

for a play that did not go against him. Eighteen chances were batted Weaver's way and he accepted 15. His three miscues, of course, were wild throws to Hal Chase, but they did no damage. Neither did the play on which the criticism is based.

In the fifth with Collins on first Baker rapped to Berger. Joe made a perfect toss to second for the force and Weaver got Baker at first. Umpire Connolly called it a double play. But Weaver was at least a foot over second base when he caught Berger's throw. The Mackmen set up a howl,



Hal Chase.

but Connolly did not see the mistake.

Weaver's headlong speed was responsible for the near bungle. Several times lately Buck has shown a tendency to throw for the after portion of a double out without touching second base while the ball was in his hands. Only good luck and the relaxed vigilance of the umpires has saved him from hot water.

It is a cinch that in the future all the umpires will be on the lookout when Weaver is the pivotal point in a double killing, and disaster will re-

sult if the shortfielder is not slowed down.

Smart baseball characterized the work of the Sox. The first two runs scored when Bodie singled with the bases full. The tying count was annexed on the squeeze play worked by Lord and Chase, with Hal handling the bat, and the winning markers registered on a single by Chase in the tenth with the bases loaded. Few opportunities were wasted.

Rebel Russell is troubled by a pain in his side and did not put on a uniform yesterday. Callahan is trying to get his southpaw in condition to pitch the final game against the Mackmen tomorrow. Scott works today.

The Athletics are going to win the American League pennant, but they must thank Clark Griffith and his Nationals for their good fortune. While the Sox have been trouncing the Mackmen, Washington has been making life miserable for the Naps. No club was ever presented with a grander opportunity than that handed Cleveland in the last two days. And never did a team fall more signally.

In three games against Washington the Naps made 14 hits, good for four runs. Their hit total would have been smaller if Walter Johnson had not retired when his game was practically won. Jackson, Lajoie, Graney, Leibold, Chapman and Johnson have been helpless before the pitching of Boehling, Johnson and Groome. In previous games this trio of boxmen have been no great puzzle to the Naps. In fact, Johnson found them harder to beat than any other team in the league. Cleveland is the only club which knocked Walter out of the box this year.

When the crucial test came, however, Birmingham's crew failed, just as they have previously this season and in years past. The Naps are great pennant contenders until the final test. Then they crack and blow away. Explanation is impossible. It