

CUBS' PENNANT HOPES LIE IN HARTNETT'S MITT

Loop Champions Must Pin Hopes of Regaining Flag on Rugged Catcher, Joe Opines

Gabby Turned in Masterful Job Last Season Despite Strained Relation with Grimm, Williams Recalls, and Looks Capable of Doing it Again.

BY JOE WILLIAMS
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A VALON, Cal., March 3.—One of the main reasons why the Chicago Cubs won the National League championship last season was that Charles Leo Hartnett had the best year of his career behind the bat. Despite the fact he was 35 years old and in his fourteenth season as a big leaguer, he surpassed all his previous accomplishments. He even

It is quite an event when Mr. Hartnett, who is known far and wide as Gabby because of his extreme taciturnity, steals a base. Mr. Hartnett is built along the same general lines of a public auditorium and is about as square as a stationery wash stand. "There is one thing I'll never have to worry about," says Mr. Hartnett in conservation concerning pitchers. . . .

Dizzy Greatest of All

"You'll have to go a long way before you find a better pitcher than Lon Warneke," said Mr. Hartnett. Almost in the same breath he revealed that long distance is the mileage that separates Chicago from St. Louis, because he proceeded to add that Dizzy Dean was the greatest of the current stars.

It's hard to tell how great Diz really is," said Mr. Hartnett. "It may be that he hasn't even let out all the way yet. This may sound foolish but it won't if you watch him work. You get a hit off him and he'll bear down and show you just a little more stuff. You get two hits and he'll show you twice as much stuff. He's never any better than he has to be and when he hasn't been overworked and isn't tired, he's the king of them all."

We got to talking about the World Series. . . . You know I thought we were a shoo-in to win the series when that big Greenberg got hurt in the second game and had to retire," said Mr. Hartnett. "I didn't believe they could get along without him. But what happened? That Owen goes to first and plays it as if he was born on the bag, and that Clifton goes to third and looks like an all-time all-American. It just goes to show you never can tell, as the fellow says."

STERLING NINE CALLS MEETING OF PLAYERS

Sterling Beer baseball team members will gather tonight at the first meeting of the year at 1228 Oliver-av. The team again will be a member of the Indiana-Ohio League. Players wishing to try out for the squad are asked to attend the meeting or communicate with Clyde Hoffa at the above address, or by calling Belmont 0340.

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