

BELTZ WEAKENED AFTER THE FIFTH

Twirler of No-Hit Fame Allowed Only Two Hits in First Five Innings and Then Let Down, Losing 4 to 1.

WALKER IN FINE FORM

In No Inning Were Two Hits Made Off Keokuk's New Flinger, Who Made His Bow to Keokuk Ball Fans.

Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
Galesburg	32	20	.615
Ottumwa	30	19	.612
Burlington	31	20	.608
Keokuk	27	23	.540
Muscatine	23	27	.460
Hannibal	21	30	.412
Monmouth	20	30	.400
Kewanee	19	32	.373

Where They Play Today. Burlington at Muscatine. Monmouth at Ottumwa. Galesburg at Hannibal. Kewanee at Keokuk.

No-hit Beltz and his wide-breaking curves slipped along nicely for five rounds in the opening game of the series here yesterday, but in the sixth and seventh the clever southpaw was hit hard by Beltz's men, who pushed across a 4 to 1 victory with Ed Walker going smoothly after the first round.

The game started out in a very listless manner, but in the third Umpire Mapel, one of President Justice's latest acquisitions, displayed his authority by inviting Frank Beltz to leave the grounds. Beltz and Mapel had not gotten along very well during the first two rounds. The point of argument was the delivery of Beltz, who would tie himself up in a knot and then untwist in the direction of first base to throw for the runner. Beltz was not hasty in leaving and Mapel called for an officer several times, but the blue-coats were nowhere to be found. Mapel says Beltz was put out of the grounds for using abusive language.

With Beltz removed from the engagement the versatile Murray was ushered into the melee and played the initial bag well, accepting all of the chances that came to him.

Game Anything But Soft. A slip up in the first round followed by Keokuk's inability to do anything with the slants of Beltz made the outcome favor Kewanee in no slight degree. For five rounds Keokuk found the opposing pitcher only twice and these hits, one for a double from Pennington's bat and another for three bases from Cavanaugh's bat, could not be coined into a run.

Walker was responsible for the run in the first, although poor judgment on the part of Frank Beltz lost a chance to nail a runner at third base and prevent the score. McManus, the first man up, hit an easy roller to Walker, who heaved fast and wide to Beltz, the runner going to second. Kilpatrick hit one to Beltz, who had the ball in plenty of time to cut McManus off at third. He looked in that direction, hesitated a moment, and then thought it too late, so he played it safely to first. Loeber scored the runner with a single to center. A double play started by Painter averted further trouble.

From the first on Walker pitched good ball and was endangered in only a couple of innings. In several instances the remarkable peg of Cavanaugh cut off Kewanee's hopes. Twice he whipped the ball to second and caught the runner napping.

Clout Ball in Sixth. Aside from the long hits by Pennington and Cavanaugh, Keokuk had little chance to score until the sixth, when a cluster of four swats put the Indians ahead of the game.

Hilly started the inning with his single to center after one was down and Pennington tied up the game by his long three bagger to right field. A lucky squeeze play gave Keokuk another run. Painter bunted high in the air and Beltz failed to catch the ball, holding back for Webster on first. Reichle struck out and Blake sent a safe drive into left. Murray lifted a skier to center and the inning was over.

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Keokuk	1	1	.500
McManus, If	4	1	.800

The Umpire and Manager Belt

By Critic. Yesterday's game at Hubinger park would have been made much more pleasant if devoid of some of the unnecessary wrangles during the first two innings between Manager Frank Beltz and Umpire Mapel, all of which led to Beltz's expulsion from the grounds in the beginning of the third.

With all due credit to Beltz, who has lodged protest after protest against various umpires of the league from time to time, the trouble yesterday can be traced directly to Frank's temper, which seemingly got the better of him. To start with in the very first inning and the first man at bat Walker committed an error on a wide throw to Beltz which was subsequently coiled into a run through failure of Beltz to play the ball to third. Belt saw his mistake too late and became peeved at himself and incidentally the umpire, when Bresnahan was caught napping on third in Keokuk's half. That Bresnahan was out is beyond the question of a doubt. From that time on Beltz and Mapel had their troubles and while the former was talking in an undertone before play started in the third Mapel ordered him from the game. It was fully five minutes before play could be resumed. All of this could have been omitted from the game and Belt might have remained to play first base. That Frank has been the "goat" on the road the writer is in no position

to say, and will give the Keokuk leader credit for having to stand the gaff, but it certainly is no more than other managers get. Several of them have been put out of the game and more than one player has been fined. The work of Umpire Mapel in the opening game should have been satisfactory even to the most exacting manager, player or fan. His decision at third base on the throw to catch Bresnahan could not have been rendered otherwise. He called a close one at second in Keokuk's favor and gave Big Ed Walker the corners he was entitled to. Belt protested against the delivery of Beltz in which he mixed a throw to first base rather cleverly. But there could be no fair protest because he took a direct step to the bag. The holler on a pitcher's delivery in a crisis is an old game.

The fighting spirit in Belt is to be admired, but unless there is sufficient reason for strenuous protest the constant harping is a thing to be omitted. Mapel looked bad yesterday when he really umpired a good game. He was accused of pulling the game off in slow time, but this could hardly be helped. Five minutes or more were consumed in Belt leaving the grounds and at least five minutes more in waiting for Dilger to put on his shin guards. But it happened that Dilger was on base three times and had to come in, go to the bench and get his armor before being ready for play.

C. A. Sporting Briefs

Keokuk fell short of the 500 mark yesterday. It was ladies' day and the fair sex turned out generously, but the men were few.

Dilger, catcher for Kewanee, is showing great class at the present time and his work is a distinct improvement over that of last season. It would not be a big surprise if he is one of the C. A. boys to go up this year. Dilger looks like a real star behind the bat. His receiving is good, his arm is powerful and he is hitting the ball.

Muscatine Journal: Now that the clubs are well settled into their strides the dopsters will soon begin to get busy again to figure out where the pennant will fly. The leaders always look good and some of those who early in the season could see only Ottumwa or Burlington now think the race is between these two clubs, Galesburg, Keokuk and possibly Muscatine. We are particularly sweet on the Pavers on account of their showing in the past several weeks both at home and on the road. Bert Hough's aggression is playing the best ball on the circuit, for while the Pavers are not hitting harder in the average than some of the other clubs, they are clouting when it does good and are playing a smart "inside" game. In addition, there is the gilt-edged work of Fanning and Mogridge, and to a lesser degree the playing of Eberts and Blauser, which has held the enemy in check. Muscatine is hitting at a noisy clip, but the play has been very streaky, while the pitchers have been batted so hard that the local club has lost more games than it has won. Again they are wonderfully effective at times and to this end the Big Stick will strive to the utmost. But any club which can win by hitting always is dangerous, for if its own pitchers are going well, it takes more than its share of the combats.

Business men who have both the time and the money to attend baseball games and besides consider themselves fans as they understand and enjoy the game, say that they have not seen a single game this year. The Quincy association fought all winter to provide this sport for the people of Quincy and now that the sport is provided, the fans do not attend the games, do not support the team simply because the club is not leading the procession or is the race for first place. * * * One-half of the league fought with and for Quincy because they believed in Quincy, were satisfied that Quincy was a live town, believed that the fans here would support the game sufficiently to strengthen the league. Unless the fans turn out in large numbers, the men who risked their own franchises will be disappointed.

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Kilpatrick, ss	4	0	1.000
Lober, rf	4	0	1.000
Dacey, cf	4	0	1.000
Andrews, 3b	4	0	1.000
Dilger, c	4	0	1.000
Webster, 1b	3	0	1.000
Berghammer, 2b	3	0	1.000
Beltz, p	3	0	1.000
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Bresnahan, 3b	1	0	1.000
Hilly, cf	1	0	1.000
Pennington, ss	1	0	1.000
Painter, 2b	1	0	1.000
Reichle, cf	1	0	1.000
Blake, rf	1	0	1.000
Beltz, 1b	1	0	1.000
Murray, 1b	1	0	1.000
Cavanaugh, c	1	0	1.000
Walker, p	1	0	1.000

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Five clubs can be counted still in the running without stretching credulity too far, and the margin is not yet big enough to concede that the bunting fight is a one club affair, although Galesburg looks much the best now.

The story so familiar to Central association fans that Quincy sports will attend their ball games when the team is winning and will stay at home when it is losing, is being retold again since the Gem City has gained its great desire of a berth in the Three-I league.

The Quincy Herald wants the fans of the fact in order for the city to make good in the new league they must attend the games. It says: "Everybody wants the home team to win. If the home team wins the attendance is good, if the team loses, the attendance drops off. Many fans insist that they are sports and do not care as long as they get a good game of ball for their money, but when the team is losing they find convenient business matters to keep them away from the park."

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KNOCKED OUT IN FIRST INNING

Pitcher Companion, Monmouth's New Flinger Did Not Last Long Against Ottumwa, Packers Winning 10 to 2.

CANNIBALS HIT FANNING

Star Flinger Lost to McGee, 10 to 4—Burlington Continues to Hit the Ball Viciously.

OTTUMWA, Ia., June 21.—Ottumwa batted Companion out of the box in the opening inning and took kindly to the offerings of Walters in the sixth and seventh and then romped away with a 10 to 2 victory over the Browns. Manager Stark was hurt in the foot in running between third and home in the initial frame and was forced to retire. The visiting athletes were then switched helter-skelter about the field and the absence of their leader had the effect of disconcerting their playing. The terrific hitting of Dan Senno was the feature of the game and resulted in forcing across most of Ottumwa's runs. The fielding of Kensel and Gard was spectacular, and Plympton's effectiveness was noticeable in the pinches.

Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
Kensel, 2b	4	2	0.340
Russell, lf	3	1	1.000
Johnson, cf	4	2	0.667
Wall, 3b	2	3	1.200
Senno, rf	3	2	0.600
Gard, 1b	4	0	1.200
Wise, ss	3	0	1.200
Link, c	4	0	1.000
Plympton, p	3	0	0.200

Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
Finney, rf-1f	4	0	1.310
Stark, 1b	1	0	1.000
Walters, 1b-p	3	1	1.400
Blauser, 2b-1b	4	0	2.621
Long, lf-2b	3	0	1.420
Irmacher, 3b	4	0	1.250
Dowers, cf	4	0	1.000
Manion, ss	4	0	2.421
Lage, c	4	0	1.421
Companion, p	0	0	1.000
Curname, rf	1	0	0.000

Score by Innings. Ottumwa 20100250x—10. Monmouth 001000010—2.

Summary. Three base hits—Senno, 2. Two base hits—Senno, Johnson, Blauser, Long. Sacrifice hits—Russell, 2. Curname. Stolen bases—Wall, Irmacher. Double plays—Wise to Kensel; Finney to Lage. Struck out—By Plympton, 5; by Walters, 1. Base on balls—Off Walters, 4; off Plympton, 2. Hits—Off Companion, 2 in 1 inning; off Walters, 7 in 8 innings. Hit by pitcher—Walters, 2. Time of game—1:40. Umpire—Glenalvin. Attendance—259.

Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
McKnight, cf	5	1	3.000
Jacobson, lf	5	1	2.000
Nickell, rf	5	0	2.400
Milligan, 2b	2	2	1.000
Walsh, ss	3	1	3.121
Breckley, 1b	3	2	0.500
Bagnall, 3b	2	2	1.210
Shea, c	3	1	3.621
McGee, p	4	0	1.110

Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
Fox, lf	4	2	2.200
Dowling, 2b	5	1	4.400
Ens, 1b	5	0	5.000
Blauser, 3b	5	0	2.011
Scanlon, ss	5	1	2.821
Evans, c	3	2	5.222
Sampson, rf	4	0	1.000
Ruth, cf	2	0	1.310

Clubs	W.	L.	Pct.
Ellis, lf	5	0	1.000
Clifton, c	2	1	2.100
Watson, rf	5	2	3.000
Ross, cf	3	2	3.210
Lowthers, 2b	4	1	2.200
Rohn, 1b	4	1	2.000
Burton, ss	3	2	1.111
Lamb, 3b	4	0	1.000
C. Brown, p	4	0	2.020
Hawk, p	1	0	0.000

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Burlington, 10; Muscatine, 5. MUSCATINE, Iowa, June 21.—Burlington at Muscatine's pitching staff at will yesterday afternoon and won 10 to 5. Both sides put up a great defensive game and Burlington won by their ability to clout Holycross.

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Fanning, p	4	0	2.020
Total	37	4	11.2411

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Hannibal	123	130	0.60x—10
Galesburg	211	600	0.000—4

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McKnight, cf	5	1	