

REMEMBER ED McKEAN, "SIDE KICK" OF CUPID CHILDS



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From 1892 to 1897 the team that always gave Baltimore and Boston a regular battle, was that fighting aggregation, the Cleveland Spiders.

And one of the strongest spokes in the Cleveland wheel was the hard-hitting shortstop, Edward J. McKean.

On the Cleveland team were "Pat" Tebeau, "Cupid" Childs, Jim McGarr, Jim McAleer, "Crab" Burkett, Blake, "Cy" Young, "Nig" Cuppy, Jack O'Connor, "Chief" Zimmer and McKean.

McKean at short and Childs at second rivaled the Long-Lowe combination. Childs was short and stocky, McKean was a big, thick-set fellow, and their work

around the keystone, handling balls and blocking base runners, was a revelation.

The post-season games in those days were played between the team that won the flag and the runner-up, and Cleveland was always runner-up.

Many claim that the Orioles of the '90's were the finest team ever assembled, but in the Temple cup series of 1895 Cleveland trimmed them four out of five games. It is only fair to state, however, that the next year Baltimore reversed the decision with four straight.

McKean is in the liquor business in Cleveland today. From the time he left the big league in 1900, until 1909, he managed