

NEW YORK, June 15—The unwritten law that a Negro cannot play in the major leagues has kept at least three promising pitchers from taking the little hillock in the grounds where the people look down from all sides. Donaldson, a Kansas City semipro, pitched 20 innings without allowing a hit or a run. When McGraw saw Donaldson pitch in Cuba he said: "If the unwritten baseball law did not bar Negroes from the major leagues, or if Donaldson were a white man, I would pay \$50,000 for him, and I would think I was getting a bargain at that." In addition to his record of no hits or no runs in 39 innings, Donaldson has struck out 25 men in a 12-inning game, more than two strikeouts an inning.

Wickware, a Chicago semipro, struck out nearly 250 batsmen in 30 games. In one game he fanned 15 batters. In his last 20 games he allowed on the average only five hits and in the last 15 games he allowed only two runs to the game. He throws what is known

as the "bean ball," a shoot that darts straight for the batter's head, and then swerves to cross the plate.

Cuba has another Negro pitcher, Mendez, who is known in Havana as "the Black Matty" because he pitches like Mathewson.

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