

NEW TIMBER IN CINCINNATI REDS

Some of Teams Best Prospects Recently Crippled and Management Decides Make Several Important Changes.

New York, June 2.—The Cincinnati Nationals, having found themselves going into the campaign of the East with too many cripples and too little reserve strength, have wisely added power from the outside.

Harper has been traded for Walker of the Phillies, a move that was meant to add to the batting strength of the Reds, and Minneapolis has been induced to transfer Critz, a second baseman, and Shorten, an outfielder.

Shorten already has had some major league experience. He is not a hard batter, but he is a mighty intelligent batter and he is a good outfielder. Critz is not the best second baseman in the American Association nor is he the worst. He will give the Cincinnati team confidence, because there is a deep feeling that when Bohne makes an error it is a very costly affair and the crowds have not always been kind to him. Bohne has been unfortunate in making misplays in games that were vital to the success of the Reds and a player who has that kind of luck always finds some of the fans hostile.

Cincinnati has had pretty bad luck with its players this year so far as injuries are concerned. The team seemed likely, for once, to be able to put its full strength in the field from the start of the year, with Roush beginning the season, instead of starting after it was two or three weeks old. But Roush was injured and the Reds were further handicapped by the loss of other injured players, so that they have not got squared off for a steady fight, although they have been doing better than in other years.

The Reds cast eyes in the direction of Indianapolis earlier in the season and the fact that they could not get help there, but were compelled to turn to Minneapolis, indicates what long has been suspected, that Brooklyn has first claim on Indianapolis and that Indianapolis will not weaken its team until assured it cannot win the American Association championship.

Cincinnati's determination to strengthen and to do so as quickly as possible, is in line with the policy of the team, which is based on the theory that this is the golden year to defeat the Giants, if that club ever is to be ousted from the championship.

The double defeat of Brooklyn by the Giants was a tough blow to Bobbie's men who believed they were strong enough to overcome the New York crowd, and figured on being as good as runner-up at the end of the season.

The Giants are starting to hold their own again in the championship race, by their ability to defeat the Eastern teams. Their constant success in that respect in past years has been one of the big factors in winning them so many championships.

Between the loss of McManus and the falling off in batting by Sliser, the St. Louis Browns are not progressing as they were. The Browns are having their troubles with the western clubs. There is yet to rise a team in the West that looks stable enough to make an irresistible bid for the league leadership in the American.

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. Address: John B. Foster, special baseball correspondent of The Daily Advance, 811 World Building, New York.

Question—If a runner on first base starts to steal second and the batter hits a foul fly and a player catches it and throws to first is the runner out?

Answer—The runner is out if he has left first and is unable to get back to the base in advance of the throw.

Question—If the batter steps on the plate and a pitched ball comes over the plate and hits him is he out?

Answer—Not on the first or second strike and only on the third if the umpire decided there has been interference.

Question—In the ninth inning A, who is pitching for the visiting team, which is leading, 8-5, is taken out and B is put in. Two runners are on the bases at the time. Before the inning is over the home team wins, 9-8. Who is the losing pitcher?

Answer—B. loses. Counting both runs that were put on the bases by A the game would not have been tied and it was evidently tied and won on B's pitching.

Question—In reporting the results between two base ball teams you see in the score, ab, lb, po, a and so on. What do they mean? Answer—Ab is "at bat"; lb is "base hit"; po is "put out"; a is "assist". They are scoring abbreviations for plays.

Question—Can an umpire rule an infield fly and no one out and only first base occupied?

Answer—There is never an infield with only a runner on first base. The infield fly takes place with runners on first and second or with runners on first, second and third.

Question—Batter hits the ball and the ball drops on the base and then hits the batter. Is the player out or not?

Answer—If the batter is in the batter's box it is a foul.

Question—What is the regulation diamond from the base to base?

Answer—Ninety feet.

Question—Did Washington ever win a championship?

Answer—Washington has yet to have that distinction.

IS SPALLA NEXT FOR CARPENTIER

Ermino Says Frenchman Ducked Him in Europe but Perhaps Georges Had Other Reason Than Fear.

New York, June 2.—Talk is heard that despite the outcome of the Gibbons-Carpentier fight the Frenchman will fight again shortly, his opponent being Ermino Spalla. Spalla says that the Frenchman ducked him in Europe. But if he did he probably had reasons that did not relate to fear of the Italian. A New York battle between the two Latins would deplete Little Italy of its population and thus insure a whacking gate even if no one else came.

Ad Stone, who has been in Jersey, visiting his parents is a fine, upstanding young fellow who appears to be taking on good solid weight. Stone says that this is the case and that physically conditioners advise him he is likely to be tipping the beam near the two hundred pound mark this time next year.

Stone's hand, which he injured again in the Loughran bout, was an unfortunate injury financially, as well as in other ways. Maxey Hoff, his manager, had arranged an attractive series of open air bouts with him, one with Harry Greb, but, of course, all these engagements are off.

It looks as though Stone's first fight will be with Charley Weinert in Jersey along about the middle of next month. Other fights will follow and Stone will spend the autumn in the north woods felling trees and living a rugged, strenuous life de-

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signed to harden him and increase his powers of endurance. Philadelphia sporting men are betting 4 to 1, according to uptown talk, that Walker will not knock out Lew Tendler tonight. This does not look like a bad bet—except that the odds are pretty high.

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Chicago 2—Pittsburgh 1
Brooklyn 6—Philadelphia 7
New York 6—Boston 11

Standing of Teams.

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	25	15	.625
Chicago	25	18	.581
Brooklyn	21	17	.553
Cincinnati	21	20	.512
Pittsburgh	19	21	.475
Boston	17	19	.472
Philadelphia	12	24	.333

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Scores

Cleveland 6—Detroit 10
St. Louis 4—Chicago 7
Philadelphia—Washington—rain.
(Others not scheduled.)

Standing of Teams.

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	22	14	.611
Boston	21	14	.600
Detroit	24	17	.585
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