

# How to Play the Outfield; by Manager McAleer



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situations absolutely unique. There are always conditions to be understood on the instant. Problems that must be solved as they come up—settled in the flash of a second, in the twinkling of an eye.

The young man who desires to be a skilled outfielder must have, of course, ability to play the game. He must possess that quality styled "baseball instinct." No athlete who is not a "natural ball player" can hope to excel in the game.

I never knew a player to reach a high place in the ranks of professional players who did not start playing the game in his boyhood. He just naturally had to play ball—as a duck has to swim.

Presuming a youth has this feeling and wants to make baseball his profession, he naturally figures out what position he wants to play. It must not be imagined any player can play any position. Nothing is further from the fact. There are born outfielders and born infielders. Some second basemen could not play anywhere else. It is so of other positions.

The embryo outfielder must learn to handle the ball first. This is difficult for the ball that comes sailing into the field from a fungo bat, in a long, sweeping arch is different from the screeching twisting projectile that comes tearing its way into the same field when hit by a batter from a pitcher's delivery.

There is a good bit of instinct about it. I know that I once saw so well trained that I could tell from the crack of the bat pretty nearly the exact spot where a line drive would land, and how it would behave when it got there.

Young players should watch the way line hits behave as they come bounding to them. They must reflect that the ball which they try to trap may get by and lose a game.

A fielder to succeed must keep the entire game before him. He must train himself to know instantly what to do with the ball if it comes to him. He can't stop to think once he has the ball in his hands.

The player who hopes to make good in the outfield must practice throwing with speed and accuracy to every base and to the home plate. Many young players make the mistake of trying to "cut off runners at the plate" by arching the ball to the catcher. This is a mistake. Throw so the ball will strike the ground about at the pitcher's box and take a long, low bound. This helps for two reasons. It eliminates the grave fault of throwing over the catcher's head, and enables the outfielders to hold runners on the base in case the runner beats the throw to the plate.

Learn the game thoroughly, practice as much as possible, become accurate in throwing, be temperate in habits, take advice from seasoned players, practice batting at every opportunity. I believe any natural player who does these things can improve his playing 50 per cent.

Tomorrow's article in this series will deal with "the value of team work" and will be written by Manager "Muggsy" McGraw, one of the greatest generals in the game today.

*James McAleer*

It is no easy task for me, unskilled in writing down in cold words the things that go on about me, to set forth rules for playing baseball. I have never seen two players who agreed on playing any position, nor have I yet found any set of ready-made rules that could be applied to the game.

## FIVE MARITIME PROVINCE MEN IN BOSTON MARATHON

(Halifax Herald.)  
Ald Rodgers, of the Chubucto A. C. left Sunday night for Boston, where he is to compete in the great Boston Marathon on Wednesday. Rodgers has trained faithfully during the past few weeks and is in excellent condition.

## RESULTS OF THE BIG LEAGUES

Table with columns for League, Date, Score, Batteries, and Umpires. Includes results for Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and New York.

## MACINTYRE MADE A HIT IN BOSTON

The Boston Journal: The bout between Mickey McIntyre of Sydney, C. B., and Jack Dorman of New York was won by McIntyre and the "Novice" won by a mile. Dorman, who came to Boston with a great reputation, was a joke and was knocked down twice. McIntyre has great possibilities, properly handled and managed, and it was only his lack of experience that prevented his putting Dorman away. Dorman's gameness was his main asset, but that let him out and he was lucky to stay the twelve rounds.

## CORKERY IS FAVORITE IN MARATHON

Boston, April 17.—Jim Corkery of the Irish-Canadian A. C. of Toronto, winner of third place in 1910 and the one runner of the 135 odd entries who was the favorite for the race, spent the day quietly with his friends in East Weymouth. Corkery will not talk of his prospects in the race.

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## WRESTLING BOUTS OFTEN WON BY GREAT VARIETY OF HOLDS

Tactics Resorted to by Wrestlers—George Hackenschmidt is Developing Gotch's Famous Toe Hold—The Champion's Style Has Remained Unchanged—Some Interesting Facts

Contrasted with boxing, wrestling has proved through the last few months that matches are often won with a great variety of holds, whereas boxing matches are generally won by a limited number of well-known punches. The favorite methods of attack of the different prominent grapplers have become familiar to the student, and are being copied by the amateurs. Perhaps the combination of locks that wins the most matches is a crotch and front nelson, which usually begins with an inside leg hold and a half nelson. Every one of the wrestlers usually resorts to these tactics wherever it is possible, and the majority of the matches are won with holds above the wrist.

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Mr. Covey, the speedy St. John runner, arrived in the city yesterday, where he has been appointed manager of the I. C. S. Branch, succeeding Mr. Colwill, who will likely be transferred to the branch at St. John. Mr. Covey is exceedingly well known in sporting circles both in this city and Dartmouth, having been a competitor in a number of athletic meets in both places.—Halifax Echo, April 15.

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