

PAT MORAN TAKES LONG CHANCE IN SENDING OESCHGER IN FOR REGULAR WORK

JOE OESCHGER WILL TAKE HIS REGULAR TURN ON MOUND FOR PHILLIES IN FUTURE

Pennant May Depend on Work Done by Youngster on Mound During the Remainder of Present Season

DISAPPOINTED because some of the veteran pitchers on his staff have failed to show the form expected, Manager Moran, of the Phillies, has decided to take a long chance and assign young Joe Oeschger to a regular turn on the mound.

MORAN undoubtedly is making a wise move, as it has been definitely established that George Chalmers and Erskine Mayer are not dependable, and he must find a hurler who can replace them if the team is to be in the pennant race until the finish.

Oeschger may not be able to win, but the work will do him a lot of good and cause a speedier development than bench work and relief pitching, which has been the extent of the Californian's work to date.

Oeschger has everything a pitcher needs to make good excepting experience, and if he has enough nerve and fighting spirit this lack of experience may not prove as much of a handicap as we are led to believe.

Oeschger Did Splendid Work MANAGERS, players and scribes who are considered excellent judges of young players declare that Oeschger was easily the best pitcher in the International League last season, and predict that he will be a wonder if he gets a good start.

On what he has shown as a relief pitcher we should say that Oeschger will prove a pleasant surprise even to his teammates after he has started a few games. He has terrific speed, few pitchers in either league being any faster, and a pretty good curve ball.

If Oeschger comes through the Phillies will be well equipped with pitchers, providing Alexander, Rixey, Demaree and Bender continue to pitch as well as they have to date. It is a long chance that Moran is taking and one that few managers would take.

Recruit pitchers often have been responsible for the winning of a pennant, but in almost every instance they have earned a regular pitching assignment at the start of the season, and have not been called upon after being on the bench for more than half the season.

THE Philly players believe that the Pirates are the strongest Western team in the National League at the present time, and the players of other Eastern teams agree with them. Jake Daubert, captain of the Dodgers, stopped off in this city to get a train for his up-State home, and he declared that the Pirates are likely to cause the leaders a great deal of trouble if they can strengthen two positions.

Pittsburgh is about ten games back of the Dodgers, which virtually eliminates Callahan's team from the running; but Daubert says that they will beat the leaders often enough to upset the odds. Wonderful pitching has been Pittsburgh's greatest asset, and with Wagner, Carey and Farmer hitting well in the pinches, it is a hard team to beat.

In Maunax, Callahan has one of the very best pitchers in the country, while four youngsters have been doing almost as well as the star of the staff. Kantelehner, Miller, Jacobs and Cooper do not get as much publicity as some other hurlers, but they are getting results, and day after day they baffle opposing teams, losing only because the Pirates are not making the average number of runs.

THE Braves intend to protest yesterday's victory of the Cubs, claiming that Umpire Eason had no right to permit Zimmerman to score from first base when Fitzpatrick's wild throw went into the Boston dug-out. Judging by the reports sent from Boston, Umpire Eason erred, and President Tener should not only uphold the protest, but steps should also be taken to make this ruling clear.

The rules allow the runner two bases on a wild throw into the stand or dug-out, the general interpretation being that he is entitled to one base besides the base he is running for. Eason decided yesterday that Zimmerman had rounded second and was starting for third when the throw was made. As he was on his way to third and was entitled, according to Eason's view, to one extra base, the umpire permitted the winning run to tally.

A ruling of this sort puts too much upon the umpire's judgment and should be changed. Last winter we asked President Tener about this very play which came up yesterday and he said that the runner should be stopped at third because he was on first and really going to second when the play was started. This seems like the only logical ruling, but the umpires interpret it differently, and it might be wise of the Rules Committee of the major leagues to make the point clear and have a standing rule which cannot be misunderstood.

The unusual size of Rollie Zeider's nose was the cause of another fight on the diamond. Yesterday Johnny Evers reminded Zeider of the size of his nose and the Cub infielder started a mix-up which resulted in both men being escorted off the field. In recent years Zeider has been in many fights on the field because opposing players josh him about his large nose, a point upon which the Cub infielder is quite sensitive.

The eastern teams of the American League got off to a poor start in the west yesterday, every one losing. In the East vs. West clash, the eastern teams of the American League completely outplayed the westerners, much to the surprise of the fans, but apparently the West intends to redeem itself.

Jimmy Callahan says that Al Mammaux is the greatest pitcher in the country. One would hardly expect Callahan to say anything else, considering that Mammaux is the star of his staff. There are about 15 other managers each of whom claims that the star of his staff is the best in the land.

Tennis experts attribute R. Norris Williams's defeat at the hands of Clarence Griffin in the Longwood tournament to lack of practice, and they predict that the Philadelphia will come back strong later in the season. Williams has not been playing in tournaments this year, and it is said that he seldom practiced until a few days before the Longwood tourney. It is barely possible that the experts are underestimating the ability of Griffin, who is really a star and one who is improving all the time.

The Philly players were very much interested in Wally Schang's condition, many of Moran's men having predicted that he would be seriously hurt sooner or later. He, an says there are few players in the game who so completely forget everything but the game the moment they put on a uniform. Schang also is popular with the Philly players because of his pleasing personality.

That the relief pitching and pinch hitting idea is being overworked by major league managers is the growing belief among players. In twelve major league games played on a recent date forty-four pitchers were used. Alexander the Great being the only hurler in either league who went the full nine-inning route. The majority of the games were low-score contests, but pitchers who were nursing well were taken out of the game in order to allow a pinch hitter to bat in their place.

Now that the Red Sox have proved that they are very much in the pennant race, and are likely to share in the world's series receipts again, Joe Wood has notified President Lannin that he is in great shape and ready to report to the team. Unless we miss our guess, Mr. Lannin will tell "Smoky Joe" to remain on the farm for the summer, as his services are not needed. Wood was a hold-out this spring and refused to report when he was badly needed.

KELLY-WINNERS AND LOSERS



MATTY'S FIRST GAME IN MAJORS NOT A SUCCESS

Christie Was Not Hailed as a Hero on July 17, 1900, When He Broke In GREAT OVATION TODAY

Box Score July 17, 1900; Matty's First N. L. Game

Table with columns for BROOKLYN and NEW YORK, listing player names and statistics such as runs, hits, and errors.

NEW YORK, July 26.—When the Cincinnati Reds lined up against the Giants here this afternoon in the initial tilt of the present series, Christie Mathewson appeared for the first time in his career in an alien uniform.

Today Mathewson was given a wonderful ovation by thousands of his friends, who have seen him hurl his club to victory countless times. Times have changed since that hot July day, when as the papers of that date tell us in a few words that "Young Mathewson possessed great speed and plenty of confidence in himself, but could not control his curves."

But to get back to that first game in which Matty participated in in 1900 we find that he went in in the fifth inning to relieve Doherty. Although he worked less than four complete innings, Matty hit three batters, passed two and made a wild pitch. In spite of that unenviable record, he made a decided hit with the experts and from that day until this has been recognized by the baseball world as one of its mightiest exponents.

Binghamton Owner Ready to Quit BINGHAMTON, N. Y., July 26.—It has been reported that the local baseball circles that Owner Johnson, of the Binghamton, is ready to toss up his interest in State League baseball in spite of poor attendance on the part of the fans, despite the strong club, is the cause.

Advertisement for suits, featuring the text 'SUITS To \$11.80' and 'Order \$11.80' along with a small illustration of a man in a suit.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

An aerial battle royal again has been arranged by Fred Douglas as the feature of the boxing program at the Gayety Theater Friday night. The novelty of several gloved gunmen of color suspended in mid air wallowing each other, is even more interesting than a dozen men giving a free-for-all exhibition.

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Advertisement for 'Your Ford' featuring a large illustration of a Ford car and the text '37 1/2 Miles on a Gallon of Gasoline'.

Advertisement for 'The ROGERS-SARGENT MOTOR CO.' featuring the text 'SUPERIORITY TALKS' and 'Moore Multiple Exhaust System'.

WHAT A MONUMENTAL TASK CONFRONTS MATTY TO LIFT REDS OUT OF WILDERNESS

Over Space of Forty Years Fifteen Other Managers, Including Hanlon, Ewing and Comiskey, Have Failed to Produce Winner

WHAT A MONUMENTAL TASK confronts Matty faces in lifting the Reds out of the wilderness into the promised land can be best understood from this list of Red managers from 1876 to 1916. Here it is: Cy Keck, J. M. W. Neff, O. P. Caylor, Tom Loftus, Charles Comiskey, William (Buck) Ewing, Robert Allen, Bid McPhee, Joe Kelly, Edward Hanlon, John Ganzel, Clarke Griffith, Hank O'Day, Joseph Tinker, Charley Herzog.

There you have it—fifteen leaders in forty years, without a pennant to flap above the old tepee. Fifteen leaders, including some of the greatest minds in baseball—Hanlon, Ewing, Comiskey, Griffith and others of slightly less repute.

In the forty years the Reds have finished below the 500 mark twenty-five seasons, and in the last twelve years they have finished in the first division but twice.

Considerable Assignment Evidently Matty faces what you might well enough term considerable assignment, job, task or undertaking.

And it may be that Matty is the man to achieve the miracle that will bring him in as much money in another field as he ever won over sixteen years from his place in the rifle pit.

Red Stars The Reds have not suffered this big deficit through absence of talent. In these 40 barren years they have had their full share of stars—Bobby Mathews, Arlie Latham, Bug Holiday, Tony Mullans, Charley Radburne, Bid McPhee, Tommy Corcoran, Pete Browning, Frank Dwyer, Charley Comiskey, Tip O'Neill, Jesse Tannehill, Tacks Parrott, Silver Bill Phillips, Buck Ewing, Red Ebert, Theodores Breitenthal, Heinie Peltz, Jake Beckley, Norman Eberfield, Sox Seybold, Sam Crawford, Mike Donlin, Noodles Hahn, Amos Ruess, William (Buck) Ewing, Harry Steinbeck, Joe Kelley, Cy Seymour, Orval Overall, Al Bridwell, Dick Hoblitt, Harry Coveleske, Hans Lobert, Joe Tinker, Charley Herzog—these and many other names still remembered in baseball annals have worn Red hoisery and battled for the old town from year to year.

There isn't another city in the land that can boast of greater names in the line-up Crawford went from Cincinnati to Detroit and helped to give that city three pennants. Donlin and Seymour helped the Giants to a flag.

Overall and Steinfeld were big factors in four Chicago triumphs. Ex-Reds have helped rivals to at least eight pennants, but in 40 years Cincinnati has been without her flag.

A City of Baseball Tradition Redland is a city strong in baseball tradition. But so many years of failure there have nourished the fanatic soul, and now the Red fan has begun each season to look for the worst and when the break came each fan figured the same old story was about to be related, with the usual setting of tragedy and crepe.

Mathewson should have it in him to make one of the best managers of the game, but he isn't going to plunge at once into any triumph. He has a slow, uphill fight ahead, and a good part of his chance depends upon the patience of Cincinnati fans.

These fans owe it to their future to please give Matty a chance—not a chance for the rest of his season or next year, but

Advertisement for 'Ask for HAWANA RIBBON' featuring an illustration of a ribbon and the text 'sold from the Sapatary Humidor by all dealers'.

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Humorous cartoon strip at the bottom of the page with several panels of dialogue and illustrations of people in various situations.