

ROUGH STUFF

Actions on the Baseball Field That Should Be Immediately Stopped

Baseball is and always should be a clean game, and no matter how hard the game or how hotly contested, the fact that a team is in the rear should be no excuse for the ill mannerism of some of the players. The invasion of the Bacharach Giants to these parts of the country brings to light some very unpleasant things that must be nipped in the bud. The life of the game depends on the patronage, that the game draws from the different classes of people, who seem willing to pay to see good sportsmanship, but who are opposed to indecent actions. Sunday's game was marred by Marselle's capers. Williams un-

corked a wild pitch, and Marselle, not standing in his box, came near being hit in the head. He walked directly toward the pitcher's box with the firm intention of starting a fight. This was prevented by the quick action of the players of both teams. He should have been put out of the game then and there, but for some reason he was allowed to continue. In the third frame he again went to the plate and was booed and hissed by the crowd. With his back toward the boxes on the left side of the grand stand he proceeded to make immoral movements with part of his body that would resemble a hoochy-coochy dancer. Again he was hissed; this time the hissing came from the boxes. Fans might stand for this sort of treatment in the east, but not here, and this class of player must understand that many of Chicago's best ladies were in those boxes, thus making it pos-

sible that he draw a decent living salary. If such actions are to be displayed on the field, it is far better that the player be either barred or that the team with which he is identified be kept from appearing in Chicago. This applies to other teams as well. The Bacharach's' trouble in Detroit, where the game was stopped four times, once taking 40 minutes before it could be resumed, has left the fans of that city with the opinion that the longer they stay away the better the fans will like it; and here the fans believe they do not care to see them play if the fans are laying down their hard-earned coin to see such actions as they saw Sunday.

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