

BENNINGTON WON 35 AND LOST 13 BALL GAMES

**Closed Season Saturday With
Excellent Record.**

WELL BALANCED TEAM

**System of Inside Ball Developed Un-
der Direction of Burrington,
Former Vermont Player**

The game with the Cuban Giants Saturday afternoon closed the baseball season in Bennington for 1911. From a baseball standpoint the season was a success. The team played 48 games out of which it lost but 13. At the time when the Pittseld, Bennington and North Adams series was broken up through the disbanding of the team in the latter city Bennington was in the lead. After the North Adams team went up it was necessary to depend upon Pittsfield and the

traveling teams to maintain the sport. With no particular rivalry the interest in the team did not keep up to the standard of a year ago and the attendance at the games was not nearly so good.

In spite of the many drawbacks the management, with the financial assistance that was voluntarily offered in the middle of the season, kept the team in the field. The nine steadily improved in its work until in the latter part of July it was by far the smoothest working aggregation of players that ever represented Bennington. The 1910 team was a good one but it had two or three weak spots that were erased by the men who filled the corresponding positions this year. For the first time in recent years Bennington this season started in May with a second baseman who was capable of meeting the demands of that position. It required some time to fill in the other gap, at third base, but this was done early in June and the team began to mould into shape from that time. In the strength acquired through good men in positions that had never been properly filled and in the improvement in batting may be found the main points in which the team excelled over that of a year ago.

In addition to improvement in individual play there was a big jump forward in what is known as "inside ball," and for this the credit must be given to Burrington. From the instant that the former Vermont University catcher took charge of the

team there was a change for the better. Not only was there complete harmony among the players but it was noticed the plays which win ball games these days began to make their appearance and that opposing teams found themselves against a man who had a move for every trick.

The staff of pitchers was better balanced than that of a year ago. Bosk was with the team in 1910 but has been showing much improved form. He always was unusually steady but this year his control of the ball has been remarkable. He lost but two games during the season, both to Pittsfield at Pittsfield. On Memorial day he was hit for ten safeties but this was the only occasion in which it required two figures to give the record.

Burns pitched some remarkably strong and some decidedly poor games. He was a valuable addition to the team for the reason that he is a hard hitter for a pitcher and a good fielder who was always ready and willing to fill a place in the other garden.

Wheeler, the left-hander, is an older player than the other members of the team. He pulled most of his games through with but a small number of hits against him.

The team had a hard-throwing change catcher in Delaney who joined the team after Burrington injured a hand. He is an experienced player from the New England league and well posted in all the tricks of the game.

In Carolan at first and Connors at second the team had a classy pair of infielders. They were not only good batters and fast baserunners but they were particularly adept in the handling of the play created through the modern method of sacrificing a runner from first to second.

Finnegan was with the team last year but was stronger in all departments of the game. He handled thrown balls when covering second in good shape and was faster on bases.

Brill at third joined the team at the close of the college year and while he is not a remarkably good batter he covers a large amount of ground and throws quickly to bases.

Prindle in left field kept up the same record that has made his work a feature of the team for a number of years. He fell off in his batting from last year, but was just as speedy on bases.

McCrehan, who leads the batting list, was the feature hitter of the team. When he made his first appearance with the nine his tall ungainly figure and awkward movements in the field made his way into favor with the fans a hard one but he soon developed a habit of hitting the ball when runners were on bases and as the season lengthened became a first rate infielder. His timely hitting won many games for the team.

The pitchers and Delaney were used in right field and in this position Burns undoubtedly made the best record.

Th record of the season is as follows:

At Pittsfield May 26—Bennington 3, Pittsfield 1.

At Bennington, May 27—Bennington 5, Williamstown 6.

At Bennington, May 28—Bennington 11, North Adams 3.

At North Adams, May 30.—Bennington 2, North Adams 12.

At Pittsfield, May 30—Bennington 1, Pittsfield 5.

At Pittsfield, June 1—Bennington 1, Pittsfield 0.

At Bennington, June 3—Bennington 6, Empire A. C. of Schenectady 5.

At Bennington June 4—Bennington 3, Pittsfield 4.

At Bennington, June 10—Bennington 4, Jeffersonians of Schenectady 0.

At Bennington, June 11—Bennington 14, North Adams 0.

At Bennington, June 15—Bennington 8, Philadelphia Royal Giants 7. (12 innings.)

At Bennington, June 17—Bennington 9, State Printers of Albany 2.

At Bennington June 18—Bennington 5, Pittsfield 3.

At Bennington, June 24—Bennington 10, Schenectady Empire A. C. 5.

At North Adams, June 27—Bennington 0, North Adams 4.

At Bennington, June 28—Bennington 3, Pittsfield 2.

At Pittsfield, June 29—Bennington 4, Pittsfield 6.

At Bennington, July 1—Bennington 12, Lakeville, Ct. 2.

At Bennington, July 2—Bennington 3, Pittsfield 0.

At Bennington, July 3—Bennington 13, North Adams 2.

At Bennington, July 4—Bennington 11, Jeffersonians 8.

At Bennington, July 4—Bennington 11, Jeffersonians 1.

At Bennington, July 8—Bennington 4, Cuban Giants 1.

At Pittsfield, July 6—Pittsfield 10, Bennington 0.

At Bennington, July 9—Bennington 4, Pittsfield 5.

At Bennington, July 11—Bennington 2, Pittsfield 5.

At Bennington, July 13—Philadelphia Royal Giants 7, Bennington 3.

At Bennington, July 15—Bennington 10, Philadelphia Royal Giants 4.

At Pittsfield, July 19—Bennington 2, Pittsfield 1.

At Bennington, July 21—Bennington 5, All Cubans 9.

At Bennington, July 22.—Bennington 7, All Cubans 6.

At Bennington, July 23.—Bennington 3, Granville 1.

At Bennington, July 26.—Bennington 4, Pittsfield 1.

At Pittsfield, July 27.—Bennington 3, Pittsfield 2 (11 innings.)

At Bennington, July 29.—Bennington 1, Paterson, N. J., 0.

At Bennington, July 30.—Bennington 2, Paterson, N. J., 1.

At Bennington, Aug. 4.—Bennington 5, Whitehall 4.

At Bennington, Aug. 5.—Bennington 7, Pittsburg Giants 0.

At Pittsfield Aug. 6.—Bennington 9, Pittsburg Giants 6.

At Granville, Aug. 9.—Bennington 9, Granville 6.

At Whitehall, Aug. 10.—Bennington 12, Whitehall 3.

At Pittsfield, Aug. 12.—Bennington 0, Pittsfield 7.

At Bennington, Aug. 13.—Bennington 8, Gloversville 4.

At Bennington, Aug. 14.—Bennington 4, Gloversville 2.

At Bennington, Aug 16—Pittsfield
8, Bennington 4.
At Bennington Aug. 16—Bennington
5, Pittsfield 7.
At Bennington, Aug. 17—Benning-
ton 2, Pittsfield 4.
At Bennington, Aug. 19—Benning-
ton 5, Cuban Giants 4.

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