

BILL JURGES WOUNDED BY GIRL HE REJECTED

Chicago Cubs Player and Young Woman Are Shot in Struggle for Her Pistol.

CHICAGO, July 6 (AP).—A woman scorned almost took the life of Bill Jurges, star shortstop of the Chicago National Baseball Club, today.

Brooding because the youthful baseball player had rejected her attentions, Miss Violet Popovich, a pretty brunette, forced entrance into his hotel room, made one final plea for his love and then attempted to commit suicide. In the struggle for the gun, both were wounded but not seriously.

Jurges, in a wild lunge for the gun which the woman pulled from her purse, was shot twice. One bullet struck him in the right side, ricocheted off a rib and came out the right shoulder. The second ripped the flesh about the little finger of his left hand. Miss Popovich was struck by the third shot, which entered her left hand and traveled up the arm six inches.

Dr. John Davis, Cub physician, was standing in the lobby of the Hotel Carlos, two blocks from Wrigley Field, where the shooting occurred, and gave immediate attention to the wounded couple. He said neither was injured seriously and that Jurges probably would be able to return to the game in about three or four weeks, barring unexpected complications.

Jurges came to the Cubs in 1931 but was sent to the Reading International League farm for most of the season because of his light hitting, returning to the Cub bench late in the 1931 campaign. So far this year, he has been playing brilliantly and batting about .260 or fifty points higher. He is 24 years old and his home is in Brooklyn.

Phones Father He Is "O. K."

William Jurges is "feeling O. K.," he told his father, Frederick Jurges, by telephone from a Chicago hospital last night, according to Jurges Sr., who talked with his son from his home at 296 Arlington Avenue, Brooklyn.

Mr. Jurges said that his ball-playing son told him he knew no reason why the young woman should have shot him. The Jurges family believe that she was in Brooklyn the week of June 10 when the Cubs were playing here. They said that the shortstop received numerous telephone calls from a young woman while his team was here and he was living at his parents' home.

Jurges Sr. is a special officer at the East New York Savings Bank's Eastern Parkway branch. He lives with his wife and four children in a small two-family brick house.