

CAREER OF ED. HANLON, MANAGER

Of the Cincinnati Reds Admits he has Been in the Game for 30 Years.

There was only one Hanlon ever engaged in baseball who ever amounted to anything, Sir Edward, who hails from Baltimore. Hanlon took hold of the reds a year ago last month succeeding Joe Kelly, who had made a bloomer as a manager in Rhineland. Kelly, perfect gentleman that he was and a finished fielder as ever wore a spike and a slugging demon as well, was a rank failure as a team leader. Hanlon was manager of the Brooklyn club yer before last and when Garry Hermann asked him to come to Red-land and pull his tail-enders out of the mire a mighty kick went up from the little town close to the two big bridges out east. Hanlon, however, was game and moved out of Brooklyn, though he still has interest there in the club. He signed a three year contract with Hermann calling for \$12,000 per annum. It was a beast of a baseball nine that the old fox had to be introduced to a year ago. The old gang of vets, Kelly, Corcoran, Delehanty, Harper, Frazer, Steinfeldt and goodness knows how many more were in full control, chasing Kelly, Herman and friendly Frank Bancroft up and down the field and then back the other way. Hanlon contented himself with sailing along as best he could last year. He was power-ers then to chase the old invaders off, but as the season progressed the disturbers disappeared one by one. This winter he cleaned up entirely. He went out into the highways and by-ways, where bush leagues grow, and picked the best he could find. He's a shrewd dealer in baseball players.

Much Money Invested.

He grabs young hustling men. Hermann has invested close to a half million dollars in his baseball plant in Cincinnati. When Hanlon decided to can such great baseball stars as Kelly, Corcoran, Delehanty, Wicker, Weiner and Steinfeldt there was an eruption in fandom. Hermann even kicked, but Foxey Ned was obdurate. He said to Hermann, "Garry you got me into this mixup with your big offers and now you must stand for my work. I have never talked with a loser, and I will not depart from this busy town of yours until I have handed you a winner."

"Well," said the smart Hermann, "I'll stand or fall by you, Mr. Hanlon."

Then the famous hero of Baltimore and Brooklyn got busy.

His team arrived in St. Louis for the first game this year and when his line-up was given out to the press all the wise ones laughed three successive times. Davis, Kane, Krueger (not Otto Krueger, mind you), Mitchell, Mowery, McLean and Mason. The natural question was, "what league did this bush tribe ever play in? How did this mob get into the National league?"

The Post-Dispatch man asked Ned Hanlon the same question. Here's his reply, "Well, just ask Frank Chance and John McCloskey about that. After we play a few games here you won't have to continue your researches."

Of course, the majority of the band outside of big Johnny Gangel, Lefty Davis, Ewing and Miller Huggins, are "busting into the big league without heralds or bunting, but I think they will go a route and finish close to some good clubs."

Age is Unknown.

The then wonderful old fellow who started baseball in 1877, before the majority of us enthusiastic fellows ever heard of a baseball walked away to order his band to dress. Hanlon's age is not definitely known. He alleges that he played his first ball in 1877, which is just thirty years ago. He further alleges that he was just lined up with the noted Providence sweet sixteen when he joined the Providence independent baseball club his first club.

While old Ed was trying to hand the Post-Dispatch baseball expert this brand of salve up walked Frank Ban-

croft, the most ancient thing in baseball togethery to-day. Bancroft is now the secretary and general utility man of the Reds club. He has held this position for a dozen years. "Now, say, Ned," said Barney, "you might hand some club this brand of conversation, but your auditor hert is almost as old in the game as you are, so be careful—awfully careful."

Hanlon flushed a bit and said: "Well, you tell my story then Frank."

He did and here it is: "Hanlon," said Bancroft, "was a farmhand in Rhode Island in 1876. He was called a dandy hay pitcher. He was smart, quick of thought and a sassy sort of a fellow. He had made a name about Providence as a wonderful tosser and a pretty clever third baseman. In those days there was no organized ball clubs. The citizens of each town would get together and frame up an association. Then they would call a meeting and sign up a nine. It was conducting a hotel in Fall River then. I was elected president of a baseball association. On Saturday, May 15, we arranged to have a game played in town. We had an association all right, but no ball club. The game was played and Fall River beat Providence 4 to 3. Hanlon, old Tom Burns, Jimmy Keenan, George Thomas and Dick Pierce, as great a short stop as ever danced in the field, played the game, a fast, sharp hit ball which he tried to chase in on striking him under the chin and glancing off a mile. He bunted three balls that day and scored two of Providence runs."

A Fielding Sensation.

"The kid" was very nervous and it was only his scientific bunting and great base-running that kept him in the game after that. The Providence club later sent him to the outfield and he made an instantaneous hit. Hanlon later moved over to Cleveland where he was one of the fielding sensations of the time. Perhaps many of the older generation will remember his exhibition at that time.

"When the famous Comiskey brothers of the American association won the flag in their league in 1887 there was quite a bundle of fun in the old National league. Detroit won the flag in the old league, defeating Philadelphia and Chicago after quite an uphill battle. The Comiskey brothers had cantered for three years previous in their league and President Stearns of the Tigers decided to stop them on their mad march to victory this year. Ned Hanlon had been grabbed off the Cleveland club by Stearns' business manager, Frank Bancroft. There were four wonderful players club in the National this year and Bancroft asked Hanlon if he would make a hurried trip to his old town and endeavor if possible to nail Brothertons, White, Richardson and Rowe. Little Neddie took a train to Providence, and had in his pocket \$10,000 bonus money with which to bid the only and original big four. Besides he had contracts calling for \$4,000 each for the following year in his jeans.

Hanlon, who was friendly with the quartet, convinced them that it would be an excellent idea for them to jump Providence and join the champion Detroit club. The band agreed with Hanlon and he signed them up and brought them back to Detroit to play against Comiskey and his great browns. It is needless to relate just what the Detroit sluggers did to our own world-beaters that year. They wiped them almost completely off the map."

Hanlon is modest about his great deeds performed on the gridiron of baseball. Besides ruling the reds he owns the Baltimore club in the Eastern league. He is reputed to have accumulated a good bit over \$150,000 since he broke in under Bancroft in '77. Hanlon things his reds will finish one, four in the National league race this season.

Now that Alf. Fidler of Calgary has joined the team on their barnstorming teaming trip, the wires will be kept hot of the winning games, but we will never hear of the losing games.

Not Anxious.

London Express: "Judging by their display yesterday, when they appeared none too anxious to overdo it, they will win by a larger margin even when pitted against a stronger

twelve than the South can place in the field."

Slow to Start.

London Sportsman: "The colonials took some time to settle down and familiarize themselves with the tactics of the English players, but when once they found their game their superiority was more marked, and no one will be surprised if they come through the tour undefeated. The Souths' attack was quite as strong and the bats the visitors', but the comparison must end, for of strategy among the Englishmen there was none."

Front of Goal.

London Mail: "The most striking difference between the sides lay in the cleverness of the Capitals in front of the goal, the South of England defence being again and again virtually let standing still by the quick and accurate passing of their opponents when close in. Although clearly outclassed, the home defenders were untiring in their efforts."

London Express: "Hutton is, nothing short of a marvel."

THE SCHEDULE 'GOOD ENOUGH.

By doing a bit of figuring with a pencil and the baseball schedule the fans will discover that Edmonton will have 45 home and 47 away from home games during the season. Calgary gets 48 games at home and 45 away. Medicine Hat 45 at home and 45 away. Lethbridge 46 at home and 45 away. The Calgary team will travel 4174 miles, Edmonton, 3783 miles and Medicine Hat 4186 miles and Lethbridge 4,060 miles.

It may look as though Calgary gets the long end of the deal in being given 48 home games but they'll doubtless less need the extra three to keep from being down in the lower regions. From a cursory examination there isn't much to criticize in the schedule. Edmonton plays away from home on Victoria Day but is at home on Dominion Day, and the holiday crowds are likely to see a better game in mid-season than in the earlier weeks. Besides the team which will play Edmonton on July 1st is Lethbridge and this is the team which is counted as the best in the league.

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