

PLAYING the FIELD

With Billy Evans

WHEN George Moriarity, now manager of the Detroit Tigers, started at third base in the American League, his favorite axiom was:

Don't die on third.

In other words, George Moriarity always believed that too many players on reaching third base, but the issue entirely up to the batsman to score them.

It always has been Moriarity's theory that a smart base runner is as capable of stealing home as easily as second or third. He insists he always found it a much softer proposition.

NEW SLOGAN OF DETROIT

HOWEVER, in many other ways, aside from stealing home, Moriarity believes a base runner can help himself across the plate. Worrying the pitcher by his antics, getting a real break when trying to score on a tap to the infield, picking the proper spot on the double steal, breaking fast when trying to score on a caught fly, are a few of them.

That will be the slogan of the Detroit Tigers this season. As a matter of fact, as long as George Moriarity manages the team, that should be for some time, as he has been eminently successful as a player and umpire and should continue along those lines as manager.

All of which means that Detroit will be a colorful as well as interesting team, because it is going to make the most of its opportunities and by its willingness to dare will create many of them.

STRESS VALUE OF SPEED

EVERY effort will be made to take advantage of the club's speed. Hours and hours have already been spent in perfecting this phase of play. It is equally shared the time with batting, fielding and pitching.

In recent years baserunning has been more or less overlooked as an important factor in pennant success. Get the runs in clusters through brute force has dominated the game.

In this respect the Detroit club is sure to be decidedly different this year. It is going to run bases. Don't get the impression the players are merely going to try to steal bases indiscriminately. For, after all, the theft of a base is but a single part of the baserunning scheme.

Utilizing the speed of the team in every possible manner, taking a daring chance on the bases when the score makes such a thing smart baseball, trying to figure opposing pitchers and then properly utilizing the knowledge gained, are just a few of the features that make for a good baserunning team.

BEST QUALIFIED TO INSTRUCT

NOT a speed merchant, and yet far from slow, George Moriarity, as a player, was one of the best baserunners I have ever followed around the paths. He was smart, knew all the tricks of the trade and made use of them.

I know of no one better qualified to instruct in the art of baserunning than George Moriarity. While many of his players know of him as a player only by reputation, his fame as a baserunner has come down to them.

The Detroit team is known to have power at the bat. Moriarity's chief aim is to speed it up on the bases. It is my opinion that he is succeeding.

INDIANS LEAVE FLORIDA TRAINING CAMP; HEAD NORTHWARD

TO BE HOST

Tech to Sponsor Annual State Track Meet.

By United Press

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Bisons Take One

INDIANAPOLIS	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Matthews, cf.	3	0	3	4	0	1
Kopf, ss.	4	0	3	3	0	0
Russell, rf.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Miller, lf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Betz, 2b.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Sicking, 3b.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Holke, 1b.	3	1	1	1	1	1
Yotter, 3b.	3	1	1	1	1	1
Pierce, p.	3	1	1	1	1	1
Werner, p.	3	1	1	1	1	1
Sweeton, p.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	4	10	27	12	1

BUFFALO	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Taylor, ss.	4	0	1	1	2	0
Huber, 3b.	4	0	1	1	2	0
Whitman, 1b.	4	1	1	10	0	0
Bissonette, lf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Carter, lf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Murray, rf.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Cohen, 2b.	3	1	3	4	1	0
Barnes, c.	4	1	1	0	4	2
Pierce, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Schulte, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	6	10	27	13	2

Schulte batted for Brice in the fifth. Buffalo 001 012 200—4. Indianapolis 003 009 010—4. Two-base hits—Betz, Wisner, Carter, Yotter, Snyder. Home run—Pierce. Sacrifices—Holke, Kopf, Russell, Sweeton. Double play—Holke to Kopf. Left on bases—Indianapolis, 10; Buffalo, 4. Batted on balls—O'Winer, 2; off Brice, 2; off Pierce, 1; struck out—by Wisner, 2; by Brice, 1; by Pierce, 2. Wild pitch—Yotter. Winning pitcher—Pierce. Loss by pitcher—Wisner. Umpire—Lindley. Time—2:10.

Secrets of 16 Years Successful Pitching

BY GROVER ALEXANDER, Veteran Pitcher of World's Champions

SPRING training may not be considered important by some ball players, but one who neglects it is going to cut his natural career short by several years. This is especially true of pitchers.

The one who burdens himself with an intricate set of rules and regulations is using the wrong course. I start out by conditioning my legs and my mind. Don't neglect your legs and your mind. Although it may seem trivial, I consider the pitcher's game the best bit of training a pitcher can get. Why this? Did you ever stop to consider what it brings in to play? Fielding in bunting sharpens the eye, strengthens the muscles of the stomach and helps considerably on control.

There is quick, snappy action in those bunting games. You are hopping around exercising the legs and loosening the muscles of the entire body.

The wind is put to a severe test in the bunting game. A fellow starts puffing and unless he is in shape, he is down early. The fellow who stands up the longest is the one who is in the best of condition.

Pitchers go in too much for the rubbing tables, hot liniments and stiff massaging. I have found an occasional rub of olive oil the best stuff for the arms. No hot liniments—remember that! I don't know who the trainer was who introduced the hot liniment and stiff rub, but he was all out of order.

When the muscles of the back start aching after the first week's work, get out by yourself, take a ball and, leaning slightly back, just toss the ball not more than three feet high and catch it down close to your chest. Work on this for ten minutes morning and afternoon. Condition the legs and the wind

before you start taking the kinks out of the pitching arm.

Working in the outfield also helps to strengthen the legs and increase the wind of a pitcher. This sort of work should be done with good judgment. I think it is a mistake on the part of any pitcher to try for sensational catches while getting some work in the outfield. There is always a chance of a leg injury or a broken finger.

The real value of outfield work for a pitcher is the "shagging" of the ball. The catch means nothing to his condition, while the effort expended in going after the ball means much.

NET BANQUET
Three Local Jewish Teams Feted by Association.

The three Jewish basketball teams of Indianapolis were feted Wednesday night at a banquet tendered them at the Kirschbaum Center, by the Jewish Community Center Association. Eight members of the Communal Y. M. H. A. team, ten members of the Communal Celts and twenty players of the Communal Buddies attended the banquet.

Henry V. Kohn, chairman of the committee in charge of the affair was the toastmaster. Speeches were made by Homer McKee, W. C. Kohn and Allan Bloom, Glen Kline, athletic director, was presented with gifts from his teams and from the association.

Sweaters were awarded the first five men on the Y. M. H. A. team and pencil sets to the substitutes. Alvin Becker received a gold basketball awarded the most popular player on the H. A. five, while Lew Davis received the same award for being the most popular man on the Celts. It was the second annual affair.

STERLING STRYKER, pitcher, once with Indianapolis, is on the Buffalo staff.

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Brice, right-hander, and Pierce, a left-hander, did the pitching for Buffalo.

Russell had a bad day at the plate and Miller took his place in the seventh.

Wid Matthews went hitless. He reached first twice on walks.

JOE WYATT CAME TO LIFE AND TURNED IN A GOOD DAY'S WORK.

Betz, Yotter, Snyder and Wisner broke into the two-base hit summary.

Tribesmen Say Farewell

With Morning Workout—Catcher Vick Reports.

By Eddie Ash

Times Sports Editor

SANFORD, Fla., March 31.—Bruno Betzel's Indians said their Florida farewell today with a morning workout, packed their luggage and departed for Birmingham this afternoon, where the Southern Association team of that city will be played Friday and Saturday.

The windup of training in the Sunshine State finds Manager Betzel fairly well satisfied with his Indians, with the exception of the outfield, and he is confident he will better that department.

Of course the Burwell holdout controversy is discouraging to the Tribe pilot, but he is behind Owner Smith in his refusal to give the veteran pitcher a major league salary. Burwell was not on hand Wednesday when the Hoosiers met Buffalo and was absent without leave. He left town, but did not take his baggage. The holdout twirler has friends in Deland, and probably visited them.

Owner Smith said today Burwell would have to play with Indianapolis this season or remain out of organized baseball.

Start With Indians

"He's got to start with the Indians or stand suspended," the Tribe president stated. Betzel wants one more talk with Burwell before giving him up as hopeless. Catcher Ernie Vick, obtained from the St. Louis Cardinals, reported to Betzel Wednesday, took a short workout and then returned to the Cardinal camp to get his personal belongings.

He will join the Indians at Birmingham. He is a big fellow, looks the part of a catcher and is pleased to play under Betzel.

Catcher Snyder is inclined to the belief his throwing arm never will come back, but he showed some improvement Wednesday and Betzel has urged him to keep trying.

Buffalo Wins

The Buffalo International leaguers bumped off the Indians Wednesday, six to four, when Pitcher Jack Wisner blew up in the stretch. Pierce, the second hurler used by Buffalo, crashed a home run off Wisner with one mate aboard in the seventh. Wisner was found for eight hits in seven innings and two walks he issued developed into runs. Six earned runs were scored off Jack.

He had not pitched beyond five innings before during the training season and he started to blow in the sixth. Sweeton hurled the eighth and ninth stanzas and blanked the visitors. This rookie continues to please.

The Tribe had a lead of three to one early in the game. Each club gathered ten hits. Betzel getting three. Joe Wyatt came through with two bingles and Larry Kopf the same. Yotter, Snyder and Wisner each found a safe spot once.

Infielder Coher, of Buffalo, who was sought by the Indians in the Sicking deal that was called off by Judge Landis, poled three singles off Tribe pitching Wednesday. He also played good ball in the field.

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