but it became him. He was never fast on his feet and so a trifle more stoutness would not slow him up, while the added weight would give more zing to his fast one. Benton always had speed. If he has more now he will be a winner for the Reds, and a spring winner is what the Western men need.

Next to Benton, so far, Donohue looks best of the Cincinnati staff. There is a feeling that Mays is not going to be a comet in the National League sky. Even Cincinnati folks are dubious when they discuss his chances. He didn't show much at Orlando, but still it's a little early to judge. His old propelling swing from below his knee is still there and his control is good. And while he hasn't shown much speed, that may be due to conservation of energy. Mays has been going a long time and his motto is don't worry any fat off the old soup bone.

The Boston Nationals have run into a queer break. They have been out-batting their rivals and yet can't win. A timely hit comes along for the opposing team and Boston has to drink the dregs. It's that kind of luck that takes the starch out of good ball players. If Bancroft can keep his players moving under such conditions, he will be a manager worth keeping.

There was more managerial ability in Bancroft than most people knew about. The year that he joined the Phillies and made that infield so tight that it helped carry Philly to its first championship, Bancroft was doing a lot toward directing infield plays, and Pat Moran was wise enough to let him do it.

There's a lot of good about the Boston club and, when its home and settled, it is likely to keep the visitors guessing and win a lot of ball games. The Braves can stand some outfield help. They need a slugger. Any slugger out of work should apply.

TEX RICKARD IS TRYING HORN IN

Big Fight Promoter Said he Anxious to Get in on Floyd Johnson's Monopoly of New York Ball Parks.

By FAIR PLAY

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New York, April 24—On the quiet there is said to be an interesting campaign in progress in New York. It relates to the efforts of Tex Rickard to horn in on Jimmy Johnson's present monopoly of two ball parks on Manhattan Island. Said ball parks are the Polo Grounds and the Yankee stadium. These are the only available places at which immense crowds of fight fans can be collected and naturally the promoter who holds them has got a pretty valuable possession.

But while Rickard may lack the real estate, he is not without political friends, and for that matter, some of the best fighting talent in the world is under his control. So it will be interesting to see whether or not eventually he will work himself into the metropolitan situation.

The great arena on Hoyles Thirty Acres in Jersey City which is available for Rickard is not such an asset as one might think. In the first place the structure needs a lot of money spent on it to make it safe.

And no matter what is done to it it can never be anything but a fire trap. The lumber is old and dry now and hence inflammable. What would happen if fire were to break out in this saucer with a crowd of from sixty to ninety thousand seated in it may be left to the imagination. Suffice it to say that one of the great catastrophes of history would be written into the annals of the American prize ring.

NOTICE!

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B. F. FOREHAND, Supt.
Apr. 18, 1924.

MANAGING A BASEBALL TEAM

By JOHN B. FOSTER

Chapter 10

Boys and Their Managers

Where the duties of the manager and the captain are combined, or where there is no manager and only a captain, it usually follows that the captain himself has the greater part of that which has been previously outlined to look after. Perhaps he will have all of it.

As willing as boys and young men may be to take duties upon themselves, in which the acting captaincy is involved, it is asking a little too much to request the captain to do all the work in handling a team but if he insists upon it the best way is to let him try. If he cannot get through with the work successfully he will be willing soon to abandon part of it.

If one is both captain and manager the duty of selecting the players will fall upon his shoulders. No matter what may be the outcome of a meeting to organize a baseball team it is not good policy to permit players to be selected by a committee, nor is it a wise undertaking to permit them to be named by the president, or by any official except the captain, unless the captain is also the manager.

One Man Must Do Selecting

In this connection it may be stated that if the manager is given the duties of selecting the players and is in charge of the team over the captain, the latter is simply the field leader and must follow the instructions of the manager. This is the case in professional baseball where the game is not played as individuals by the men who are on the teams, but is played indirectly by the orders of the managers. They match their wits although not in the game and sitting on the bench, against each other, and the players are their means of reaching victory.

Some managers have gone far enough to say that if the game is lost because the player has followed their advice and the maneuver has

not been successful that defeat must fall upon them and not upon the player. While this is a fair stand to take by the manager, from the standpoint of playing strategy and its possible success or failure, it has nothing in common with actual play by individuals and is foreign to the kind of game that boys should play. In fact it is not sport in its broad sense. The players become too automatic to make it so. Sport means something in which an individual tries to develop the best for his team. There may be team work in doing it, and should be, but if the player is entirely controlled by an outside source he loses his initiative and may as well be made of wood so far as his brain is concerned.

The captain of the team who is the field leader carries out the wishes of the manager and is the one responsible source who may make an appeal to the umpire; for the manager is not granted that privilege unless he is also a player on the field.

Avoid Too Much Restriction

The manager, who is also captain, may perfect his team in certain combination plays and in signs that will lead toward run making, but practice and experience both teach that if the amateur teams are held too rigidly to the theory of dependence upon the manager and not enough individual effort they will soon tire of the sport and tire of the team, and will go elsewhere in order that they may get better individual enjoyment out of their sport.

This does not necessarily imply that there should not be obedience to the manager, or captain on the part of the boys teams because there cannot be very good baseball without it, but it is intended to make it clear that the amateur game should have a certain amount of freedom in order that the players may get their personal enjoyment from it. Amateur baseball is neither a business nor hard work.

FOR THE SAKE OF THE GAME

BY LAWRENCE PERRY

New York, April 24—These are days when we behold the shifting of football coaches, either in fact or by rumor, as well as the consolidation of their jobs through the medium of spring practice by coaches who have definitely jumped from one place to the other.

Two of these last are Uncle Charley Moran, changed from Centre to Bucknell, and Howard Jones, shifted from Iowa to Trinity. By the way, watch Trinity. The Duke family is very much interested

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Football will be by no means neglected. In fact, Howard Jones' engagement shows that football has not been neglected. Trinity is going to take a definite place in the South Atlantic group of football playing colleges, and in fact, all along the line a great forward impulse may be expected here.

Moran has gone from Centre, but his system will go marching on at Danville. It is reported that Chief Meyers, who played both at Kentucky and Centre, will be the choice of the Danville authorities to fill Moran's shoes.

Bo McMillan is to stay at Centenary in Louisiana evidently, despite rumors of change. Bo, it is said, has become mixed up in the budding oil game in the Bayou land, and thus is well established in his new stamping grounds, even granting he may in time yield to the siren call

Major League Baseball

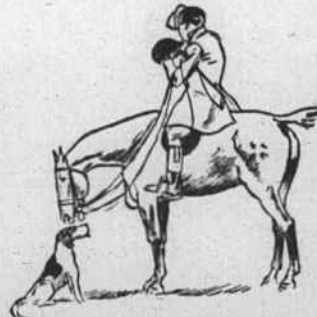
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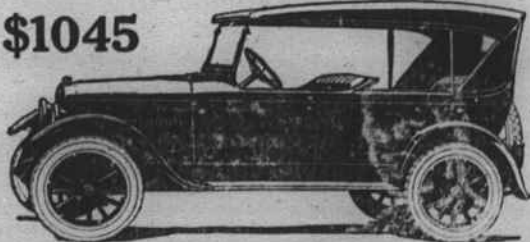
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