

SPORTS

MUCH PRACTICE REQUIRED TO LEARN SACRIFICE HIT

Jimmy Sheppard of Chicago Cubs Calls Skill One of Fine Arts of Baseball.

SCIENCE OF INSIDE BASEBALL

"Sacrifice hitting is an art acquired perfectly only after months and months of practice," said Jimmy Sheppard of the Chicago Cubs recently to a Chicago critic. "No player can walk out to the plate and lay down a bunt which will advance another runner unless he has tried his skill along that particular line hundreds of times. The big leagues today number more successful sacrifice hitters than in any previous season.

"All this goes to show the growing tendency among managers to bolster up the 'inside' forces of their teams. Many a ball game has been won with the aid of a clean sacrifice judging a runner, or possibly two, around the base lines in advance of a heavy hitter, who at the proper moment comes through with the needed single."

The champion long distance sacrifice story comes out of the Southern association. Here it is:

It seems that there was a man on first in a particularly close game and the batter going to the plate was instructed to lay down a bunt. He put a roller toward third, the first baseman was drawn in and the second baseman rushed over to cover first. The third sacker picked up the ball and pegged away to first. Everybody saw the ball on the way.

It hit the baseman's glove and disappeared. When the hunt for the ball began the first runner was hugging second, while the batter overran first and stumbled and fell out in right field. He quickly arose, retouched first and sailed down to second and persuaded the other man to hustle along ahead of him home with the winning runs.

The fans and players thought the ball was lost in the grass, and finally it was found in right field. How it got there was a mystery until the man who hit the bunt explained. It appeared that the ball bounded from the second baseman's glove up under the runner's arm as he sprinted past the bag.

The runner closed his arm down tight, kept on running, gave a stage fall out in right field, and at the same time let the ball roll away from him. The right fielder wasn't wise to the "inside" play and no one woke up until the hitter walked out to the right field, dug around in the high grass and finally located the ball.

BASE BALL STARS MIGHTY UNCERTAIN INVESTMENTS

Men Who Command Fancy Salaries One Season May be Discarded in the Next.

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BADGER CREW IS FEARED BY EASTERN COLLEGE MEN

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., June 22.—Of all the crews here Wisconsin seems to be the most feared. In fact, young Edward Ten Eyck has brought east a crew which is generally admitted to be stronger than the Syracuse crew which has had one race to date, that with the University of Washington at Madison. Wisconsin won that race easily by some four lengths, but there is no medium of comparison to tell whether Wisconsin's performance was good or bad.

The Wisconsin oarsmen have been acting in a most mysterious manner since their arrival. Apparently they do not want any of their rivals to see them at work. If the other crews go up the river Wisconsin goes down to train. If the Badgers come upon a rival crew or coach, even when rowing a trial the men stop and paddle until the enemy vanishes. To the other coaches this looks very childish, for what Wisconsin does in practice will not make the other crews row a yard faster or slower. As one of the coaches said:

"I never care how mysterious the other crews act or how much their coaches try to conceal their real strength. They all have to show what they can do on the day of the race, and it wouldn't help or hinder us to know in advance."

Wisconsin has one of the lightest crews on the river, their average weight being only 164 pounds. Furthermore, the crew is made up almost entirely of new men. If Wisconsin should win it would be the first Poughkeepsie victory on record for the Badgers. At the same time a good many persons who are getting tired of the monotony caused by Cornell's annual triumphs would welcome the sight of Wisconsin taking the blue ribbon event of the rowing season. But the form shown by the Badgers to date does not indicate any such astonishing result.

REFUSED BASEBALL OFFER TO BECOME A PLASTERER

The Cleveland club owns a twister by the name of S. A. Gregg, who is pitching for the Portland team of the Pacific Coast league. Gregg is a southpaw and said to be some pitcher. The Nap management sort of banked on him during the winter, and back of his failure to report is an interesting story.

It seems the contract sent to Gregg by the Cleveland club didn't please him, the figure stated being entirely too low to suit his fancy. He failed to reply to the letter, and the Cleveland club, thinking that possibly the contract had gone astray, sent him another. No answer was received to this letter or to some four or five other letters sent by the club. Gregg failed to report for spring training.

Now it seems that Gregg's father is a boss plasterer and business in his line has been on the boom this spring. His son learned the trade and could demand \$5 or \$6 a day for his work. When the Cleveland club failed to offer him as much as he thought was coming to him, the senior Gregg decided that he would put his offspring at plastering instead of pitching.

The first the Nap owners knew of the father's decision was on the receipt of a letter from a Nap fan on the coast who happened to know Gregg's father. The fan informed the local owners that Gregg's father didn't care whether he pitched or not, as plastering was good. Thereupon the Nap owners got busy and placed the southpaw with the Portland club, where he is pitching good ball.

The Cincinnati club has signed outfielder Burns of Woonsocket, R. I. The town where "Nap" Lajoie started his baseball career.

AUSTRALIAN CHAMP COMING.

Bill Lange, the resident heavyweight champion of Australia, is to be managed in his tour of this country by H. D. McIntosh, the Australian promoter, and the pair will arrive in San Francisco a few days before July 4, accompanied by Bob Fitzsimmons, Tommy and Eddie Burns. Lang's hand, broken in his bout with Burns, is healing rapidly.

BASEBALL

STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS.

National League Standings.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	24	16	.480
New York	30	21	.588
Pittsburg	25	23	.521
Cincinnati	25	25	.500
St. Louis	25	28	.472
Philadelphia	23	26	.469
Brooklyn	23	28	.451
Boston	18	36	.333

American League Standings.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	33	17	.660
Detroit	36	21	.632
New York	30	18	.625
Boston	26	24	.520
Cleveland	20	24	.455
Washington	23	30	.434
Chicago	20	28	.417
St. Louis	12	38	.240

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National League.

Chicago, Ill., June 22.—Manager Chance was hit over the right eye by a wild pitch from Gaspar and knocked unconscious. He recovered in a few minutes and was able to walk to the bench. Sheppard got all of Chicago's hits, one a two-bagger.

American League.

Detroit, Mich., June 22.—Kilian held St. Louis to four hits.

Western League.

Des Moines, 6; Wichita, 2. Omaha 11; Topeka 2. Sioux City 8; St. Joseph 7. Lincoln 5; Denver 4.

American Association.

Minneapolis 3; Indianapolis 3. Kansas City 6; Columbus 3. St. Paul 6; Louisville 5. Milwaukee 4; Toledo 7.

Three-I League.

Bloomington 3; Dayton 7. Danville 1; Dubuque 4. Peoria 5; Rock Island 1. Springfield 3; Waterloo 2.

College Baseball.

Harvard 5; Yale 12.

Stallings will have another pitching "phenom" shortly in Fischer of last year's Hartford club, who is finishing his studies at Dartmouth college. Arthur Irwin says Fischer will make good from the start.

TWO 1910 PITCHING RECRUITS WHO HAVE CREATED SENSATIONS



TRIS SPEAKER'S HISTORY.

Boston Star Was Much Wanted While in Minor Leagues.

Tris Speaker, the star of the Boston Red Sox, is down and out right now with a severe attack of tonsillitis. He is a very sick athlete.

Speaker has missed right now and the Boston club will be lamentably weak until he is ready to play again, which may be some time.

Speaking of Speaker, it is pretty tough to have a ball player on your staff and receive offers of \$7,500 from Cincinnati and Brooklyn and have Barney Dreyfuss of Pittsburg come across with a bid of \$11,000 in excess of any price yet offered, and be forced to turn them all down.

When honor enters in the game, however, it is a very different matter. Mickey Finn, former manager of the Little Rock, Ark., baseball team, had the wonderful Tris Speaker, Boston outfielder, on his staff in 1908. What's more, Speaker was under contract to Little Rock, although he had been the property of Boston.

It seems that the Boston club did not tender a contract to Speaker prior to March 1, but instead ordered him to report to Little Rock. Speaker was therefore a free agent, but he did not know it. Had he been wise to the dope he might have disposed of himself at a good figure.

Speaker signed a Little Rock contract and Finn was offered fabulous sums for him near the close of the season. Mickey, however, turned them all down. He played fair with John F. Taylor and turned Speaker over to him without a single penny in exchange.

GEORGE STALLINGS POPULAR.

George Stallings is more popular in Gotham than McGraw, who is plotting second-place contenders in the older circuit. Besides being a good baseball general, it can not be forgotten that Stallings is some David Harum when it comes to selling players. Ned Ball was sold to Cleveland for \$5,000 and Washington paid the same price for Kid Elberfeld. Detroit put up \$6,000 for George Moriarty and Clyde Engle and \$2,000 for Blair and so on. Yet Stallings seems to have a better ball team than ever.

JOHNNY COULON RETIRES.

Johnny Coulon, bantam weight champion of the west, has quit the boxing game for the summer. His father and manager, Pap Coulon, has received wires from Sid Hester and Jack Glendon to the effect that Monte Attoll has refused to do a lower weight than 116 pounds, and as 115 pounds at the ringside is Coulon's limit all negotiations have been called off.

KETCHEL-LANGFORD GO.

San Francisco, Cal., June 22.—Weldon Mizer has announced that he was ready to close for a thirty round or finish match between Ketchel and Langford, to be held at Reno at 10:45 on the morning of July 4. He indicated that the match would be made with either Sid Hester or Jim Coffroth as the promoter.

BOLSTER UP PIRATES.

Gy Vann, big first baseman of the University of Arkansas, has been signed by Pittsburg. Vann is said to have taken the eye of Clarke and Dreyfuss when the University of Arkansas played Pittsburg at Little Rock on the training trip. Vann batted .457 on the college team.

SPORTING EDITOR'S NOTES.

Cleveland is playing an improved game. Eastern scribes are kidding the uniforms worn by the Cincinnati Reds. One "quiller" says that the rig-up makes a rainbow look like a wet day in March.

Lou Criger, the New York American catcher, is ill in Cleveland with appendicitis. Physicians say that if he undergoes an operation it will end his baseball career.

Baltimore may develop another Roger Bresnahan. Pitcher Ruben Vickers' dreams may materialize if the catching staff should get crippled. He has signified his intentions along that line and is patiently waiting for the opportunity to don the wind pad and the wire screen. Like Roger, he may get his chance and this chance may be the development of another pitcher-catcher.

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