

manager and critic in the league who has seen the youngster in action stamps him as a star. Schalk is a mere kid, having been in organized baseball but two years, and is bound to improve every day. Wingo of the St. Louis Cards is the only young catcher dug up recently who compares with him.

Yesterday, violating the law which prohibits clairvoyants working in Chicago, we laded out the information that with the brand of pitching they were getting the Cubs must get at least four runs to win.

That gem of knowledge was not meant to apply to Larry Cheney, but even with Larry heaving the Cubs needed the quartet of markers. They didn't get 'em. Brooklyn won. These readings of future dreams are free to the public.

Right off the reel the Cubs ran into pitching far different from that they had been facing in the west. Pat Ragon held them to two swats in seven innings, and they grabbed one during the last two, when Nap Rucker was giving them a taste of what to expect when he works a full game. One of the hits was a measly infield scratch by Evers. The others were outfield singles, both by Jimmy Archer, one driving in two Cub runs.

If the Brooklyn infield had played good ball the Cubs would not have scored even three times. Clymer, Schulte, Mike Mitchell and Zim were helpless at the bat. Schulte fanned twice.

Cheney practically tossed off his own game. A muff by Zim and a two-base wild throw by Larry gave Brooklyn one of their two runs in the first. A passed ball by Archer gave them the other. Clean hitting won for the Dodgers in the seventh, when they bunched four hits. A double play stopped what looked like a landslide of Brooklyn tallies.

Ragon is not the best pitcher the Cubs will have to run up against. Brooklyn has two more just as good, the Phillies have three who are bet-

ter, New York has two who are his peers and Boston has a pair of regular fingers.

St. Louis was the only Western team able to beat the East in the National League, and they did it without Ed Konetchy in the box. Steele and Harmon held the Phils to five hits, and kept these scattered. Knabe and Sherwood Magee each got two. Brennan got by the Cards for six innings, though hit hard. Then two of Huggins' men got on base, and Wingo pinched for Steele and doubled. This Wingo is a real ball player. He is a healthy clouter, and stings the ball hard. He is a reliable receiver, and throws well to second. Huggins is giving him a rest and letting Larry McLean earn some money.

Joe Tinker's team is establishing other records besides the one for losing games. Pittsburgh beat the Reds with one hit Sunday. Yesterday Tee-reau, the Giant star, was driven to the coop, but Cincinnati lost because Demaree stopped the slaughter. Shafer of the Giants got four hits off Suggs and Merkle and Herzog three each.

Are the Boston Braves dubs? Not some days. They beat Pittsburgh yesterday, and did it when the Pirates had Wagner in the line-up. Perdue outpitched Hendrix and Wagner failed to hit safely. Maranville of the Braves got three safeties and handled ten chances at short. That Pittsburgh outfield is a fast aggregation, and tries for everything. Yesterday Carey caught Kirke's fly in the tenth and bumped into the bleachers, dropping the ball. Boston scored twice and the blow went for a hit. Carey showed gameness. Most outfielders would have let the ball go. Frequently in their games with the Cubs Carey and Wilson chased close to the stands for foul flies, and snagged the majority. They keep running until they are knocked flat.

In Detroit yesterday Frank Chance said he would trade Hal Chase to the Tigers for Cobb and Crawford. Man-