

WHITE SOX TAKE LEAD IN LEAGUE

Victory Over Boston White Sox. Louis Is Beating Yanks Brings Reversal.

INDIANS WIN IN 12 INNINGS

Triple by Chapman Keeps Senators From Taking Loose Game—Tigers Are Victors Because of Athletics' Erratic Play.

Table with baseball statistics for Chicago, Boston, and St. Louis.

CHICAGO, May 22.—Chicago went into first place in the American League tonight by defeating Boston in a surprising match, 1 to 0, while New York lost to St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS 6, NEW YORK 0. ST. LOUIS, May 22.—A single by Leary in the eighth inning scored Clarence Walker and Williams in the eighth inning of today's game with New York, and this brought the total runs for the locals in that inning to 6.

Table with baseball statistics for St. Louis and New York.

CLEVELAND 7, WASHINGTON 6. CLEVELAND, May 22.—Cleveland defeated Washington, 7 to 6, in 12 innings today, the winning run being scored on Morgan's fumble, Chapman's bunt and Hirsch's error.

Table with baseball statistics for Cleveland and Washington.

DETROIT 5, PHILADELPHIA 2. DETROIT, May 22.—Detroit took advantage of erratic work of Philadelphia's pitchers today, winning the second game of the series, 5 to 2.

Table with baseball statistics for Detroit and Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA 3, DETROIT 2. PHILADELPHIA, May 22.—Philadelphia won the first game of the series, 3 to 2, by defeating Detroit.

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THE DALLES, Or., May 22.—(Special.)—The Dalles High School athletes closed their season yesterday at Hood River by defeating the high school of that city in an exciting track and field meet.

NEW POSTMASTERS NAMED. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, May 22.—Postmasters have been appointed as follows: Miss Dora E. Webb, Bordeaux, vice George W. Webb, relieved; Mrs. C. Janet Coline Edison, vice John L. Dale, relieved; Bert B. Coulson, Mondovi, in lieu of Mrs. Ruth E. Coulson, who declined to serve.

BILL RODGERS TERSE AND TO THE POINT IN LETTER TO CLEVELAND PRESIDENT

Treatment at Hands of Joe Birmingham Declared Most Unsportsmanlike and Manager Is Called "Snake in Grass"—Chance to Jump to Brookfeds Announced and Reason for Turning it Down Is Given.

JOE BIRMINGHAM'S resignation from the management of the Cleveland Americans has been the big talk in baseball circles the past three days. Birmingham has pulled one boot after another since ascending to the leadership in 1912 and Portland friends of Bill Rodgers think Bill should have been given more consideration than was given him in the Spring.



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Hence this appended letter sent by Rodgers to C. W. Somers, president of the Cleveland club, holds special interest in Portland, aside from the possible influence it may have exerted toward pushing Birmingham into the discard.

When I joined this club last Spring I was practically a stranger. I have been playing baseball for several years and naturally my ambition always has been to get to the top of the game.

Reason for Failure Seen. I really can see why lots of first-class players have failed to catch on with the majors, or, of course, it is a question of breaking in. I have after the fact they are considered just about as good players in the big league as in the league they came from.

Our ideas differing so widely naturally leads to discussion as different plays come up. What I should like to see in the Birmingham camp is to me and said that he wanted me to work just the same on this point as he would on the point for McCredie and seemed to want to know my opinion on different plays and the best of my ability, and no matter what the topic was usually discussed as a rule would not take more than a few minutes and I would convince him that I was right.

Until we reached Birmingham, Ala., all of these discussions were carried on in the most friendly and intelligent way. I had a nice big city named "Birmingham" may have swelled Joe's nut. Here for the first time it appeared as though we were in an argument. Joe was bawling Chapman out in regard to a certain play, and on the way to the bench I sided with Chapman. It was my next turn at the plate and as I was picking up my bat, we were exchanging shots, both expressing that we were right. As soon as I reached the plate after the game, I said to myself: "I will win one argument out of this guy. Just wait and see."

No more was said until the following day, when at an opportune time I talked the play over with Joe and he admitted that I was right. As before, discussions coming up in the usual way, and seemingly there being no hard feeling on either side.

During the early Spring training when I am not trying to show him I am beaten as a warden, which is the usual run of play. Now as soon as I start hitting and fielding, he is all over me and I am sure that his records will bear out, and begin to show some class. I am jerked off the job, the point would come up again in a few days, looking good against left-handed pitchers, and he would say to me: "You are not good enough to play for 1000 per cent. No newspaper man or other officials were with the club, and he was in the position to start winning his one argument.

Barbara was shifted to second base, where he played the last three games of the training season. Being a new position for him he naturally did not show to his best advantage from a glance at the pitcher's column below. An average of more than five runs per game have been made off House and Hanson and yet these pitchers have won three of their four games.

Ken Williams has finally slammed and battered his way to the top of the list and, realizing that he might as well be trying to grab some base-running honors in this department. The big Spokane outfielder is pasting the pill at a 383 clip.

Another Spokane boy, is Williams' nearest rival, hitting .365. Jack Smith, released by Aberdeen, is a close third.

Ken Williams stands at the top with record of .383. SPOKANE, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—Those who have followed the weekly tables may have wondered why the Victoria team was down in the rack while still leading in team batting and fielding. The reason for this has been responsible for their slowness to get to the front, but to the front they have come finally. It is impossible to keep team hitting and running as they have been down long.

Victoria's team average is a fraction better than .299, but not quite .300. Kaylor, headout man in hitting, .298, and putting McHenry and Haworth in the battery points, Victoria can present a solid front of 300 hitters. Since .298 is close enough to call Kaylor a real .300 hitter. That is unique in Northwestern League history. It has never happened before, since the writer began to keep careful cases on the league records in 1906.

Here they got Kaylor, .298; W. Butcher, .348; Kelly, .346; Shaw, .322; Toth, .358; Nye, .318; Menges, .358; Haworth, .316; McHenry, .332. In addition, Victoria leads in team base running and in run getting and also in team fielding. How weak the pitching has been may be gathered

have given him the benefit of the doubt. But where there is so much smoke there must be some fire. Birmingham is not a sufferer of a bad case. He is a wreck and has wrecked one good team for you, and now he is starting to wreck another. As I said before, he is to be pitied. He is drifting on a rough sea with conceit at the helm, with a row of team owners very far ahead.

Chance to Jump Through Down. You also may want to know why I am setting up a howl and handing you this letter. I was in a position that I had to take for more money. I did not even intimate taking advantage of you, but fell right in line in transferring to the big league in disgrace; salary cut; you have made an effort

Lessons Learned Every Day. There is not a point in the series that I don't think I understand, but common sense tells me there is, as every now and then something unexpected comes up, and when it does I don't let it rest vaguely in my mind, but look up the point and see if I can't get it straight.

Call Is Cause of Dismissal. The next day I was back on the job, and I demonstrated everything I had learned in a few days. I was in a position to take the trip to Chicago. In the first game at Chicago, I got a sacrifice hit and a base on balls. I am jerked out in favor of Hammond.

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TEAM AVERAGE HIGH

Victoria's Arrival in First Place Not Unexpected.

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CUBS DISPLACE PHILS

THIRD VICTORY IN ROW OVER BRAVES PUTS CHICAGO UP.

Bresnahan Almost Throws Game Away by Muffing Two Balls at Plate, but Hilt Hit Decides Contest.

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WHITMAN TAKES FINAL GAME

Idaho Beaten, 7 to 5, in Closing Conference Contest.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., May 22.—(Special.)—In the last conference game of the season, the Whitman College baseball team won from the University of Idaho nine here yesterday 7 to 5.

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