

The 'Don'ts' of Baseball

Captain Jay laying it down to his Teammates!

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*Don't steal second when the bags are full.

*Don't be afraid to hit 'em over the fence. The small boy outside will gladly return the ball, up to the seventh inning. After that he will make a home with it himself.

*Don't hold the ball too long after catching a fly, but be sure and hold it a little while – long enough for his 'umps' to say 'batter out'! After that you can put it in your pocket if you like, but it isn't your pocket to do it.

*Don't fail to run out infield hits. The best first basemen that ever donned a uniform have been known to drop

'em; don't run as if you had glue on your feet, either.

*Don't wait until you are just in the act to duck under the players' bench before removing your cap after making a home run. The public pays to see your blushes.

*Don't take a chew of "terbacker" while chasing a fly. You might get the fly mixed up with it.

*Don't above all, allow a pitcher to get your number. Just think, "Mr. Pitcher, all you have on that ball is the cover and it's ripped;" then "paste" it.