

NEW BASEBALL POINTS

Running Bases With Ball In Outfield Very Latest.

EXPLOITED BY TY COBB.

Detroit Great Base Runner Demonstrating Feasibility of Most Successful Wrinkles in Tricks That Go to Win Games.

The very newest and most important development in baseball and one which promises returns for investment in running bases when the ball is in the outfield.

Tyrus Cobb of the Detroit Americans has done more to demonstrate the feasibility of running bases while the ball is almost or actually in the hands of an outfielder and at no great distance from the objective base than any other player.

Manager McGraw of the New York Nationals has done a great deal along this line. Wagner of Pittsburg also helped blaze the path. McGraw was keen on having his men take extra bases no balls hit along the foul lines. It was McGraw who worked up the pretty dilemma of giving an outfielder the option of throwing to second base and letting a man score from third or of throwing home and letting a man run from first to second.

This he did on his which put a man on third and one on first. If the throw was in any wise difficult McGraw made the man on first try or feint to try for second. If the outfielder threw to that bag the man on third went home. If the outfielder threw home the man on first reached second. Of course this play was made usually with no one or with one out. So, in case the man was caught at second, a run was scored. In close games it is worth an out to score a run.

Wagner excels in taking bases on careless throws from the outfield and on careless reception of throws from the outfield by the infield. Let the return throw be ever so little off the base or the infielder ever so little out of position and Wagner is liable to steal the base.

But Ty Cobb is really the first man to show how feasible it is to delib-



HARRY STEINFELDT, CHICAGO THIRD BASEMAN.

(Steinfeldt has won the reputation of being the best third baseman in the country. At any rate, the Chicago Nationals would not take \$10,000 for his release.)

erately swipe a base in front of a good throwing outfielder, provided the thrower is over fifty yards from the objective point and the runner has a fair start, such a start as he can get on an average good pitcher.

In other words, any time the runner has a lead of eighteen feet or so off any base and the ball is more than fifty yards away said runner has an even chance to safely acquire said base.

As a matter of fact, the chances are all on the side of the base runner and all against the fielders.

The runner, with a start of eighteen feet, has seventy-two feet to go. With a slide and a reach he should cover seventy-two feet in less than three seconds. The thrower must get rid of the ball, the ball must carry fifty yards or more and be true to the mark, and the baseman must get it and put it on the runner, all in the space of less than two and one-half seconds.

Of course the exact results cannot be statistically computed. They have been shown in action, though. Cobb has proved their entire possibility. The point proved is this—that so long as the thrower is more than fifty yards from the objective point and so long as the runner has a good average lead and is in his stride the runner's chances of securing the bases are greatly in excess of those he takes of getting put out.

BEMIS GAINS NEW FAME.

Cleveland Catcher Impresses Fans With All Around Ability. Catcher Harry Bemis of the Cleveland American team has been giving the baseball scribes something to write about this season.

His backstopping and his throwing



HARRY BEMIS.

to bases have been of the highest class.

At the bat he shows the ability to make timely hits, an asset to a player that makes him doubly valuable to a team.

MANAGER'S JOB NO FUN.

Lajoie Says He's Ready to Quit Any Time Cleveland Wants New Leader.

Clarke Griffith, former manager of the New York Americans, has the prime scheme for removing the irksome task of making a ball club play the string from early in April till early in October. Griffith would like to recruit a team of ex-managers.

"Griffith has the idea," declared Manager Lajoie when the scheme was explained to him recently. "Just think of how easy a manager's job would be if he had men on his team who had been through the mill and could appreciate the troubles that confront a manager who tries to run his ball club right."

Lajoie was asked if it were true that he never would play under the management of another man. "Would I quit?" he queried. "I should say not. If the owners of the Cleveland club were to take a vote and put it up to the players if they wanted another manager, I would be the first man to vote for the other fellow. Of course as long as I draw a salary for running this club I will do so to the best of my ability, but if some one else took up the burden I would consider myself lucky."

"You can see easily how it is from the manager's standpoint. If a pitcher goes bad and isn't taken out just at the proper time, the fans all blame the manager for not using good headwork. If a pitcher is taken out and the substitute fails to win the game, everybody howls, 'Why wasn't the previous man left in?' That's the way it goes from the beginning of the season till the end. If a player does poor work for one club and is traded to another and braces up, the manager who let him go is blamed for not having a better insight into the future—the same way if a youngster is passed up and afterward develops into a star."

"Yes, you can say for me that if any time they want another manager for the Cleveland club I'd just as soon step down and out and do the work of an ordinary player. It's a whole lot easier, and I guess I could make a pretty good living for several years as a common, everyday second baseman. But Clarke Griffith has the right hunch. If he could carry it out he would have one of the easiest positions in baseball."

Detroit Had Better Wait.

The Detroit fans are now figuring whether they will have to play Chicago or Pittsburg in the fall for the big flag. Don't get overheated, boys. You are not through with St. Louis and Cleveland yet.

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REVIEW OF SPORT.

Why Gans-Nelson Fight May or May Not Be Success.

DATE SEPT. 9, AT COLMA, CAL.

Millionaire John W. Gates Spending Almost a Million Dollars to Build Finest Golf Links in World in Texas. The National Rowing Regatta.

It's a great thing to be a prizefighter of high class, provided the sporting public's intelligence is of low degree. If this be the case a fighter can indulge in all kinds of vagaries in the ring and yet remain a big drawing card. Lightweight Joe Gans and his rival, Battling Nelson, the champion, were recently matched to meet again



JOE GANS, WHO WANTS CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE BACK.

Sept. 9 at Colma, Cal., but if the aforementioned public intelligence is awakened perhaps the attendance will not, after all, be very large, in view of Gans' performance when he was counted out in the seventeenth round of his recent fight with Nelson.

Well, anyway, and likewise peradventure, here are the terms of the announced bout, which may or may not occur:

The fight is to go forty-five rounds, weight 133 pounds ringside. Eddie Smith (oh, crullers!) is to be referee. Seventy per cent of the gate receipts will go to the fighters, 60 per cent of that to the winner and 40 per cent to the loser.

Immediately after their recent battle on the coast several fight promoters began negotiations for a return match, and Tex Rickard succeeded in matching the two for a contest at Ely, Nev., for Labor day.

The refusal of the railroads to make reductions in rates, which were necessary to insure a paying attendance, caused the match to be called off, and Jim Coffroth arranged for the coming match.

John W. Gates has contracted for the construction of the finest golf links in the world at his home at Port Arthur, Tex. Work has been commenced on the tract, embracing 750 acres of land. The new links will represent an expenditure of \$1,000,000, including cost of land, \$180,000. Plans of the celebrated links of the world have been studied, and an agent of Gates toured Europe and inspected the best links. A clubhouse costing about \$100,000 is to be erected.

The Washington American league ball club has sold Falkenburg and Altizer to the Cleveleans for \$10,000. Falkenburg is a right hander and leads the Washington pitchers in the standings. Altizer has been playing second base for Washington since Delehanty became ill four weeks ago.

The National Association of Amateur Oarsmen will hold its thirty-sixth annual championship regatta on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 14 and 15, on the Connecticut river, Springfield, Mass., under the auspices of the Connecticut Valley Amateur Rowing association.

Rise of the Ten Eycks.

The Ten Eycks from time immemorial have been wonderful watermen. It's a quality which sticks in the family just like the Poes are all winning football players. Jim Ten Eyck coached the Syracuse crew to victory in both the varsity eight oar and the four oar events at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., recently, when outside opinion almost sneered at the university's chances. Ten Eyck never minded the unfavorable criticisms when he took his crews to the course for practice, but plodded on with his men and fitted them to take first honors. It must have been doubly pleasing to Ten Eyck, for his son, Jim junior, stroked the winning eight oared shell.

CASE BADLY MIXED.

Two Men, Deserters, Robbers, Thieves, Found Not Guilty.

HAVANA, Aug. 18.—Governor Magoon has issued a decree releasing from the custody of a provisional court recently held at Camp Columbia, Corporal Cooper and Private Gwinnell, of the Eleventh cavalry who were tried by this court on the charge of having murdered two Cuban boatmen at the town of Coloma on March 4 last. At the close of the trial the findings of the court were submitted to Governor Magoon as the reviewing authority. The case excited the greatest interest here, not only because of the nature of the crime itself, but owing to the peculiar statute of American soldiers in Cuba.

Cooper and Gwinnell were accused of having made an attempt to desert, to accomplish which, they and Private Fearnley hired a boat and secured the services of two Cubans. In a quarrel the Cubans were killed, Cooper and Gwinnell, claiming that they shot the men in self defense. Fearnley turned state evidence but owing to his past record both in the American army and abroad his evidence was totally discredited.

Governor Magoon referred to Colonel Crowder the judge advocate at Havana, a copy of the court proceedings and findings. The findings declare that the prisoners were not guilty.

In his decree Governor Magoon approves the proceedings of the court, but disapproves the verdict of not guilty. Inasmuch as no useful result could accrue from reconvening the court, he directs that the prisoners be released from the jurisdiction of the courts and turned over to the custody of the military authorities.

VANGUARD OF TRADE.

Western and Southern Retailers Are Swarming in New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—The city is filling up with Southern and Western buyers. All of the hotels were taxed last night to their capacity and several had to turn guests away. This is the season for the retail houses throughout the country to buy their fall and winter stocks. The vanguard of the buyers reached the city late Saturday afternoon and a steady stream has been coming in ever since. It was estimated that not less than 500 buyers came in yesterday night and Sunday.

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