

1906 Norwich Reds, "What price success?"

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On December 4, 1906, the Norwich Reds, reigning champions of the Connecticut (B) League, are sold at a public auction for the grand total of \$25, or \$629 in today's currency.

Plagued by financial problems the entire season and burdened by three outstanding mortgages, the Reds are sold to Dennis J. Morrissey ... Morrissey was the only bidder and is supposedly "acting" for the local banks, giving them title of the franchise.

Rebounding from a last place finish the year before (42-74), the Reds, under the guidance of manager Jack Tighe, finish 72-53 en route to capturing their second league title in eight years, out-distancing second-place Springfield (70-56) by 2 1/2 games.

WON PENNANT BUT TEAM IS SOLD FOR \$25

NORWICH Conn. Dec. 7—After winning the championship of the Connecticut League of baseball clubs the Norwich club was yesterday sold at public auction. Carrying out a decree of the Superior Court, obtained by Edward T. Burke for the three mortgages of the club, Deputy Sheriff Draper sold the franchise at the public sign post. The bidder was Dennis J. Morrissey, who got it for \$25. It is supposed that the bidder acted for the mortgagees, thus giving them a clear title to the franchise through foreclosure of the mortgage of \$1500 given last August to pay salaries.

NORWICH HOLDING ON.

Baseball Club Trying to Raise Money to Meet Its Liabilities.

After a long meeting called to consider the question of surrendering the franchise the stockholders of the Norwich baseball club Tuesday night adjourned to next Tuesday, having appointed Messrs Burns, Madden and Stone a committee to raise money to meet current liabilities on that date, with the understanding that if the money is not raised the Norwich franchise will be returned to the league. The treasurer's statement showed that the deficit to date for the current year is \$275 and the payroll is to be raised for the 16th. Figures were presented showing the average attendance in 31 at-home games, including Saturdays, to be 200 more than last year, and in 30 out-of-town games 150 less. The present shortage is laid to wet weather. There was no discussion of any releases at present.

One of the keys to the team turnaround is stability, as the Reds add only one player (pitcher Tom Tuckey) to its roster ... the *Springfield Republican* notes that the team changed its batting order only once during the course of the season.

With financial problems mounting, the Reds hold a stockholders meeting on July 11 ... a special committee is appointed to raise money and it is announced that if the committee fails to raise the money, the franchise will be turned over to the league ... a treasurer's statement show that the team's current deficit is \$275 ... through the first 31 home games attendance is up over 200 fans a game, but attendance for the first 30 road games is down 150 per tilt.

Norwich clinches the Connecticut League pennant on September 5, with a 6-5 win over New London.



THE CHAMPION NORWICH TEAM.

Top row—Ball, m. Bridges, c; Accorsini, 1; Driscoll, business manager; Golden, r f; Tuckey, p; Stevens, p. Lower row—Lord, 2b; Soffel, s; Cote, 1 f; Tighe, manager; Perkins, 3b; Plank, p; Halligan, p.

1906 Norwich Reds Statistics:

Batting	G	H-AB	2B	3B	HR	SB	Avg.
Edmond Peloquin, p.....	14	13-40	1	1	0	0	.325
William Lord, 2b.....	120	138-449	30	3	3	26	.309
Ira Plank, p.....	58	52-172	9	0	3	2	.302
John Golden, of.....	123	137-486	28	3	1	36	.282
Frank Fitzpatrick, 2b***	124	121-460	16	1	1	41	.263
Victor Accorsini, 1b.....	125	110-422	26	2	3	27	.260
Gus Soffel, ss.....	124	111-447	20	2	1	36	.248
Jack Tighe, 1b.....	20	16-66	3	0	2	0	.242
Harry Ball, of.....	117	111-461	14	3	1	56	.241
Emil Cote, of.....	126	113-471	10	0	0	20	.240
Ray Perkins, 3b.....	126	107-461	27	4	2	16	.232
Edward Halligan, p.....	41	24-124	4	0	0	3	.193
Stewart Stevens, p.....	35	20-110	4	2	1	2	.182
Edward Bridges, c.....	112	64-357	13	1	2	9	.179
Tom Tuckey, p**	37	14-113	2	0	0	0	.124

Pitching	G	W-L
Edward Halligan.....	41	22-16
Ira Plank.....	36	21-12
Stewart Stevens.....	35	19-16
Tom Tuckey**.....	37	15-16
Edmond Peloquin.....	14	0-0

** stats for 2 teams; *** stats for 3 teams