

BOXING—SPORTS OF ALL SORTS—BASEBALL

Another shift for the Cubs, again affecting the shortstop position. Mike Doolan has been found too slow to hold down the position at the present time and will be relegated to the second squad tomorrow, Eddie Mulligan replacing him. The shift will be made when the firsts reach Shreveport.

Doolan has been sure on everything that came into his hands recently, and his throwing to first and the other two bases has been accurate. But Mike is stiff and much slower than a man can be and star with a big league team. In the box scores his work has looked good, for seldom has there been an error chalked against him.

Box scores, however, are not conclusive and do not begin to tell the story. They fail to show the number of balls hit past a man that a faster athlete might have captured. Box scores and records of Bob Fisher last year made Tinker look ridiculous in releasing him and keeping Doolan and Mulligan. But the scores didn't show that Bob was slow in fielding his position and lost many men at first base because he could not throw quickly. Fisher lost more men through this failing than he could make up for through hitting power.

This has been Doolan's failure this spring. Hits have been skittering through his position that should have been converted into outs. It is quite probable that when Mulligan goes to short he will show many more errors than Doolan. But that will be because he is getting balls that Mike never touched. The balls Mulligan may mess up are the kind that now go for hits. And Eddie will get his hands on some of them.

It means speeding up the infield. It also means more speed on attack, which the team seems to need at the present time. It certainly will not

result in any deficiency in hitting, for Mulligan will do as well as Mike. The team so far has lacked driving power, cohesion and inspiration. All will be needed in the race this year, for the National is a better league than it was in 1915.

In no game so far played have more than two men hit together. The others take a vacation apparently more from lack of determination than lack of ability. That should be only a passing failure, however, for the team boasts hitters, men who are young and in the midst of their rush, fellows who have not lost their batting eyes.

Saier has done no hitting this year, and surely we aren't going to believe that Vic is going downhill. He is a clean liver, a natural hitter, and will be rapping them vigorously in a short time. He never has been a spring walloper.

Zwilling is also given a chance as a regular, with the possibility that he will replace Mann in left field. Williams drove in all the Cubs runs yesterday, knocking a homer in the ninth with two on when the Cubs were two runs behind. Earlier he had singled home a run.

Vaughn, however, couldn't hold the pace and was smashed in the eighth and ninth. It was the first time he had gone the route, and he was good for seven frames. Today the Cubs play New Orleans.

Texas league pitching is undoubtedly soft for major batsmen, but that doesn't explain the ramping way the White Sox are walking on the southerners. The punch is present this year. A half dozen other big league teams have been walloped by the Texas fellows, the batters falling before minor pitching.

But the Sox haven't yet found a pitcher who could give them a moment's trouble. They have busted everything that came their way, and the punching has been done by no