

the Browns as a relief hurler and the three men who faced him all hit safely. The Texan was merely throwing a straight ball and trusting to luck. Reb needs warm weather and needs it badly, for he has a kinky arm that must be thawed out.

Later in the season he will be badly needed, for much of a team's strength lies in the power of its rescue pitcher. Russell filled that role last year and filled it in a most commendable manner. Without him the life-line service must fall on Danforth, but Dave is needed to take his regular turn on the mound. He is not stout enough physically to do his own pitching and finish up the mess of some other fellow.

Yesterday the Sox licked a team of Madison, Wis., amateurs, the proceeds going to the Red Cross fund.

Out at the Sox park ten per cent of the proceeds of every game go to the fund of the American red Cross. President Weeghman can use ten per cent of his receipts for Red Cross work and keep the coin right at home for use of his own athletes.

Mitchell, trying to build a team, has been beset with all the bad breaks in luck imaginable. First Sailer cracked his ankle. Then Wortman had his foot gashed, and yesterday Mike Prendergast had a finger smashed by a line drive through the box. It was necessary to send a "cold" pitcher to take Mike's place and away went the ball game.

Prendergast is capable of good pitching and was being counted on as a regular member of the hurling corps. The injury means he will be out for some time and may also eliminate him as a regular for a much longer period. While he is injured, Mitchell will be making other experiments and may have his regulars chosen before Mike is whole again.

The infield is a makeshift affair, especially for a team in the throes of reconstruction. On first is Merkle, who has been hitting well, but admittedly Fred is near the end of the

trail and he would not be the choice of a manager shooting for a pennant a couple of years in the future.

At short is Rollie Zeider, also a competent and versatile ballplayer, but another who is nearing the end of his regular campaigning on the diamond. It is doubtful if Wortman will be back at short for a couple of weeks, though examination disclosed that no bones in his foot were broken. He has been sent home.

Charley Deal has a man's-sized opportunity to take advantage of the proverbial ill wind. He has been sent back to third base, and it is in his power to make such a showing that when Wortman is well again he will retain the hard corner position, while Zeider again goes on reserve duty.

Deal started badly and seemed to do everything wrong. In the opening game of the season he pulled a boner on the bases and was laughed at loud and long. He wasn't hitting and this had a tendency to sap his confidence, even in the field, though when he is right there is no more capable guardian of third base in the National league.

He re-entered the fray yesterday with a couple of singles in three trips to the plate, and this clouting ability should have its good effect.

After Prendergast was hurt yesterday Mitchell's club got some bad pitching and looked bad, even though its own attack was strong. It is a team that needs good pitching to make a showing.

Mathewson is a big man in Cincinnati these days. His Reds are above .500 and have been drawing well. It begins to look as though Matty has been given more authority than any Red manager in years. Officials of the club realize that he is one of the best-liked men connected with baseball and any effort to treat him as previous pilots were treated would meet with a storm of disapproval all around the National league circuit.

Matty has just purchased Jim Thorpe from the Giants. He will be