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## Hans Wagner

"The most wonderful ball player who ever lived."

That is the estimate placed upon Hans Wagner, captain of the Pirates, by no less a light than "Muggsy" McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, and maker of champions.

"I tell you," said he, "that big Dutchman played great ball against us. Players may come and they may go, but Honus seems to go on forever, and to keep getting better.

"He has class that no other player possesses. You can have your Cobbs, your Lajoies, your Bakers and all the rest of them, but I'll take Wagner for my pick of the greatest. He is not only a marvelous mechanical player, but he has the quickest baseball brain I have ever observed. I have watched him many and many a time, trying to pick out one time when he would fail to grasp a situation like a flash, and I have never been able to catch him yet. He is never asleep, and he always knows what the other fellow ought to do.

"Pittsburg ought to be proud of Hans. He is the greatest ever, and there is no mistake about that. He does everything better than the ordinary star can do any one thing.

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