

PADGETT HOPE OF BOSTON'S BRAVES

Team Has Done Nothing Spectacular Since He Was Put on Third But Has Shown Improvement.

By JOHN B. FOSTER
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New York, May 10.—Earnest K. Padgett is playing third base for the Boston Nationals at the moment, and if he makes good the Braves will have solved a painful problem, for Padgett is a good batter, which is something that the Braves need.

The third base question has been a bug bear to the Braves since the untimely death of Boeckel. Smith seemed a logical candidate for the place, but Smith does not hit very hard and the Boston management is looking for batting strength.

Probably Arthur Devlin, the Boston coach, is responsible for trying Padgett at third, as Devlin, once quite a third baseman himself, has a nose for potential hot corner men.

Padgett was drafted by Boston from Memphis in the first place, and the chances are that the Memphis club had a hand in inspiring the draft. Padgett looked to them like a coming ball player. Whether that is true or not, Memphis took Padgett back the next year on optional agreement. That's the way they work it. Draft one year and return the next with a string about the draftee's ankle.

Padgett played 70 games at second for Memphis last year, 22 at short and 29 in the outfield. He stung the ball for an average of .317. That's the kind of hitter he always has been.

The odd part of it all is that Memphis never ran so shy of a third baseman that it used Padgett to play that station. They had Prothro, another sweet player, who now is holding down third for Washington. Thus the Southern Association, and the Memphis club of that Association, have furnished two third basemen to the big leagues in one year, which is honor enough for one minor league club, anybody will say.

Padgett has been hitting around .300 for the Braves since he has been tried as a regular, and if he keeps it up he will easily hold his own so far as stick work is concerned. Smith appears to be a better fielder and he has an arm that can stand almost any demands. But Boston wants a batter.

The Braves have not won a lot, even since they put Padgett at third, but on the whole the team has steadied since he was made a fixture. The club is at least better off than the poor Cardinals, who just can't find a shortstop to save their lives. Branch Rickey certainly has had a time of it. He began without a catcher of experience, and now admits he has nothing at short. Bell seems to have gone to the bow wows, and yet when he was working out at third in Florida he looked good.

To find St. Louis at the bottom of the list in the National and Syracuse at the bottom in the International would indicate that the school for baseball at Bradentown, Florida, did not graduate much of anything this year.

BASEBALL QUESTION BOX

If you have some question to ask about baseball—
Write to John B. Foster, the man who helped make the rules under which the game is played today. If you want a personal reply enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Otherwise your question will be answered in this column.
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Question—Runners on first and third. Batter bunts and the runner on third scores. Ball is fielded to second. Runner from first apparently is forced out when the shortstop drops the ball and everybody is safe. How shall I score it?
Answer—Do not give the batter a sacrifice hit as he batted the ball into what would have been a double play. Give the shortstop an error.

Question—Is Boone who plays right field for Boston Americans a home run hitter who can hit the ball as far as Ruth?
Answer—Too much of a problem to answer that question. Boone has a reputation to make. He batted splendidly in the Texas League in 1923 but is likely to find the going harder in the American League.

Question—Is it right for a player to trip another player who is running the bases? I have seen it done in professional baseball.
Answer—It is never right to trip a ball player. It is the meanest kind of muckerism and the fact that a professional ball player may do it to another doesn't excuse it. Serious injury may result any time from tripping. Accidents are bad enough without having premeditated assault.

Question—Runner is on first base. Three balls are on the batter. Base runner starts to steal and is thrown out at the delivery of the next ball which made the fourth ball.
Answer—But he wasn't out. If he started to steal at the beginning of the delivery of the ball, or even



New York, May 10.—Followers of field and track sports who believe in "the dope" will find food for speculation about the coming Olympic trials in comparative figures on the recent Penn and Drake relays.

"The dope" shows that the Middle West, as represented at the Drake relays, should lead in the competition for the quarter mile, which was run at Columbus.

Speaking of Washington reminds the writer of the popularity of Ed Leader, Yale's rowing coach, and the prestige which he has already gained for himself throughout the East. He was the pupil of Hiram Conibear. Conibear was so little known at New London in 1913 that when he came East to see the Yale-Harvard regatta he had to apply to a newspaper man for a ticket to the observation train.

The day before the race he watched the Yale crew at practice. Yale was a favorite to win over Harvard, but Conibear pointed out several grave defects in Yale's style of rowing. Nobody paid any attention to him, because nobody had any respect for his opinion. But the regatta next day proved Conibear to be right. And now Conibear's pupil is teaching rowing at Yale. There's drama for you.

SCOUTMASTERS TO MEET IN RALEIGH

Raleigh, May 10 — A school for scout masters will be held in this city the week of May 23 under the direction of Scout Executives W. T. Dart of Raleigh; James Girtwood, Rocky Mount; and Fred Abbott of Durham who was formerly a scout field worker, it was announced at scout executives headquarters here. The school will be conducted in 9 sessions at a camp near the city. It was explained, and will cover such work with which a man should be acquainted in order to be a qualified scout master. Application for the school may be made at headquarters.

before for that matter, he was entitled to second base unless the pitcher made an effort to get him before he delivered the ball.

Question—When, where and by whom were triples made in major leagues?
Answer—That question is not quite definite enough. Triples refer to three baggers and three baggers were made and have been made from the beginning of baseball.

Question—Pitched ball tipped catcher's glove and was picked up by one of the opposing team. Can base runners advance on the play or blunder?
Answer—No. The ball is dead

GIBBONS ANXIOUS MEET LUIS FIRPO

St. Paul Fighter So Sure of Stowing Away Carpenter That He's Already Planning for His Next Bout.

By FAIR PLAY
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New York, May 10.—Tommy Gibbons says he wants to meet Luis Firpo after he is through with Carpenter. This shows just how confident Tommy is of stowing away the Frenchman.

Gibbons would make all sorts of trouble for Luis, if only on the ground of his ability to make the Argentinian wonder where all the gloves are going that he is sending at the elusive St. Paul fighter. At the same time, were Gibbons to send in a few of his well known body punches, Firpo's sagging punch would telegraph signs of disaster pretty quickly.

Californians now in this city seem to think that the move just started in their state to legalize professional 10 and 12 round bouts will be successful.

The initiative petitions to the state legislature must under the law be signed by 77,000 voters. Of this number it is figured that San Francisco, Los Angeles and Oakland will furnish 20,000 each and that the rest of the state will bring the signatures up to at least 100,000.

The proposal is to enact a law permitting ten round bouts with decisions and 12 round bouts without decision. The state commission would supervise all bouts and percentages of receipts would go to maintaining homes for veterans of all wars. American Legion members are assisting in circulating the petitions.

There is no doubt at all that a sufficient number of signatures to petitions will be obtained. What the legislature will do about it is another matter. But the feeling, as said, among Californian fans now in this city is that there are more chances of a boxing law being enacted than not.



Gil Dobies suggestion that Cornell athletes who slump in their studies after they have won varsity letters have their letters taken from them, might do good in cases such as Doble cites where men have let down in the class room because of big head. But a majority of athletes who fail scholastically, fail because they cannot give adequate time both to curricular and extra curricular interests.

Too many persons who discuss a larger hole in golf lose sight of the fact that the larger hole would give an added premium to the long swipers. If an opponent has any chance to catch the siege gun style of player it is in the shot game. And the larger you make the hole, the more you equalize this.

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