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Editorial Comment

Presidential years, which are those in which a national election is held to select a Chief Executive of the United States, always have been dreaded in Base Ball. Even the fascinations of championships have been forgotten in the intricacies of politics. The season of 1928 was looked forward to with hesitancy, yet it proved to be the best presidential year in the history of the national game. A fact of that kind is worth a multiplicity of doubts. The National League had another capital race for the championship.

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In the final days of the season, when the heat of summer had been passed, the struggle for the pennant narrowed to a duel between New York and St. Louis, and the latter club won. St. Louis had to be possessed of persistence and courage, and demonstrated both against the clubs of its own league, only to meet the New York Americans in the world series and fall in four games in succession, as Pittsburgh had fallen the year before. The deterrent factor in the American League race resulted from the extraordinary early success of the New York club, which threatened to run away with the pennant. When it was challenged, the Athletics had to make all of the fight, so there was no general concern in the chances of any other than of those two clubs. Everybody knew that one of them must win and that six clubs in the league did not have any hope of winning. PRESIDENT HEYDLER'S SUGGESTION. At the annual winter meeting of the National League, held in New York City, President John A. Heydler suggested to the owners who were present the advisability of having a player, to be named before a game began, act as batter for the pitcher, throughout. He called attention-to the fact that how- ever novel the proposal might seem to be, it would only be carrying a little

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21-Largest crowd ever to witness a ball game in Chicago saw home team defeat Pittsburgh NL, 3-2. 26-Cincinnati NL won from St. Louis, 4-5, 17 innings; Lucas pitching all the game for Cincinnati. 27-Uhle won his fourth game in succession, against Chicago AL, and Cleveland went back to first place. 28-Crowder was batted for five runs in eighth and St Louis NL lost to Chicago. MAY 1-Hodapp, Cleveland AL third baseman, scored all four runs against St. Louis by his batting and won game from St. Louis. 8 Rice, Detroit AL, batted home seven runs against Chicago. 2-Cissell, Chicago AL, failed to hit safely for first time in fifteen games. 4 Leo J. Bondy elected treasurer New York NL to succeed Judge Francis X. McQuade. < Uhle, Cleveland AL, lost his first game in five starts and Gray, St. Louis AL, won his fifth in six starts. < Boston AL sent Tarbert to Hollywood, Pacific Coast League. 3--Boston NL won its first Western game from Pittsburgh. 4-St. Louis AL used five pitchers against Washington and then lost. .> Montreal, again a member of the International League, dedicated its new base ball stadium. > Wilson, outfielder, transferred from Cleveland AL to St. Louis AL. 5-Collins, Toronto, International League, former Yankee pitcher, held Newark to two hits. 4 Aldridge, pitcher, agreed on terms with New York NL. X Speaker batted a home run with Cobb on base and wen for Philadelphia AL. Hodapp made two home runs for Cleveland and won from Boston AL. > Root, Chicago NL, struck out eight Philadelphia batters. 6-Billings, Detroit, held the Boston AL to two hits. < The eight clubs of the New York-Pennsylvania League had a .500 mark. 7-Frisch won in the ninth for St. Louis NL from Brooklyn, 6-5. > American Legion arranged for'175,000 boys to play base ball. > Chicago NL won all series with Philadelphia. 8-Nine runs scored by St. Louis NL in eighth inning against Philadelphia. 9-Jersey City made ten runs in first inning against Montreal and won, 12-9. 10-Harper, right fielder New York NL, transferred to St. Louis for O'Farrell, catcher. > Detroit AL

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won from Washington in tenth on Gehring's triple and Fother-gil's double. 11-Wilson, catcher, Philadelphia NL, transferred to St. Louis. Davis, catcher; Peel, outfielder, and Hurst, first base, sent to Philadelphia NL; Decatur, pitcher, and Kelley, first base, to Rochester. 12-Five former Giants-Maguire, Webb, Wilson, Malone and Gonzales-playing with Chicago NL, defeated Giants in first game at Chicago. 13-Cincinnati took first place in National League race after defeating Philadelphia. > Cleveland defeated Philadelphia AL, latter making one hit against Uhle. 14--John J. McGraw, manager New York NL, was knocked down by a taxicab as he was leaving Chicago NL grounds. 4> Foxx batted a home run in tenth, winning for Philadelphia AL from Cleveland. 15-Ruth made his tenth and eleventh home runs against Detroit AL in New York. * Waivers asked on Sisler by Washington. 16-Hurst, Philadelphia NL, won from Cincinnati by batting home run with two on base. 17-Boston AL took fourth place. Sixth successive victory for Boston, seventh successive defeat for Detroit and longest winning streak for Boston in years. 18-Urban Shocker, pitcher, New York AL, reinstated by Commissioner Landis. 19--Chicago won its thirteenth successive victory and took first place in National League race. <> Philadelphia NL made but two hits against Hill, Pittsburgh. <& Chicago AL made but two hits against Grove, Philadelphia. 20-Cleveland AL won series from Washington. i Boston NL defeated Chicago, ^ stopping latter's long run of victories. 21-Bottomley and Wilson, St. Louis NL, each batted two home runs in game against Chicago. 22-Cincinnati regained first place in National League by defeating Pittsburgh. 23-Cleveland made a triple play against Chicago when Clancy flied to Jamieson, who tossed Mann out at the plate and Schalk was caught off second. < Resignation of Jack Slattery, manager Boston NL, was accepted and Rogers Hornsby appointed as his successor. > St. Louis AL won after nine defeats. . Ennie Nevers, St. Louis AL, also famous as a foot ball player at Stanford University, transferred to the Mission team of San Francisco in Pacific Coast League. 25-Chicago NL won first victory of season in Pittsburgh in five starts. 26-New York AL won a double-header from Philadelphia, a costly setback for latter. 27-Philadelphia NL lost a double-header to New York, > Boston NL obtained George Sisler from Washington AL to play first base.

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. 15 14-Hafey won for St. Louis NL from Boston with a home run. 4> Paul Shannon, Boston Post; Harry Neily, Chicago American; Ed Bang, Cleveland News; Harry G. Salsinger, Detroit News; William B. Hanna, New York Herald-Tribune; James O. Isaminger, Philadelphia Inquirer; Ed Wray, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and Denman Thompson, Washington Star, were named a committee to select the most valuable player in the American League in 1928. 15-MacFayden, Boston AL, pitched to Chicago AL without a hit until the beginning of the eighth. 4> Genewich transferred to New York NL by Boston for Spohrer, V. Barnes, Clarkson and Cantwell. 16-Against Earnshaw, Rommel and Bush, Philadelphia AL, Morgan made four hits in four times at bat for Cleveland, three being doubles. <4> Philadelphia NL won a three-game series with Cincinnati. 17-Vance, Brooklyn NL, struck out fifteen Chicago players and held the team to three hits. <> St. Louis NL defeated Cincinnati, giving the Cardinals a firm lead of three games in the National League. <> Ruth made his twenty-fifth home run of the season against St. Louis AL. <> Detroit AL made but three hits against Jones, Washington. 18-Boston NL made but one hit against Malone, Chicago, in second game of double- header. 21-St. Louis AL won both games of a double-header from Detroit. 4> Johnson, St. Louis NL, held Chicago to three hits. 22-Bottomley, St. Louis NL, lost his sixteenth home run of the season because of an untimely storm. <> Boston NL transferred Urban, catcher; Cooney, shortstop, and Wetz, pitcher, to Buffalo International League for Hollingsworth, pitcher. 23-Brooklyn NL won a double-header from Boston. 4> Philadelphia AL won a double- header from Washington. <> Joe Sewell batted in all of Cleveland's runs against St. Louis, three, with two home runs. <> Boston AL won a double-header from New York. <> President Heydler presented the trophy given annually by the National League for the "most valuable player to his club" in the National League in 1927 to Paul Waner of the Pittsburgh team. 24-Alexander, St. Louis NL, won his third game from Cincinnati within eight days. 4> Malachi Kittridge, former catcher for Chicago NL under Anson, died at Gary, Ind. He was reported dead one year previous. 25-Washington AL

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won a double-header from Philadelphia. <> New York NL won a double-header from Philadelphia. <> Morgan, Cleveland, AL, batted a home run that won in the tenth from St. Louis. 26-Brooklyn NL won a double-header from Boston. <> Bettencourt, St. Louis AL, batted a home run with the bases filled and won from Cleveland, making the sixth successive victory for pitcher Crowder and the eighteenth victory of twenty-seven games played on the St. Louis ground. <> Barnes, Washington AL, batted two home runs and drove in all the runs for his team against Philadelphia, score 4-1. <8> Adkins, Chicago AL, held Detroit to three hits. 27-Boston AL won a double-header from Washington. 28-Cissell tripled in ninth and won for Chicago AL from Cleveland. <> Frisch, St. Louis NL, tied score with Pittsburgh in seventh by a home run and Hafey won for St. Louis by another in the same inning. 29--New York AL played its best game of the season in Philadelphia, losing, 6-4, to Ehmke. <> Paul Waner, Pittsburgh NL, batted a home run in ninth with bases full, defeating St. Louis, Mitchell pitching. <4> San Francisco won first half of Pacific Coast League race. 30-Bruce Caldwell, who had been Yale foot ball star, struck out in his first time at bat as a member of the Cleveland AL club. <> New York AL won double-header from Boston. <> Toledo, American Association, engaged Aaron Ward, formerly of Chicago AL. <> Roush, New York NL, went home ill, the Giants giving him a leave of absence. <> Wilson, Chicago NL, batted two home runs assisting to defeat Cincinnati, and making him high man in the National League with a total of sixteen to date. <4> New York NL won double-header from Boston. JULY 1-New York AL won double-header from Philadelphia; Lazzeri, New York, made seven hits out of eight times at bat. <> Buckeye, pitcher for Cleveland AL, received unconditional release. <> Boston AL won double-header from Washington. 2-Boston NL won double-header from Philadelphia; both contests went into extra innings. 48> Chicago AL won double-header from St. Louis. 3-New York AL tied Washington in ninth and won in eleventh. 4> Philadelphia NL won double-header from Boston. 4> Chicago NL made five home runs at St. Louis. 4-Detroit AL won the morning game, Cleveland the afternoon; St. Louis AL won the morning game, Chicago the afternoon; Philadelphia AL won both games from

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18 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. winning, 2-1. 4i St. Louis NL recalled Orsatti from Minneapolis, American Association. 18--Boston NL made nine runs in ninth defeating Cincinnati. 4) Yerkes, left-hand pitcher for Portland, Pacific Coast League, signed by Philadelphia AL. 1(W-New York NL won its third successive game at St. Louis from St. Louis and took lead in National League. 24 Chicago NL scored in ninth and defeated Brooklyn, 3-2. wt Autrey's home run in ninth won for Cleveland AL from New York in first game of double-header. 4 President Martin, Southern Association, credited Little Rock, Nashville and Memphis with three victories each instead of defeats because of violation of eligibility rule by Atlanta. i Detroit scored three runs in ninth and won from Washington. 20-New York NL sent Walker, pitcher, to Toledo, American Association, and took back Jack Scott. 4> St. Louis AL defeated Philadelphia two to one on series and jolted latter's pennant hopes. 21-Joe Mulvey, former star third baseman of the Philadelphia Nationals of the '80s, ' died in Philadelphia. 4> Cincinnati NL recalled Ash, pitcher, from Columbus American Association. 22-Chicago NL had to go twelve innings to win its first game from Philadelphia In seven starts, 3-2. 4< Paul Waner, Pittsburgh NL, accounted for six runs against Boston, with a triple, double and single. 4& Haas batted a home run in seven-teenth inning and won for Philadelphia AL from Cleveland. 23-New York NL broke even in double-header with Pittsburgh and dropped to second place. A4 Herman Bell, pitcher, recalled by St. Louis NL from Rochester. 4> New York AL secured Zachary, pitcher, from Washington by waiver because of Pennock's ailing arm. <> St. Louis AL released Sturdy, first baseman, to Milwaukee, American Association. 4 Brooklyn lost double-header to Cincinnati, pushing latter up in pennant race. X a Grove, Philadelphia AL, struck out eight Cleveland batters. it Ash, pitching for Cincinnati NL, won his first major league game, defeating Brooklyn. 24- St. Louis AL won double-header from New York. <8> Chicago NL won double- header from Boston and took third place. <4 St. Louis NL

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won in first inning from Philadelphia when Orsatti batted a home run, the only score of the game.)> Baltimore took the lead in International League race. Ia Grimes, Pittsburgh NL, won his twenty-second game. 25-Dallas, Texas League, sold Homer Blankenship, pitcher, formerly with Chicago AL, to Pittsburgh NL. 4> Alexander. St. Louis NL, held Philadelphia to three hits in ten innings. 4) Wilson, Chicago NL, made his twenty-ninth and thirtieth home runs against Boston, at Chicago. 4) Waterloo won Mississippi Valley Championship. 26-Brooklyn NL defeated New York in tenth, when Bissonette batted a home run. 4)i St. Louis NL won, increasing the lead to three and one-half games over New York. 4> Manager Huggins announced that Lazzeri, second baseman, would be retired temporarily from New York AL because of ailing shoulder. 27-New York AL won double-header from Detroit and increased lead in race to four games. 4 St. Louis NL defeated Chicago and increased lead to four games. <e> St. Louis AL won double-header from Boston. < Meadows, Pittsburgh NL pitcher, voluntarily retired. <4 Zachary pitched his first game for New York AL and won from Detroit. 28--Philadelphia AL won double-header from Chicago, gaining two full games on New York. 4 Boston NL won double-header from New York. 4< Pittsburgh NL won double- header from Philadelphia and tied with Cincinnati for fourth place. 4 New York AL obtained Wells, left-hand pitcher, formerly with Detroit, from Birmingham, Southern Association. 4) St. Louis NL gained two full games in pennant race by defeating Chicago; Orsatti's three singles and a double in four times at bat contributing. <4 Detroit AL made six runs against Cleveland in third inning. o4 Reading took first place in the International League race. 29--Philadelphia AL defeated Chicago, cutting lead of New York to two games. 4> Boston NL won its third successive game from New York. 4& Pittsburgh NL was shut out in seven innings and game stopped to permit Philadelphia to catch a train. 4 Chicago NL secured Tincup, pitcher, from Louisville, American Association. <~ Collins, pitcher, Toronto, formerly with New York AL, won double- header with Reading, permitting but one hit in the first game and only two in seven innings of the second game, three altogether in sixteen successive innings of pitching. 4) Rochester took lead in the International League race. 30-Washington defeated New York and Boston defeated Philadelphia, American League race remaining the same. 4<

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Boston NL announced that Hornsby had been engaged as manager for six years. 4> Bell, Boston NL, batted two-bagger with bases full against Philadelphia. 4) St. Louis NL signed Pezdirtz, third baseman, from the Southwestern Iowa base ball tournament, and Canton, pitcher. 4) Buffalo took lead in International League race. 31-Philadelphia AL won from Boston and gained a half game on New York in pennant race. 4> New York NL lost its eighth successive game, being defeated

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. -19 by Brooklyn, Vance pitching, and with it lost a probable last chance for pennant. > Walker, Cincinnati right fielder, hit by thrown ball and seriously injured. > Barnhart, Pittsburgh outfielder, transferred to Indianapolis, American Association. <8> Detroit purchased release of Schuble, shortstop, and Barnes, left-hand pitcher, from Houston, Texas League, for \$50,000. 4> Dykes, pinch hitter for Philadelphia AL, won game from Boston in seventh with a single. Q> Louisville, American Association, obtained Welzer, former Boston pitcher, from Mobile, Southern Association. SEPTEMBER 1-Philadelphia AL, in last home game of season, won from Boston, 14-2. <> Blake held Cincinnati NL to one hit and Chicago won all the series. 4> Carl Mays, formerly of New York AL and later Cincinnati NL, signed by New York NL. 2-Aldridge released by New York NL to Newark, International League. 4> Bressler, pinch hitter for Brooklyn NL, batted a single in eleventh, winning from Philadelphia. 3-New York AL won first and lost second of double-header to Boston. Double-header winners: Washington AL from Philadelphia; St. Louis AL from Cleveland; Chicago AL from Detroit; New York NL from Philadelphia; Pittsburgh NL from Chicago; Cincinnati NL from St. Louis. > Cleveland AL purchased releases of Gardner, shortstop, and Tucker, outfielder, from New Orleans, Southern Association. <> Rochester led in International League and Minneapolis in American Association. 4-Brooklyn NL won double-header from Boston. 4> Chicago NL defeated Pittsburgh in tenth inning when Hargreaves made a wild throw, Pittsburgh dropping to fifth place. 4> Stewart, right hand pitcher, secured by Cleveland AL from Springfield, Three-Eye League. Indianapolis took Blenkiron, outfielder, from same team. 5-Boston NL won double-header from Brooklyn. 6-Chicago AL announced Dallas

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as their training location for 1929. 4> Wieland, pitcher of Moline, leader in Mississippi Valley League, taken by Chicago AL. 4> Harper, pinch hitter in tenth for St. Louis NL, defeated Pittsburgh by a home run. 7--Washington AL won double-header from New York. 4> Philadelphia won double- header from Boston and tied New York for first place in American League race. <> St. Louis NL added to its lead by defeating Pittsburgh. <> New York AL purchased Thomas, pitcher, from Oklahoma City, Western League. 4> Grove, Philadelphia AL, struck out eleven Boston players. 8-Philadelphia AL won double-header from Boston and went into first place In the American League race, despite the fact that New York won from Washington. <> Philadelphia NL won both games of a double-header from Boston. 4> St. Louis NL made only four hits against Hill and lost to Pittsburgh; the defeat brought Chicago within three and one half games of St. Louis. 9.-New York won both gamreq of a double-header from Philadelphia at the Yankee Stadium before 85,265 spectators and resumed the lead in the American League race. Pipgras and Hoyt were the winning pitchers. Meusel won the second game for New York by batting a home run with bases full. <> Pittsburgh NL defeated St. Louis again cutting the lead of St. Louis to two and one-half games. Cincinnati NL made but two hits against Bush, Chicago. <4> Chicago AL made eight runs in ninth and defeated Cleveland, 10-1. <> Urban Shocker, former pitcher for New York AL, died at Denver from pneumonia. <> Harrisburg won pennant of New York-Pennsylvania League; Binghamton was runner-up. 10-New York NL won double-header from Boston. Cincinnati NL defeated St. Louis and Pittsburgh NL defeated Chicago. St. Louis and Chicago, being leaders, were gained upon by New York and Pittsburgh. 4< Season closed at Washington, home team losing to Boston AL. 11-New York won double-header from Boston, going to second place in National League race. <> New York AL defeated Philadelphia for the third time, Ruth turning the tide of battle, as he did in the final game against Washington, by a home run. 4< Cincinnati made its 175th double play. <> New Haven won the championship of the Eastern League. 12-New York AL finished home season with a defeat by Philadelphia, 4-3. 4> St. Louis won last home game, defeating Cincinnati, 2-1, and increasing lead in National League race to three full games. <i> Washington obtained Liska, pitcher from Minneapolis; Yoter, third baseman,

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and Gillis, shortstop, from same team, Bigelow and Simons, outfielders, from Birmingham. Shirley was recalled from Birmingham, Hopkins and Hayes from Montreal; Lisenbee and Van Alstyne from Minneapolis. <4> Houston won first game in post-season series for Texas League championship with Wichita Falls, winner of first half of split season, 7-4. 13-Chicago won last game of season on home grounds from St. Louis, reducing lead of St. Louis in National League pennant race to one and one-half games. <4> New

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. 21 Toronto International League, and Claude Jonnard, Milwaukee, American Association, were also signed. 26--St. Louis was defeated by Brooklyn and its lead reduced to one-half game in National League. 4> Birmingham, Southern Association, won first game of Dixie Series from Houston, Texas League, 2-0, at Birmingham. > Indianapolis, American Association, won first game of "Little World Series" from Rochester, International League, at Rochester in eleven innings, 3-2. O Tolson obtained from Los Angeles, Pacific Coast League, by Chicago NL. 27-New York broke even and St. Louis won from Boston, increasing latter's lead in National League. 4> New York AL won double-header from Detroit. Brooklyn NL won double-header from Pittsburgh. c Grove, Philadelphia AL, batted home run and struck out nine against Chicago. 1 Birmingham won from Houston, 5-3, in second game of Dixie Series at Birmingham. 28--New York defeated Detroit, 11-6, and won championship of American League. <> President Heydler of National League denied protest of New York on alleged interference by Hartnett, Chicago catcher. The denial was on the basis that the judgment of the umpire only was involved., 4 Crowder, St. Louis AL pitcher, won his twenty-first game. <> Rochester defeated Indianapolis, 10-5, in second game of "Little World Series," at Rochester. 29-St. Louis won pennant in National League by defeating Boston, 3-1. <> Chicago defeated New York and helped to put latter out of race. <> Houston defeated Birmingham, 6-4, in Dixie Series, at Houston. > Indianapolis and Rochester played 12-12 tie in "Little World Series" at Rochester. 30-In double-header between Oklahoma City and Tulsa in post-season play-off of Western League, Tulsa was denied victory in the first

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game on protest of Oklahoma City. President Gear upheld decision that runner had left third base too soon. < Indianapolis defeated Rochester, 5-1, in "Little World Series," at Rochester. 8> Houston defeated Birmingham, 6-0, in Dixie Series, at Houston. OCTOBER 1-Houston won from Birmingham in Dixie Series at Houston, 5-4. <> Tulsa won Western League pennant. 2-Mulligan transferred by Pittsburgh NL to Dallas, Texas League. 3-- Houston defeated Birmingham, 5-1, and won the Dixie Series at Birmingham. <8 Chicago NL won first game of Chicago city series by defeating Chicago AL, 3-0. 4-New York AL won first game of World Series, played at New York, by defeating St. Louis NL, 4-1, Hoyt against Sherdel. <> In second half of Pacific Coast League race San Francisco and Sacramento finished in a tie. San Francisco had won the first half of the race. 4> Doak unconditionally released by Brooklyn NL. In Chicago city series Chicago NL defeated Chicago AL, 5-3, fourteen innings. > Indianapolis defeated Rochester, 12-5, in "Little World Series," at Indianapolis. <> Players in Dixie Series divided \$39,486.60. 5--New York defeated St. Louis, 9-3, at New York, Pipgras against Alexander and Mitchell. <> In Chicago city series Chicago AL defeated Chicago NL, 13-11. <4 In "Little World Series," Indianapolis defeated Rochester, 6-4, at Indianapolis. 4> Frank Snyder resigned as manager of Houston club that had just won the Dixie Series. 6-Indianapolis defeated Rochester' at Indianapolis in "Little World Series," 4-3, winning the title for the American Association. <> In the Chicago city series Chicago NL defeated Chicago AL, 3-2. 7- New York defeated St. Louis in third game of World Series, at St. Louis, Zachary against Haines and Johnson. <> In Chicago city series Chicago AL defeated Chicago NL, 2-0. 4> Sacramento won second half of Pacific Coast League series from San Francisco, leaving the play-off between Sacramento and San Francisco. 8-James Crusinberry of Chicago was elected president of Base Ball Writers' Association, William E. Brandt of Philadelphia, vice-president; Henry P. Edwards of Chicago was re-elected secretary-treasurer. 4> In Chicago city series Chicago AL defeated Chicago NL, 7-1. <3 Franchise of Salem, Mass., club forfeited. 9--New York defeated St. Louis, 7-3, at St. Louis, Hoyt against Sherdel and Alexander, and thereby won the World Series in four straight games for the second time in succession. Ruth, as he had done on a similar occasion in St. Louis

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in the World Series of 1926, batted three home runs and closed the series by a marvelous running catch of a foul fly. 4> In the Chicago city series Chicago NL defeated Chicago AL, 13-2, and won the title for 1928. 10--San Francisco won first post-season game for championship of Pacific Coast League from Sacramento, 12-5, at San Francisco. 11- Sacramento defeated San Francisco, 8-7, in post season series. 12-San Francisco won from Sacramento, 7-4, in post-season series.

22 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. 13--Sacramento defeated San Francisco, 12-11 in post-season series. 14-In final play-off game for championship of Pacific Coast League San Francisco defeated Sacramento, 15-3, at San Francisco. 15-Walter Johnson, former Washington pitcher and manager of Newark Interna- tional League team in 1928, was given a three-year contract by the Washington AL club to act as manager, owner Block of Newark having consented to allow the famous player to return to the team which he had served so long and faithfully. 16 Gordon Cochrane, catcher for Philadelphia AL, was chosen as the American League player most valuable to his club in 1928. < \$ San Francisco defeated Sacramento, 9-5, at Sacramento, winning the Pacific Coast League championship by four games to two in the play-off series. <> Each Chicago NL player received \$1,767.84 as his share in the Chicago city series and for finishing third in the National League race. <> Chicago NL returned Tincup to Louisville AA. 17- George Moriarty resigned as manager of Detroit AL. <> American Association attendance was less than that of 1927, but the falling off was easily attributed to miserable weather in the early part of the season. 19-Stanley Harris, former manager of Washington AL, appointed manager of Detroit AL. <* Nick Allen, manager of St. Paul AA, resigned. 22-John Dunn, owner of the Baltimore International League club, died suddenly at his home in Towson, a Baltimore suburb. 24-Steve O'Neil appointed manager of Toronto IL to succeed William O'Hara. ,<> Funeral of John Dunn held at Baltimore. His estate was believed to be worth nearly \$1,000,000. All of it was left to his widow. 29-William Veeck re-elected president Chicago NL. <> Pittsburgh re-engaged Bush as manager for 1929. <> New York NL traded O'Doul to Philadelphia for Leach, adding a sum of

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money. <3 Philadelphia AL purchased Riley, outfielder, from Pueblo WL. NOVEMBER 3-
Waivers were asked by Philadelphia AL on Cobb, Speaker and Joe Bush. <* New York
AL purchased Chambersburg club of the Blue Ridge League. 5-Southern Association
met at Memphis and re-elected John D. Martin president for a term of five years and Rick
Woodward vice-president for life. The divided season was abandoned. New Orleans
was awarded third place, but Mobile, as well as New Orleans, was awarded full third
place money from the Dixie Series. Birmingham was officially awarded the pennant. 7-
Rogers Hornsby, manager and second baseman of the Boston NL club, was secured by
Chicago NL with a cash payment, the exchange of Maguire, second baseman; Jones,
pitcher, and Leggett, catcher, of the Chicago club; Seibold, pitcher, of Reading IL,
and Cunningham, pitcher, of Los Angeles PCL. President Fuchs of the Boston NL
club announced that he would manage that team, with John Evers to assist him. * <
Sunday Base Ball in Massachusetts was approved by a referendum vote of the citizens
of the Commonwealth. 9-Allentown, Pa., was voted membership in the Eastern League.
Waterbury was dropped. 11-Tris Speaker signed a contract to manage the Newark club
of the Inter- national League. 12-Ray Schalk, formerly of Chicago AL, was signed by
New York NL to coach. <*> Pacific Coast League at annual meeting dropped the divided
season. 13-Announcement was made of the formation of the Eastern Massachusetts
League. <> Election of president of the Pacific Coast League was postponed because
the league was deadlocked as to whether it should retain President Williams. <.> Rogers
Hornsby signed a two-year contract with the Chicago Nationals. 15-Jack Hendricks was
again made manager of the Cincinnati NL club. <\$ Herbert V. Juul, formerly with Chicago
NL and Cincinnati NL, died at Chicago. 17-Porter, Baltimore IL outfielder, transferred to
Cleveland AL for the sum of \$30,000 and two players. 19-Three-Eye League abandoned
the divided season. The five-rookie player rule was adopted. 4> Averill, outfielder, San
Francisco PCL, was transferred to Cleveland for the sum of \$50,000 and two players. 20-
Gainer was given his unconditional release by Rochester IL. 21-William Southworth was
made manager of the St. Louis Nationals and William McKechnie, former manager of St.
Louis, was made manager of Rochester. 22-Bayne, pitcher, Cleveland AL, transferred to

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Boston AL. * Leslie Mann re- leased unconditionally by New York NL. 27-Albert Wagner, brother of Hans Wagner and former Washington and Brooklyn player, died at Pittsburgh. 28-George Magerkurth, Pacific Coast League umpire, signed by the National League

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. 23 DECEMBER 2-James Bottomley, first baseman, St. Louis NL, named most valuable player to his team for 1928 by vote of the special committee. 3-The International League held a meeting at Toronto and appointed an executive committee consisting of President Toole, Warren C. Giles of Rochester and James P. Sinnott of Newark. Lawrence Solman of Toronto was elected vice- president. Resolutions of regret at the illness of King George were adopted. 4) The American Association awarded the pennant to Indianapolis at its annual meeting at Toronto and named Joe Cantillon supervisor of umpires. 4 The Western League reelected Dale Gear president. 4-Zinn, pitcher, Kansas City AA, transferred to Cleveland AL. * Blades, St. Louis NL, sent to Rochester IL. 5-National Association of Professional Base Ball League met at Toronto. Chat- tanooga was selected for the convention of 1929. 4< Alexander, a first baseman, and Prudhomme, pitcher, transferred from Toronto IL to Detroit AL. 4> National Association deadlocked on the draft question. <> Territorial right rule upheld by the Association. 7-National Association voted to hold a conference to consider draft matters at West Baden, Ind., January 10, 1929; the committee to be composed of three members of each Class AA league, one of each Class A league and five from all other minor leagues. *> William J. Klem, National League umpire, an- nounced his intended resignation. 8-Niehoff signed to coach for New York NL. 10--National League, at a conference in New York, decided not to send a delegation to meet the proposed National Association conference at West Baden, Ind. 4 American Legion tournament for boys was reported to have been very successful. 4 Aldridge, pitcher, transferred to Newark IL by New York NL; also Wright- stone, outfielder. <> Russell Blackburne signed to manage Chicago AL in 1929. 11-John A. Heydler reelected president of the National League for four years at an increased salary. <> President Heydler proposed to the National League meeting a change in rules by which a pitcher could have a substitute batter act for him

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all during a game. 4< Championship of National League formally awarded to St. Louis. 4<> Uhle, pitcher, Cleveland AL, transferred to Detroit AL for Tavener, shortstop, and Holloway, pitcher. 4 Wright, shortstop for Pittsburgh NL, transferred to Brooklyn for Petty, pitcher, and Riconda, second baseman. <> Tyson, outfielder, transferred by Brooklyn NL to Buffalo IL. 12-Meeting of American League at Chicago decided not to send a committee to the proposed National Association conference meeting at West Baden. Frank J. Navin of Detroit was reelected vice-president of the American League. Announcement was made that the major league season would begin April 16 and end October 6. <> Pittsburgh NL purchased the release of French, pitcher, from Portland (Ore.) PCL. 15-Washington transferred Lisenbee, Gaston, Reeves, Bigelow and Gillis to Boston AL for Myers, third baseman. <> St. Louis NL released Rhem, pitcher, to Minneapolis AA. 17-New York NL announced that it had interested itself financially in Bridgeport of the Eastern League. Hi M MMM18--Minor leagues decided to abandon the conference meeting that had been arranged for West Baden early in January to discuss the draft question. 20-New York AL transferred Gazella, third baseman, to Newark IL. 21-New York AL transferred Ryan, pitcher, to Milwaukee AA. 24-Dugan, third baseman, New York AL, was claimed by Boston NL when waivers were asked. 26-New York AL announced they would not take Reese, second baseman, whom they had purchased on option in 1927 but would permit him to remain with Oakland PCL another year. 27-City council of Boston passed the order establishing Sunday Base Ball. 29-William F. Kenny of New York purchased the holdings of the late Arthur H. Soden and William Conant of Boston in the New York National League club from the trustees of the estates. 31-New York NL released Thomas, third baseman, to Toledo AA.

1, Rogers Hornsby, Boston, leading batsman. 2, James L. Bottomley, St. Louis, most three-baggers, most runs batted in and tied with Wilson for most home runs. 3, Lewis R. Wilson, Chicago, tied with Bottomley for most home runs. 4, Paul G. Waner, Pittsburgh, most doubles and most runs scored. 5, Fred Lindstrom, New York, most base hits and leading third baseman. 6, Lloyd J. Waner, Pittsburgh, most singles. 7, Harold J.

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Traynor, Pittsburgh, most sacrifice hits. 8, Hazen S. Cuyler, Chicago, most stolen bases. 9, Charles J. Grimm, Chicago, tied with Terry on even decimals as leading first baseman. 10, William H. Terry, New York, tied with Grimm as leading first baseman. 11, Frank F. Frisch, St. Louis, tied with Maguire on even decimals as leading second baseman. 12, Fred E. Maguire, Chicago, tied with Frisch as leading second baseman. 13, Horace H. Ford, Cincinnati, leading shortstop. 14, Charles L. Hartnett, Chicago, leading catcher. 16, Raymond Bressler, Brooklyn, leading outfielder. 16, Dazzy Vance, Brooklyn, leading pitcher with best average of earned runs per game. 17, Larry Benton, New York, leading pitcher on won and lost percentage. NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYERS IN THE SPALDING HALL OF FAME.

SPALDING BASE BALL HALL OF FAME

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE 25 ' ' - - J LBAO F HALLM NATIONAL LEAGUE. Rogers Hornsby again won the batting championship of the National League and that entitles him to priority in distribution of honors for the season. Paul Waner, who won it in 1927, gave Hornsby a great battle after Waner had started to find himself. In the early part of the season Waner was not up to the mark that he established the year before. Hornsby did not have a team with which to make any great Base Ball history and with all his good batting he fell behind in sending runs home, simply because the players of the Boston team were not clever enough to get on the bases ahead of him. Therefore much of the fine work of Hornsby .went to waste. Hornsby had a percentage of .387. which was seven points more than Waner made in 1927 when he became champion. James Bottomley, first baseman -for' the St. Louis team, which won the championship, led the league in making three-base hits, a lost art, or nearly so, on account of the area of the modern Base Ball ground. Bottom- ley batted in the most runs of any player in the league, and in the minds of many that is only second in leading the league as a batter. In addition to winning both of those honors Bottomley tied with Wilson of Chicago in making home runs. Wilson seems to find it out of the question to earn the home run record by himself, as in 1927 he was tied by Fred Williams, the veteran batter of the Philadelphia National

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League club. The name of Paul Waner was not left out of those who led in the National League in 1928, as he made the most two-base hits and the most runs of any player. Nor could the other Waner, who looks so much like Paul that at a distance he might be taken for his twin, be kept from earning an honor, as he batted more single base hits than any other player in the league. Fred Lindstrom of the New York club made the most hits of any player and was the leading third baseman, the finest distinction that has befallen Lindstrom since he began to play major league Base Ball, although an honor that it had been expected he would earn because of his skill. The best sacrifice hitter was Traynor of Pittsburgh, who earned that honor in the previous year, and the best base stealer was Cuyler of Chicago, who showed speed that had not been expected of him and who would have played much- better Base Ball in 1928 if he had not been out of sorts temporarily because of an accident before the season began. The leading first baseman was Grimm of the Chicago club, but by a fraction so small that it is almost invisible. Because Terry of the New York club won by an even decimal he is as good as Grimm and the honor is divided between them. There is also a tie between Frank Frisch of St. Louis and Fred Maguire of Chicago for the honor of being the leading second baseman. It is another difference of decimals that is too minute to permit it to enter into the honor of awarding a title and the honor is divided between them. The leading shortstop is Horace H. Ford of Cincinnati and it has already been told that Lindstrom of the Giants is the leading third baseman. That rounds out a very creditable infield with good substitutes. The leading outfielder on the records is Raymond Bressler of Brooklyn, who can make up for some lack of fielding-yet he made a very creditable record-by good work with the bat. For the batteries the select ones of 1928 are Charles Hartnett of Chicago as catcher and Dazzy Vance of Brooklyn and Larry Benton of the Giants as pitchers. Vance is the best pitcher on the earned run basis and Benton on the basis of victories and defeats.

1, Leon A. Goslin, Washington, leading batsman. 2, George H. Ruth, New York, most home runs, most runs scored and tied with Gehrig for the most runs batted in. 3, Henry L. (Lou) Gehrig, New York, tied with Ruth for most runs batted in and tied with Manush

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contest. ! ' , " ' Q George Herman' Ruth again, won the home run honors of 1928. He did ' not. beat his own record. At one time it seemed as if he might, but he '-, -. had to' satisfy himself With a total of 54 home runs. Any '-batter who could hit 54 home runs should be well satisfied, but not Ruth; who -began ' .l. , with 'a; rush 'and felt confident that, he would be able to make his best i.- 'total of all. Ruth not only won the home run record, but he scored the most runs and he tied with Gehrig in batting home the most runs. '- , Henry. Manush of the at. Louis club made more base, hits than, any American League player and more single base hits than any other player. He tied with Gehrig for making the most two-baggers, and that,- by, the . - way, is another good performance by Gehrig. There are times when a two-base hit can clear the bases and both Maniish and Gehrig were more , successful than their rivals in making two-baggers. ' ' The leader in making three-baggers in 1927 was Earl Combs of the New York club and in 1928 he again led in making 'three-bazgers. He seems to- be the fastest player of all in making, three bases oh' hits on' which other players are satisfied to get two bases. 'In 1927 he made the most hits, .but in 1928 ,he was' injured toward the latter part of the year and was out of too many games to have any hope of making a record in that respect. Phil Todt, first baseman of the Boston club, made the .most ; ' sacrifice hits and "Buddy" Myer, also of the Boston elub, stole the most bases. In spite of the fact that Boston finished\ eighth in the race, the club had- individual performers who could make individual records better than those made by other players. The best pitcher of the league on the earned run basis was Braxton of - Washington, .a clever left-hand pitcher who would be a greater star if he, had the physical strength. of some of the oldtime left-hand Ditchers. His . H, ' art is 'very good.' The leading pitcher on the basis of percentage of . victories won. was Alvin Crowder of the St. Louis team, a right-hander who made.a great success in the West after Washington let him go. - In addition to making the, most sacrifice hits, Todt of Boston was- the leading first baseman. He is a good, fielder and hel.ed the Boston club.' .- very much during the campaign ofthe last season. The leading second : - 'baseman was Max Bishop of the Athletics, who played much better than, . he ever played before for that club. The leading shortstop of the. league was Joe Sewell of Cleveland, who i played better Base Ball

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than he ever. played before.' for'. Cleveland, and the leading third baseman was William Kamm 'of the Chicago club, who. goes' e on from year to year excelling at third base' but never seeming to --find it' possible to get into a championship Winning -combination at, Chicago, ,.. is - -although he is quite able to take his part on a chamilonshiD team if the ,;' I "-' Sox ever get'started the right way. -, . : ' The leading' catcher was Woodall of Detroit, for the second year - ' succession, but Bengough 'of the Yankees did iSo well in more.than fifty ,:' games that he' earned the right to be considered. as tied with Woodall , i ' . . , , ' . * " ' . ' . Mf- . ! ' , , , - , . 1: . , - ' \ , - ' , - ' " A ' He W

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THE WORLD SERIES

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It was incomprehensible to believe that any club of a major league could achieve such a thing twice in succession, and still more incomprehensible to believe that a team, presumably without its full strength, could defeat a team seemingly as strong as the St. Louis Nationals four times in as many trials, with such effectiveness that the National League champions appeared to be walking in a dream. The series relatively was more successful financially than that which pre- ceded and which was also limited to four games, although the attendance was slightly less than the year before, the seating capacity in St. Louis being inferior to that of Pittsburgh. The first game was played in New York City on October 4. The series was interrupted one full day for travel and on another day because of a rainstorm in St. Louis, after the first game had been played there. Some thought the second game should have been played on that rainy day. Commissioner Landis was right in postponing it. The world series becomes distasteful to some after the first day and they wish it over from that time on and would play in mud in order to hurry it through. The New York Americans at one time with a lead for the championship of more than seventeen games finished the season three games ahead of

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the Philadelphia Athletics. They lost pitchers by injury, other players for the same reason, and the Philadelphia team, shifting its players around so that the younger men came to the fore, began to win, and win, and win more, and at one time threatened to take first place. They failed in doing that because they failed to defeat New York. The inter-city series between New York and Philadelphia really decided the championship of the American League, for the crippled Yankees summoned all their energies and crushed the Philadelphia club when the latter most needed to win.

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that they took in the series and there is nothing that can be adduced in any way to demonstrate that the event has lost in popularity. Under certain conditions it might be more popular than ever. Hoyt bore full share of the honors of the series as an individual because he pitched two winning games. Ruth was the most conspicuous player and in this world series did better than in any in which he had taken part before. Gehrig was another fine player and Lazzeri, second baseman of the Yankees, was the gamest man on the field as he played all the series through with an arm which irritated him with pain whenever he tried to throw. FIRST GAME, OCTOBER 4, AT NEW YORK. The series opened in New York with delightful weather. It was a day for the fans, and the decorations were lavish and for the fans. The St. Louis team took the field in their gray and cardinal, all gay and joyous, but the players lost their spirits as the game progressed and seemed to be playing under a nervous strain. Sherdel, who had yet to win a game from the New York Americans, was the St. Louis pitcher and Hoyt pitched for New York. The first inning saw the series begin with a run by the Yankees. It was a prophetic run. Not only did it prophesy defeat to the St. Louis team but it prophesied the

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SECOND GAME, OCTOBER 5, AT NEW YORK. There was more excitement on the New York bench in the second game than there might have been in the stands. Pipgras, who pitched for New York, was unable to acquire steadiness. He was so erratic with his control in the first three innings that many of the spectators concluded that Manager Huggins was taking a desperate chance to keep him in the game and wanted another pitcher substituted for him. Huggins said it was because Pipgras was using the wrong method to pitch. If he was, he must have changed it, because in the latter part of the game the St. Louis players could not hit the ball successfully. Pipgras pitched as many, or more, curve balls than ever were pitched before in a world series game. Alexander, who was opposed to him, tried to pitch a curved ball that would check the opposing batters, but the Yankees at last got even with him for the trimming he had given them in a previous world series and drove him off the plate. The National League champions as batsmen were as impotent as they had been in the first game. The Yankees began to score in the first inning, as they had on the day before. Durst hit a single to right field, a real spanking hit. Koenig fouled out, but Hafey had to make a fine catch of the ball to get it. Ruth was given a base on balls and Gehrig batted the ball into the right field bleachers for a home run, scoring two men ahead of him. That one hit seemed to make the St. Louis team a little panicky. But the Cardinals were not wholly daunted or cast down. In their half of the second Pipgras started Harper with a base on balls. Wilson batted

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with another home run even longer and the Yankees were ahead. Meusel singled to left field. Lazzeri at last settled heavily on the ball for a two-bagger and Meusel scored. Dugan gave the St. Louis fielders a fielder's choice and Combs, entering the series for the first time, batting for Bengough, batted a sacrifice fly and Lazzeri scored. The rout of the St. Louis team had begun and was about over. The tables had turned so decisively that the Cardinals were discouraged. In the earlier part of the game they appeared to be more like the National League champions than they had seemed to be in any other game, including even the first, when they started on an even keel with their rivals. The effect of the Yankees' attack was like the passing of a cyclone and the St. Louis structure fell. Yet the Yankees chose to go out in a blaze of glory, for in the eighth inning Durst started with a home run to right field. Koenig was out at first base. Ruth cracked his third home run of the game in succession equaling another record of his-made in St. Louis also, by the way-and the St. Louis rooters, at last won over by the prowess of the Yankees' left fielder, cheered him vociferously instead of booing him. That elated Ruth. So when the game was in its very last stage, in the ninth inning for St. Louis and with two out, he caught a foul fly on the edge of the boxes in one hand and ran home, openly bearing the ball in his outstretched palm that all might see it was the third out and that the fans could go home until another year. The score:

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THE NATIONAL LEAGUE

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It came true that the team first in the race on the Fourth of July would be first in the fight for the pennant, but the St. Louis club, first on the Fourth of July and afterward pennant winner, never could sleep knowing that it had won until the day before the season ended. Twice it took a lead that seemed to give it such a well fortified position that it could not fail to finish first with something to spare, and both times it relaxed, or, if it is not the best reasoning to say it relaxed, other teams certainly gave it royal battle and at the last minute there began to arise some apprehensions that St. Louis by a malign dispensation of fate might lose after all. The team, however, had enough remaining to come through, and it did. Cincinnati dropped in the fight after the Fourth of July to such a depth that it was no longer to be considered a first division contender. The Cincinnati were badly smitten in one way and another. Pittsburgh began the race in poor plight and continued in poor plight until the players rallied out of it. Cincinnati began wonderfully well after the showing the team made in 1927 and its success inspired Cincinnati fans to dream. When the blight of injury hit Cincinnati the team lacked the material to fight it out away from the local garden and the Reds went from good to worse instead of in the opposite direction. As Cincinnati became enfeebled the New York team assumed the place of the Western players and undertook the role of runners-up. Had the Giants been steadier, had they been possessed of a high class outfield, had they been less uncertain on the infield, they might have won the pennant in 1928. Exactly that in which they lacked the St. Louis team seemed best to possess when the emergency arose, making it essential that St. Louis should have reserve strength. That is one of the reasons why the Cardinals always gave a certain conviction of confidence to their supporters. The stick-to-itiveness was there in an emergency, for though St. Louis might lose, it fought itself back to a place where again it had to be pulled down. The season had one embarrassment common alike to all of the teams that were of the first division. None of them hesitated to offer the excuse of injured

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players and all of them had reason. Even the champions were afflicted, for they never regained the services of Thevenow and they lost Roettger, a hard hitting outfielder whom they badly needed. The Giants suffered, the Cincinnati suffered, so did Pittsburgh and so did Chicago. Hence each of these leading clubs had its excuse, but one excuse was no better than the excuse of another. For once the injury incident had handicapped each of them by such an impartial chastisement that it became an unusual historical fact. When a pennant race finishes as closely as that of 1928 finished the reviewer cannot compliment the manager of the team that won the race without complimenting all other managers who led the teams that were in the fight against the champions. There is no year of recent history in the National League of which this is more true. William B. McKechnie, manager of the St. Louis team, directed well and with wisdom. Had he not done so his team would not have won. He was criticised for lacking aggressiveness, yet managers with aggressiveness did; not win the pennant, and as McKechnie's team did win, such credit goes to him as; he deserves by the success that he worked out. He surely handled his pitchers as well as other managers

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NEW YORK. COMPARATIVE THREE-YEAR SUMMARY. Year. Finished. Won. Lost. PC. Manager. 1928 Second 93 61 .604 John J. McGraw 1927 Third 92 62 .597 John J. McGraw 1926 Fifth 74 77 .490 John J. McGraw If the Fourth of July presaged the victory of the St. Louis team it also presaged the final standing of the New York team. After the Fourth of July games had been played St. Louis was in the lead, as has been related

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in connection with the recital of their season's campaign, and New York was second. That was where both of them finished. There was a time during the race that the Giants led St. Louis, but they were unable to retain their advantage. Opinions varied as to the probable success of the New York club before the beginning of the year. Some did not believe it would be a contender after the loss of Hornsby and Grimes. That was a natural conclusion as both of the players who had been transferred represented individual strength of the highest grade. To send Hornsby to Boston when the Giants had finished in 1927 as if they would surely win the pennant in the following year, and to follow that by the trade of Grimes for Aldridge, two pitchers, appeared to be the height of desperate chance taking. It is natural that after the change had been made there should be some to say that the transfer of the players cost the Giants a pennant. On the other hand, as the Giants very nearly won the pennant without the players in question, it

seems to the point to congratulate the team because of its success. What it did is a matter of history; what it might have done is problematical. For part of the season of 1928 the Giants were without their manager, John J. McGraw, who was so ill that he could not take his place on the players' bench. It was just at the end of this period that the team first began to get some pitching, as one of its members put it. "If," said he, we can get the batting, we have better than an even chance, because I think we can defeat other teams. I believe that we can overtake St. Louis, I am sure that we will finish in front of Cincinnati, I do not think that the Cubs have the batting strength to win and Pittsburgh, which is now doing very well, is so far back that it cannot overtake us." These remarks are cited to show how well they forecasted the race. The Giants did get better batting and they began to advance for the second time and this time with more confidence than they had indicated at the beginning of the season. From possible contenders they became probable contenders and they remained probable contenders until the season was over. It seems as if the series that checked New York most severely was that in the latter days of August against Boston. Postponed games had made imperative double-headers in New York. The first was played on August 28 and the Boston team won both games. On the

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same date St. Louis defeated Chicago. This was a net gain for St. Louis of about fourteen points in percentage, a very helpful stride forward as the month of August was waning. On August 29 the Bostons again won from New York. St. Louis did not play because of rain, but gained, though idle. On September 1, New York defeated Boston, but the series ended three games to one in favor of Boston. Later in the month of September the New York team played four double-headers in Boston and won eight successive games, one of the most significant victories of the year, yet the winning of those games could not put the New York team in first place. Never before in National League history has a team contending for a pennant won four double-headers in succession and failed to win a pennant with the victories. This was in part due to the continuing skill of the St. Louis team, that fattened on defeats over the Philadelphias while the Giants were winning from the Bostons. At this stage of the National League race possibilities had developed for more abrupt changes than usually befall a pennant contest at that season of the year, but the Giants, fighting as they had not fought at any time during 1928, were unable to oust St. Louis from first place. Had they done so the result might have been different. It was a splendid Base Ball duel, with both teams entitled to credit for their part in it. The history of this fortnight in Base Ball is that of one of the most active periods of play in the history of the National League. When the Giants came into the final stages of the race the team had Terry at first, Cohen and Reese at second, Jackson at short and Lindstrom at third. This infield was doing as well as any in the circuit. The National League was not famous for'infields that excelled in speed at any time. In the outfield there were Welsh, O'Doul and Ott. The pitchers were Benton, Hubbell, Fitzsimmons, Genewich and Scott. These were the more important pitchers. Benton was the best pitcher in the National League in actual

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Kichbourg, Boston Nationals, dove under Riconda, Brooklyn, and stole second base in that manner. Photo Daily News, New York. CHICAGO. COMPARATIVE THREE-YEAR SUMMARY. Year. Finished. Won. Lost. PC. Manager. 1928 Third 91 63 .591 Joseph V. McCarthy 1927 Fourth 85 68 .556 Joseph V. McCarthy 1926 Fourth 82 72 .532 Joseph V. McCarthy

The Chicagos were a better ball team in 1928 than they were in 1927. They were six games better. They finished third as against fourth the year before. Some thought that they might win the pennant. If they had been second in 1927, and had finished six games better in the following year, there is little doubt that they might have won in 1928. But it was some- thing to go up in the world last season and their owner, William Wrigley. and their manager, Joe McCarthy, were proud, because they knew they had gained in their fight to win a title. The Chicagos were not quite good enough batsmen to win a pennant last season. If their infield had been made up of four players who could have averaged about .290 at the bat the Cubs might have won. It would have needed nothing short of .300 batters to do it, although .300 batters naturally would have made the fight easier. The infield of 1928 had a fair first base- man, the best fielding second baseman in either major league and a short- stop who will be better this year than he has been, as he is acquiring ex- perience and weight. He has speed. The infield did not have a stable third baseman and it will need one to win in 1929, as there is nothing more essential to any infield in these days than a third baseman who can defend the foul line from home plate to third base. The Cubs have a good outfield, yet it was not at its best in 1928 because Cuyler ran into a concrete wall before the playing of the schedule began

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tlancroft, Brooklyn, scores a tying run against New York and seems to be real pleased about it. Photo Daily News, New York. PITTSBURGH. COMPARATIVE THREE-YEAR SUMMARY. Year. Finished. Won. Lost. PC. Manager. 1928 Fourth 85 67 .559 Owen J. Bush 1927 First 94 60 .610 Owen J. Bush 1926 Third 84 69 .549 Wm. B. McKechnie Disappointment for Pittsburgh developed quickly after the race actually got under way. Too many of its players were injured. The story of the season seems like the entry book in the ward of a hospital. The pitchers broke down, the fielders broke down and for a while the batting seemed likely to break down, although the batters found their stride late in the season. Kremer, the pitching star in 1927, was not as useful in 1928, nor was Hill. Shortstop proved a vexing problem to Manager Bush, almost as the race began. Wright did not play ball to the demands of a championship team. At length he was put on the bench and Adams took his place, but when Adams was placed at shortstop it became necessary to find a second base- man who could go well. Bartell fielded admirably. Any manager who finds that he' is meeting trouble at second base and shortstop in a major league race is confronted with more hard work than a manager who finds that he needs another outfielder very badly. The placing and replacing that took place around second and short to try to provide the right type of players to win a pennant was enough to have put the team out of the race if there had been nothing more that was discouraging. Bush decided that a change was needed. He made a change. With other changes and with the team righting its balance as the dogdays arrived, Pittsburgh began to fight for the top of the race, after having been close to

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CINCINNATI. COMPARATIVE THREE-YEAR SUMMARY. Year. Finished. Won. Lost. PC. Manager. 1928 Fifth 78 74 .513 John C. Hendricks 1927 Fifth 75 78 .490 John C. Hendricks 1926 Second 87 67 .565 John C. Hendricks For a few weeks in the earlier part of the season the Base Ball enthusiasts of Cincinnati were

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sure that their team was about to win a pennant for the second time in National League history. After the failure of the Reds the year before the reaction was great with such a good start. No unusual success had been predicted for the team in 1928 by those who looked it over but casually, yet there was a change of spirit in evidence as early as in the spring training, and when the season actually began Cincinnati was playing much better Base Ball than it had played in 1927. It started off by fielding as a club with more perfect and more speedy action than the fielding of the teams that it was called upon to meet. Lucas developed into a winning pitcher, a help of no little value. When he was injured the Cincinnati began to have their troubles. His injury was followed by injury to other players and little by little the team that had been leading the league and that had built some air castles for the future by expecting to be at least in the first division, saw hopes shattered because team strength was gradually decreasing by the loss of valuable men. Until the season had been advanced through the Fourth of July the Cincinnati were comfortably in the first division, but from that time until the end of the race they fell back little by little. They were too good for Brooklyn,

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BROOKLYN. COMPARATIVE THREE-YEAR SUMMARY. Year. Finished. Won. Lost. PC. Manager. 1928 Sixth 77 76 .503 Wilbert Robinson 1927 Sixth 65 88 .425 Wilbert Robinson 1926 Sixth 71 82 .464 Wilbert Robinson Had it not been for the good pitchers that Brooklyn had on the roster of the team the nine would not have done as well in 1928 as it did. It was better than in either of the two years preceding. Of all the teams of the National League this was one in which the pitching strength preserved the balance of strength. If the manager had been deprived of the service of Vance, or McWeeny, Brooklyn would have had trouble to do better than Boston. The remainder of the team, except the pitchers, was too uncertain for the success of a major league team. By making the best fight that such a combination as Brooklyn possessed

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could make, the team finally won one more game than it lost. The players were really happy over that result, because they had been compelled to go through an uphill struggle from the start of the season. It is well to have some ambition in Base Ball, even if it is nothing more than to win more games by the narrowest possible margin than are lost. The Brooklyns were weak on the infield. They never had a substantial infield. All kinds of combinations were entered into, but there were only two fixtures. Bissonette continued at first base, a much more substantial first baseman than Brooklyn had the year before, and Bancroft, who had

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BOSTON. COMPARATIVE THREE-YEAR SUMMARY. Year. Finished. Won. Lost.
PC. Manager. 1928 Seventh 50 103 .327 JackSlattery,RogersHornsby 1927
Seventh 60 94 .390 David J. Bancroft 1926 Seventh 66 86 .434 David
J. Bancroft The Boston club passed through too many changes of one kind and another to make it possible for the team to have a productive season. The players went to the South under the management of Jack Slattery and with Rogers Hornsby as the regular second baseman. While in the training period Boston made a good showing, as almost uniformly it has, the team did not commend itself as a championship winner, but when Lester Bell was added to its infield, to play third base, it did appear to have merit that would take it high into the second division. It was predicted that in time Hornsby would be named as manager. This was logical enough, because Hornsby had major league managerial experience and Slattery did not. The change took place. When Hornsby was installed as

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manager other changes were made in the personnel of the players. They did not add to the strength of the team as had been expected and as results conclusively enough proved. Hornsby recognized the weaknesses of the team and was for rebuilding it from top to bottom, and if he had been retained as manager for 1929 almost surely would have insisted on that policy. Boston fell lower and lower in its winning ability as weak spots developed here and there. The pitching was only occasionally good and the batting

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PHILADELPHIA. COMPARATIVE THREE-YEAR SUMMARY. Year. Finished. Won. Lost. PC. Manager. 1928 Eighth 43 109 .283 Bert Shotton 1927 Eighth 51 103 .331 John J. McInnis 1926 Eighth 58 93 .384 Arthur Fletcher Philadelphia finished in the unenviable position of last in the race. The team played through its schedule

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with no hope to win the pennant. The season is best described as one in which the Phillies were constantly in the process of rebuilding. They exchanged players here and there and they added what they could in the way of younger men who had been without previous major league experience. The new manager, Shotton, had a most excellent idea of what he wanted and if the means were at his command ought to get it. It was a better team at the end of the season than it was at the beginning. It had found a young first baseman who promises to give finer results in 1929 than any first baseman with the team for some time. In Thompson it has one of the best second basemen of the National League, or any league. Sand played at about the speed he had played during his National League career. At third a young player, taken from New Orleans, constantly improved and this season the Phillies are more than likely to gain by his zealous efforts to improve. The outfield was never a strictly high class major league outfield, but when in its best form was better than some outfields that had started for the Phillies. Leach was a good player. He has been transferred to New York for 1929 and O'Doul has been taken by Philadelphia in his place.

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about the series. Houston, Texas League champion, made a game uphill fight and won the Dixie Series from Birmingham of the Southern Association. There were not as many post-season series as in 1927. The Indianapolis team, as it finished, was a powerful minor organization. In the Mid-West the minor leagues seemed to have a more severe struggle to keep going than on the seaboard. There were reasons for that which had nothing to do with Base Ball. Politics was active and amusements were affected by its activity. Some of the minor leagues lost money. That is not uncommon and there is no positive cure for anything of that kind and never likely to be one. The successes of Base Ball depends upon

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the success of many teams and if the teams do not win, owners and backers are not apt to profit. There were championship teams in 1928 that lost money-at least their owners said they did. This is not the fault of Base Ball. It is the fault either of poor administration or reckless expenditure. Minor League Base Ball is not different from any other business, or sport, so far as its balance is concerned. If the expenses are greater than the business warrants, there will be a deficit, and there can be no artificial provisions introduced into the regulations of the game which shall give any owner an assured profit. The surplus, if there is any, is to be derived at the gate and if all the receipts of the gate are expended, and also some additional cash, it is perfectly obvious to anyone what the fate of the owner is apt to be. Losses fastening themselves upon championship teams seem to be the result of over-confidence more than because of any fundamental fault of Base Ball. One of the minor leagues that operated with fair success in 1928 was the Nebraska State League. Its plan of organization is different from that of any minor league in Base Ball and it is a plan that is commended to other leagues of Class D. The theory of its method is centralization. One man is placed in charge of the business of the league, yet each club in the league has its individual controlling power in its own city. When the league first made attempt to be enrolled as a member of the National Association its petition was rejected on the ground that the corporation, as outlined, suggested a syndicate or trust. There is nothing of the trust or syndicate in it. No club in the league is forbidden to operate its playing affairs exactly as it wishes to do so, but each club of the league has its financial affairs handled by the president. If there were a saner system of organization for Class D than there has been in the past, with the old method of bitter individual rivalry prevailing in business as well as on the field, it would greatly help the extension of the game of Base Ball into those territories where they like the sport but where funds for the support of the smaller clubs are hard to obtain, and where the successful club dominates all others even to the point where the weaker organizations must pass out of business. The Mississippi Valley League was organized on a sound and practical basis to prove that a Class D league could be handled in the right way, and the league has been the joy of President Sexton since organized. There are good points about the Mississippi Valley League-very good-and there are some

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points about the Nebraska State League that are very good, and between the two any company of men seeking to organize a new minor league should look for information.

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MISSISSIPPI VALLEY LEAGUE The championship of the Mississippi Valley League was won by Waterloo, Iowa, in a fairly good season for the pet minor organization of President Sexton of the National Association of Professional Base Ball Leagues. The leading batter of the league was Koenecke of Moline, who finished the season with a percentage of .389. He was transferred to the Indianapolis club. Andrews of Marshalltown, who batted in two less than 100 games, had a percentage of .402 and surely is entitled to recognition for making a mark as high as that in 98 games. Klumpp of Burlington was third, with .387 in 116 games. Dubuque led in batting and Waterloo, the championship team, was third. The best pitcher in the league was J. Grant of Waterloo, who won 21 games and lost 5. Bradford of Waterloo won 16 games and lost 6. All the Waterloo staff were successful collectively. Rock Island and Moline tied for the lead in team fielding and Waterloo was again third in that department of the game. Koenecke batted the most home runs, 22, leading G. Moore of Ottawa by one. The season was not as good for the second division teams as it might have been. When Cedar Rapids finished there was a deficit and Ottumwa and Marshalltown were not overprosperous, yet the league is so well handled that its promoters go forward from season to season with confidence in the future. The league is committed to the rookie rule and the success of that rule is influencing other leagues which may find its best points adapted to them.

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BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE

BLUE RIDGE LEAGUE Hanover, in Maryland, won the championship of the Blue Ridge League in the play-off. The team meeting Hanover was Chambersburg, and the latter won one game of the five that were played. The leading batter of the six-club circuit was Hammen, first basemen of Hanover, with a percentage of .355. The leading pitcher was Blake of Chambersburg, who won 17 games and lost five. Blake was given his record because he played in 15 or more games. Howser of the same team was practically as good, with a record of 11 victories and 3 defeats. The season might have been better, but this league has made a reputation for good Base Ball and capital handling that has made it possible to weather more than one storm that threatened it in the past. It was reported after the season ended that the New York American League club would purchase the Chambersburg franchise and operate that club as a feeder and training ground for the Yankees. The quality of Base Ball played in the league is so good that major managers are not loathe to send their surplus players to the circuit for further improvement.

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MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS, 1928

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. 333 MOST VALUABLE PLAYERS, 1928
JAMES L. BOTTOMLEY, NATIONAL LEAGUE NATIONAL LEAGUE. James L. Bottomley of the St. Louis National League club was selected as the most valuable player to his team of those who competed in 1928. He played first base for St. Louis and led the league in runs batted in and more than held his own in other ways. His principal rival was Fred Lindstrom of New York, who received 70 votes to 76 cast for Bottomley. Burton Whitman, Boston Herald, chairman; Nick Flatley, Boston American; Tom Meany, Brooklyn Times; Jack Ryder, Cincinnati Enquirer; Irving Vaughan, Chicago Tribune; Bozeman Bulger, New York Evening World; Stephen O. Grauley, Philadelphia Inquirer; Bulallinger, Pittsburgh Post, and James M. Gould, St. Louis Star, comprised the committee which made the award. The vote was as follows: James L. Bottomley, St. L.,

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first base.76 Rogers Hornsby, Boston, second base. 10 Fred C. Lindstrom, N. Y., third base.70 Charles L. Hartnett, Chicago, catcher. 6 Burleigh A. Grimes, Pitts., pitcher... 53 Paul Waner, Pittsburgh, outfielder.... Lawrence J. Benton, N. Y., pitcher...37 Lance Richbourg, Boston, outfielder... 5 Hugh Critz, Cincinnati, second base.. .37 Taylor Douthit, St. Louis, outfielder.. 5 Harold J. Traynor, Pitts., third base..8 Del Bissonette, Brooklyn, first base... 328 Lewis R. Wilson, Chicago, outfielder ..21 D'Arcy Flowers, Brooklyn, second base 3 J. Francis Hogan, New York, catcher.17 James H. Wilson, St. Louis, catcher... 8 Travis L. Jackson, N. Y., shortstop... 16 Arthur Whitney, Phila., third base... 3 Walter J. Maranville, St. L., shortstop.14 Horace H. Ford, Cincinnati, shortstop. 2 Arthur C. Vance, Brooklyn, pitcher..13 Lafayette F. Thompson, Philadelphia, Charles J. Hafey, St. Louis, outfielder 11 second base 1 The ten players selected for honorable mention were: Frank F. Frisch, second baseman, St. Louis; George H. Sisler, first baseman, Boston; J. Riggs Stephenson, outfielder, Chicago; Clifton E. Heathcote, outfielder, Chicago; David J. Bancroft, shortstop, Brooklyn; Jesse L. Haines, pitcher, St. Louis; Andrew J. Reese, second baseman, New York; Fred C. Maguire, second baseman, Chicago; W. Curtiss Walker, outfielder, Cincinnati; James D. Welsh, outfielder, New York; Jesse L. Petty, pitcher, Brooklyn; Andrew A. High, third baseman, St. Louis; Grover C. Alexander, pitcher, St. Louis; William H. Sherdel, pitcher, St. Louis. GORDON S. COCHRANE, AMERICAN LEAGUE. Gordon S. Cochrane of the Philadelphia club was voted the most valuable player to his team during the season of 1928 by the committee specially named by the American League. Henry Manush of the St. Louis American League club gave Cochrane a very close battle. Cochrane received 53 votes and Manush 51. The competition was a little more scattered than usual. The commission making the award in 1928 was composed of Paul Shan- non, Boston Post; Harry Neily, Chicago American; Ed Bang, Cleveland News; H. G. Salsinger, Detroit News; W. B. Hanna, New York Herald- Tribune; James Isaminger, Philadelphia Inquirer; J. Ed Wray, St. Louis Post-Dispatch; Denman Thompson, Washington Star, The vote follows: Gordon Cochrane, Phila., catcher 53 Ira Flagstead, Boston, outfield 5 Henry Manush, St. Louis, outfield... 51 Edward Morris, Boston, .pitcher..... 4 Joseph Judge, Washington, infield....

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27 Harry Heilmann, Detroit, outfield.... 4 Anthony Lazzeri, New York, infield.. 27 Carl Lind, Cleveland, infield..... 4 William Kamm, Chicago, infield 15 William Cissell, Chicago, infield 4 Leon Goslin, Washington, outfield 13 Alphonse Thomas, Chicago, pitcher... 4 Earl Combs, New York, outfield 13 Owen Carroll, Detroit, pitcher 3 Charles Gehringer, Detroit, infield... 12 Harry Rice, Detroit, outfield..... 8 Charles Myer, Boston, infield 11 Lew Fonseca, Cleveland, utility..... 2 Waite Hoyt, New York, pitcher. 8 Ted Lyons, Chicago, pitcher..... 2 James Foxx, Philadelphia, utility.... 7 Urban Hodapp, Cleveland, Infield..... 2 Joe Sewell, Cleveland, Infield..... 6 Alex Metzler, Chicago, outfield..... 1 Luke Sewell, Cleveland, catcher.... 6 William Regan, Boston, infield..... 1

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In Memoriam

336 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. Mn flemoriam TOM BURNS. On November 16, 1928, Tom Burns, famous as one of the hardest hitting right fielders that Brooklyn ever had, died in that city. He played in Baltimore before he went to Brooklyn and was with the latter club in 1890 and from then on for a period of years. CHARLES CORGAN. Charles Corgan,, a Brooklyn infielder, died at Wagoner, Okla., June 13, 1928. After reporting for practice he became ill and was compelled to go to a hospital. He had played foot ball while a student at the University of Arkansas and had been given honorable mention by the late Walter Camp in the latter's annual All-America selection. JOHN DUNN. John Dunn, owner of tne Baltimore Base Ball club of the International League, died suddenly on Monday, October 22, astride the horse that he was riding at Towson, Md., where field trials were being held. An intense lover of dogs, he became excited over a beautiful point by a dog of his kennel and succumbed almost immediately to a heart attack. John Dunn was one of the most conspicuous figures of Base Ball and

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a leader in the International League. He had never overcome his dislike to the draft and fought it bitterly from the time that he became an owner. His club won seven successive pennants in the International League, beginning in 1915. Mr. Dunn gave many players a start in Base Ball, including Babe Ruth. He sold Ruth to the Boston American League club for \$14,000. He sold Grove, a left-hand pitcher, to the Philadelphia Athletics for \$100,000. Other players brought out by Dunn were Frank Baker, Joe Boley, Max Bishop, Fritz Maisel, Bob Shawkey, Ben Egan, Jack Bentley, John Ogden and George Earnshaw. Dunn was born at Meadville, Pa., October 6, 1874. He started as a pitcher, beginning his professional career at Binghamton, N. Y., in 1895. He played with Toronto, Brooklyn, Baltimore and the New York National League team on the infield. Occasionally he pitched for a major league club. He was a clever infielder, his best success being at third base. He is survived by his widow, his only son having died several years ago, the saddest blow that the father ever received, as he had expected that one day John Dunn Jr. would carry on in Base Ball where he would leave off. HORACE FOGEL. Horace Fogel died in Philadelphia after a long illness, November 15, 1928. Fogel had been a Base Ball writer and manager and president of the Philadelphia National League club and also manager of the Indianapolis and New York National League teams for a short period with each. He was not a success as a manager and became involved in a quarrel with other National League members when president of the Philadelphia National League club which resulted in his being barred from attendance at National League meetings. For many years Fogel was sports editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger when Base Ball, foot ball, boxing and horse racing were leading sports. He was famous for his column on Base Ball.

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. 337 T. P. HAWKS T. P. Hawks played with the Troy team of 1879 when Troy was a member of the National League. He was a second baseman. He died at Danvers, Mass., February 3, 1929, aged 76. In his earlier days he played with the Lynn Oaks and also with Manchester, N. H. FRED A. HAYNER. One of the saddest deaths of the early year of 1929 was that of Fred A. Hayner, a writer of sports on the Chicago Daily News. He was burned to death in a fire that destroyed

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his home while he was trying to adjust a stove. The former writer was well known for his contributions to Base Ball, also foot ball, and was considered to be an authority on those games. EDDIE KILLIAN. In the early days of the American League Eddie Killian was one of its most famous left-hand pitchers. He was with Detroit at that time. He died in Detroit July 18, 1928, after a long illness. His best Ditching was in 1907, 1908 and 1909, when he helped Hugh Jennings win a pennant. He had also played with Cleveland. HENRY J. KILLILEA. Henry J. Killilea, one of the founders of the American League and owner of the Milwaukee Base Ball Club of the American Association, died at Milwaukee, Wis., January 23, 1929. Mr. Killilea, who was sixty-two years old, with his brother Matt, Connie Mack, Charles Comiskey and Ban Johnson founded the American League at a meeting in the Killilea home at Milwaukee. In 1903 he became president of the Boston Red Sox when that club was tottering financially and won the pennant, but for nearly a quarter of a century thereafter he took no active part in the game. He re-entered Base Ball by buying the Milwaukee club. At the University of Michigan Mr. Killilea was a star Base Ball and foot ball player. Detroit made him an offer to play ball but he declined. Mr. Killilea never lost interest in his alma mater. Before taking up law at the University of Michigan Mr. Killilea was graduated from the Oshkosh State Teachers' College and was a teacher at Oakwood, Wis. He was born on a farm in Wisconsin in 1867. Miss Florence Killilea, a daughter, was elected to succeed her father as president of the Milwaukee club. PAUL LA GRAVE. Paul A. LaGrave for many years was the business manager of the Fort Worth, Texas, club of the Texas League. He was one of the best and most efficient leaders of Base Ball in Texas, although a young man. He died January 21, 1929, at El Paso, Texas, where he had gone to try to bring back his health which had broken down in the summer of 1928. JOSEPH J. LANNIN. Joseph J. Lannin, who died on May 15, 1928, was the owner of the Boston American League club from 1914 to 1916, inclusive. During his ownership the club won the world series in two seasons. He sold the club to H. H. Frazee. When he was president of the Boston club he bought the release of George Herman Ruth from the Baltimore club for \$14,000 He held other Base Ball stock, but of lesser importance. Mr. Lannin retired from Base Ball because he found the excitement of it too great a strain upon

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him physically, the heart ailment with which he was troubled eventually being the cause of his death.

338 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. THOMAS J. LOVETT. Tom Lovett once was one of the star pitchers of the Brooklyn club, a substantial, dependable pitcher who could throw the ball with speed and had good control. He pitched a no-hit-no-run major league game. He died in Providence, R. I., March 20, 1928. His Base Ball career began with the Philadelphia Athletics of the American Association. He pitched for the Boston Nationals, Providence and the Rochester club as well. DENNIS LYONS. One of the best batters in the history of Base Ball passed on January 2, 1929, at West Covington, Ky., when Dennis Lyons died. He was much better known as Denny. He was sixty-three years old. Lyons played with Baltimore, the St. Louis Browns and the Philadelphia Athletics of the old American Association. Not only could he bat far, but he was a hard line driver who could knock a fielder down by a batted ball, and had done so. Once he was over the .400 mark in batting. That was when bases on balls were rated as base hits. JAMES R. PRICE. Base Ball was saddened on January 29, 1929, by the news that James R. Price, secretary of the Boston American League Club, had taken his life at Boston during an attack of despondency brought on by ill health. "Jim" Price, as he was best known by his friends, was for many years sports editor of the old New York Press. When that publication was merged with another newspaper of New York Mr. Price became identified with the control of the grounds of the former Newark Federal League club and continued to manage the property until the stand burned and it was no longer available for exhibition purposes. Subsequent to that he was the eastern representative of the American League, with headquarters in New York City. URBAN J. SHOCKER. Urban J. Shocker, a pitcher of artistic attainment, who made a national reputation with the St. Louis and New York teams of the American League, died at Denver) Colo., September 9, 1928. Next to Ed Walsh he was considered to have been a great master of the spit ball, because he had learned to control it. Shocker was a native of Detroit and was thirty-five years of age. MICHAEL D. SCANLON. Michael D. Scanlon was one of the pioneer club owners of the National

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League. He died, aged eighty-one, at Georgetown, D. C., on January 18, 1929, as the result of a fall. In 1876 Mr. Scanlon took over the Nationals, which originally was a team composed of government employes and the first to make a Western tour, in 1867. He managed this team, which he claimed did more to aid Base Ball in gaining a foothold in the United States than any other organization. He was the last survivor of this famous team, which included Arthur Pue Gorman, former Senator from Maryland; Billie Williams, Harry Berthrong, Hodges, Parker, McLean, Schmidt, Robinson and Studley. With Robert Hewitt, Robert Drinkerd and Charles White, Washington bankers, Mr. Scanlon entered the Nationals in the Eastern League in 1884. Hewitt was president and White was treasurer of the club. Mr. Scanlon remained associated with the club as manager and president until 1900, when all interests were sold to the brothers Wagner of Philadelphia. CHARLIE SMITH. Charles Smith died in Cleveland in January, 1929. In his youth he was one of the best semi-pro pitchers in northern Ohio. Smith began his professional career with the Cleveland club and pitched his first game against the famous Rube Waddell and defeated the noted left-hander.

average LCLKtLrLuL. J- t-a \$4,250, which was a top mark for Base Ball at that time. FRANK WILSON. a Frank Wilson, National League umpire, died in Brooklyn June 12, 1928, after an operation for appendicitis. His condition never improved after the operation. Mr Wilson began to umpire in 1911, after he had been catcher for Jackstionville. He was given experience in college games as an umpire and went from those to the games of the American League. He remained with the American League for a time and then went to the Western League. His good work in that organization induced President Heydler of the National League to select him for the senior major organization.

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1, Alex iuzuKIS; z, Uick Perkins; 3, Jack Day; 4, Scott Barnes; 6, John Vaughn; 6, David Crowton; 7, Herman Franks; 8, Sid Lance; 9, Dick Henneman; 10, Sam Scar- celli; 11, Harrison Sperry; 12, Tom Morgan; 13, Melvin Morr; 14, Jack Jones. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH-CHAMPIONS OF REGION No. 3.

1, W. Tipler; 2, Kane; 3, Flaerty; 4, Ertle; 5, R. Wassell, Mgr.; 6, Marx; 7. Kemper; 8, Farrell; 9, Davis; 10, Marshall; 11, Gallivan; 12, Delmont; 13, McCabe; i1, Giuliani; 15, Loretz. ST. PAUL, MINN.-CHAMPIONS OF REGION No. 4. Linton, N. D.; Mitchell, S. D., and Milwaukee, Wis. The championship of Region No. 5 was decided by a series between Omaha, Nebraska title- holders, and the Kansas champions from Topeka, Omaha winning. In Region No. 6, Shreveport, La., won over San Antonio, Texas, Oklahoma City, and Blytheville, Ark. East of the Mississippi six -hard-fought regional tournaments were held. Cleveland, Ohio, won in Region No. 7 over Chicago, Detroit and Blanford, Ind., champions of their respective States. In Region No. 8, Louisville, Ky., carried off the honors over Memphis, Tenn., and Raleigh, N. C.; Virginia's champions, from Alexandria, were withdrawn from the tourna- ment because of an ineligible player. Meridian, Miss., won two games in one day to capture the title of Region No. 9 from Lindale, Ga.; Talladega, Ala., and Tampa, Fla. Teams from Williamsport, Pa.; Baltimore, Md.; Huntington, W. Va.; District of Columbia and Wilmington, Del., clashed in the Tenth Regional tournament, with Wilmington coming through undefeated. In the Eleventh

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Region, Central Falls, R. I., blighted the hopes of Yonkers, N. Y., for the second world championship and also put Hartford, Conn., and Irvington, N. J., out of the running. Worcester, Mass., won out in Region No. 12, turning back Burlington, Vt.; Manchester, N. H., and Alfred, Maine. Just before the six regional champions East of the Mississippi were to meet in Louisville, Ky., August 22, 23 and 24, for the All-Eastern Sectional Tournament, Cleveland discovered an ineligible player and withdrew. The Panama Canal Zone developed a championship team and had endeavored to get it to New York in time for the Eleventh Regional tournament, but the team failed to arrive early enough, so it was permitted to participate in the sectional tournament at Louisville, making the full six teams in the play. In the first day's play at Louisville, Central Falls, R. I., fell before Louisville by a score of 5 to 1, and Meridian, Miss., took the measure of Wilmington, Del. Louisville repeated the second day with a 15 to 2 victory over Panama, while Worcester, Mass., eliminated Meridian. The final game was a pitchers' battle between Dunlap of Worcester and Dettlinger of Louisville, with Worcester winning by a one-run margin.

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Pederson; 15, Watkins; 16, Radtke, Capt.; 17, Frost; 18, E. Olson; 19, Luther; 20, Nelson; 21, Lande; 22, Johnson; 23, Helland; 24, Stenehjelm; 25, Halvorson. LUTHER COLLEGE, DECORAH, IOWA.

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OFFICIAL MEASUREMENTS FOR LAYING OUT A BASE BALL FELD. For simple method of laying out a diamond, see page 4. Offilal diagram and measurements to lay out a field for junior players will be found on page 48.

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. 6 (Official text of the rules in large type. \ Explanatory notes by the editor in smaller type. The Coachers' Lines. RULE With R and S as centers and 15 feet radius, describe See official 6 arcs cutting the lines R W and S T at X and Y, and diagram on 6 from the points X and Y draw lines parallel with page 2. the lines F G and F H and continue same out 15 feet to an ex- tension of lines I G and I H, respectively. Coachers are obliged to stay within the confines of the coacher's box, which, Coachers' as will be noted on the diagram (page 2), does not permit them to go nearer restriction. than 15 feet to the base lines. Note also the amendment of 1926 by which the coachers may not go beyond an extension of the base lines running between first and second bases and between second and third bases. This keeps them completely out of outfield territory. Not more than two coachers may be on the field at the same time-one in each coacher's box. The Three-Foot Line. RULE With F as a center and 45 feet radius, describe an See official 7 arc cutting the line F G at the figure one (1) and diagram on from the figure one (1) to the distance of three feet draw a line at right angles to F G, and mark point 2; then from point 2. draw a line parallel with the line F G to a point three feet beyond the point G, marked 3; then from the point 3 draw a line, at right angles to line 2, 3, back to and inter- secting with F G. The Batsman's Lines. RULE On either side of the line A F B describe a rectangle See official 6 feet long and 4 feet wide (marked 9 and 10, re- page 2.on spectively). The longest side of each rectangle shall be parallel with the line A F B and the rectangles shall be 29 inches apart or $14\frac{1}{2}$ inches on either side of line A F B. The middle of the long side of each rectangle shall be on a line with the middle corners of home base. See enlarged section on diagram of field (page 2), showing position of home plate and batsman's box. If it is not possible to outline a "box" it should be remembered that the batter Batsman must i s never allowed to step over home plate to strike at the ball, and that he must not step over not run forward toward the pitcher, to exceed three feet from the center of the plate or out of plate, to strike at the ball. box. The Pitcher's Plate. RULE SECTION 1. From point F measure along line F E a See official distance of 60 feet 6 inches to point 4, which marks diagram on V 9 page 2. the front of the pitcher's plate. Draw a line 5, 6, passing through point 4 at right angles to F4, and extending 12 inches on

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either side of line F B; then with line 5, 6, as a side, describe a rectangle 24 inches by 6 inches in which shall be placed the pitcher's plate. SEc. 2. The pitcher's plate shall not be more than 15 inches Pitcher stands higher than the base lines or the home plate, which shall be level on elevation. with the surface of the field, and the slope from the' pitcher's Home plate plate to every base line and the home plate shall be gradual. of field.

6'e ~ SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. Official text of the rules in large type. Explanatory notes by the editor in smaller type. The Bases. dia offi RULE SECTION 1. Within the angle F, describe a five- page 2. 10 sided figure, two of the sides of which shall coincide with the lines F G and F H to the extent of 12 inches each, thence parallel with the line FB 8 1/2 inches to the points U and V a straight line between which, 17 inches long, will form the front of the home base or plate. SEC. 2. Within the angles at G and H describe squares, whose sides are 15 inches in length, two of the sides of which squares shall lie along the lines F G and G I, I H and H F, which squares shall be the location of the first and third bases, respectively. At point I, the intersection of G I and H I, describe a square 15 inches on each side, the center of which is directly over point I and whose sides are parallel to G I and H I. This shall locate second base. some base and RULE The home base at F and the pitcher's plate at 4 itcher's plate 1 must be each of whitened rubber, and so fixed in the rubber. ground as to be even with its surface. The size of the pitcher's plate shall be 24 inches by 6 inches. See enlarged section on diagram of field (page 2), showing position of home plate. Bases of white RULE The first base at G, the second base at I and the canvas. 12 third base at H must each be a white canvas bag 15 inches square filled with soft material and securely fastened in place at the points specified in Rule 10. The bases, except home plate, are best constructed of canvas bags filled with sawdust. Home plate should be of whitened rubber, whenever it is possible to obtain it. Some cruder substance may be used for bases if nothing else is obtain- able, but it is best to follow the suggestions given. First, second and third bases Attach bases should be attached to pegs driven in the ground, and home plate should be sunk to pegs. so that its upper surface is on a level with the surface of the ground. White lines to RULE The

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lines described in Rules 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 must designate be marked with lime, chalk or other white material, playing field. 1 easily distinguishable from the ground or grass. Rules 2 to 13, inclusive, describe mathematically how to lay out a diamond for professional contests. For schoolboys, the National Joint Rules Committee recommends a smaller size diamond, measurements for which will be found on page 48. Semi-professional and independent games are played on diamonds of the regulation size. For simple method of laying out a Base Ball field, see page 4. The Ball. Official ball. RULE SECTION 1. The ball must weigh not less than five -14 nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois, and measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. The Spalding National League Ball is used in the National League and the Reach American League Ball is used in the American League. Number of balls SEC. 2. The president of the league of which the contesting umpire clubs are members shall specify the number of base balls which umpire. clubs are members shall specify the number of base balls which

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A Regulation Game. RULE Every championship game must be commenced not Startplaytwohotirs 22 later than two hours before sunset and shall continue before sunset. until each team has had nine innings, provided, however, that the game shall terminate and it shall be a regula- tion game: SECTION 1. If the side first at bat scores less runs in nine Sidelastat bat has Innings than the other side has scored in eight innings. scored more runs in SEC. 2. If the side last at bat in the ninth inning scores the opponent in nine. .- winning run before the third man is out. Provided, that if a Winning run batsman, in the last half of the final inning of any game, hit a scores in last half of ninth inning home

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run over the fence or into a stand, all runners on the bases before third hand at the time, as well as the batsman, shall be entitled to score, and out. in such event all bases must be touched in order by the runners All .unners on 0 and the final score of the game shall be the total number of bases score when runs made. home run is made in final inning, bases, SEC. 3. If the game be called by the umpire on account of to be touched. darkness, rain, fire, panic, or for other cause which puts patrons Calling game for or players in peril. Provided five or more equal innings have darkness, rain, fire, panic or been played, or if the club second to bat shall have made more other causes. runs at the end of its fourth inning, or before the completion of its fifth inning, than the club first at bat has made in five com- pleted innings. SEC. 4. If the score be a tie at the end of nine (9) innings for With score tied each team, play shall be continued until one side has scored more iame cont inues. runs than the other in an equal number of innings; provided, winning run can that if the side last at bat score the winning run before the third be made by team man is out in any inning after the ninth, the game shall terminate. last at bat in any inning after Rule 22 applies to all games, amateur or professional, unless it is mutually ninth before agreed to play less than nine innings. Sections 1, 2 and 3 of This rule apply to hr e oue all games and are easily understood. Amateurs may begin a game at an hour three outs. later than two hours before sunset if they wish, and where the twilight is pro- Amateurs need tracted, as in the Northwest, games are begun later than two hours before sunset. not observe Section 2 provides as a suitable reward that the batsman who hits a home run sunset rule. In the last half of the final inning of a game is to get credit for it no matter what Batter finishing the score may be. It is a change which is only fair to the batsaian. Home runs, atter g inlshm and most of them, are events of luck. Luck or not, they are something of game with home which every batter is proud, and there is no reason why a batter who has run hit gets made one should be deprived of credit for it simply because the state of the credit. score does not arbitrarily need it. If the batter makes a home run in the last

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Pitcher faces THE PITCHING RULES. batsman. Delivery of the Ball to the Bat. Pitcher's feet squarely on RULE SECTION 1. Preliminary to pitching, the pitcher ground. 30 shall take his position facing the batsman with both Pitcher's feet In feet squarely on the ground and in front of the front of plate or on top. pitcher's plate or on top of the pitcher's plate; and in the act of One foot in delivering the ball to the bat he must keep one foot in contact contact with with the pitcher's plate defined in Rule 9. He shall not raise pitcher's plate. either foot until in the act of delivering the ball to the bat, nor Only one ste make more than one step in such delivery. elvwern SEC. 2. At no time during the progress of the game shall the No foreign pitcher be allowed to (1) apply a foreign substance of any kind substance, no to the ball; (2) expectorate either on the ball or his glove; (3) Ball ma not rub the ball on his glove, person or clothing; (4) deface the ball in be rubbed.

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Dead ball not struck at touch: ing batsman's person or clothing.

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Definition of fair hit. On fair ground beyond first or third.

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Batsman misses. Legally delivered ball not struck at. Foul fly not caught, unless two strikes. Foul bunt not caught. Pitched ball, batsymatn swings, hits batsman.

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. 25 RULE 51 is Official text of the rules in large type. RULE ' \Explanatory notes by the editor in smaller type. position, or in any way obstructing or interfering with that player; except that the batsman shall not be out under this sec- Not out if tion if the base-runner be declared out according to Section 15 declared out of Rule 56. SEC. 6. If, while first base be occupied by a base-runner, the Dropped third third strike be called on him by the umpire, unless two men are runner on first, already out. unless two out. SEC. 7. If, while attempting a third strike, the ball touch any Ont if ball touch batsman part of the batsman's person, in which case base-runners occupy- attempting ing bases shall not advance as prescribed in Rule 55, Section 5. third strike. SEC. 8. If, before two hands are out, while first and second or Infield Fly. first, second and third bases are occupied, he hit a fair fly ball, other than a line drive, that can be handled by an infielder. In such case the umpire shall, as soon as the ball be hit, declare it Umpire must an infield or outfield hit; but the runners may be off their bases declare infield or advance at the risk of the ball being caught, the same as on or outfield hit. any other fly ball. Provided, that, with first and second bases occupied, or first, second and third bases occupied, with less than two out, any attempt to bunt which results in a fair fly ball Bunt not shall not be regarded as an infield fly. infield fly. SEC. 9. If the third strike be called in accordance with Sec- Third strike out. tions 4 or 5 of Rule 49. SEC. 10. If he steps from one batsman's box to the other Batsman stepping while the pitcher is in his position ready to pitch. from one box Section 1 is very important and very often incorrectly ruled upon. If the wrong batter has two strikes and three balls called against him and it is discovered that he is the wrong batter, the right batter must take his place at once, but only one ball or strike chance is left to him. If the wrong batsman makes a home run with the bases filled and the mistake is ascertained before the ball has been delivered by the pitcher to the succeeding batter, the home run does not count, nor do the other runs score. The batter who missed his turn is out, of course, and his successor, who may have just made a home run, as noted, goes to bat again, this time as the rightful batter. If,

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however, no one observes the mistake until after the pitcher has delivered the ball to the succeeding batter, the game proceeds and the runs do count. Section 2 is not enforced to the limit. As a matter of fact there is little reason to enforce it. Most players are too anxious to bat. Its purpose is to give the umpire authority to act if the game is purposely delayed. The batsman is out if a foul fly, other than a foul tip, is caught by a fielder, Foul caught in provided the latter does not use his cap, his protector, or any illegal contrivance chest protector to catch the ball, and provided the ball does not strike some object other than a fielder before being caught. The batter is never out if a foul tip is caught between not out. the catcher's chest protector and the body. If a fielder stands on fair territory and reaches over into foul territory to Fielder's position attempt to catch a fly and deflects the ball into fair ground, his position does does not make not make the hit a fair ball. The reverse also holds true in regard to a player hit fair or foul standing on foul ground and reaching after a fair batted ball. Section 5 provides two ways of punishment if there is interference on the part Two penalties of the batter. The second penalty only applies when there is a runner on third for, hatter's base, the object being to inflict the greater penalty under the circumstances,' interference. otherwise a batsman might "sacrifice" a runner home by interference. Note Section 6. If the umpire calls a third strike with first base occupied First-base runner and there are not two hands out, the batter is out whether the catcher holds not forced when the third strike or not. An important game was once lost in the National League catcher drops third because the runner on first base did not know this rule. He thought that he was strike, with less forced when the third strike was called against the batter and the catcher dropped than two out. the ball. He did not need to leave first and was an easy out when he tried to

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When Base-Runners are Out. RULE The base-runner is out: Runner hinder 56 SECTION-
1. If, after three strikes have been declared ing catcher against him while the batsman, the
third strike ball be not legally caught and he plainly attempts to hinder the catcher from
fielding the ball. Caught fly. SEC. 2. If, having made a fair hit while batsman, such fair hit
tall must not be ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground caught
in any or any object other than a fielder; provided, it be not caught in part of uniform. a
fielder's hat, cap, protector, pocket or other part of his uniform. Three strikes. SEC. 3. If,
when the umpire has declared "Three Strikes" on him while the batsman, the third strike
ball be momentarily held by a fielder before touching the ground; provided, it be not caught
in a fielder's cap, protector, pocket or other part of his Touch some uniform, or touch some
object other than a fielder before being foreign object. caught. Touched before SEC. 4.
If, after three strikes or a fair hit, he be touched with reaching first the ball in the hand of
a fielder before he shall have touched base. first base. Fielder touches SEC. 5. If, after
three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely first base held by a fielder while touching first
base with any part of his before runner. person before such base-runner touch first base.
Running outside SEC. 6. If, in running the last half of the distance from home to first base.
base to first base, while the ball is being fielded to first base, he

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large type. Explanatory notes)by the editor in smaller type. When base- on a fly ball shall
have the right to advance the moment such runner may fly ball touches the hands of a
fielder. ball caught. SEC. 11. If, when the batsman becomes a base-runner, the Forced by
first base, or the first and second bases, or the first, second and succeeding third bases
be occupied, any base-runner so occupying a base batsman. shall cease to be entitled
to hold it, and may be put out at the No force onfly next base in the same manner as
in running to first base, or by infield fly. Base-runner being touched with the ball in the

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hands of a fielder at any out if hit by time before any base-runner following him in the batting order batted ball not be put out, unless the umpire should decide the hit of the bats- toufeldeby man to be an infield fly according to Section 8 of Rule 51. No base run. SEC. 12. If a fair hit ball strike him before touching a fielder, No ru scored, and, in such case, no base shall be run unless necessitated by No run scored. the batsman becoming a base-runner, but no run shall be scored Umpire puts or any other base-runner put out until the umpire puts the ball ball in play. back into play. Cutting bases, SEC. 13. If, when advancing bases, or forced to return to a in regular or base, while the ball is in play, he fail to touch the intervening reverse order, base or bases, if any, in the regular or reverse order, as the case may be, he may be put out by the ball being held by a fielder on any base he failed to touch, or by being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder in the same manner as in running to first Not out if base; provided, that the base-runner shall not be out in such pitcher delivers case if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher before the is claimed, fielder hold it on said base or touch the base-runner with it. Failure to SEC. 14. If, when the umpire call "Play," after the suspension retouch base of a game, he fail to return to and touch the base he occupied wans called when "Time" was called before touching the next base; provided, the base-runner shall not be out, in such case, if the ball be delivered to the bat by the pitcher, before the fielder hold it on said base or touch the base-runner with it. Runner on SEC. 15. If with one or no one out and a base-runner on third third; batsman base, the batsman interferes with a play being made at home interferes at home plate. plate. Passing pre- SEC. 16. If he pass a preceding base-runner before such run- ceding runner. ner has been legally put out he shall be declared out immediately. Base-runner SEC. 17. If, in the judgment of the umpire, the coacher at touched by third base by touching or holding the runner physically assists him in returning to or leaving third base. The runner, however, should not be declared out if no play is being made on him. Overrunning SEC. 18. The base-runner in running to first base may over- first base. run said base after touching it in passing without incurring Must return at liability to be out for being off said base, provided he return at retouch and once and retouch the base, after which he may be put out as at retouch base. any other base. If,

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after overrunning first base, he attempts to Whefor base- run to second base, before returning to first base, he shall forfeit exemption such exemptner forfeits exemption. such exemption from liability to be put out.

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84 -SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. RULE 56 (Official text of the rules in large type R Explanatory notes by the editor in smaller type.) distance hit, the base line rule is not exacted. He can make his turn as best h e can so that he shall not cut the bases. The runner never is out if he runs behind a fielder who is trying to field the ball. He may run in front of the fielder; indeed. sometimes it is almost impossible to do otherwise, but he must be careful that he does not interfere with the fielder. When fielders Section 8 is easily understood. If the fielders have run into one another the collide. runner is not at fault if he collides with that fielder who, in the opinion of the umpire, had the lesser opportunity to field the ball. The present rule is clarified as compared with the original. The runner is out at any time when he is touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless the runner is on the base which he is entitled to occupy. The ball, however, must be held by the fielder after he has touched the runner. If the runner deliberately knocks the ball out of the fielder's hands to avoid being put out, he must be declared out. Note that the rule states explicitly tha the ball cannot be juggled by the fielder. Section 10 means that the runner is out if he cannot get back to the be that he originally occupied, after a foul or fly catch is made, and the ball ^ . thrown to the base ahead of him. For instance, a runner is on second base. The L ball is batted so hard and so close to the foul line that the runner is sure it is 7 a safe hit. He starts to run and when he arrives at third base finds that the hit was caught. Then the ball is thrown to second before he can return and is held on the base. That retires the runner. A similar condition prevails at first Runners may and third bases. If the runner slides into a base or jumps into it and unloosens *tart from base it from its fastening, he is safe if he is not forced out or if he has not been touched. instant ball He is not compelled to follow the base. The base-runner shall have the right touches fielder's to advance the moment a fly ball touches the hands of the fielder. Whether or

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touches fielder's not the ball is caught or muffed, he can try for the next base subject to the rules hands. regarding advancing on bases. Batsman the Section 11 embraces the much misunderstood "force" rule. No runner can be only player who forced on the base paths except the batsman becomes a base-runner. For in- can start a stance, with runners on, say, all of the bases, the runner on third suddenly can start a decides to steal home and the runner on second moves up to third base and "force play." touches it. The runner who had been on third, however, decides that he can not make home safely, and returns to third base. He is legally entitled to do so, while the runner who had come up from second will have to hurry back to that base the best way he can. Many amateurs think that the moment the runner on second touches third base, the runner who was on third becomes "forced" to go to the plate, but he is not. This applies in like manner to runners on first and second, respectively. The runner is always entitled to return to the base he held originally-always with the possibility of being put out by being touched with the ball until that time when the batsman forces all runners immediately preceding him by becoming a base-runner. If there were three runners on bases when that happened, all of them necessarily would have to start. The runner on third base would try to get home, the runner on second would try to get to third, and the runner on first would try to get to second, while the batter would try to beat the ball to first. His play at bat forced everybody, but until the batter starts a force play there is no force play in Base Ball. Very many of the "knotty problems" submitted to the editor of the GUIDE each year bear upon misconstruction of what constitutes a "force." In the event of an infield fly, the umpire is expected to announce "infield fly" or "outfield fly," for no other purpose than to kill the "force." When he says, "batter out," it is an infield fly and the runners may hold their bases in safety. Advancing after After a long fly to the outfield is caught-fair or foul fly-the base-runners fly hit is caught. have the privilege of trying to advance a base, at their own risk, On a long foul fly to the outfield, with a runner on third and a long throw to the home plate in prospect, it is not always good policy for a fielder to try for the foul. A fast runner may beat the throw-in. Ball games have been lost by outfielders not taking careful note of such conditions. Batter entitled - The runner is out if he is hit while on fair territory by a batted ball. The ball

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to first when is dead. That should not be forgotten. The batter takes his base, however. If a batted ball hits the runner, in trying for a three-base hit, should fail to touch either first base or second base, he is out if the attention of the umpire is called to the play, and the runner is out if the umpire saw the omission. In like manner, if the runner in returning to bases-the ball being in play-fail to touch the bases in regular order, if he is Umpire's attention called upon to do so because of the play that is being made, he is out, if the umpire is called to his transgression, and if the umpire saw omission to touch his failure to do so. If the pitcher has delivered the ball to the batter before the bases claim is made, the runner may not be called out. It should be noted that the attention of the umpire must be called to the act of a runner having omitted to touch a base. The umpire is a referee, not a policeman; and questions of fact are submitted to him for decision in his judicial capacity. Calling "Play" or "Time" is exactly as calling fair or foul, so far as returning or touching a base is concerned.

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. RULE 58 (Official text of the rules in large type. Explanatory notes by the editor in smaller type.) offenders shall be debarred from further participation in the game, and shall leave the playing field forthwith. Fines are not assessed in amateur games, but amateurs, as well as professionals, should live up rigidly to the rules in regard to coaching. There is nothing meaner than to appeal to the spectators to clamor at the top of their voices against the visiting players. One of the most disgusting features of any game is the use of language equally disgusting, and it is not good sportsmanship to "ride"- the opposing players; that is, to goad them to anger by the use of personalities. The Scoring of Runs. RULE one run shall be scored every time a base-runner, L 59 after having legally touched the first three bases, shall legally touch the home base before three men are put out; provided, however, that if he reach home on or during a play in which the third man be forced out or be put out before reaching first base, a run shall not count. (for definition of a "force-out" see Rule 56, Sec. 22.) Again the "force-out" is brought plainly to attention. A run cannot be scored if the third hand out

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is forced out or is put out before he reaches first base. For instance, three runners are on bases and the batter hits a slow grounder to the shortstop. Before he gets the ball the runner on third, who has a good start toward home, is quite up to the plate, but the runner who was on first is slow and the shortstop throws him out before he is able to make second base. The run does not count. The force play does not necessarily have to be made at first base. If there is a runner on third and the batter hits the ball to the pitcher, who fumbles it, and the third baseman recovers it and throws the batter out at first base, and it is the third hand out, a run does not score even if the runner on third was over home plate before the ball got to first base. On the other hand, if the third hand should be put out at second base, and not on a force play, and a runner on third should have scored before the put-out was made, the run does count. Note carefully in this rule that a third-hand-out force play prevents a run from scoring, and that if the batter is the third out before reaching first base a run cannot score.

UMPIRES AND THEIR DUTIES. Power to Enforce Decisions. **RULE** The umpires are the representatives of the league and as such are authorized and required to enforce each section of this code. They shall have the power to order a player, coach, captain or manager to do or omit to do any act which in their judgment is necessary to give force and effect to one or all of these rules, and to inflict penalties for violations of the rules as hereinafter prescribed. In order to define their respective duties, the umpire judging balls and strikes shall be designated as the "Umpire-in-Chief;" the umpire judging base decisions as the "Field Umpire." Umpires in amateur games have equally as much authority as those in professional games except that fines are not imposed in amateur games. The Umpire-in-Chief. **RULE SECTION 1.** The Umpire-in-Chief shall take position back of the catcher; he shall have full charge of and be responsible for the proper conduct of the game. With exception of the decisions to be made by the Field

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RULE The umpire shall call "Play" at the hour appointed 73 for the beginning of a game, announce "Time" at its legal interruption and declare "Game" at its legal termination. Prior to the commencement of the game he shall announce the batteries, and during the progress of the game shall announce each change of players. In case of an overflow crowd, he shall announce the special ground rules and he shall

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. 43 (Official text of the rules in large type. \ Explanatory notes by the editor in smaller type.) The Batsman's Record. RULE SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, Times at bat. 85 after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game, but the exceptions made in Rule 82 must not be included. SEC. 2. In the second column shall be set down the runs, if Runs. any, made by each player. SEC. 3. In the third column shall be placed the base hits, if Base hits. any, made by each player. SEC. 3-a. If, in the last half of the final inning, with the win- Credit for ning run on base, the batsman drives home that run, credit shall bases scored on be given him for as many bases on his hit as the runner ad- winning run- vances; except, however, that in case of the batsman driving a fair ball out of the playing field, he shall receive credit for a On home run. home run, provided he complies with Rule 59. Be sure that the batter gets a home run when the ball goes out of the playing field in the last half of final inning, provided the batter runs the bases. The Scoring of Base Hits. SEC. 4. A base hit shall be scored in the following cases: Defining base When the ball from the bat strikes the ground on or within hit the foul lines and out of the reach of the fielders, provided the Ball out of batter reaches first base safely. fair ground. When a fair-hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder Ball partially in motion, but such player can not recover himself in time to stopped, fielder field the ball to first before the striker reaches that base or to cannot recover. force out another base-

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runner. When the ball be hit with such force to an infielder or pitcher Ball a player that he can not handle it in time to put out the batsman or cannot handle, force out a base-runner. In a case of doubt over this class of ouibtif in hits, a base hit should be scored and the fielder exempted from the charge of an error. When the ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he can not Slow hit, fielder handle it in time to put out the batsman or force out a base-cannot get runner. In all cases where a base-runner is retired by being hit by a Base hit for batted ball, unless batted by himself, the batsman should be batted ball. credited with a base hit. When a batted ball hits the person or clothing of the umpire, Batted ball as defined in Rule 53, Section 6. hitting umpire. In no case shall a base hit be scored when a base-runner is Force-out kills forced out by the play. credit for base hit. When a fielder, after handling a batted ball, elects to try to retire a base-runner instead of the batter, the play is known as a "fielder's choice." In case the runner is retired, or would be pielder's retired but for an error, the batter shall be charged with a time choice. at bat, but no hit. If the runner is not retired, and no error is Time at bat made, the batter shall be charged with a time at bat, but no hit, no hit-

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No stolen base shall be credited to a runner whose advancing alleged "steal." results from the opposing team's indifference thereto. In other words, when runners are deliberately permitted to circle around the bases because the team at bat cannot conceivably win, there are no stolen bases. If a runner steals a base and the catcher evidently refuses to throw fearing that a runner may score from third, a stolen base should be credited, in fairness to the runner who makes the catcher "show his hand." Definition of Wild Pitch and Passed Ball. Batsman SEC. 10. A wild pitch is a legally delivered ball, so high, low or reaches rst. wide of the plate that the catcher can not or does not stop and Runner control it with ordinary effort, and as a result the batsman advances. reaches first base or a base-runner advances. Passed ball The catcher shall be charged with a passed ball when a base- defined. runner is enabled to advance by the catcher's failure to hold or control a legally delivered ball that should have been held or controlled with ordinary effort. Definition of Run Earned Off Pitcher. Earned run. SEC. 11. A run earned off the pitcher shall be scored every time a player reaches home base by the aid of safe hits, sacrifice Pitcher et hits, stolen bases, bases on balls, hit batsmen, wild pitches and benefit of doubt balks, before fielding chances have been offered to retire the side. in fielding The pitcher shall be given the benefit of doubt whenever field- error. ing errors are made and in determining the base to which a Pitcher's runner should have been held with perfect support on part of error. fielders. A fielding error made by the pitcher shall be considered Fielding error, the same as any other fielding error. No run can be earned that or passed ball. prevents scores as result of batsman having reached first base on a field- earned run. ing error or passed ball; nor can any run be earned after the Failure on fielding side has failed to accept chances offered to retire the side. chances to retire side To determine the pitcher's percentage for the season, the total earevent number of runs earned off his pitching shall be divided by the Pitcher's total number of innings he has pitched; then multiplied by nine, percentage. to find his average effectiveness for a complete game.

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point is added to the average. Spalding's "Ready Reckoner of Club Standings" (Spalding's Athletic Library No. 508B) is a useful compilation. Price, 50 cents. For sale at all Spalding stores or by mail from American Sports Publishing Co., 45 Rose St., New York.

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. 55 Two balls are on the field. Batsman hits foul back of catcher too far for him to recover the ball. Umpire puts new ball in play. Batsman hits the second ball to right field for a base hit. The ball is thrown in to first baseman, who holds it. The ball that was found is also thrown into the diamond and recovered by the pitcher, who holds that ball. Runner on first base steps off and is touched by the first baseman. The umpire after some thinking, calls him out. Was he out and were there two balls in play?-R. C. Bailie, Harkland, Wis. There cannot be two balls in play during a game at any time. The first baseman was given the ball that had been batted to right field, but even though this ball seemed to be in play it was put out of play the moment that the other ball came back on the diamond. The umpire should have protected the runner. Stepping out of the box. Runner is on third base, two are out and the batter has two strikes. Runner attempts to steal home on a pitch. Catcher steps toward the third base side of home plate and in front of the plate and catches the ball, which would n(doubt have been a strike. Batter having instructions not to strike at the ball, and to avoid making a strike, took a step backwards, to avoid the collision between the runner and the catcher. Batter was declared out for stepping out of the box while the ball was in motion. I contend that the catcher got the ball before the batter could have struck at it, that the run should have scored, a called ball should have been declared and the batter be entitled to another strike.-Joseph E. Tell, Maracaibo, Venezuela. The batter never is out for stepping out of the box unless he bats the ball as he does so. In the rules, that is called illegal batting of the ball, and always retires the batsman. In this case the umpire should have called a ball or strike, the batter should have continued to bat and the run should have scored. Putting in another batter. Can a batter be taken out of the game after he has taken his position in the batter's box and balls and strikes have been called by the umpire? "A" contends that he can be taken out and "B" says that when a batter has once faced the pitcher he must finish his term at bat.-J. C. Newton, Jackson, Ga. The batsman may be taken out at any time and another player complete his term at bat. If there are three called balls and two strikes on the batsman a substitute may take his place with only one pitch left. Batter goes toward his bench. Runner is on second and another on third. One is out. Catcher drops the

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third strike. Batter starts to first base, then stops and walks toward his team mates. They yell to him and he runs to first. The catcher makes a poor throw and a run scores. Was I right in calling the runner "safe" at first?- George F. Hesse, Savage School, Westbury, L. I., N. Y. If the runner did not run out of line in the last 45 feet between home plate and first base he was safe. The run scored. Some players seem to get this rule confused with that which has to do with a runner on first base. Batter hits pitched ball that hits ground. Runners on first and second bases. Pitcher throws curve ball to the batter. The ball strikes the ground before passing home plate. Batter starts to strike at the ball but checks himself before completing his swing. The ball bounds up hitting his bat and then rolls into foul territory. Each runner advances a base. It was ruled a dead ball. Was that right?-Merrill L. Dawson, Antioch College, Yellow Springs, Ohio. If the catcher did not touch the ball prior to the time that the batsman accidentally hit it, it was a pitch and it must go as such. Therefore, as the ball rolled into foul ground it was a foul hit.

56 , SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. Not a balk. PROBLEMS OF PITCHING. Runner on first. Pitcher stands in position facing the batter, with both hands on the ball. Runner starts for second, thinking that the pitcher is about to deliver the ball to the batter. Pitcher turns, sees the attempted steal and removes one hand from the ball. He takes six or eight steps and throws to second base. Is this a balk?--John G. Atwood, Winsted, Conn. It is not a balk. The pitcher merely acted in his capacity as fielder and had a perfect right to put the runner out, as any fielder might have. Pitcher may make quick delivery. Pitcher delivers the ball to the batsman, who strikes at it, and in doing so swings himself out of the batter's box. Before he is able to recover himself and return to the batter's box the pitcher makes a quick delivery and the umpire rules it a strike. Was the umpire right?- A. J. Apau, Alice, N. D. If the batter leaves the box while swinging at the ball he must protect himself at all times. The pitcher has a perfect right to deliver the ball to the batter unless the umpire tells the pitcher not to do so. A play similar to this took place in the world series of 1928. Babe Ruth swung at the second strike and missed the ball. Sherdel, the St. Louis pitcher, made a quick return over the plate and Ruth seemed out on strikes.

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It developed, however, that for this series a special rule abolishing the so-called quick return had been agreed upon. Umpire Pfirman would not allow the pitch and his decision caused much comment. The quick return, however, is perfectly legitimate. This is a balk. Pitcher had his body going forward in delivering the ball when he noticed that the runner had started in from third base. There was a noticeable hesitation in the pitcher's swing and then he continued his throw. His pause was so long that the runner stopped when he saw it and was touched out. I ruled it a balk and called the runner safe. Was I right?--Harold Westhof, Grand Haven, Mich. As you described the play it seems to have been a balk because the delay of the pitcher was of such long duration as to deceive the runner, Pitcher must be on his plate to be in legal position. Ball is batted foul and is not caught. It is returned to the pitcher and the umpire calls "Play Ball." Pitcher throws to second base and catches the runner. The question arises, "What is considered 'the pitcher in his position'?" Must the pitcher occupy his plate before the ball can be put in play, or is he in his position when he is on the pitcher's mound near his plate?--S. F. Spurbeck, Proctor, Minn. No matter whether the umpire calls "Play Ball" or not, the ball is never in play until the pitcher stands on his own plate with the ball in his possession. Must pitch after wind-up. Runner was on third and, without looking at the batter, I wound up with my foot and, on the hop, threw the ball to third. The umpire called it a balk. Was he right?--Philip Knook, Browns Valley, Minn. When the wind-up of the pitcher begins a play is said to start. The umpire would rule that the wind-up must be followed by the delivery of the ball and probably would call it a balk if you stepped toward the base and did not complete your pitching motion.

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68 LSPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. When the pitcher may feint to throw. If the pitcher's feet are both back of, in front of, or to one side of the plate, may he pretend to throw to first base or to the batter without making a balk?--F. Harris, Leavitt. If the pitcher is not on his plate he may pretend to throw toward first base. even if a runner is on base. If the pitcher pretends to throw to the batter and there is a runner on any base, it

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is a balk. The distinction between balk and no balk rests solely on whether a runner is on any base. Preliminary stretch by pitcher. When the pitcher stretches his arms at full length after assuming a legal position on a rubber and then brings his hands back again to his chest before delivering the ball is that considered to be part of his wind-up? If the pitcher then steps and throws to a base to catch a runner is it a balk?-Henry W. Greve, Brooklyn, N. Y. When the pitching rule was changed in 1920 the umpires were very strict about all preliminary motions. At that time it is probable that the stretching of arms described by you would have been called part of the wind-up and if it had been thus decided it would have been a balk. More recently it has been the custom to grant wider latitude, because the strictest interpretation of the rules made it difficult for a pitcher to get the best grip on the ball. In the last two or three years umpires have permitted pitchers to put the ball in front of them, then drop it down at arm's length, put it in front of them again and serve it to the batter. The ball is in plain sight of the umpire all of the time and his judgment will tell him whether there is any intent to balk. PROBLEMS OF UMPIRING. Umpire-in-chief was wrong. In the last half of the eighth inning, Team A was at bat with two out, runner on second and two strikes and three balls on the batter. Batter hit the next pitched ball to the third baseman. He threw to first and the field umpire called the runner to first out, thus retiring the side. The man on second went to third base and trotted home. When the runner from second got home the umpire-in-chief called him "safe," reversing the decision of the field umpire that the man on first was "out." Did the umpire-in-chief have that authority?-Anthone Hochwar, Bridgeport, Ohio. The umpire-in-chief was absolutely wrong. The rules of Base Ball state explicitly that he is never to reverse a field umpire in a decision belonging to the latter. Umpire rules on a glove. If a fielder is using a glove which does not conform to the rules or a batsman is using a bat that is not in conformity with the rules, can the umpire take action without the opposite team asking for a ruling?-H. H. Hays, Bellaire, Ohio. The umpire may rule a glove or bat out of the game at any time if he is satisfied that either of them is not legal. Coacher did not interfere. In the city league of our municipality the ball was thrown wide to third base in a game. The runner scored before the third baseman recovered the ball. Coacher on third was the next batter. He ran

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up the baseline to take his place at bat. The umpire called the runner out on the strength of the coacher's action. The game was protested. Was the protest valid?- W. F. Matthews, Eldorado, Ark. The umpire was wrong, as the coacher did not interfere in any way with the play. This is covered by Section 19, Rule 56, Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide.

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. nW Ball rolls out of bounds. Runners are on first and second bases. No one is out. Batter hits a high fly and the fielders fail to touch the ball. Umpire calls batter out immediately. The ball, however, strikes a small pebble and rolls out of bounds into foul territory between home base and first base, where it settles. The umpire still persisted in ruling the batter out. Was he right?-R. G. Rapp, Ames, Iowa. The umpire should have reversed the decision. If the ball was not touched by the fielder and rolled outside of the fair line between home plate and first base and settled there, it was a foul ball. The balls were mixed. Pitcher had started his delivery. Just then a foul ball was thrown on the field from over the fence. The pitcher failed to see the ball and completed his delivery to the batsman. The latter batted the ball toward second base. The batted ball hit the ball that was thrown in and nobody knew "which was which." The batted ball might have been easily fielded had it not struck the thrown ball. As it was neither ball could be fielded in time to get the runner. Everybody was puzzled. What in your opinion would be the correct thing to do?-Roland B. Phelps, Rosalia, Wash. The only thing to do is to exercise common sense. The thrown ball came on the field unexpectedly. It was dead. If the ball in play struck the dead ball, the umpire had no alternative except to call them both dead. There must never be two balls on the playing field. Game ended in forfeit. Two are out and first and second bases occupied. Catcher dropped the third strike. Batter turned and walked several steps toward the bench. Catcher picked up the ball to throw the batter out, but seeing him walk away he threw the ball to the pitcher. Umpire called batter out. As the latter reached the players' bench the coach told him to run to first base. Thereupon he did so, the coach asserted the player was not out. The umpire held to his decision and the team refused to finish the game. Was the umpire right?-Leslie W. Irwin, Hendersonville, N. C. The batter was not out, but the team forfeiting the game by refusing to continue play

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lost all its rights. Asking time of the Umpire. Is there any man, except the captain of the team, who may ask the umpire to call time? Does any man of the opposin team have the right to inspect the scorebook to see if the players are batting in their regular order?-W. Shipley, Lancaster, Pa. Any umpire probably would not respect a plea for time except that the captain asked it. There is no fault to be found if he did ask it. The information of the scorebook should be accessible to everybody. Runner may turn either way. Batter hit to deep short and made first safely. Umpire called him out after the first baseman had touched him, on the ground that the runner had turned toward the left after passing first base. From evidence before our beard of directors, it appears certain that the runner actually turned toward second with the idea of making that base in case of an overthrow or other error. Was the umpire right in his decision?-A. R. Gaines, Fort Kame- bmaeba, Hawaii. This is a decision based solely on the judgment of the umpire and whatever his opinion may have been should prevail. Ball rolls into fair ground. Batsman hits the ball to foul ground near the line and very close to fist base, but the ball twists and rolls into fair ground before it reaches ist baEe Umpire rules fair ball, but I declare it to be foul. What is the crreet deecision?--J. O. Morales, San Diego, Cuba. Read Rule 14-Spalding's Official Base Ball Guide. It is F^

W19 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. Missed the interference. In the ninth inning two are out and one strike on the batter. He swings his bat trying for the second strike but claims interference by the catcher. I told the batter I did not see any interference and asked him to resume his position in the batter's box. I even asked him the third time. Then I told the pitcher to deliver the ball. He did so and as it was a strike I called the batter out. Did I do right?-L. A. Thomas, Morise, Montana. Your decision was correct. The batter had been warned often enough. Runner may slide to first. When a batter hits the ball and runs from home to first base, may he slide to first base or must he remain in an upright position? I have looked over the rules again and again, but I can find nothing on sliding to first base.-M. F. Billington, Summerton, Arizona. A runner may always slide to first base. In some way an impres- sion has been created that the runner may not slide into first base.

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There is no more reason that he may not slide to that base than there is that he may not slide to second base or third base or home* Runner fails to touch second. During the time of the local team at bat, with a runner on second base, the next batter hit a fair ball over the left field fence. In circling the bases the batter failed to touch second. The second baseman of the team in the field and the field umpire noticed this. The second baseman called for another ball from the umpire-in-chief and after receiving it touched the base. The field umpire ruled the batter out. Was the ruling correct or would it be only possible to put out the player with the ball that was hit over the fence?-C. O. Wetherell, San Antonio, Texas. The umpire was correct. The ball that was put back by the umpire-in-chief was the ball in play. Watching the signals. The boys of my team discovered the signals of the pitcher and catcher of the opposing team. When my boys were at bat some of them would watch the catcher and give the batter the signal, so that he might know the kind of ball that was coming. The opposing team became very angry and asked the umpire to have it prevented. Would the umpire have power to do so?---C. C. Payne, Grand Cane, La. There is nothing in the rules of Base Ball to prevent the players of the team at bat from getting the signs of the other team when- ever they can. Umpire slow in making decision. Runners are on first base and second base with none out. Batter hits an easy pop fly just back of first base. Ball strikes so close to the foul line that the umpire-in-chief believes it foul and does not call "infield fly" until just before the ball gets within reach of the first baseman. Then, seeing the ball is going to strike inside the line, he calls "infield fly." Neither the field umpire nor the runner on first base hears him. First baseman muffs the ball. Runner on first, thinking he is forced by not hearing decision of infield fly, starts for second base. First baseman fields the ball and throws to second base ahead of the runner. Field umpire declares him out on forced play. Umpire-in-chief declares the batter out on infield fly. Please give me the proper decision.-D. E. Stone, Rocky Mount, Va. Hesitation on the part of the umpire-in-chief made it hard for everybody. After the umpire-in-chief pronounced "infield fly" the batter was out and that decision stands. As the first baseman muffed the ball, the runner could leave first at his own risk. To be put out he had to be touched by the

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ball in the hands of the second baseman or shortstop. He was not forced out. The reason that he was not forced out is that the batter never reached first base. J !*

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL BASE BALL GUIDE. 61 PROBLEMS OF SCORING. Not an error. Runner is on first base. Batter hits a fly ball to center field. The center- fielder muffs the ball but recovers it in time to throw out the runner going from first to second. The batter of course is safe at first. Is the center- fielder credited with an error?-Ed Walsh, Fall River, Mass. The center-fielder is given an assist. There is no error, because neither base nor distance is gained by the play. An error only. If the catcher drops the third strike is he charged with both a passed ball and an error provided the runner gets to first base?- Conrad Ohlson, Rochester, N. Y. He is not charged with a passed ball. Dropping the third strike now constitutes a fielding error and a man cannot be charged with two mistakes on one chance. Credited with a sacrifice. On a caught fly ball, by which a runner advances to second base or third base, is the batter given credit for a sacrifice, a sacrifice fly, or an "at bat"? -Alderson Keene, Owensboro, Ky. The batter is credited with a sacrifice. Scorers in some localities seem to think that an "at bat" is to be charged in connection with a sacrifice fly. This is not so. This was a sacrifice. No one is out and a runner is on first base. Batter bunts the ball, which is fielded by the pitcher. The latter looks toward first base, then toward second, and back to first, apparently confused. He does not throw the ball to either base and both runners are safe. The pitcher could easily have retired the runner going to first, or possibly the one going to second, had he thrown the ball. The scorers covering the game awarded the batter a sacrifice on the play. Was this correct, or should the pitcher be given an error for his failure to attempt to retire either runner?-E. E. McCarty, Garfield, Utah. This should be scored as a sacrifice hit. The batter must be given credit for an attempt to advance the runner. The failure of the pitcher was due to slow thinking and no scorer charges up slow thinking because, if he did, it would permit the scorer to play the game in his own mind almost irrespective of what might be done on the field. Sacrifice hit for the batter. Runner is on first base with no one out. Batter attempts a sacrifice bunt and hits in front of the pitcher. The latter fields the ball and has plenty of time to get the runner

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at second base. He throws there, but the throw is wide and pulls the second baseman off the bag, both runners being safe. What is it?-H. J. Altizer, Roanoke, Va. A sacrifice hit must be given to the batter, because he made a palpable attempt to advance the runner. If an extra base is gained by a runner, an error must be charged to the pitcher. Crediting the pitcher. McBride is pitching for Pensacola. Score is 3 to 1 against him. He is taken out in the eighth inning for a pinch hitter, with one runner on the bases. Pensacola ties the score and wins the game in that inning. Moore pitches for Pensacola in the ninth inning. Who is the winning pitcher?_ Arthur Johnson, Pensacola, Fla. Give McBride credit for the game. He is entitled to it. This is an instance in which the scorer must use his best judgment.

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