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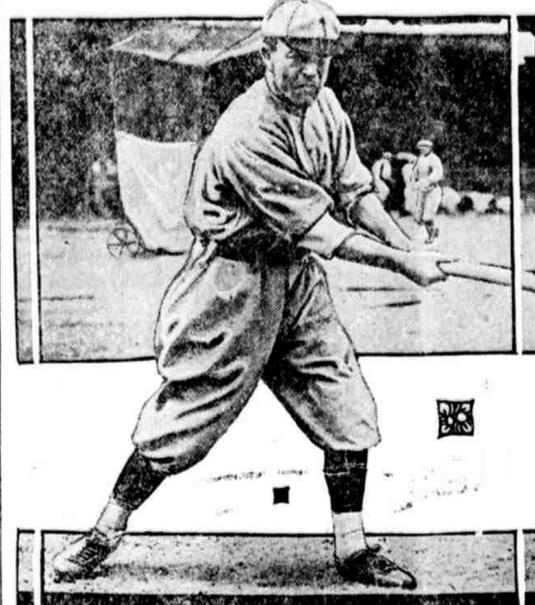
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MILLER HUGGINS TURNS HIMSELF TO THE LEFT AND BECOMES STAR



Miller Huggins, manager of the New York Yankees, owes his entire success to being able to remake himself.

When a player has played a certain position for years and battled from one side of the plate in all this time and then decides that he had better change both his fielding and batting positions, he has several factors to contend with. He must change his angle of vision, he must build up new muscles and un-build old ones.

What He Accomplished.

After three years of trying this was what the diminutive manager of the Yanks was finally able to accomplish.

He had been playing with the St. Paul club of the American association for some time, when he decided that to become a major leaguer he would have to change his playing methods.

He realized that he was not good at any position but second. He could not play at short or third or first, nor could he throw across the diamond. He was not a success at any position in the lineup except as lead-off man. To be a leadoff man he decided to

change from the right to the left side of the plate.

Being a right-handed hitter he had developed his right leg to carry the support of his attack. He had to undo this and make his left-leg muscles do for him what his right had.

To change he started out to be a southpaw in everything he did. He threw the ball, chopped wood, drove spikes and ate with the left hand. He worked at his transformation for three years and finally received the recognition he was after. He got on in the majors.

Reversed Himself.

Huggins in his best day was not a good thrower yet he became a great second baseman. By using his brains overtime he learned that standing in a position nearer left field than that occupied by other second basemen would allow him to come in on almost every ball hit to his territory and get it with his left hand. He was rarely forced to go to his right on a play and always was in a position to get the ball to first.

JOE WILHOIT TO BE WATCHED IN MINORS

Believed He Will Return to National League.

Outfielder Appears to Be Too Good for Bushes, Yet Not Quite Good Enough for Big Show—Other Discards Make Good.

Baseball students are watching Joe Wilhoit, recently sent to the Toledo club of the American association by the Boston Red Sox. Joe seems to be just a little too good for the bush leagues, yet not quite good enough for the big show. Some students of the game believe he will again land in the



Joe Wilhoit.

major—the National league, too—and that he will again demonstrate that senior league men are keener than that of the Johnson circuit.

Wilhoit made his plunge into major league circles with the Boston Braves. His debut was impressive, but short-lived. Gradually he fell down in his work with the big-league, and, what is worse, he fell down in his brain work to such a marked degree that Manager Stallings shipped him to the minors, more as punishment than because he believed the youngster in need of seasoning.

But Wilhoit, going true to form, burned up the minors and won another major league berth. This time it was the Boston Red Sox that gave him the lift. But again he failed to show the class that was expected in the majors, and now he is wearing Toledo regalia, where every student of the pastime expects to hear of him doing wonderful things.

Many players have been discarded by American league managers, only to return and star in the older circuit. Lavan turned the trick; Chase did it, too; Olson failed in Cleveland, but he shone brilliantly at Brooklyn.

What does the future hold for Joe Wilhoit? Is the National league success, or is it a minor league success, or is it a minor league success, or is it a minor league success?

Roush, Ring and Eller of the Reds all had a taste of American league life, but they failed to elench a berth. Who will follow their right to a place in baseball stardom now? Was it careful management? Was it plain luck? Bill Killefer is another example. The Browns had Bill once, but he failed to stick. Joe Wilhoit is going to be watched this season, and if he shows the slightest signs of class such as that which marked his work at Wichita, he will be grabbed by no less than five National league club owners—and all of them have promised to give him every chance in the world.

COLLEGE SPIRIT IS FAVORED

Harry Davis, Connie Mack's Lieutenant, Sweet on Players From Our Universities.

Harry Davis, lieutenant manager of the Philadelphia Athletics, who has been coaching the Williams College squad this spring, is all enthused over the college spirit in baseball and says that he is now a strong convert to the idea that the colleges and not the minors are the places from which major league clubs should recruit players. Davis' son, Eugene, by the way, is playing first base for the Mercer College team and making good.

FIRST NINTH-INNING HOMER

Distinction Goes to Joe Mathes, Manager of Beaumont Club of Texas League.

The distinction of being the first man in organized ball to hit one of those ninth-inning homers that count whether needed or not goes to Joe Mathes, manager of the Beaumont Texas League team. In the game of May 2, last half of the ninth and the score a tie, one man on base, Mathes hit the ball over the fence. Joe solemnly made the circuit and the boys in the press box tabbed the final count as 8 to 0. Fool rule, say most of the critics.

TRAPSHOOTING ODDITIES

The Grand American hand-cap shoot at Cleveland, August 23, will, it is estimated, see at least 712,500 shots fired during the week's competition. A total of 12 traps are to be used. It will cost for shells alone \$35,025 and the entrance fees will foot up \$95,000. Every gun, shell and powder company will be represented. Out of the 900 to 1,100 guns shot, 800 of them will be single barrels. The total value of the guns will be possibly \$180,000.

BASEBALL NOTES

Neis, Brooklyn right fielder, is a Chicago product.

Barber looks as if he might develop into a pretty good first baseman.

Long John Scott of the Braves is a funny bird and has a stride like one.

Zeb Terry continues to get on base almost every time he steps to the plate.

Jakie Atz, former White Sox, is in a Fort Worth hospital recovering from an operation.

Cub fans are pulling for Zeb Terry to continue his good work on the keystone corner.

Pete Kilduff and Rowdy Elliott, ex-Cubs, members of the Dodgers, are playing good ball.

The Browns have released infielder Shepper to the Louisville club of the American association.

Owner Frank Navin of the Tigers has hung up a trophy for the best high-school team in Detroit.

The Oakland club, having landed Billy Hamilton to play the infield, let both Ginzard and Mitchell go.

Rabbit Maranville is a much harder hitter near the bottom of the batting order than he was in the leadoff berth.

Al Mattern, former pitcher of the Boston Braves, is acting as coach of the Rochester university baseball squad.

The Cincinnati team doesn't seem to mind what the experts said about their not being in condition to start the race.

Ames college has a hurler named Plazzo who hasn't lost a game in three years. Big league scouts are already on his trail.

Every critic on the coast seems to agree that Hilling of the Oaks will be a finished pitcher and ready for the majors after this year.

Manager Hugh Duffy of Toronto seems to have used good judgment when he decided to retain Lefty Quinn, the Minn league pitcher.

The cheers that New York fans give Ping Bodie are backhanded slaps at Manager Miller Huggins, in the opinion of some New York critics.

President Grant of the Braves says they are winning because there are no anarchists on the team and no club house speech makers.

Cleveland is no dark horse in the American league race, but they've entered the classic with a charley horse, which Doc Johnston rides.

It is fast approaching the time in baseball when a ball player will have to bring a letter from his pastor before he can speak to an umpire.

Everett Scott's father, L. I. Scott, is manager of the independent team at Auburn, Ind., this season. Two other Scotts, William and Walter, are on the team.

Joe Engel, the Washington boy well known as a Boston, Washington, Buffalo and Minneapolis pitcher, is doing a good job of scouting for Clark Giffith now.

The Optimists' club is the name of a rooting organization behind the St. Louis Cardinals. They will have to do something like that to stick through the season.

One of the redeeming features of the Yankees' work is the batting of Pipp. This energetic young man has his lamps on the ball and is pasting it for keeps.

J. EVERS IN GIANT TOGS



Johnny Evers in his brand new perfect-fitting Giant uniform. Evers will play the part of Marshall Ney to the "Little Napoleon," manager of the Giants in this year's battle for the pennant.

OESCHGER AND CADORE, PITCHERS IN RECORD 26-INNING TIE GAME



Leon Cadore Joe Oeschger

Many ball players are often compelled to put in several years of their youth in the major leagues before they command any attention. One of these is Pitcher Joe Oeschger of the Boston Braves. He has been in the National league for six years, but it just begins to look as if he will fulfill the promises made for him while he was a member of the Phillies, writes Oscar C. Reichow in Chicago News. Speaking in the vernacular of the game he has "arrived" and gives indications of being one of the most successful right handers in the league—if not that, the best the Boston club has had in many seasons.

Lacked Control.

Oeschger, although having all the natural requisites to make a great pitcher, was prevented from taking his place in the ranks of the leaders owing to his inability to get the ball over the plate. Pitching with a delivery resembling that of Grover Alexander he was able to throw with terrific force and also disclosed a curve ball that was hard to hit. Yet with all this he could not win consistently because he was erratic and did not know how to utilize his assortment. This, however, did not discourage him and he kept on trying and practicing control until he seems to have reached the stage where he can engrave his name in the hall of fame.

What has brought about the marked improvement in Oeschger's work is believed to be his switch from the Philadelphia to the Boston club. While with the Phillies he was unable to get away successfully, although at times he showed signs of being as great a pitcher as Alexander. He could not master his speed, but is said to have done so since he joined George Stallings' forces.

MAINSRING OF TEAM IS BRAINY RECEIVER

Managers Place Too Much Importance on Pitching.

Catcher Corresponds to Quarterback on Football Team, Says Larry Lajoie—in Best Position to Get Information.

Although he is out of baseball, Larry Lajoie, former star batsman of the American league, is having a lot of fun watching the major league hurlers, trying to cut out the freak delivery, as per orders of the powers at their big session early this year. Lajoie has not been heard to speak his mind on the matter directly, but he did state recently that major league managers placed entirely too much importance on pitching and not enough on the catching department.

The big Frenchman says he wants to be thoroughly understood as being in favor of first-class pitching. But by with a creditable average if the man catching them is onto his business and gives them the help that lies within his power to give them.

According to Lajoie, the catcher has the best opportunity to get information on the batter. Not only can he get information on the man at bat, but he can communicate with the pitcher through a code of signals. Larry says he would like to have an expression from some of the star fingers of a few years back. "I never sought their opinion on this matter," he declared, "but I would be willing to lay a little bet that everyone of them will give their catcher a lot of credit for their success." Lajoie predicts the umpires will become more disgusted with the rules against freak pitching than the pitchers themselves, because the indicator handlers will be obliged to watch every move of the mound man. "Wonder what will be next?" asked the veteran as the discussion drew to a close.

WINTER LEAGUE IN FLORIDA

Charley Herzog Favors Formation of Circuit in Flower State—Players Favor Idea.

Charley Herzog, who has deserted Maryland for Florida as a winter residence, proposes to organize a winter league for the Flower State after the season closes and has told all the players he has met what a great thing it will be. He has planned for four clubs in his league, but if he takes on all the players who want to enlist with him he'll have to make it about a 12-club affair.

MCCARTHY SUPPLANTS EVERS

Former Major League Outfielder and Scout Sign Contract to Coach Boston College.

Tom McCarthy, former major league outfielder, coach and scout, signed a three-year contract to coach the Boston college nine, the position for which John J. Evers had been slated before his engagement by the New York Nationals.

HERE'S A NEW WONDER

There is a pitcher in the Louisiana State league who must be a wonder. His name is Berny Taboney and he is only nineteen years of age. In a recent game for New Iberia against Abbeville he relieved Pitcher Pons in the fifth inning and in the next four rounds struck out ten batters.