

Grand Forks Has Best All-Round Team in the League

ROUNDING UP POST--SEASON GOSSIP, EDDIE WHEELER DESERVES CREDIT

CAVE GRAND FORKS GREAT BALL CLUB

Best Team Did Not Win the Pennant--Pitchers All Darby Had.

UMPIRING STAFF NOT INFALLIBLE

Too East For Them to Shirk Duty--Burmeister Did Well, However.

(By Ben.)
Eddie Wheeler, who got together and led the best all-round ball team in the Northern league, is spending a couple of days in the city before leaving for his home at South Bend, Ind. The Grand Forks manager deserves unlimited praise for his work. Press comments are not sufficient. He ought to have the glad-hand and loyal support of every fan in the city.

Wheeler is an excellent player and a good general manager. He was one of the best performers in the American association. Since then he had successfully led minor league teams. This year, he assembled for Grand Forks a team that any city of its size or vastly larger could well be proud. He had a chance to win the pennant, but the exigencies of the night were against him. After a long slump--the longest of any team in the league--he got them on the right road again and brought them to third standing.

Local residents have no complaint to offer. A third-position team is a good enough for any city. So, all honor and praise for Eddie Wheeler! With the exception of the pitching department, Grand Forks has absolutely the strongest and fastest team in the league. This is not to be gained, said, for any good baseball judge around the circuit will admit it.

If Grand Forks had not been out-pitched, she would have won the Northern league pennant and won its hands down. Even with the present pitching staff, which has done remarkable work during the past month, there was a chance. But the third standing was their proper stride until past mid-season. If Donley, Larson and Snow had rounded into their present form early in July, the Grand Forks would have been much better.

The Grand Forks team played the most consistent ball throughout the season. It won and lost more games by the one-point margin than any other organization. And it had the healthy respect of every nine in the Burmeister league. In Carrigan, McGraw and Flaherty, Grand Forks has the class of the league in outfielders. In Freer, Nifnecker, Wheeler and Anderson, they have the classiest infield. In Peters and Sampson, they have two catchers that can hold their own with any backstops in the league. In Donley, Nifnecker, Peters, Larson and Donley go to St. Paul. "Dutch" Altman already has gone to the Chicago White Sox.

Five men are quite a bunch for one minor league team to send up. And, if given the proper backing next year, the locals can send others up. Patrick Flaherty, the easy-going, genial right fielder, has been a tower of strength to the Flickertails. His bludgeon work during the past month has broken up more than one game and turned it into victory for the locals. It is not amiss to say that Flaherty is the best, the classiest, the headiest all-round player in the Northern league. Patrick himself will tell you differently, but Patrick's modest is one of the best things about him.

And so, while dragging others into the limelight, we turn the spot on him for this brief moment. The only regrettable feature of the Northern league race is the fact that the best team did not win. Duluth, a fifth-rate team at the most, won the pennant. But, as we declared yesterday, the phenomenal work of four pitchers was responsible for it. So far as infield and outfield are concerned, any one of four teams--Grand Forks, Winnipeg, Virginia, Winona--could out-class the Dooks. So far as Darby O'Brien is concerned, any one of three managers we could name could out-general him. It was Messrs. Ezell, Withers, Cunningham and Blanche that won the Northern league pennant and not the Duluth baseball team.

Now that the season is ended, it might be well to point out one or two seeming faults. The umpiring staff, for instance, was not quite infallible. It is not our intention to drag in the umpire alibi at this time, for whatever Grand Forks has suffered at the hands of poor arbitrating, has been shared into its limbo. But the Flickertails, as well as other teams, paid for umpire mistakes or bias decisions. The particularly bad feature, however, is the one with which umpires get out of office. The player-umpire is a poor one at best, for the engenders ill feeling and, when integrity means nothing, is absolute robbery. Grand Forks paid for her experience with player arbiters. We know of three games on the home grounds that would have resulted differently had it not been for decisions made by a certain player, who practically had to favor his own team. We remember one day on which Tim Flood was absent, when, so far as can be learned, he had no excuse for leaving. It was during the August Winona series, and Grand Forks went from here to the southern Minnesota city at its conclusion. Grand Forks did umpire in Winona, and he left Grand Forks--at least he did not show up at the grounds--the day before the local series was concluded. No excuse was offered. So far as is known, he was not ill.

There have been occasions when umpires have been ill. Ezell was too ill to umpire once, and last week Carney was so badly injured in one game that he could not appear the next day. Up in Virginia a few days ago, there was all kinds of trouble because there

WILL DICK RUDOLPH BE THE ONE TO BEAT GIANTS OUT OF FLAG

(By Ripley.)
Will Dick Rudolph, whom McGraw canned, he the one to beat the Giants out of the pennant? It's not only possible, but even probable--stranger things have happened. Dame Fortune's wheel is a fair game, so who can tell? Maybe the necessary impetus lies in the Boston twirler's good right arm to cause the hand of defeat to point to McGraw when the big wheel stops in October. If it does, then we will see revenge in the first degree, for the player who has been the victim of twenty-two games and has an average of .84.

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Pitcher	Club	G.	W.	L.	Pct.
Dougan, Winnipeg		25	19	3	.864
Ezell, Duluth		17	14	3	.824
Boley, Winnipeg		28	16	5	.782
Shirley, Winnipeg		22	11	4	.733
Cunningham, Dul.		41	4	7	.724
Penford, Ft. Wm.		12	7	3	.700
Withey, Duluth		11	5	3	.625
Bell, Winona		25	13	8	.619
Keller, Winona		32	16	10	.615
Lorenzen, Ft. Wm.		15	6	4	.600
Kerwin, Grand Forks		7	3	2	.600
Wright, Virginia		26	15	11	.577
Blanche, Duluth		31	16	12	.571
Matts, Virginia		31	14	12	.538
Kramer, Duluth		23	8	8	.528
Rhodes, Winnipeg		12	1	1	.522
Toraason, Winona		33	14	14	.500
Sphar, Winnipeg		8	2	2	.500
Larson, Grand Forks		23	8	8	.500
McKay, Duluth		11	1	1	.500
Maupin, F.M.		25	9	9	.500
Chickon, Superior		25	10	11	.476
Sutton, Ft. Wm.		19	7	8	.467
Dahlgren, Virginia		21	8	11	.423
Myers, Winona		31	10	13	.435
Rhodes, Superior		35	13	17	.433
Faeth, Virginia		33	12	16	.429
Withey, Duluth		26	9	11	.423
Benton, Superior		14	5	7	.417
Falt, F.M.		12	4	6	.400
Snow, Grand Forks		24	7	11	.389
Kramer, Grand Forks		23	6	10	.375
Furchner, Virginia		23	8	14	.364
Cummings, Superior		30	8	16	.333
Beisser, F.M.		15	3	7	.300
Hawkins, Ft. Wm.		25	6	17	.261

52,000 SEE AMATEUR GAME AT CLEVELAND

Cleveland, Sept. 8.--American league officials here were in a hard league yesterday over the announcement that over 52,000 persons--a record number anywhere--attended an amateur game here Sunday at one of the city parks. At the same time less than 3,000--the majority of whom were newish guests of a local newspaper--attended the big league performance.

MICHIGAN SQUAD REPORTS TO YOST

Ann Arbor, Mich., Sept. 8.--The football corps of the University of Michigan began to mobilize on Ferry field yesterday in preparation for a hard autumn campaign. The Michigan and west. Head Coach Fielding H. Yost and several assistants greeted a number of candidates for the eleven are expected to be on hand when training will begin in earnest.

Standing of Clubs

NORTHERN LEAGUE.				
Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Games
Duluth	52	43	.547	95
Winnipeg	51	45	.530	96
Grand Forks	65	60	.520	125
Winona	61	62	.492	123
Virginia	55	68	.447	123
Fargo-M.	55	70	.440	125
Superior	51	70	.421	121
Ft. William	47	78	.376	125

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Boston	12	11	.522	23
New York	11	11	.500	22

Cubs Take Two.				
Club	W.	L.	Pct.	Games
Chicago	8	7	.530	15
Cincinnati	6	6	.500	12
Chicago	3	6	.333	9
St. Louis	1	4	.200	5
Philadelphia	1	4	.200	5

HAMLIN RACES ARE INTERESTING

Hamlin, Minn., Sept. 8.--The state fair races began yesterday. Purse of \$1,000 being awarded in three of the contests. The chief events follow: 2:05 pace, purse \$1,000--Minnie Holmes, br. m. (McKay) won; Alcy second; Our Colonel, third. Best time 2:06 1-2. 2:25 trot, purse \$1,000, (half-mile track)--Belke, Agie, br. h. (Todd) won; Hamline Jay, second; Lord Kitchener, third. Best time 2:16 1-2. 2:30 pace, purse \$1,000--J. O. blk. h. (Dean) won; Peter Morocco second; Liberty Patch, third. Best time 2:10 1-4.

WAR MAY PUT END TO ENGLISH GAMES

London, Sept. 8.--There has been much discussion in the English newspapers over the position of athletics in their relation to war. Many contend that athletes ought to abandon their games and enlist. An official statement issued by the war office in connection with the taking over of the principal football grounds for training purposes suggests that professional football must necessarily cease.

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Club	R.	H.	E.
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CLEVELAND	7	13	3
KANSAS CITY	3	9	0
St. Paul	4	14	2
MILWAUKEE	5	9	1
MINNEAPOLIS	6	15	2

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BOSTON	6	11	1
AT NEW YORK	5	9	1
PHILADELPHIA	9	16	1
WASHINGTON	4	10	3
ST. LOUIS			
AT CLEVELAND			

Federal League

Club	R.	H.	E.
PITTSBURGH	4	6	5
BROOKLYN	12	11	2

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