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Has cold in eyes...

On the same day that a Sharpesville, Pennsylvania, trainman kills a 6-foot blacksnake, Washington Nationals infielder Eddie Foster has to leave that day's game with the Cleveland Naps after his first at bat because he "has cold in eyes".

Foster is replaced by veteran Frank LaPorte who goes 1-for-3 as the Senators score twice in the bottom of the ninth inning for a 4-3 win.

Its expected that Foster will miss the next couple of games, but the 26-year-old third baseman is back in the lineup two days later in a 3-2 win over the St. Louis Browns.

Foster will play 13 seasons in the majors (twice receiving MVP votes),

finishing with 1,490 hits and a .264 career atting average ... the Chicago, Illinois, native hits only six home runs in his 13 seasons, the fewest by any major leaguer with 5,000 or more career at bats.

FOSTER OUT OF GAME;

HAS COLD IN EYES

Special to The Washington Post.

Cleveland, Ohio, July 14.—As a result of a heavy cold that seems to have settled in his eyes, Eddie Foster, the Nationals' third sacker, will probably be forced to remain out of the game for several days. The ailment bothered him considerably at the start of today's game, and he was relieved by Frank LaPorte. It is more than probable that the big Frenchman will play the position until Foster's return to the game.



Trainmen Kill Big Blacksnake

Sharpesville Crew Kills Reptile
Measuring 6 Feet in
Length.

(Special to The News).

NEW WILMINGTON, Pa., July 15.—A blacksnake, six foot long, and as big around as a man's forearm was killed by the Sharpesville trainmen, a day or two since. When the train made the south bound trip in the afternoon the snake was seen in the side of a hollow tree. It was still there when the train went north. The train was stopped, and the brakemen got out and killed the snake with an axe. It was measured with a rule, and found to be as described. The woods are full of snakes this year in the vicinity where this one was found and they are reported to be as long as ten feet, although this is the largest one killed so far.

The next afternoon another snake—presumably the mate to the first one—was found in exactly the same place, and it too, was killed by the trainmen.

While a blacksnake will strike with its fangs and produce a painful wound, it is not poisonous. If given an opportunity, though, it will coil itself around one's leg, and squeeze. It is almost impossible to break the hold the snake attains, unless you can cut it, then the conglou relaxes and the snake falls off.