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SOUTH BEND BEATS MYERS' CREW, 5-3

GRANT'S PLAYERS SLAM RICE HARD IN FOURTH.

COFFEY GETS FOUR KNOCKS

After First Inning Cy Alberts Holds Dayton Safe, Allowing But Several Hits During Battle—Players, Trouble Umpire.

DAYTON, O., July 25.—Clean hitting by South Bend, aided by some timely assistance from Umpire Clark, gave the Benders the opening performance yesterday afternoon, the verdict being 5 to 3.

While no credit can be taken from South Bend, the fact remains that Grant's men would have had a much larger task on their hands had they not been assisted by Umpire Clark. He lacked nerve, judgment and voice and his several appearances here have been veritable nightmares. While Clark was in the zero and yellow all the times, his worst decision came on Thomas in the fourth. This mistake in judgment gave the Benders a couple of runs and opened things up for them to make a few more on the side. Thomas in this inning hunted for a pitched ball and finally got one fine. Morse came to first and scooped the ball, throwing to Myers and catching Heinie by at least three feet. Clark could not see it and called him safe. Even Grant himself had to laugh at the decision which put the Vets and Coffey back on their ears. Coffey let off. Rice did not come down for some time and before he finally touched Mother Earth the Benders had hit his bonders, pry three safties and five runs, clinching the game.

Outside of this inning, Rice pitched a good game, his curves and speed in delivery widely scattered and rattling the Benders almost in the order of their batting. The one hope was fatal, however, and the first game of the season ended. Cy Alberts and Myers played great ball in the field, giving their pitchers perfect support. The Vets took care of 3 runners without a skip and the Benders negotiated 4 chances in the same manner. Myers was also in great form, taking 7 chances and handling Rice's 11 chances, all of which he handled cleanly. Kosher, at scout, was the star of the opposition, having 12 cleanly accepted chances. Coffey's sickness was the cause of Myers's appearance behind the center fielder having four safe swats in five attempts.

Coffey Goes Some.

In the first inning he drove down the third base line, in the third inning he singled through scout and in the fifth and seventh he tied the ball up for keeps. Coffey's work was good for him to get the little stingy 11 in the ninth but the best he could do was to raise a fly that Orth camped under and caught. "Scotty" Walker was another star in the hitting line, he having two safeties, one which gave over second and into right. These added to his four straight hits Thursday gave him six straight hits and went into well along for a record. Scotty's work in the field was appearance and also his fourth. Kostler squeezed his offerings both times.

The Vets got two runs in the blow off on the two kinds of offensive play; hit and run and sacrificing. A run was scored on each. Willi Bayless hit safely, stole second and third and went down on one of the first balls pitched which Myers shoved through the infield between Grant and Hayworth. Grant having left his territory to cover the bag, Bayless had no parade to cross. Hartman went to third on a hit and second on Morse's well placed hoist, which moved Myers up to second. Walker followed with a hit through second, which scored Myers.

The Benders got busy in the fourth when they gathered a bushel of runs. Koehler first up, drew a pass and moved up on Sheridan's sacrifice. Hayworth was hit by a pitched ball and Kostler was hit by a pitched ball and sacrifice. He was safe and the bases were filled. Henderson singled through scout, scoring Koehler and Hayworth and Hayworth and Fox's engine to right sent in Thomas, Grant's stay to right sent in Henderson and Fox scored on Rice's error.

The Vets got one run in their half but were unable to score thereafter. Morse was passed look second and Walker's single, third on Richardson's sacrifice and Bayless's single to right by Coffey. Neither team was able to hit after the fourth both pitchers working in a no-hope fashion.

Dayton	W.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hartman, rf	1	1	1	0	0
Morse, 1b	1	1	14	1	0
Walker, ss	1	2	1	2	0
Bayless, lf	1	1	1	0	0
Richardson, c	0	0	7	1	0
Wright, 2b	0	0	2	2	0
Orth, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Rice, p	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	3	5	27	7	0

South Bend	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Koehler, 2b	1	0	1	4	0
Sheridan, ss	0	0	1	1	0
Hayworth, 1b	1	0	1	0	0
Thomas, c	1	0	1	0	0
Henderson, rf	1	1	1	0	0
Fox, lf	1	1	1	0	0
Grant, p	0	0	0	1	0
Alberts, p	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	5	2	6	7	0

Dayton ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 3
South Bend ..... 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 4 — 5

Sacrifice—Sheridan. Two-base Hits—Hartman, Walker. Three-base Hits—Fox, Rice. Bases on Balls—Off Rice, 1; of Alberts, 1. Struck Out—By Rice, 1; by Alberts, 1. Left on Bases—Dayton, 6; South Bend, 4. Umpire—Snow. Weather—Warm. Time—1:45. Batteries—Richardson, Rice; Thomas—Hayworth. Time—1:45. Umpire—Clark.

EVANSVILLE DEFEATS INFANTS.

Walker Allows but Four Beats to Zanesville Men.

The Tribune's Special Service.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., July 25.—Walker Allowed Zanesville but four hits yesterday and Evansville had no trouble in winning by a score of 5 to 1. Evansville let Walker, the great pitcher, or opportunity and won out in easy style. Score:

Evansville	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Bayless, 2b	1	1	2	3	0
Eagle, lf	1	1	2	0	0
Knell, 1b	1	1	11	0	0
Schwabe, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Ryan, ss	0	0	1	1	0
Ryan, 3b	0	0	1	1	0
Ryan, 3b	0	0	1	1	0
Cooper, c	1	1	8	0	0
Walker, p	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	5	5	27	11	0

Zanesville	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Wheeler, 2b	0	0	1	2	0
Ryan, 3b	0	0	1	1	0
Ryan, 3b	0	0	1	1	0
Cooper, c	1	1	8	0	0
Walker, p	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	5	5	27	11	0

Evansville ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 1
Zanesville ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 0

Sacrifice Hits—Schwabe, Knell, Cooper. Two Base Hits—Knell, Cooper. Left on Bases—Evansville, 4; Zanesville, 4. Bases on Balls—Off Walker, 1; off Walker, 4. Struck Out—By Walker, 3; by Walker, 1. Umpires—Snow, Weber. Time—1:45. Batteries—Walker, Cooper; Walker, Wheeler.

STANDING OF LEAGUES.

Central League.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Clinton	57	27	.679
Evansville	51	27	.654
Grand Rapids	47	27	.635
South Bend	47	41	.534
Dayton	41	41	.500
Terre Haute	41	42	.494
Fort Wayne	44	45	.377
Wheeling	27	47	.365

National League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Pittsburg	51	31	.622
New York	49	31	.581
Chicago	47	34	.580
Philadelphia	41	36	.532
Boston	39	47	.453
Brooklyn	37	47	.440
St. Louis	34	54	.387
Cincinnati	31	54	.365

American League.

	W.	L.	Pct.
Detroit	52	34	.605
Philadelphia	51	35	.593
Chicago	49	40	.551
Cleveland	46	40	.535
New York	39	44	.470
St. Louis	38	51	.427
Boston	37	51	.420
Washington	34	54	.386

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY.

Central League.

South Bend, 5; Dayton, 3.
Evansville, 1; Zanesville, 0.
Wheeling, 2; Clinton, 1.
Fort Wayne, 3; Grand Rapids, 8.

National League.

Chicago, 1; Brooklyn, 1 (eleven innings).
New York, 2; Boston, 1.
Cincinnati, 2; Pittsburg, 1.
Philadelphia-St. Louis game postponed; rain.

American League.

Detroit, 4; Cleveland, 3.

Southern Michigan League.

Lansing, 4; Kalamazoo, 1.
Battle Creek, 3; Jackson, 1.
Flint, 4; Jackson, 1.
Kalamazoo, 8; Bay City, 2.

GAMES TO-DAY.

Central League.

South Bend at Dayton.
Grand Rapids at Fort Wayne.
Clinton at Evansville.
Wheeling at Terre Haute.

National League.

Chicago at Brooklyn.
St. Louis at Philadelphia.
Pittsburg at New York.
Cincinnati at Boston.

American League.

Philadelphia at Chicago.
Washington at St. Louis.
New York at Boston.
Detroit at Cleveland.

Lansing, Three Rivers (Michigan) Game on Hold—Off Wacker, 1; off Walker, 4. Struck Out—By Wacker, 1; by Walker, 1. Left on Bases—Lansing, 7; Three Rivers, 7. Umpire—Frank Fine. Time—1:45. Batteries—Wacker, Bauer; Walker, Kaiser.

WHEELING WINS OPENING GAME.

Clinton Fans Running Loose Battle for Terre Haute.

The Tribune's Special Service.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., July 25.—In the first game of the series Wheeling played over here yesterday by a score of 2 to 1. The contest was featured with sensational fielding. Judge was effective at all stages and was given great support. Ferry pitched the game, running over Terre Haute the game.

Wheeling	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Wheeling	2	1	1	0	0
Totals	2	1	27	1	0

Terre Haute	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Totals	1	2	27	2	1

Wheeling ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 — 2
Terre Haute ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 — 1

Two Base Hits—Wheeler, Ferry. Bases on Balls—Off Judge, 1; off Schaefer, 1. Struck Out—By Judge, 6; by Ferry, 1. Left on Bases—Wheeling, 7; Terre Haute, 5. Umpires—Snow, Weber. Time—1:45.

STAGS GIVEN ANOTHER BEATING.

Fort Wayne Wins From Grand Rapids, Score 3 to 8.

The Tribune's Special Service.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., July 25.—Fort Wayne defeated Grand Rapids yesterday in the first game of the series by a score of 3 to 8. The game was won in the fifth when Fort Wayne made seven. With one bases loaded W. Kitty singled to center scoring two runs and winning the game. Cornell was relieved in the fifth by Schmeer.

Ft. Wy.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Totals	3	8	27	12	0

Grand Rapids	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.
Totals	8	12	18	8	0

Fort Wayne ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 3
Grand Rapids ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 — 8

Sacrifice Hits—Schmeer, Bender. Stolen Bases—Kelly, Lynn, Grier. Double Plays—Schmeer, Bender, Kelly; Schmeer, Bender, Grier. Left on Bases—Fort Wayne, 7; Grand Rapids, 7. Bases on Balls—Off Schmeer, 1; off Cornell, 1. Struck Out—By Schmeer, 1. Umpires—McGrath and Carey.

SPINKS CONFIDENT OF VICTORY.

Clothiers Will Meet Kendallville at Springbrook.

Much interest has been taken in the game between the Spinks Club and Kendallville which will be played to-morrow afternoon at Springbrook park. Both teams have won a game and the game will be a close one, it is said.

Members of the Spinks club have been practicing daily at Springbrook park and Capt. Coffey feels that the game will be one of the hardest he has yet played. The Spinks team will be Sheridan, 2; for South Bend club, received a communication from Kendallville calling for a large delegation of rooters will accompany the visiting team.

LIVINGSTON TO PLAY ELKHART.

Independent Teams Will Battle in Sunday Contest.

The Livingston baseball club is scheduled to meet a strong Elkhart Independent team on Sunday afternoon in the latter city. A small array of rooters will go to the city to Elkhart to witness the game.

The contest will be hard fought as both teams are nearly evenly matched. Perhaps the Livingston are the strongest hitters, but the Elkhart players are said to be fast on the field. The battery for the Livingston team has not been announced.

Eagles Beat Up Again.

The Eagles will cross bats with Old Nine the Rockford club at Niles Sunday. The Independents have won the championship title and are now in a fast game of ball. The Eagles will present a new line-up and are confident of winning. The team will leave for Niles on the 10 o'clock car.

Players Added to Rockford.

ROCKFORD, Ill., July 25.—James Hutton, who has been released of the management of the Rockford team yesterday, has signed with the Kansas City Outfielder Beckett. While Beckett of Chicago, has been added to Rockford's pitching staff.

LONG RACE ASSURED IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

RESULTS MAY REMAIN IN DOUBT UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER.

TEAMS ARE FIGHTING HARD

Close Race for Flag Depends Upon Whether New York will be Able to Trim Pittsburg in the Present Series.

NEW YORK, July 25.—If New York is able to do anything against the Pittsburg club on this trip it will mean that the present league fight is going to be the hottest that ever has been seen since the old organization went into business in 1876.

On the other hand should the Pittsburgs show enough strength to get away from the Giants they will be a long team to beat for the last three weeks and unless they reverse their form will be a hard team to knock down at any time during the remainder of the year.

It is rather absurd to take the ground that this present series means the settlement of the championship, as the season is yet too young for anything of that kind. But if Pittsburg should gain heavily at the present time, it would be a very good indication that it is other teams throughout the east, and that land would help the team.

The Race May be Close.

Probably the National league race will be strong along until the middle of September this year. There is every reason to believe that the race is close at the present running and that it will be close. It will be close to the last as it appears that the team can never be counted out of the race while the pirates have a chance to make Gotham fast fight on their own grounds. Hence the superiority of both Pittsburg and Chicago to make an effort to overcome the Giants. Pittsburg is now in the lead, but if Manager Jake Weimer and persuaded him that it would be good for the team to have a good ball game against Chicago that pitching for the Giants remains to be seen. When Jake failed to win in Chicago it was supposed that he didn't want to particularly shoot anything against his home folks. He promised the Chicago fans that he would beat the Cardinals but never showed up. McGraw has an idea that Weimer will report at the Polo grounds to-day or to-morrow, but has received no word from the Pittsburg.

Weimer is being needed right now by the Giants' staff, which is half good and half bad. The ex-Red infielder claims to have an agreement with the Giants club, made when he joined that team, whereby when he was sold or traded he should be released. It is on that he is trying to force a way out of Garry Herrmann, but if he is he has not said anything about it to the New York club.

Shannon Has Troubles.

"Spike" Shannon, now a Pirate, does not seem to be having a good time. Spike is now with the team but evidently tried to do his best. No left fielder, with the possible exception of Morton, ever did better work in New York's left and just field than Old Shannon. But twice while he was a member of the team he was hit in the face with a fly to get away from him in the sun and that is something of a jump. His shifts were quite as severe as the hits he had because of the disadvantage he was in.

But this year was the year of his troubles. He had an unfortunate run of luck because of a sore finger and all the hits he had because of the disadvantage he was in.

In any event, McGraw decided that it would be a good thing to give him a change and to make a shift in the outfield. Shannon was sent to Pittsburg the strength of the Giants. Bresnahan has not been batting up to his mark this spring and the money with the club was needed if the Giants were to fight down and perhaps increase their standing at the expense of Pittsburg and Chicago.

The decision of McGraw's to trade Shannon certainly helped its betting although it is very doubtful if McGraw's will ever be the fielder that Shannon was and is.

MANY SURPRISES IN CENTRAL.

Race for Flag is Unusually Close This Season.

Only the baseball fan who is blessed with a mighty good memory can recall a pennant race in the Central league that has anything on the league race being waged now in point of closeness and uncertainty. It is merely a grand battle. Use once of 1906, and

developments of the past week have made it more difficult than ever for dopsters to get a line on the probable winners.

Since the opening of the playing season the indications have been that South Bend, Grand Rapids, Dayton and Evansville would have the fight all to themselves. Wheeling started in the fastest Grand Rapids fashion in early seasons, but apart from the quarterite among only a couple of aggregations appear to have a look-in for the bunting.

Of late, however, a dark horse has appeared in the running and another contender has loomed up in the championship race. Both Evansville and Grand Rapids suddenly struck a gait that caused have among the leading clubs. Both teams are playing ball that is as good as any in the league and they are likely to cut a tremendous figure in the going before the struggle is decided.

It might be said that Wheeling is out of the race for a first division club as the outfit got too poor a start early in the season to make up for it. Of late several players have been tried out under the management of Teddy Price and Tom Fleming and the results are that the club went all to pieces before the Grand Rapids team. Wheeling is a contender for honors but Wheeling is not cut out for a championship club this season, under the best of conditions.

South Bend has offered several surprises this season in nearly every department of the game. The club of the team has suffered a slump in batting but so far as fielding is concerned the club stacks up with any aggregation in the league.

MINNIE M. WINS THIRD MONEY.

South Bend Pacer Shows Well in the 2:13 Pace.

The Tribune's Special Service.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., July 25.—Although the track was heavy yesterday, good time was made in the events in the second day's programme of the meeting, Minnie M., owned by Col. George B. Stadebaker, of South Bend, and driven by Harry M. Hoffman, was third in the 2:13 pace. The promising mare, Minnie M., owned by Ed. Tibbits, O., and Miss Castle took first and second. Summary:

2:13 pace:

Twin O. B. (McMahon) 1 1 1
Miss Castle (Castle) 2 2 2
Minnie M. (Hoffman) 3 3 3
Time—2:11½, 2:11½, 2:11.

PLAYED WITH BROOKLYN CLUB.

Pitcher Wilhelm With Staples is Former Big Leaguer.

In an endeavor to check its long losing streak the Wheeling team has made many recent changes and has added a strong staff of pitchers to its lineup. The latest of these is Wilhelm who starting the game Thursday against Evansville, after just completing a hard wearing journey. Early in the season Wilhelm was with the Staples team in Tennessee and then signed with the New York, N. J., team in the Eastern league, and was released from there by Wheeling. It is expected that Wilhelm will be one of the star pitchers of the league.

New Players for Sterling.

STERLING, Ill., July 25.—Nicolson of the La Crosse team, of the Wisconsin-Illinois league, and Clark, of the Illinois-Indiana of the season with the Sterling Infants. Clark, a shortstop, will also play with the Infants.

Watchmakers Have Game.

The Watch factory baseball team will play the Lakeville team at Lakeville Sunday afternoon. The timepieces makers expect a lively battle.

SPORTING COMMENT IN CENTRAL LEAGUE

An infield fly play came up yesterday that puzzled the fans and most of the players, says the Evansville Journal. Mr. Punch Knott and Mr. Jimmie Ryan, umpires, decided that it was a fair play.

Tears ago Fred Pfeffer, then with the Chicago team, was the possibility of the infield fly. With a player on first and second and one out he would hold the runners in place. If they played the bag, he caught the ball and threw it to the base on the second runner out. If the runners played the bag, he let the ball fall, recovering it quickly and then throwing to get a double play on forced runners.

To divide this trick a rule was made that when runners on first and second, the batsman who made an infield hit was to be called out whether the ball was caught or not. The exception was that the runners would hold their bases.

Yesterday, however, when the runners at first and second saw the ball would not be caught, they instinct to advance. The ball was fielded and the batter was thrown to third. It beat Kinsella's base hit. As was not a forced run, Chill called him safe, having stolen third. The Evansville team appealed to second on the play. Only the batsman was out and so was out because of hitting an infield fly with the first and second necks occupied. Knott and Ryan had to go to the rule to give the decision at second and third and overrule a putout for the first base runner, which was handled by ball. The base runners were each given a stolen base.

Will Thomas, outfielder of the Youngstown club, has been traded for Cincinnati Reds, of the Ohio-Pennsylvania club. Billy Thomas, former Zanesville Indian, is a fast fielder and a good hitter in the outfield for Youngstown, is out of condition and until he is able to return to form the trade will not become effective.

It's a foregone conclusion that no baseball player will try to assault Umpire Jim Clark. Curly is a big strapping fellow and it is a rare occasion when he declines to dispute his opponent with among the players as well as the umpires. Curly is a big fellow for the pitcher and on five occasions this season that the first has been disputed was Wednesday when he Zoo Zoo accepted the honor.

McKenzie, the umpire who has been working at Fort Wayne is carrying around two black eyes and an ugly cut on his cheek better as the result of a fall down stairs. The Fort Wayne figures that he is preparing to make a record of the Central circuit commencing at Wheeling on the lookout for good material. What's the matter with Warren Gill? Gill was great in the Ohio-Pennsylvania and Ohio-Indiana leagues.