

BUREAU OF INFORMATION

A number of representative queries and questions pertaining to baseball will, in the future, be answered in this department. Address your queries to Bureau of Information. Questions will be answered by Al. Munroe.

Bureau of Information:

A runner is on third base and the ball is batted to the out field; the runner on third base starts for home plate and makes it. After getting home safe he thinks the outfielder is going to catch the ball and he runs back to third base; but the outfielder misses the ball, then he starts for home plate again, but the ball beats him in and he is put out. The umpire calls him safe. O says he is out. C says he is safe. By answering this you will be doing me a great favor.

George G. Cockrill.

Answer.—The runner is safe, because he had already touched the home base.

Bureau of Information:

Will there be three teams fighting it out for the World's Championship this season, viz.: besides the National and American League pennant winner, will the Federal League winner take part in this series?

Mark Hading.

Answer.—There will be only two teams composing the American and National League champions in this year's World Series.

Bureau of Information:

Does Mathewson throw the spitball?

Frank Hart.

Answer.—During the spring training some writers claimed that Matty was practising with a spitter, but so far he has not tried it in any schedule games.

Bureau of Information:

In your opinion, who do you consider the more valuable man to his

team, Ty Cobb or Eddie Collins? Your reply will stop a heated argument, and oblige

Ed. and Joe.

Answer.—I would certainly consider Collins the more valuable man to his team, but solely because of his position.

Bureau of Information:

Can you tell me what became of Bugs Raymond, the old giant pitcher?

Harry Engle.

Answer.—Raymond died about two years ago.

Bureau of Information:

Who do you consider the best left-handed pitcher in each major league?

Fans of a Social Club.

Answer.—This is largely a matter of opinion, but I would say Plank and Rucker.

Bureau of Information:

When a catcher drops a third strike and has to throw the batter out at first, does the pitcher lose the credit for the strikeout?

Arthur Wendel.

Answer.—Pitcher gets credit for the strikeout, when the catcher drops the ball, at all times.

Bureau of Information:

Will the Spalding or Reach baseball be officially adopted by the Federal League?

Fred. Valentine.

Answer.—I don't know. Gee, Freddie, what made you ask such a question?

Bureau of Information:

To decide an argument, will you please answer the following: With a

base runner on second, the batter flies out to deep right field; after the ball is caught the man on second advances to third. Does the batter get credited with a sacrifice fly?

Joe Frank and Bill Meyer.
(Subscribers.)

Answer.—Batter is not credited with a sacrifice fly, except when his fly scores a baserunner.

Bureau of Information:

With the bases full the batter smashes a grounder to short, who, after fielding same, shoots it to third; third baseman then throws home, and the catcher throws to second, the ball in each case arriving ahead of the runner, but they are not touched with the ball. Will you tell me if this is a triple play, owing to it being continuous?

Jack Redding.

Answer.—This is decidedly not a triple play, but is a double play, owing

to the bonehead baserunning of the man who was occupying first when the ball was hit. The runner originally on third scored, as, after the shortstop made the play at third, the runner going home could not be forced, therefore he had to be touched out.

Bureau of Information:

Will you please tell me who led in batting last season between Johnnie Evers and Larry Doyle, also their fielding averages?

Answer.—Evers batted .285, fielding .960, while Doyle hit .260 and fielded .955.

Bureau of Information:

A bets that the Athletics led the American last year from the start to the finish; B bets they did not, who wins? A Subscriber.

Answer.—B wins, as Washington led the league on April 26th.

