

STRATEGY SHOWN IN PITCHER CHOICE

Fielder Jones and Connie Mack Famed for Shrewdness in Picking.

SELECTION IS IMPORTANT

Instances of Hurlers Working in Regular Order Regardless of Opposing Club Are Scarce in Modern Baseball.

BY BILLY EVANS.

A formidable pitching staff is essential to a pennant winning ball club. Picking the proper spots for that pitching staff is a very important task that falls to the manager.

Nowadays very few managers cling to the theory of working the pitchers in regular turn. If a manager happens to have four great stars on his staff he naturally pitches them in an extreme but usually shifts their turn, so that their work will show to the best possible advantage.

Connie Mack Big Success. Few managers have been more successful than Connie Mack, and I know of no leader who juggles his pitching staff more than the silent general of the Athletics.

During his highly successful career as manager of the Chicago White Sox, Fielder Jones was constantly forced to depend on strategy rather than strength to return his club the winner.

Walsh Works Hard for Fielder Jones. Ed Walsh, the great spitball pitcher of the Chicago team, is an "iron man" when it comes to standing work.

While it is not generally known, Fielder Jones was responsible for the adoption of section 3 of rule 33, by the union who look after the playing code. That section reads as follows:

In event of the pitcher being taken from his position by either manager or umpire, the pitcher substituted for him shall continue to pitch until the batsman then at bat has been either put out or reached first base.

Jones could foresee results. Very often a strong left-handed batter would come up to bat. The right-handed pitcher would often be working. Instantly as the manager of the team in the field saw the hard hitting left-handed batter, he would stop the game and summon his star southpaw to the rubber.

White would be sent in when the hard hitting left-handed came up, and instantly on his removal Walsh would be summoned to the center of the diamond to save the day.

Pitchers Are Superstitious. It is a well-known fact in baseball that every twirler appears to have certain clubs which are easy for him, while certain other clubs are hard for him to win over.

There are any number of managers who don't take these things into consideration. Knowing the ability of their pitchers, they work them regardless of the ill luck that usually follows them against certain teams.

How can you have seen your home team hit the ball all over the field and still get beat 12 to 11, because of inferior pitching. Perhaps the following day the home team pitcher holds the regulars to two runs, yet is beaten 3 to 6.

Women's Polo Team Practices. Members of the Ladies' Polo Club are practicing immensely in their practice games at the Kramer Riding Academy, so that the tournament which they plan to hold in April promises to be an interesting affair.

QUINN IS IDEAL TRAINER. Harvard University Track and Field Coach Practical as Well as Theoretical.

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PORTLAND BILLIARDIST MAY GET CHANCE AT WORLD'S THREE-CUSHION BILLIARD TITLE



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Team Built Around Hardest Place on Field.

EYE, ARM AND SPEED NEED

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Henry Solomon, ready to illustrate difficult shots to billiardists at the Acme parlors. Hitting the side rail three times before making billiard and completing three-cushion shot. Most difficult force follow shot on the table, red ball and cue ball being only one-sixteenth of an inch apart.

Whenever a grounder is falded from back on the grass. To play short successfully a man must be good on all fields, for he is in position to get more of them than the third baseman and has a wide field of territory to cover between the third baseman and the infielder on these pop-up hits near the left field foul line.

When there is a runner on second the shortstop is expected to hold him as close to that bag as possible, so as to keep him from scoring on a single or to throw the runner out at the plate if he tries to go home on a hit.

World's Champion Billiardist Is High-Sounding Title to Pacific Coast's Best Who Is Confident He Can Defeat Holder.

Portland may be able to boast of a world's champion billiardist if the plans of Henry Solomon come out as scheduled. Solomon, who holds the Pacific Coast championship at the three-cushion game, is trying to arrange a match with Joe Carney, the San Francisco cue artist who relieved Alfred De Oro of the world's title in Denver January 12.

That the Portland man has a good chance to win in a match with the new champion is shown by the fact that he conquered Carney, 100 to 93, in a game here last year. Solomon has posted his 150 side bet, as required by the rules governing competition for the Lambert trophy, which goes to the world's champion.

These are some of the reasons why the shortstop has his hands full all through a game. If it were an easier position, above all things, a strong throwing arm and an accurate aim, of course.

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FATE OF 'OUTLAWS' SPECULATED UPON

Progress of Columbian and United States Leagues Are Eyed With Interest.

DISASTER IS PREDICTED

National and American Magnates Freely Forecast Failure for Invaders—Season Too Early for Real Information.

Mid-Winter dullness in baseball realms has been enlivened by the formation of two "outlaw" leagues in the East. The invasion of the territory "controlled" by the majors and American Association has caused no end of comment. Opinion seems to be divided as to whether they will go the route of other "outlaw" organizations or have the success that followed the creation of the American League.

Portland Has Hope. Solomon Anxious to Land Billiard Title Now.

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Brooks of Portland; Tom Boylen, a clever first-year man from Bendleton, and Stine, who captained the 1910 varsity, have shown intercollegiate qualities.

As soon as the inter-fraternity league series eliminates Wednesday, Hayward will pick a provisional squad of 12 to 14 players who will play the practice floor at the daily scrambles between the first and second quintets.

The 1912 schedule will open next Wednesday with practice game between Hayward's chosen five and the Harrisburg, Or. team.

These three teams are now playing a series of games, such as the other two contenders, the Hayward championship cup to be awarded the team that emerges with the highest percentage. One match has been decided, Kappa Sigma 31, Sigma Chi 11.

The inter-club games have aroused a surprising interest in basketball, which has affected townspeople as well as collegians. Each night several hundred persons have crowded the gallery railings of the varsity gymnasium, where the matches have been contested.

CALIFORNIA TEAM BUSY

BERKELEY BASEBALL MEN TO START PLAY JANUARY 27. Games With Universities of Oregon and Washington Still Unsettled. 58 Men Try for Places.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Berkeley, Jan. 20.—The baseball season at California will open on Saturday, January 27, on California Field. The schedule for the season consists of 13 games, including the three games of the annual Stanford-California series.

Washington wants to make the trip south in the Spring vacation in April, but this is at the same time that the annual Stanford-California series is usually played. The following is the California schedule to date:

January 27, Helmsmiller's All Stars. February 4, Stanford University. February 10, Santa Clara College at Santa Clara.

After emphatically declaring for the third time that he would direct the team from the bench next season, "Pop" Dillon may be back on the bench on next base again.

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