

It's a Long, Long Lane, So They Say, That Doesn't Bend

VIGILANTES HITLESS FOR EIGHT LONG INNINGS

BUNCHED HITS IN NINTH GIVES HELENA THREE RUNS AND PREVENTS SHUTOUT.

DUFFY DEFEATS COPPERS

Great Falls Pitcher Invincible in Pinches and Electrics Win Fourth Game of Series, 6 to 4—McCreery Hit Freely by Enemy.

Salt Lake City, Aug. 29.—Erickson held Helena hitless until the eighth inning when he allowed one scratchy single and in the ninth he allowed the visitors five more hits on which they scored three runs. Helena's start at run-getting was too late, however, for Salt Lake already had sewed up the game with 11 runs. Score:

Helena.					
Plays	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.
H. Spencer, rf.	4	0	0	4	0
Creighton, 2b.	4	1	1	3	0
Menges, ss.	3	1	1	0	1
Quigley, 2b.	4	0	0	2	0
Luszt, 1b.	3	1	2	9	0
Gibson, cf.	4	0	1	0	0
Murray, cf.	4	0	1	3	0
Crittendon, c.	4	0	0	5	2
Sullivan, p.	0	0	0	0	1
Ames, p.	3	0	0	0	4
Totals	33	3	6	24	13

Salt Lake.					
Plays	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.
Dressan, 1b.	3	2	2	16	0
A. Spencer, cf.	4	2	2	4	0
Davis, 3b.	4	2	2	0	1
Huelsman, if.	4	2	4	0	0
Murray, rf.	5	1	1	3	0
Fendleton, ss.	4	0	3	0	1
Schmidt, 2b.	4	0	1	0	11
Erickson, p.	4	0	0	3	0
McClain, c.	4	1	1	4	0
Totals	37	11	16	27	16

DUFFY'S PITCHING TOO GOOD FOR KAFORA'S FOLLOWERS

Batte, Aug. 29.—Duffy was too much for the locals at critical moments today, and Great Falls took the game, 6 to 4, from the Coppens. Score:

Great Falls.					
Plays	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.
Galena, 2b.	5	1	2	3	0
Hester, 1b.	2	0	0	9	0
Faye, cf.	5	1	1	2	0
Kelly, if.	4	2	2	6	0
Potts, ss.	3	1	1	3	0
Wesley, c.	4	1	2	0	0
Wesley, c.	4	1	2	6	1
Toner, 2b.	4	0	0	1	0
Duffy, p.	4	0	0	0	1
Totals	34	6	13	27	11

Butte.					
Plays	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.
Demaggio, if.	5	0	1	2	0
Turgeon, 1b.	4	0	1	11	1
Duddy, ss.	5	1	1	2	0
Kafora, c.	4	0	2	1	1
Clynes, rf.	4	1	2	1	0
Whaling, 2b.	4	1	2	4	0
Marshall, cf.	3	0	1	4	0
Orlet, 2b.	3	0	1	1	1
McCreery, p.	2	1	0	0	5
Kelllogg, c.	4	0	0	0	0
Kalloe, p.	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	4	9	27	12

Blankenship Hands in Resignation to Directors of the Missoula Club

Peerless Leader of Highlanders, Forbidden by His Physicians to Play Ball in Such High Altitude. Wants to Relieve Club of "Unnecessary Burden."

Manager Cliff Blankenship of the Highlanders has tendered his resignation to the directors of the local baseball club. It is Blank's intention to resign next Sunday night and to go south to California as soon as possible.

President Campbell, while offering no objection to the Peerless Leader's plan, can take no action until the directors have considered the question. "I am perfectly willing to stay if they want me to," said Mr. Blankenship last night, "but I can't see where I'm doing the club much good. The directors are losing more than a hundred dollars a day and they might just as well save my salary. They surely need every cent they can get."

His physicians have ordered Blank not to play ball in so high an altitude again. That means that he will not be here next year, for, as he says, a league of this size cannot afford to pay a salary to a bench manager. Clubs in this circuit to be financially successful, must have playing managers.

The P. L.'s troubles really date back to last winter. Never before last year had Blank spent a winter in the north. An unusually cold season put him to the bad, and in the spring he was taken seriously ill. The first attack came when the Highlanders were making their first swing around the circuit. In Ogden Blank was in bed for several days, until discussions among the players made it necessary for him to get back into a uniform.

He was not in shape to get out of bed, but he stuck to it and paid the penalty a week or two later when he suffered a serious relapse. For several days Blank was expected to die at any time. His condition was so critical that his physicians predicted his death. Only his strong constitution pulled him through.

Until a day or two ago Blank took close care of himself. Then a slump in the middle of a game forced him to get onto the field. When his doctor heard of it he told him to keep out of his uniform. "If you get out there and play again I'll have you arrested," he said.

Under the circumstances Blank can hardly expect to play next year. He intends to give up two weeks' salary to help the local directors get back on their feet. The fans of Missoula will be unanimous in their regret at Blank's inevitable resignation. Few men so well deserve or have earned such sincere popularity as Blank enjoys. Coming here last year, he pitched a tail-end club to a championship, developing two big leaguers from a green pitching staff. This year he was handicapped in a score of ways. Money was not as plentiful and from the start of the season the club was hampered by continual misfortune. His pitchers could not get into shape at the first of the year. His own illness left the club leaderless for two months and injuries to half a dozen players kept the team in a demoralized condition.

Despite those difficulties, Blank has placed the team ahead of its rightful place in the pennant race. He has sold four players to the big leagues and one man to a Class AA circuit. There are those who have criticized this action as tending to hurt the club. But those who investigate the matter will find that only the sale of players has kept the Missoula club's head above water. But for the money turned into the team coffers by the manager the franchise would long since have been turned over to the league. Despite the desperate condition of the Missoula club, it is a fact that financial conditions, so far as profit and loss are concerned, are better than in any other city in the league. It is the lack of backing that makes things bad here. Missoula is less deeply involved than any other club in the league.

Thanks for this situation are due the manager. Did Missoula have the deficit that Salt Lake's expensive team has caused, the situation would be hopeless. "They've got to have cheaper players in the league," says Blank, speaking from three years of experience in the circuit. "Every club should be within a fifteen hundred dollar limit. Baseball isn't pay otherwise."

Therefore, Blank feels that the club couldn't afford to hire him next year. He intends to go to California, where he hopes to improve his health. Wherever he goes he deserves the best wish of luck. And every Missoula fan will wish it to him if he leaves.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.			
Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.
Philadelphia	81	39	.675
Cleveland	73	48	.623
Washington	62	52	.563
Chicago	65	59	.524
Boston	59	59	.500
Detroit	52	71	.423
St. Louis	48	79	.381
New York	40	77	.342

Falkenberg Blanks Browns. St. Louis, Aug. 29.—With men on base, Falkenberg's speedy curves had St. Louis baffled and not a head player crossed the plate, while Cleveland tallied three runs by a combination of hits and errors. Falkenberg struck out 10 men, five of them when hits would have counted. Score:

A DRAW.						
Clubs—	W.	L.	Pct.	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	5	6	0	0	0	0
St. Louis	0	6	0	0	0	0



CLIFFTON D. BLANKENSHIP.

Fourth Straight Defeat Suffered by Local Host

Highlanders Lose Again to Ogden in Snappy Game—Early Lead Overcome by Two Brilliant Rallies.

UNION ASSOCIATION RESULTS.

At Missoula—	
Ogden	8
Missoula	7
At Salt Lake—	
Helena	11
Salt Lake	3
At Great Falls—	
Butte	4
Great Falls	6

Standing of the Clubs.

Club	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Salt Lake	69	37	.651
Great Falls	67	39	.629
Butte	48	56	.459
Missoula	46	60	.434
Helena	43	59	.421
Ogden	47	65	.420

By a score of 8 to 7, the Highlanders yesterday lost their fourth straight game to Kinky Knight and his Ogden champions. Starting with a 6 to 0 lead, the Highlanders were overtaken and passed by means of a pair of snugging, four-run rallies. The game differed, however, from the three that preceded it in that the Highlanders worked hard and played good ball. The few fans who were in the stands saw a game that was worth the price of admission.

Bohen, in whom Manager Blankenship rested his faith, was hit hard throughout the game. Although he struck out 12 men, he weakened at critical moments and allowed the Ogden bats to drive in the runs that meant victory. Hard luck, of the same sort as that which has dogged the steps of the locals since spring training started, put in an appearance again yesterday. In the morning Corlitz and Welsher, signed as outfielders, arrived in town and Piener was released. With a strong infield and a good outfield, Blankenship expected to start winning again. Then came a telegram from Piener, the club's new shortstop. The message said that Piener's mother was dying, and the player left on the first train. That forced the P. L. to reassign Piener, to switch Changnon from third base to shortstop, and to send Dausbach to the third corner.

Despite this setback the team played good ball yesterday. The game was fast and interesting, and the players seemed to be trying a thing which can be said of no other game this week.

Ballinger, who had done most of the hurting for Knight this week, started for Ogden. In the first two innings he was hit hard, but after his suspicious start he tightened and pitched shutout ball. In the eighth he split his thumb in trying to stop Welsher's drive, and had to leave the game. The injury was a serious one, and will probably keep Ballinger on the bench until the end of the season. Piener, also, was hurt so badly that he had to quit. A foul tip sent back by Piener hit the young receiver on the thumb, Piener finished. Inasmuch as the Highlanders lost a big lead there was little excitement in the game for those fans who have only eyes for the work of the home club. There were few fielding features, though both teams played well. The only brilliant catches were made by Corlitz and Jones. The new Missoula center fielder speared a couple of long drives, and the Ogden third baseman drags a long drive in the third.

A Flying Start.

The domestics started without any delay. With one out in the first inning, Changnon singled to center. He went to third on Piener's hot one-baser to right and came home when Corlitz singled to the same garden.

In the second inning Welsher gave Auer a life. Welsher walked, and Ribberg filled the bases by booming Piener's groiner. Bohan broke into the Major league by sending a hot single over second base, one man crossing the plate, Corlitz doubled to center, scoring two runners, and Changnon's single scored Bohan. Corlitz came home under Piener's sacrifice fly. Corlitz doubled to right, but Changnon was not on third and Welsher was caught a moment later when he tried to score home on Dausbach's grounder to Ribberg. Dausbach's soft second and Corlitz's marfed for the plate when Piener's legged to Welsher. The second baseman's pretty bloop caught Corlitz as he slid home.

Ogden Commences Scoring. In the next inning the rally started. Ribberg doubled to center and came home when Wooliams poked a two-baser to the left field fence. Ballinger popped a little fly which Corlitz disposed so that when Piener crossed the hill over the left field fence it meant three runs.

In Ogden's sixth inning came four more. Ballinger was passed, Wesleyer singled and Cabb walked, two men being retired during the process of filling the bases. Jones' double to right sent in two men, and Ribberg's single to center allowed two more to count.

After that all was quiet until in the ninth the domestics made a final effort to win. Dawson, hitting for Piener, struck out, but Corlitz tripled to center and came home on Changnon's single. Piener forced Changnon and Corlitz out.

WESTERN LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.			
Club—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Denver	84	46	.646
Des Moines	74	55	.574
Portland	70	62	.530
Lincoln	65	65	.500
St. Joseph	63	68	.481
Omaha	58	71	.448
Topeka	58	72	.441
Sioux City	59	72	.448
Wichita	48	84	.364

Omaha, 4; St. Joseph, 3. Topeka, 3; Denver, 4. Wichita, 3; Lincoln, 3. Sioux City, 0; Des Moines, 2-7.

SCORER'S FIGURES ON YESTERDAY'S GAME

Ogden.							
Plays	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.	
Wooliams, 2b.	5	1	3	2	3	1	
Wooliams, 1b.	5	0	0	0	0	0	
Cobb, cf.	4	1	1	3	0	0	
Jones, 3b.	5	1	2	3	4	1	
Risberg, rf.	5	1	3	0	3	1	
Blausser, cf.	5	1	1	1	2	0	
Moorehead, if.	4	0	0	0	0	0	
Bullinger, p.	2	2	0	0	1	0	
Gibson, cf.	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pourroy, c.	2	1	1	1	1	0	
Perkins, c.	2	0	0	5	0	0	
Totals	39	8	11	27	14	3	

Missoula.							
Plays	AB.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.	E.	
Corlitz, cf.	5	3	2	2	0	0	
Changnon, ss.	5	1	3	2	4	1	
Piering, 2b.	4	0	1	2	2	0	
Carman, 1b.	5	0	3	9	1	1	
Dausbach, 2b.	4	0	0	1	3	0	
Auer, c.	4	1	0	11	1	0	
Welsher, if.	3	1	0	0	0	0	
Pieper, rf.	4	1	1	0	0	0	
Bohan, p.	3	1	0	0	1	0	
Dawson, c.	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	38	7	11	27	12	2	

*Batted for Bohan in ninth. Score by innings: Ogden 0 0 0 4 9 4 0 0-8 Missoula 1 5 0 0 0 0 0 0-7. Summary—Two-base hits—Cobb, Carman, Corlitz, Risberg, Blausser. Three-base hit—Corlitz. Home run—Pourroy. Sacrifice flies—Piering. Double plays—Changnon to Piener to Carman; Stolen bases—Auer, Moorehead. Bases on balls—Off Bohan 5, off Bullinger 1, struck out—By Bohan 12, by Bullinger 6, by Risberg 1. Hits—Off Bullinger, 8 in 7 2-3 innings. Left on bases—Ogden 9, Missoula 4. Time—1:55. Umpire—LaRoque.

COAST LEAGUE

Standing of the Clubs.			
Clubs—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Portland	78	59	.569
Sacramento	69	69	.500
Venice	74	74	.500
Los Angeles	79	74	.486
San Francisco	71	76	.483
Oakland	69	78	.469

Just is Beaten.

Los Angeles, Aug. 29.—Pitcher Just, late of the Texas league, had two bad innings in today's game and Venice, coming from behind, batted out an easy victory, 4 to 1. Attention of the fans was centered in the last half of the game on Umpire Bush, who became perturbed at a fan's remarks. Bush was so enraged that he refused to call strikes and balls audibly, and when O'Brien replaced Just in the box for Oakland in the seventh he declined to announce the advent of the new twirler. He did so later, however. Score—R. H. E. Oakland 1 3 0 Venice 4 4 1. Battered Just, O'Brien and Rohrer; Baum and Elliott.

Leifield Beats Angels.

San Francisco, Aug. 29.—Leifield was in danger several times today, but he showed class in the pinches, and one run was the best the visitors could gather. Score—R. H. E. Los Angeles 1 10 1 San Francisco 2 8 1. Battered—Chick and Byrnes; Leifield and Clark.

Portland Beats Wolves.

Portland, Aug. 29.—In a grueling 16th-inning finish today, Portland broke down Sacramento's defense and won, 3 to 2. Score—R. H. E. Sacramento 2 6 1 Portland 3 9 1. Battered—Munsell and Biss; Hagerman and Fisher. (Ten innings.)

NORTHWESTERN

Standing of the Clubs.			
Club—	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Vancouver	81	55	.596
Portland	71	59	.543
Seattle	73	65	.529
Victoria	65	73	.471
Tacoma	61	78	.439
Spokane	57	78	.422

Tacoma Wins Slow Game.

Tacoma, Aug. 29.—Tacoma won a lopsided played game here today, 12 to 6. Dell, Readon and Fullerton all tried to stop the slugging of the locals, but in vain. Score:

R. H. E.			
Clubs—	W.	L.	
Seattle	6	10	4
Tacoma	12	14	2

Indians Lose at Last.

Victoria, Aug. 29.—Victoria beat Spokane today, 5 to 4. Peters was hit hard in the first three innings and Victoria took the lead. Score:

R. H. E.			
Clubs—	W.	L.	
Spokane	4	7	0
Victoria	5	7	2

Garrison Finish.

Vancouver, Aug. 29.—Brinker's single to right center in the sixth with the bases full netted the locals two runs and tied the score. Vancouver gained a one-run lead made in the seventh. Score: R. H. E. Vancouver 4 12 1 St. Joseph 4 7 1. Battered—Mays and Williams; Schmutz and Konnick.

NEW YORK MONEY.

New York, Aug. 29.—Money on call, steady, 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4; ruling rate, 2%; closing, 2 1/2 @ 2 3/4. Time loans easy; 60 days, 3 1/2 @ 3 3/4; 90 days, 4 @ 4 1/4; six months, 5 per cent.

TESREAU IS BEATEN BY PHILLIES AND GAMNITZ

PITCHER SECURED BY DOOM FROM PITTSBURGH BEATS GIANTS, 3 TO 2.

Philadelphia, Aug. 28.—Philadelphia again defeated New York today in the second game of the series which went 10 innings, 3 to 2. Gamnitz and Tesreau engaged in an effective pitchers' duel, and while the New York Giant outbatted the former Pirate in hits, 7 to 4, his wildness caused his undoing. In the 10th inning, after Tesreau had fanned Gamnitz, Byrne singled and Knabe and Paskert walked, filling the bases. Magee lifted a long fly, which Burns caught after a hard run, but Byrne easily scored the winning run on the catch as Burns' throw-in went high over Wilson's head. From the first inning to the 10th not a hit was made off Tesreau, the Phillies bunching three of their four hits in the first inning for two runs. Score: R. H. E. New York 4 7 1 Philadelphia 3 4 1. Batteries—Tesreau and McLean, Wilson; Gamnitz and Killifer.

GIANTS' HITS SCATTERED

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