



LA84 Foundation Connie Mack Does Not Work Pitchers in Order

Most managers work their pitchers in turn, but Connie Mack of the champion White Elephants doesn't. Mack's system is to select the pitchers who are the most successful against certain clubs. With the advent of Harry Davis as manager of the Cleveland Blues it is believed that the Cleveland team next year will undergo a change in its system of utilizing boxmen. Both McGuire and Stovall, former Blue leaders, if their slabmen were in form worked them every fifth day, but since Davis is a graduate of the Mack school it is thought that the new leader will pattern his methods after Mack's. Connie switched his pitchers so that each man did his best work against three or four clubs.

Cy Morgan was saved for the Naps, Washington and St. Louis. He started thirty games and twenty of them were against these clubs. The task for Plank was to beat Boston. Of the twenty-eight games he twirled, seven were against the Red Sox, who found it hard to beat southpaws. He was also saved for St. Louis, which he faced six times. Bender was used against Detroit but twice, the first time on August 27. Coombs, the iron man, had no special teams to face. In the St. Louis and Boston games Plank, however, got the preference. Krause, a southpaw, twirled half of his eighteen games against the Red Sox and Tigers. Often during the season Mack kept a pitcher idle for eighteen days, and frequently one pitcher was used twice inside of three days.