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CINCINNATI REDS WIN BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FOR FIRST TIME



ELLER'S SUCCESS NOT DUE TO SHINER

Jack Ryder, veteran baseball scribe of Cincinnati, denies Hod Eller's success in baseball is due to the so-called shiner. "As a matter of fact, Eller has been successful ever since joining the Reds in the fall of 1916. He had been with the White Sox on the training trip that spring, but the manager of the team had not considered him ripe for fast company and sent him back to the minors," he writes. "The Reds picked him up that fall, and he made good from the start. He was just as successful under Manager Mathewson as he has been since. His work in the fall series of 1917, between the Reds and Cleveland Indians was the sensation of the series, so the story that Pat Moran taught him the use of the shine ball and so made him an effective pitcher is simply guff. "As to the statement that without Eller the Reds would be hanging onto the second division, the work of the other pitchers and the entire club speaks for itself. Eller is the best right-hander on the team, but he is not solely responsible for the fact that the Reds are so far up in the race. The Chicago dope was inspired by a couple of disappointed managers, whose teams have not lived up to expectations and who are looking for some sort of an alibi."

HOW PLAYERS WILL SHARE WORLD SERIES MONEY

The first three teams in the National and American leagues will share in the world's series money, according to an announcement by the national commission. August 31 is set as the final day that a player must be a regular to enter the world's title play.

GRIFFITH SAYS SOX SHOULD WIN SERIES

Washington Manager Puts in Boost for Chicago Team.

Not League Loyalty, but Opinion Formed Upon Careful Study of Baseball—Tigers Had Hard Luck at Start of Season.

Manager Clark Griffith of the Washington American league team, in discussing baseball the other evening expressed the belief that the White Sox would defeat the Cincinnati Reds and gave his reasons for his choice. It was not league loyalty in any sense, but an opinion based upon careful study of baseball that the Washington leader gave. "To begin with," said Griffith, "I have not seen the Reds play this season. I know some of the older men and know what they can do. I do know the White Sox and I know what they can do. I have had practical demonstrations of what they can do. The White Sox are every essential of a championship baseball team. They have a whirlwind attack, a wonderful defense, and every move they make is directed by keen baseball brains. "There is no fluke about the position of the White Sox. It is true that the Tigers had a bit of tough luck in the start of the season, but, just the same, the Chicago team is a real, blown-in-the-glass club. They lead the league in hitting, base running, scoring runs, extra base hits and everything else. When they set the highest standards in those things we can only conclude that they are champions. "Just take their batting order first. Nemo Leibold is a lead-off man of the type. He is hard to pitch to and has a good eye. If the balls are bad he won't take a cut at them. If they are in he is as liable to crack it for two or three as he is to get a single. Then there is Eddie Collins. Collins is about the greatest second-sacker that the game ever produced. He is a great hit-and-run man; or he can stand in and slug. You know a good hit-and-run player does not smash the ball when that play is on. He meets the ball and punches it. Collins can run the bases, too. "Then there is no less a person than Buck Weaver. Buck is about as good as Collins. I think he is the greatest third baseman in the world today. He can go and get a ball, he can throw, he has fine hands and is smart. The corner Joe Jackson, Jackson is hitting .250, and is liable to bust one clean out of the lot. Happy Felsch is hitting about .200 now, but he is a dangerous factor. Chick Gandil is a hard hitter and is playing wonderful ball right now. Don't let any shallow sullen tell you that Chick is not a good player. "It has been said," continued Griff, "that if it were not for Eddie Cicotte and Claude Williams the Sox would be nowhere. Perhaps that is right, but you can take it from me that if it were not for the White Sox Cicotte and Williams might not be anywhere. When a pitcher can go in there and know he has the sort of team that if the opposition makes three runs his mob will make four it gives him the right to do big things. That is the type of men the White Sox are. They never stop fighting. "Defensively the Sox are marvelous, and nothing less. I am going to tell you something now that may surprise you," said Griff earnestly. "I am going to tell you that Happy Felsch is the greatest center fielder in baseball." "But there is Tris Speaker," protested the writer. "I know there is Speaker," replied Griff. "I know all about Speaker; he is a great ball player, but he is not one whit better than Felsch, and I think that Felsch is just a bit better than he. Mind you, I am talking of defensive work now. It is practically impossible to hit a ball over Felsch's head. He is a ball chaser in fielding the ground hits, and he has one of the most marvelous arms that ever swung from a man's shoulders."

CURE OBSTREPEROUS PLAYER

Head of National League Believes Best Cure is to Take His Money Away From Him.

President Hoyer of the National league believes the way to curb a ball player is to take his money away from him. Few players have been suspended but many have been fined for rows with umpires. Ed Rousch of the Reds was recently fined \$50 for disputing a called strike.

Why Was Gleason Overlooked?

Last year William (Kid) Gleason was without a job. He had been released by Owner Comiskey of the White Sox. Any ball club could have signed him. Gleason last winter was restored to good standing in Chicago and made manager of the White Sox. The cry went up last season that real major league managers could not be found.

Kopf Don't Say Much.

Little has been said about the playing of Larry Kopf, shortstop for the Reds, but he is one of the most reliable in the league.

Kerr is Hard Hitter.

Dick Kerr has made quite a reputation as a hitter as well as a pitcher.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX AGAIN CAPTURE CHAMPIONSHIP OF AMERICAN LEAGUE



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