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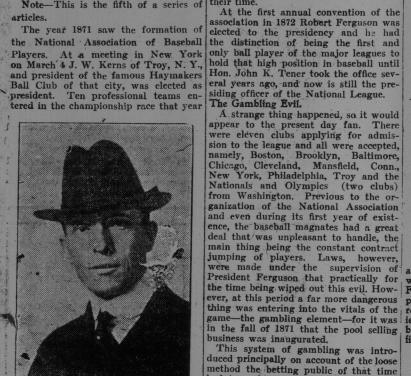
In The Olden Baseball Days

The Entry of the Gambling Element; A Time When There Were Two Shortstops; The First Trip to England

(BY JOE PAGE.) (BY JOE PAGE.)

Note—This is the fifth of a series of their time.

At the first annual convention of the



AJNSMITH OUT FOR CATCHER'S RECORD H. Shaffer ..

H. Shaffer E. B. Sutton

Geo. Wright M. H. McGeary
Left Field.
A. J. Leonard A. W. Gedney
Centre Field.
Harry Wright J. M. McMullen
Right Field.
G. W. Hall A. C. Anson

arrangements were made, it was understood that the ball teams would play a few cricket matches while in England.

One thing sure they were not prepared to be heralded as players par excellence of the English pastime. Aside from Harry and George Wright and Dick Mc-Bride and possibly one or two others, none of the ball players had ever played cricket.

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In' the first game with the famous Marylebone "All English" eleven, it was agreed that the Americans should play at the odds of eighteen to eleven. However with this big advantage in the ball players' favor, the Britishers scored 105 runs in their inning.

On resuming play the next day we managed with the slugging tactics, as the cricketers called it, to gather 107 runs in one inning. America's cricket stock went skyward. London papers agreed that Americans were not much on form, but their batting and fielding were simply marvellous. From the first game and during their entire stay the American baseball tourists met and defeated all the best cricket clubs in England, and the All-Irish team at Dublin. One game played at the Richmond grounds was drawn, the English cricketers being disposed of for 108 in their innings, while

posed of for 108 in their innings, while the Americans had forty-five with only six wickets, down when rain called the



EDDIE AINSMITH . Eddie Ainsmith, of the Washington Americans, has caught every inning of every game played by the club so far this season. Ainsmith plans to set up a new catcher's record for consecutive games, provided he is not put out of the game by injuries.

While in England and Ireland they gave fourteen exhibitions of America's national game, seven at London, two at Liverbool, two at Manchester, one at Sheffield, and two at Dublin. Boston won eight of the games played. The Athletics six. Editor's Note.—A Sixth article will soon follow.



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