

## HARDEST PLACE IN BASEBALL.

An Expert Makes the Declaration That it is at Third Base.

### MUST THINK AND ACT FAST.

Necessary to be in the Game Every Second—Steel-like Nerve is Also Required at All Times

At the beginning of each baseball season, the discussion comes up as to which position on the team is the most difficult to play. Some contend that the pitcher is the whole thing, while others say that catcher's job is the most responsible, but an expert who signs himself as "baseball Bulger" contends that third base is the most difficult post.

Third base is undoubtedly the most difficult of all positions on a baseball field, he says, and the great third baseman can almost be counted on the fingers of one hand.

A good third baseman must not only be quick to think and act, but must have steel-like nerve. Many players have been successful at this during practice, but cannot stand the heat during a game. A player's physical form is important in this position, and the longest streak of covariance, or "yellow," as it is known in baseball lingo, will give him the chance of drawing salary from a major league club.

Third base is difficult for several reasons. The player who attempts to hit to the right of the foul line, or through the infield and back to make the longest throw on the diamond with less time than other infielders to do it, is a good example of what is meant. It is hit down and other men in the model, except the pitcher, and this makes his work doubly fast and difficult. The third baseman is called upon to handle 50 per cent of the bases, and to do this in itself is a nerve-racking duty. Knowing that the runner is swiftly edging toward first, the third baseman has to take a step up for the slow man, and it is this in a tantalizing manner, to get him man out, without missing the ball. If there is a run, with the first, second, and third, a third baseman must decide in a flash whether it is safer to get the man at second or first. Should he make a mistake or hesitate in this split second, the result may be disastrous. A man who can face such a situation as this without a tremor is not lacking in coolness and deliberation.

As a third baseman, he is unable to decide whether the batter is going to bunt or "hit the ball out." Frequently the batter will make one or two false starts, with the purpose of drawing the third baseman, so that he may easily drive to ball at him with all the force at his command. To meet such an emergency, the third baseman must be absolutely devoid of fear, and have no thought of personal injury.

There are two things which a third baseman must have by birth—a good pair of hands and a quick mind. He must be able to grasp a batted ball with either hand, and consequently a man with long fingers has an enormous advantage over the player whom nature has not so kindly endowed.

A part of a third baseman's work which is generally overlooked by spectators is his knowledge of the game. He studies the ball will likely be hit. He studies the different batters as intently as does the pitcher, and plays for him accordingly. Ordinarily, in plays made by the third baseman, but if the third baseman sees a batter come up who usually hits the ball down the foul line—and there are many such—he will have to guess as to if he has time to gauge the direction of the ball in time to field it cleanly.

The third baseman also watches the line drives, and if the ball goes over, he has well. If he knows that an out-curve will be pitched to a right-handed batter, he plays near the shortstop, as such batters are naturally hit to center field. If it is an inside curve, he backs his base, for the ball is liable to come like a shot along the left foul line.

For a bunt, he plays very close in and meets the ball when it comes, then changing his mind and hitting the ball over his head.

### IN THE BIG LEAGUES.

#### STANDING OF TEAMS.

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	P.C.
New York	6	1	.857
Pittsburgh	5	3	.625
Chicago	5	4	.571
Indians	5	5	.500
Philadelphia	4	6	.400
Boston	4	7	.357
St. Louis	3	6	.333

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

	Won	Lost	P.C.
Philadelphia	6	2	.750
Detroit	5	3	.625
St. Louis	5	3	.625
New York	5	3	.625
Cleveland	3	3	.500
Washington	3	3	.500
Chicago	2	8	.250
Boston	2	7	.286

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

Philadelphia, April 25.—The Philadelphia won the final game of the series at Boston today by hard hitting at opportune times. Both teams were held scoreless with effect, but Waddell stemmed the tide for Philadelphia. Attendance, 4,600.

Score. R. H. E.  
Philadelphia ..... 10 4 2  
Boston ..... 6 9 3

Batteries—Taylor, Wilcox and Frazee; Palmer, Pittenger, Washer and Kuhn. Earned Runs—New York, 3; Philadelphia, Two-base; Hits—Donlin, 2; Breseehanan, Gleason, Tamm, 1; Jones, 1; Jones, 1; O'Brien, 1; Washer, 5; Struck Out—By Taylor, 1; by Wilcox, 3. Umpire—Johnstone.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MOUNTED AND READY FOR THE CHASE.

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hard by Brooklyn. The home club won by a score of 3 to 1. Attendance, 1,859.

Score. R. H. E.  
Brooklyn ..... 3 1 0  
Boston ..... 3 1 0

Batteries—Oneil and Bergren; Wilcox and Newell. Earned Runs on Balls—O'Brien, 1; Jones, 1; off Willis, 2. Struck Out—By Jones, 2; by Willis, 3.

Umpire—Johnstone.

**PHILLIES LOSE ONE.**

Philadelphia, April 25.—New York won the last of the series with ease today. Pittenger retired in favor of Washer, who made his first appearance in a major league. Tamm's run was cut in the seventh inning and Wilcox succeeded him. Attendance, 4,800.

Score. R. H. E.  
New York ..... 13 2  
Philadelphia ..... 8 3

Batteries—Taylor, Wilcox and Frazee; Palmer, Pittenger, Washer and Kuhn. Earned Runs—New York, 3; Philadelphia, Two-base; Hits—Donlin, 2; Breseehanan, Gleason, Tamm, 1; Jones, 1; Jones, 1; O'Brien, 1; Washer, 5; Struck Out—By Taylor, 1; by Wilcox, 3. Umpire—Johnstone.

**CINCINNATI 12; ST. LOUIS 2.**

Cincinnati, April 25.—St. Louis was able to connect safely with Harper in the first inning today, when a base on balls and an error helped them to score. Cincinnati forced Campbell, a left hander, easy. Attendance, 1,859.

Score. R. H. E.  
Cincinnati ..... 12 15 4  
St. Louis ..... 2 5 3

Batteries—Harper and Schiel; Campbell and Newell. Earned Runs—Cincinnati, 6; Three-base Hit—Andewell. Bases on Balls—Off Harper, 4; off Campbell, 4. Struck Out—By Harper, 3; by Campbell, 1. Umpire—Klemm.

**PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE.**

Portland, April 25.—Short Stop Atz's fumble in the fifth and the terrible swinging of Garvin received in the eighth were responsible for the landslide which struck Portland in the game today with Tacoma.

Manager, McCredie, who was fined for his conduct in the game between Portland and Los Angeles Sunday last, today paid a fine of \$50 and was reinstated.

Score. R. H. E.  
Portland ..... 9 4 1  
Tacoma ..... 1 1 0

Batteries—Garvin and Murphy; Thomas and Graham.

**DETROIT SHUT OUT.**

Detroit, April 25.—Cleveland reversed things and shut out Detroit today in a pitchers' battle, a single and Bay's triple putting the lone tally. Attendance, 4,100.

Score. R. H. E.  
Detroit ..... 0 1 0  
Cleveland ..... 1 0 0

Batteries—Bendix, Waddell, Powers and Schreiber, Dineen, Winter and McGovern.

**NEW YORK WON.**

New York, April 25.—The New York Americans won over the Washington today in the lastinning on a home run made by Keeler. Clarkson was knocked out of the box by the visitors, but Higginson, who succeeded him, was very effective.

Score. R. H. E.  
New York ..... 6 10 2  
Washington ..... 6 10 2

Batteries—Hughes and Kittridge; Clark, Higginson, Hogg and McGuire.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE.**

Brooklyn, April 25.—Vic Willis pitched his first game of the season at Washington park this afternoon and was batted

out.

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**MORE ABOUT "SLATS."**

Slats Davis in Pacific Coast League

Stops Up Some Complaints.

So much has been said and written

about the rigid enforcement of the new baseball rules in the Pacific Coast league

that a statement from one of the umpires

at this time is interesting. "Slats" Davis

has been informed that he would be given

the hardest place in baseball.

## BEARS AND THEIR DAYS ARE NUMBERED

President's Party has Killed Six During the Present Hunt.

### WILDCATS IN ABUNDANCE.

Plenty that Many Are not Even Fired at—Camp is Almost Snowbound.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., April 25.—President Roosevelt's hunting trip has been crowned with success far beyond his expectations or those of the most sanguine of his guides. Three bears were killed by the party today, and two yesterday, one by the president and one by Dr. Lamborn.

P. R. Stewart of Colorado Springs, one of the president's hunting companions, arrived here tonight, accompanied by Courier Chapman. They brought the story of the hunt. The killing of the three bears was telephoned to them and they understood that President Roosevelt brought down two of them, but the details are lacking.

The party is almost snowbound in its present location, and no attempt will be made to cross the divide. Fifteen feet of snow is on the ground on the other side, and any effort to reach Redstone would be futile. The hunters are satisfied, however, for they have reached the center of what the guides say is the bear bear country in Colorado.

Bearcats are thick in the country now being hunted, so plentiful, in fact, that many are allowed to escape without a shot being fired in their direction, however.

The bear killed by the president yesterday was of the brown variety, not so heavy, but furnishing a much finer pelt than the first animal killed. One of the bears killed today is said to be a grizzly, but this cannot be verified.

Mr. Stewart reached the Hotel Colorado at 9:55 tonight. He was still dressed in his hunting clothes. He looked brown and rugged, and reported that every man in the party is in the best of health.

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