

# Latest Sporting News

## FAIRCLOTH LOSES PITCHERS' BATTLE

Twelve Innings Necessary to Decide Argument Between "Rags" and Mitchell—Score 2 to 1.

## BUT ONE ERROR COSTLY

Stofer's Muff of Thrown Ball in Last Round Gives Pilots Chance to Count Deciding Score.

[Special to The Gate City.] CLINTON, Iowa, July 9.—Bob Mitchell won a great pitcher's battle Wednesday afternoon, in the first game of the Keokuk series, from Faircloth by a score of 2 to 1. It took twelve innings of good base ball to decide the game and while Keokuk made five errors only one was costly, but that one cost the game.

Mitchell had the better of the argument all of the way through, though Faircloth would probably have made a better showing with the team putting up a stronger defensive game than it did. Both pitchers were tight wads when it came to a pinch and on several occasions both teams had men as far as third, with one down and yet were unable to shove a run across.

Stofer's Error Costs Game. The game was broken up in the twelfth when Stofer muffed an easy chance to retire the runner after the ball had been fielded perfectly by Hensling. Nolt started this inning off, by going out, pitcher to first. Welch drove a pretty single to left. Hubbart drove the ball to Hensling who fielded it cleanly and threw to Stofer for the out at second. Stofer dropped the ball and both hands were safe. Schliebner was the man of the hour and brought in Welch with a hot liner between third and short.

Faircloth Tightens. After the second inning when the Pilots scored their first run, Faircloth tightened and while men would get on bases by errors he would tighten and strike out the next batter, or would hold them to a puny fly or grounder to the infield. On four occasions Mitchell was up with a chance to win the game when two men were down, but each time he failed, Faircloth sending him back to the bench on as many occasions. His other trip to the plate he hit the fence for a two bager. Schliebner had a chance to win the game in the tenth but failed, with two men down and a man on third he took three healthy swings at the pellet and went to his position on the field.

Mitchell was equally effective against the visitors when he was in the hole, which was very seldom on account of the good backing and his own magnificent pitching, only in one inning did they gather more than one hit and that was in the fourth when they scored their only run of the entire game. He allowed only three hits the last eight innings and walked out two during the entire session.

Pilot Tallies. The first run came in the second inning when it looked like a million would be shoved across. Schliebner opened the round with a hit to left. Simmons laid down a perfect bunt and beat it out, both men being safe. Scanlon sacrificed both men along a station. Menne coaxed a base on balls out of Faircloth and Darrow hit a long sacrifice fly to Wetzel in left. Mitchell struck out.

How They Scored. The visitor's first and only run came in the fourth. Hensling opened this frame with a two bager against the left field fence, and took third on Dall's infield out. Scanlon to Schliebner. Stofer struck out, but Marshall was Johnny-on-the-spot with a clean single to center, scoring Hensling.

Clinton. A.B.R.H.P.O.A.E. Nolt, rf. 3 0 0 1 0 0. Welch, 3b. 6 1 1 3 2 0. Hubbart, cf. 5 0 0 1 0 0. Schliebner, 1b. 6 1 2 14 0 0.

## Fights Today are Society events

### Movie Man Hurting Fight Game—Look to Smith as Real Hope

[By Hal Sheridan, written for the United Press.] NEW YORK, July 9.—The movie man is hurting the fight game. Surely it must be the movie man—let's lay it on somebody. In London a week from today Gunboat Smith will try to land with his dreamland punch on some vital point on the anatomy of Georges Carpentier, French heavy-weight champion of Europe.

Smith has become a society bug and holds receptions in London now and then, arrayed in full evening dress. Carpentier, referee, appeared at the recent lamented Parisian sparring party daintily arrayed in white tennis flannels. Fight fans everywhere are more skeptical than ever, since the Paris affair, regarding the possibilities of another real honest to heaven championship fight, and they are wondering already whether this next big event will be a mere social event.

Johnson Has \$100,000. In Paris, Johnson and Moran smiled obligingly into the camera, and Johnson, getting the lion's share of the proceeds and all the movie money, has something like \$100,000 to dispose of before he can be expected to take any live interest in things pugnaeous—or thereabout—again.

The proposed Johnson-Langford bout in London in October may be an interesting sparring match, but the Boston black is fat and hasn't shown anything recently, and despite Johnson's widely discussed decrepit condition he will have an easy lead over his opponent.

Johnson's lack of the old stuff, as demonstrated in the Moran fight, has centered attention on Gunboat Smith. The American fighter, although he fell for the billed shirt stuff and was a social lion for a day in London, is reported to be in excellent shape and to have been only mildly affected by the demoralizing influence of society life. According to all accounts Smith will be something of a rough customer still when he climbs through the ropes to face the Frenchman.

Langford Easy for Smith. Smith found Langford easy picking. Langford attempted to come back and it was vigorously reported that he had gotten rid of his fat and might yet be a dangerous customer, but the

## WHITE AND YOAKUM DISPLAY MORE PEP

Announcement of Promoters of \$25,000 Purse for Welsh Match, Makes Boys Eager to Win. [United Press Lease Wire Service.] DENVER, Colo., July 9.—The announcement by Cal Caecars, promoter, that he will offer a \$25,000 purse for a battle between Freddie Welsh and the winner of the Charlie White-Stanley Yoakum fight Tuesday night has put more "pep" into the training work of the two last named scrappers. Yoakum, who is training on a ranch outside of town, put in one hour and a half of hard work today. He will come into town Saturday and finish his work here. White is training at the Colorado A. C. and fans say his boxing is the cleverest ever seen here.

Birdman Breaks Records. [United Press Lease Wire Service.] KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 9.—De Lloyd Thompson, birdman, broke two records of the aviation field at Overland park yesterday afternoon. Thompson climbed to a height of 6,500 feet in 19 minutes and after shutting off his engine glided in long spirals for eight minutes before he landed easily with a motionless propeller.

## MOVE CHAMPS TO ROCK ISLAND SOON

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The Ottumwa Franchise Transferred. After considerable talk pro and con during which it was definitely stated by Mr. Hayden of Burlington, that Mr. Egan's salary of \$1,500 would have to be protected by the league it was decided to accept a proposition which he made to the league that he be given the right to transfer the team and franchise to Rock Island and that if necessary the league stand back of him to the extent of \$600. His proposition was that each club protect him to the extent of \$100. This would make \$700, but Mr. Hayden protested against this and on a vote being taken, Burlington and Muscatine voted against the proposition. Mr. Egan stated that he would accept the \$500, which five of the teams were willing to guarantee him. Muscatine reversing its vote and the amount was raised to \$600. In lieu of this, Mr. Egan for-

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Player and Salary Limit Increased. Beldon Hill of Cedar Rapids, moved that one extra player be allowed for the remainder of the season. This was lost by a vote of six ayes and two noes. A unanimous vote for a change of the by-laws being necessary at any but the annual meeting. Keokuk and Marshalltown voted the two noes, but after a short discussion they reluctantly changed their vote to aye, making it unanimous and thereby carrying the proposition. As a necessity of paying this man also over and above the regular salary list, the limit was increased to that extent. The matter of the official ball was passed over as of little consequence and as there was nothing more before the meeting Beldon Hill moved an adjournment, which was taken unanimously.

A Sight Seeing Tour. Following the meeting the officials and directors of the league were entertained by the Commercial Exchange at luncheon and were afterwards taken in automobiles for a ride about the city. They then attended the game between the Burlington Pathfinders and the Cedar Rapids Bunnies. The directors were delighted with the manner in which they were treated by the Cedar Rapids people, the views of the city and the base ball park, which is said to be one of the finest in all its appointments in minor base ball leagues.

The following were present at the meeting: M. E. Justice, president. W. H. Davidson, vice president. T. M. Hume, secretary. Burlington—T. C. Hayden, W. H. Davidson and T. M. Hume. Cedar Rapids—W. C. Blake, Beldon Hill, G. B. Ludy, E. H. Furrow and Harry Block. Clinton—T. M. Hume (proxy). Keokuk—Louis Sterne, Dr. B. L. Gillilan. Marshalltown—C. H. Hull, Fred Pepper, Geo. Stone, Mike Mundy, Ralph Scott, F. M. Wilbur. Muscatine—C. R. Stafford. Ottumwa—F. A. Nimocks, E. F. Egan. Waterloo—Dick Turner, A. C. Willford, J. A. Andrews, Wm. Reid, Mike Butch and Con McDermott.

Keokuk is very glad to have Rock Island come into the Central association in the place of Ottumwa, especially as the latter city wanted to quit. Rock Island is given a census of about 25,000, and it is said to be a live town from a sporting sense. It has been without baseball for two or three years, and will be glad to attend regular games once more. Ottumwa's withdrawal takes another of the charter members of the league from it, and leaves only Burlington and Keokuk to enjoy that distinction.

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League Officials Royally Entertained by Cedar Rapids Commercial Exchange—View Ball Game.

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