

'REDS' MANAGER 'MIRACLE MAN' OF BASEBALL, FANS' VERDICT

Force of Personality Makes
Him Popular With Players;
Also Possesses Brains

NEW YORK ALLOWED
HIM TO LEAVE TEAM

Then He Repaid by Taking
Pennant Away From His
Benefactor

Pat Moran, manager of the Cincinnati Reds, pennant winners of the National league for the season of 1919, is known as the "Miracle Man," and the following story of his career is given in the advance report of the world's series by The United Press.

They are calling Pat Moran the "Miracle Man" of 1919. The man who piloted the Reds into the first world's series in 50 years is hailed by Cincinnati fans as the greatest man in baseball. There are no superlatives fitting enough to express the regard of the Ohio bugs for that Fitchburg prodigy, who gave the river town what it had been yearning for 50 years—a national league pennant.

It was a miracle the red-faced, smiling boss of the Herrmann club pulled in landing at the top of the ladder a team that was doubtful as a first division aggregation early in the season. George Stalling's feat in 1914 when he shoved the Braves out of the cellar in the middle of July and ran them headlong to the pennant is the only performance that compares with Moran's miracle.

Beats Stallings. Stallings, however, has but one miracle to his credit. Moran outshines him for he has a pair that mark him as the "supermiracle" performer, for he pulled a similar feat in 1915 when he ran the Phillies, an outsider in the race, to a pennant.

It was the sheer force of a personality, which has made him the most popular man in baseball, mixed with a head full of baseball brains that spelled his success with the Reds.

Pat had the fans with him all season, not only in Cincinnati, but in every stop of the National league and every flag station of the country. They wanted to see him win to remove the black eye which the Philadelphia owners gave him by tying the can to him after he had given them a pennant.

Fans Didn't He. But the applauding galleries and the howling stands of the ball yards didn't win for him. What he did is more or less uncertain.

There has been good material on the Red clubs of the past and they have been managed by the best baseball brains of the game, including Griffith, Herzog, Mathewson et al. But they all failed. The wall was universal that there were too many managers on the board of directors. The complaint was made that the owners wouldn't buy good timber to bolster up the club.

Moran won, though, and he won without the money bag. He took a semi-motley crew of cast-offs, players whom he headed on to the Cincinnati park when they were being handed one-way tickets to the minors from other clubs. He took Daubert, Magee, Rath and Knopf when other clubs had hung the finished sign on them and moulded a team that won the bunting.

But Pitchers "Came." The same thing may be said of his pitchers. Sallee, Fisher, Eller and Reuther had had their whirl, but no manager was chasing after them. Moran took them, coached them, nursed them, taught them control and made the most effective pitching staff in the league.

Baseball brains was represented in those feats. But it was his personality that oiled the mechanism and kept the machine tuned up. He had some little antagonistic spirit to overcome when he took the reins. Heinie Groh was all set for the "Mrg" title and several of the club thought he deserved it. But Pat smoothed that over, brought about a spirit of co-operation, put a winning kick in the team and has had them for him all season.

Credit For "Boys." The only time Moran opens his mouth to speak of the feat is when he takes occasion to pay tribute to "his boys."

Recently in New York he said: "Don't give me the credit. The boys there on the bench have done the work."

That's what won for him. Moran is 43 years old. He was born in Fitchburg, Mass., Feb. 7, 1876. He started out 23 years ago with Lyons, N. Y., in the New York State League. He went to Montreal for two years and then signed up with the Braves as catcher in 1901. In 1906 he went to the Cubs and was receiving for Frank Chance when the famous old machine was winning pennants in 1896, 1897 and 1898. He went to Philadelphia in 1910 and succeeded Charley Doolin as manager in 1915, winning a pennant. When he was relieved of command, McGraw signed him as assistant manager and coach and released him this spring to take the Red management. Pat then went out and took the pennant away from his benefactor.

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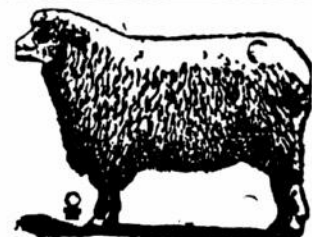
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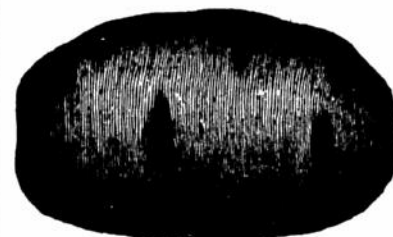
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