

TOO LATE TO CHANGE

Vigneux Will Remain Manager of Browns.

OFFICIALS OF CLUB SUSTAIN HIM

He is Even Alleged to Be One of the Best Catchers in Whole League—His Certainity Worked Hard to Win.

"It's too late in the season to think about changing managers. While it is true that Vigneux's men have had an unaccountable slump, the fault may not all be with the manager. Vigneux is one of the best catchers in the Pacific Coast League. He can play first base as well as any man in the league. He is popular with the local fans, and the grandstand is always with him. Go out to the grounds any day and you will hear the grandstand say, "Sammy would have got that!"

This statement came from an official of the Portland Baseball Club, so it's about time that the knockers included "great" company, should take their noise and go away. Vigneux is popular, there's no denying that, but as for him being the best catcher and the rest of it, this official has missed the mark by pointing to city blocks. Vigneux is not the best player in the league, neither is he the worst, but there are so many better than he is that, while he is not a great player, he is not among the ranking players. This is not said unkindly, but truth is truth, whether it hits Vigneux or the people who think him a great player. Vigneux is a good catcher. He fields his position well, throws well to second, and can certainly murder those high, crawling foul tips, but he cannot hit the ball at crucial times, and therefore his value as a player is decreased fully one-half. Vigneux has a fairly good one-half head on his shoulders and would make a splendid field captain. As a manager, however, he fails by short of the ideal. In the first place, he gets mixed in his intentions. He is severe when he should be lenient, and lacks firmness when he ought to use his authority. If he were a better manager, he would get his men to work better together. It has not been Sammy Vigneux's fault that he has not made a success of managing the Browns. He has had more than his share of hard luck since he left Portland last Spring with the team. At that time he had ambitions that were twofold. First, it can be said to his credit that he wanted to see the team win anything in his life, to bring a winning team back to Portland. He wanted to do this because of his love for the game, and his love for the team, but his popularity in Portland would be a liability. He did not hope for a pennant-winning team, but he did hope for a team that would be a factor in the race for the flag, because he was going into the game as a business man. As it is, if he is dropped by the management before the season closes his hopes of becoming a "Portland business man" will receive a serious jolt. It may not keep him from trying his hand at the venture, for the faithful will stick in spite of the knocks, but he will not be the popular "Sammy Vigneux" he would have been had he been true to his word with his team anywhere in the first division.

This story of Vigneux's ambitions is told just to show that Vigneux has been trying hard to win with the team out of the Browns. He had almost as much at stake as the business men whose money is financing the team. It is natural to the world of the baseball team to the manager, and the deal that is being handed to Vigneux by the fans of Portland is something which other managers, both great and small, have received since manager of the Browns. Vigneux has been in the words of the song, "Everything Falls on Patsy," every fall is laid at the manager's door. Vigneux is getting "his" but the cycling has been done, and it has fallen on Vigneux would not have been half as harsh had it not been for that double-headed whitewashing he received at the hands of Pete Lehmann's cronies. Peter Brown called upon him for an explanation, not only for this game, but for the recent case of dumps which the team seems to be stepped in. Explanations have been made, but when they are necessary it is usually too late. No manager on earth can explain why baseball players lose their batting eye, but he can explain after it's too late, by telling them how the team was made, and why players will not do what they are told.

The team returns Tuesday next. They meet Seattle for six games and then go over to Seattle for another series of six. When they return home they play 21 games, meeting the seven teams. The Browns have about 49 games yet to play. Beginning with today, they are 29 games behind Los Angeles, 18 behind San Francisco, and 12 in the rear of Sacramento. The Browns are called upon to win more than half of the remaining games to be a contender for the pennant, and while this was going on the three teams in the first division were suffering serious losses. An even break in Sacramento's streak. An even break in Sacramento's streak this week and a shade the best of the games from Seattle will put the team in a position where they will be able to win four weeks' stay to return home for their third place. If this is accomplished and the Browns end the season in the first division, local fans will be more than satisfied. It will be a record, pointing out, for in order to accomplish this the team will have had to obtain out of a deep cellar. In the meantime the fans await Vigneux's explanation.

WRINGLE WILL QUIT BRITAIN. Liverpool's Skipper Decides to Make American His Home.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Captain Wringle, who sailed the Shamrock III in his race against the Reliance for the America's cup, today announced that he decided to make this country his home in the future. As a result of this, Sir Thomas is obliged to modify his recent statement that he will challenge again, provided he can find a designer. Beside a designer he will now have to find a suitable skipper. If he still holds to the opinion that Captain Wringle is the best hand of single-stickers on the other side.

BELL IS TENNIS CHAMPION.

L. R. Freeman Defeated in Three Straight Sets at San Rafael.

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Sept. 9.—Alfonso Bell, of Southern California, won the tennis championship of the Pacific Coast today, defeating L. R. Freeman, last year's champion, in three straight sets. The score: 6-2, 7-5, 11-5. Miss Sutton successfully defended her title of champion against her sister, Florence Sutton, defeating her by the score of 6-2, 6-3, 6-1.

SEATTLE GETS FIGHT.

Herrera, McClelland and All Their Following Go to Puget Sound.

Seattle gets the Herrera-McClelland fight. Club managers of the Puget Sound city, just as soon as they heard that Portland had put boxing under the ban, began negotiations for the mill, and the managers of the two principals agreed yesterday to pull the battle-off at a date yet to be arranged by the club.

NEW MARK FOR AGE

Major Delmar Breaks Record for Trotting Geldings.

MILE IS COVERED IN 2:01-1/2

This Clips a Second Off the Horse's Own Time, and Three-Quarters of a Second Off the Pace Set by Cresceus.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Sept. 9.—The world's record for trotting geldings was broken by Major Delmar this afternoon in his effort against the New York State Fair

At Delmar Park, ST. LOUIS, Sept. 9.—Delmar Park results: Five furlongs—Dusty Miller won, Laprodome second, Judge Denton third; time 1:59 1/4. Six and one-half furlongs—Alyar won, Falkland second, Town Moor third; time 1:57 1/2. Five and one-half furlongs—Potter won, Walnut second, Dan O'High third; time 1:54 1/2. Mile and a sixteenth handicap—Little Scout won, Siddons second, Jordan third; time 1:57 1/4. Six mile—Traillum won, Aules second, Exapo third; time 1:50 1/4. Six furlongs—Gus Lanka won, King Rose second, Requisition third; time 1:22 1/2.

At Sheepshead. NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Sheepshead Bay Summary: Last five and one-half furlongs of Futurity course, selling—Jim Kelly won, Yo San second, Bath Beach third; time 1:06 5/8. Steeplechase full course, Oakdale cup—Tankard won, Rowley second, Ivan third; time 5:22. Last six furlongs of Futurity course, the Autumn—Knight Errant won, Bobadil second, Mercury third; time 1:32. The Omnium handicap, mile and a following—His Eminence won, Proper second, Eugenia Brucher third; time 1:53 1/2. Selling mile—Striker won, King Pepper second, Echochade third; time 1:30 1/2. Six and one-half furlongs—Walt won, Swampland second, Kaliff third; time 1:49 1/2.

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track record. The great son of Delmar accomplished the distance in 2:01-1/2, clipping a second from his own mark and three-quarters of a second from the former world's record, established by Cresceus.

Alta P. McDonald drove the gelding and George Shear, with a runner paced him, while Ben White, with another runner, followed the record-breaker on the outside.

DAPHNE DIRECT WINS FUTURITY. Brother of Dan Patch is Hopelessly Distanced at Hartford.

HARTFORD, Conn., Sept. 9.—Favorites today in all classes at Charter Oak Park today. The fine work of Daphne Direct, in the Hartford Futurity race for foals of 1899, was the best feature of the day's sport. This foal literally ran away from the field, and captured both first and third money by distancing Bonded in the second heat. In the first heat of this peculiar race, Silver Patch, a full brother of the famous Dan Patch, was hopelessly distanced, the beating he received being the chief surprise of the day. Summary: Hartford Futurity, foals of 1899, two in three, purse \$300—Daphne Direct won two straight heats in 2:13-1/4, 2:15; Elisa Douglas, Bonded, Silver Patch and John McEwen also started.

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