BOSTONS' GREAT FINISH.

THEY DEFEAT THE NEW YORKS WITH RUSIE IN THE BOX.

Five Runs in the Eighth Inning Deprive Joyce's Men of Victory—Baltimores Win Two Games from Brooklyn, and Cincinnati Beats St. Louis—Philadelphias Shut Out—Other Games.

Just when the New Yorks seemed to have victory within their grasp yesterday the Bostons gave a beautiful illustration of the uncertainty of baseball by scoring five runs in the eighth inning while Amos Rusie was in the box. The Bostons did not increase their lead over the Cincinnatis and Baltimores, but they increased their advantage over the Harlemites to 84 points. The Cincinnatis had a rather hard time to win from St. Louis, and are still 30 points from the leaders. The Baltimores won two easy victories from the Brooklyns, and are now only 4 points behind the Cincinnatis. They are just 50 points ahead of the New Yorks, too. The Clevelands had an easy task with the Pittsburgs and the Louisvilles stopped Chicago. The demoralized Philadelphias were whitewashed by the despised Washingtons. The results:

Boston, 7; New York, 5.
Baltimore, 10; Brooklyn, 8 (first game).
Baltimore, 13; Brooklyn, 8 (second game).
Cincinnati, 6; St. Louis, 5.
Washington, 6; Philadelphia, 0.
Cleveland, 12; Pittsburg, 6.
Louisville, 5; Chicago, 4.

THE RECORD.

Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Per Cent.	Clubs.	Won.	Lost.	Per Cent.
Boston	63	28	.689	Philadelphia	42	50	.457
Cincinnati	58	30	.659	Pittsburg	41	50	.451
Baltimore	57	30	.655	Louisville	42	53	.442
New York	52	34	.606	Brooklyn	38	51	.427
Cleveland	47	48	.522	Washington	34	55	.382
Chicago	45	49	.479	St. Louis	25	70	.263

BOSTON, 7; NEW YORK, 5.

BOSTON, Aug. 11.—The Bostons had to fight hard for victory to-day. For seven innings the New Yorks, with Rusie on the rubber, had the leaders beaten to a standstill. They had pounded Lewis for four earned runs in the second and third innings, had added another in the sixth on Long's error, and had held the home team safe all the way to the eighth inning. The score was 5 to 2, with the visitors at the long end. When the Bostons went to bat in the eighth, Long lifted a baby fly to big Bill Clark, who chewed gum so long waiting for it to come down that he dropped it ingloriously. Duffy sent a fast grounder over second, landing Long at third. Stahl walked to first, filling the bases. No one was out. The infield closed in. Collins blocked the ball out, a puny fly that Gleason would have eaten up had he been playing in his regular position. It fell safe and a run came in. Lowe hit sharp at Clark, who fielded Duffy out at the plate. Bergen hit straight at Davis, and a double play seemed sure. But just as the ball reached the shortstop it took a lucky high bound over Davis's head. Two runs came in. The score was a tie. Lowe made third and scored on Wilson's second passed ball. Bergen went around to third on it and scored the fifth run of the inning when Hamilton's grounder to third jumped over Donnelly's head. An error, a passed ball, and four hits, three of them being the veriest scratches, had turned seemingly certain victory into defeat.

Rusie was pitted against Lewis, the Williams College twirler who has made such a creditable record in the League this year. The big fellow had all the better of the youngster as the score shows. In no inning, except the fatal eighth, was he found for more than one hit. He kept the Boston men hitting pop flies all the time. No less than twelve of the home batsmen retired on fly balls, seven of them to the infield. But his support was very "yellow." Parke Wilson had two passed balls that let in two runs; Clark missed an easy ground ball besides starting all the trouble in the eighth by his awful muff, Donnelly missed a grounder at third, and Rusie himself made a wild pitch. Lewis was hit with telling effect in the second and third innings, when New York piled up what should have been a winning lead. After that he settled down and pitched ball that was every whit as good as Rusie's work. He was magnificently supported by the infield, the work of Tenney and Long being exceptionally fine.

Boston went out to make the pace in the first inning, when a base on balls, a wild pitch, Rusie's wild throw, and Duffy's double let Tenney around the circuit. New York tied the score in the second, when Gleason singled to left, took third on Holmes's safe drive to right, and scored on Clark's long fly to Stahl. The third gave to New York apparent command of the situation, three runs being scored. The Bostons added one to their string in the sixth, Stahl making the circuit on his lucky double, a putout, and a passed ball. The visitors scored in the seventh, when Rusie singled, was neatly sacrificed to second by Van Haltren, and scored on Long's miss of Davis's ground hit that should have retired the side. Then came the fatal eighth inning. The score:

BOSTON.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	NEW YORK.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Hamilton, cf	0	1	1	0	0	V'nHalt'n, cf	1	0	3	0	0
Tenney, 1b	1	0	12	0	0	Tiernan, rf	0	1	1	0	0
Long, ss	1	1	7	3	1	Davis, ss	0	1	2	3	0
Duff, lf	0	2	3	0	0	Gleason, 2b	2	3	3	5	0
Stahl, rf	2	1	2	0	0	Holmes, lf	0	2	1	0	0
Collins, 2b	1	2	1	3	0	Clark, 1b	0	0	8	2	2
Lowe, 3b	1	0	0	4	0	Donnelly, 3b	0	0	0	0	1
Bergen, c	1	1	1	1	0	Wilson, c	0	1	3	0	0
Lewis, p	0	0	0	1	0	Rusie, p	1	2	1	2	1
Total	7	7	27	14	2	*McCreery	0	0	0	0	0
						Total	5	9	24	8	4

*McCreery batted for Wilson in the ninth.

Boston	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	..	..	..	..	7
New York	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	..	..	..	..	5

Earned runs—Boston, 1; New York, 4. Two-base hits—Duffy, Stahl, Tiernan, Holmes. Sacrifice hit—Van Haltren. Stolen bases—Hamilton, Davis (2). First base on balls—Off Lewis, 1; off Rusie, 4. Hit by pitched ball—Holmes. Passed balls—Wilson (2). Wild pitch—Rusie. Struck out—By Rusie, 2. First base by errors—Boston, 8; New York, 1. Umpires—Lynch and Carpenter. Time—1 hour and 51 minutes. Attendance—7,400.

BALTIMORE, 10; BROOKLYN, 3—FIRST GAME.

It was a treat to see the ball played by the Baltimores at Eastern Park yesterday afternoon. For over two hours the visitors gave an exhibition of clever fielding, daring base running, and batting that was timely and clean. The pace was somewhat too fast for the home players, who gave way under the strain, and the visitors won both games just as easily as they possibly could be won. It was the intention of Manager Barnie to pitch Kennedy in the first game and Dunn in the second, but the former complained of a cold, so the ex-Toronto twirler appeared in the early conflict. Dunn did not pitch a very poor game, but he failed when men were on the bases. There were several pretty plays in the game, Shindle, George Smith, and Jennings breaking the monotony by making one-handed stops. That of Smith's was a hot liner which he reached for above his head. Hoffer surprised the Baltimore players by hitting the ball over the left field fence in the seventh inning. The score:

BROOKLYN.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	BALTIMORE.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Griffin, cf	0	2	0	0	0	McGraw, 3b	2	1	1	3	0
Jones, rf	0	2	0	0	0	Keeler, rf	2	1	3	0	0
Anderson, 1b	0	3	9	0	1	Jennings, ss	1	2	6	2	1
Shindle, 3b	0	1	3	4	0	Kelley, lf	0	1	4	0	0
Lachance, 1b	0	0	13	2	0	Stenzel, cf	2	3	2	0	0
Shoch, 2b	0	0	3	3	0	Doyle, 1b	0	1	8	1	0
Grim, c	0	1	5	0	1	Reitz, 2b	2	2	1	4	0
Dunn, p	0	1	1	4	0	Clarke, c	0	2	1	1	1
G. Smith, ss	0	2	3	6	2	Hoffer, p	2	1	1	2	1
A. Smith, c.f.	1	0	0	0	1						
Totals	2	10	27	20	4	Totals	10	15	27	13	5

Brooklyn	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	..	..	..	3
Baltimore	1	2	2	0	1	1	0	1	1	..	..	..	10

Earned runs—Baltimore, 5. First base by errors—Brooklyn, 1; Baltimore, 5. Left on bases—Brooklyn, 4; Baltimore, 8. Home run—Hoffer. Two-base hits—McGraw, Stenzel (2), Clarke, G. Smith. Stolen base—Reitz. Sacrifice hits—Keeler (2). Jennings. Double plays—Hoffer and Doyle; Reitz, Jennings, and Doyle; G. Smith and Lachance. First base on balls—Off Dunn, 4; off Hoffer, 2. Hit by pitcher—Reitz. Wild pitch—Hoffer. Umpire—Emslie. Time—1 hour and 50 minutes.

BALTIMORE, 13; BROOKLYN, 3—SECOND GAME.

Jimmy Brown, a young pitcher formerly with the Trenton team, who has been held in reserve by Manager Barnie, and thought to be fast enough for League company because he kept the Brooklyns down to a few hits in an exhibition game played at Trenton last April, made his debut in the second game. He soon became rattled and the champions won another easy contest. After the fifth inning Manager Barnie came to the conclusion that Brown was not covering himself with glory and sent Fisher to the box. Two singles and two doubles in the last inning gave to the Brooklyns their only runs of the game. The score:

BROOKLYN.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	BALTIMORE.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Griffin, cf	0	1	2	0	0	McGraw, 3b	1	4	0	2	0
Jones, rf	0	2	4	0	0	Keeler, rf	0	1	1	0	0
Anderson, lf	0	1	0	1	1	Jennings, ss	1	2	4	2	0
Shindle, 3b	1	0	4	0	0	Kelley, lf	3	3	6	0	0
Lachance, 1b	0	0	8	0	0	Stenzel, cf	1	0	1	0	0
Shoch, 2b	0	2	3	2	1	Doyle, 1b	2	2	9	1	0
A. Smith, c	0	0	2	3	0	Reitz, 2b	1	1	4	5	0
Brown, p	0	0	1	0	0	Clarke, c	2	1	1	0	0
G. Smith, ss	0	2	2	5	3	Pond, p	2	0	1	0	0
Burrill, 1b	1	1	8	1	0						
Fisher, p	0	0	0	0	0						
Totals	3	10	27	12	4	Totals	13	14	27	10	0

Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	..	..	..	3
Baltimore	4	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	4	..	..	..	13

Earned runs—Brooklyn, 2; Baltimore, 4. First base by errors—Baltimore, 8. Left on bases—Brooklyn, 3; Baltimore, 7. Home run—Clarke. Two-base hits—McGraw (2), Reitz, Kelley (2), Shoch, G. Smith. Stolen bases—Jennings, Kelley, Shindle. Sacrifice hit—Stenzel. First base on balls—Off Brown, 4; off Fisher, 1; off Pond, 2. Struck out—By Fisher, 1; by Pond, 1. Double plays—Doyle and Pond; Reitz and Doyle. Hit by pitcher—Griffin, Reitz, Clarke, Pond. Wild pitch—Brown. Umpire—Emslie. Time—Two hours and 6 minutes. Attendance—4,266.

CINCINNATI, 6; ST. LOUIS, 5.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 11.—Breitenstein and Donahue were the outstanding twirlers to-day, and Breitenstein received the better support. Umpire Tim Hurst made his first appearance on the field with the indicator since the assault on the grounds some time ago. The crowd treated him rather civilly. The score:

ST. LOUIS.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	CINCINNATI.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Douglas, 1b	0	2	9	1	0	Ritchie, lf	0	1	0	0	0
Turner, rf	1	2	1	0	0	Hoy, cf	0	1	4	0	0
Hartman, 3b	0	1	1	1	0	Corcoran, ss	1	1	2	3	0
Murphy, c	0	1	9	8	0	Beckley, 1b	1	2	9	1	1
Lally, lf	1	2	3	0	0	Irwin, 3b	1	1	1	3	0
Hallman, 2b	1	1	4	0	1	Miller, rf	0	2	1	1	0
Cross, ss	3	2	3	4	1	McPhee, 2b	1	2	1	3	0
Harley, cf	0	1	3	1	1	Peitz, c	0	1	6	2	0
Donahue, p	0	0	0	3	0	Breit'nst'n, p	0	1	1	2	0
Totals	5	13	24	17	3	Totals	6	13	27	15	2

Cincinnati	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	6
St. Louis	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	..	..	..	5

Earned runs—Cincinnati, 3; St. Louis, 3. Two-base hits—McPhee, Cross, Turner (2), Hoy. Three-base hits—Corcoran, Beckley. Stolen bases—Cross, Harley, Miller. Double plays—Breitenstein, Corcoran and Beckley; Corcoran and Beckley. First base on balls—Off Donahue, 5. Struck out—By Breitenstein, 2. Sacrifice hit—Irwin. Time—2 hours. Umpire—Tim Hurst. Attendance—1,500.

WASHINGTON, 6; PHILADELPHIA, 0.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—Mercer was in superb form to-day, holding down the Quakers to five hits and securing a shut out to his credit. The Phillies, at least several of them, forgot to take seltzer earlier in the evening. After the game, as the 'bus was pulling out from the grounds, Lajoie jumped from his perch on the driver's seat and smashed a spectator named Selinjer in the jaw. The crowd gathered round the 'bus and threatened to divorce the Frenchman from his breath. Lajoie was arrested, and he left $15 with the officer in charge of the station, and Manager Stallings fined him $50. The score:

WASHINGTON.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	PHILADELPHIA.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Selbach, lf	0	2	6	1	0	Cooley, cf	0	0	0	0	0
Brown, rf	0	1	1	0	0	Orth, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Demont, ss	1	1	5	2	0	Dowd, rf	0	1	3	0	0
McGuire, c	0	3	8	0	1	Delehanty, lf	0	1	1	0	0
Tucker, 1b	0	0	5	1	0	Boyle, 1b	0	0	10	0	0
O'Brien, 3b	1	1	1	3	0	Shugart, ss	0	1	3	3	1
Abbey, rf	2	1	3	0	0	Geier, 3b	0	0	0	6	1
Wrigley, 3b	0	0	2	0	0	Nash, 2b	0	2	1	0	0
Mercer, p	1	0	0	0	0	McFarland, c	0	1	2	1	0
						Wheeler, p	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	6	10	27	12	1	Totals	0	5	24	13	2

Washington	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	..	..	..	..	6
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	..	..	..	..	0

Earned runs—Washington, 2. First base by errors—Washington, 2. Left on bases—Washington, 9; Philadelphia, 5. First base on balls—Off Mercer, 2; off Wheeler, 4. Struck out—By Mercer, 2; by Wheeler, 1. Home runs—Brown, O'Brien. Sacrifice hits—Wrigley (3). Stolen bases—Selbach, Brown, Dowd, Delehanty (3). Double play—O'Brien, De Montreville, and Tucker. Umpire—Kelly. Time—1 hour and 55 minutes.

CLEVELAND, 12; PITTSBURG, 6.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 11.—Clever pitching by Brown and poor box work by Hastings gave a victory to Cleveland to-day. Pickering relieved Hastings's stagie, and it developed into a home run with two men on bases. Criger was knocked down at the plate by Davis, whom he had blocked off, and badly injured. Score:

CLEVELAND.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	PITTSBURG.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Burkett, lf	2	3	0	0	0	Brodie, cf	0	2	0	0	0
McKean, ss	1	1	2	0	1	Smith, lf	1	1	3	0	0
Childs, 2b	1	1	3	4	0	Padden, 2b	1	2	4	4	0
Wallace, 3b	3	3	1	3	0	Davis, 3b	1	3	1	1	0
O'Connor, rf	2	0	0	0	0	Rothfuss, 1b	0	1	7	0	0
Pickering, cf	1	1	0	0	0	Donovan, rf	0	0	4	0	0
Tebeau, 1b	1	2	12	1	0	Ely, ss	0	1	2	3	0
Criger, c	0	0	3	0	1	Merritt, c	1	2	1	2	0
Zimmer, c	0	0	4	1	0	Hastings, p	1	1	0	1	0
Brown, p	1	1	0	1	0						
Totals	12	15	27	15	2	Totals	6	10	24	11	0

Cleveland	0	3	1	4	3	1	0	0	..	..	..	..	12
Pittsburg	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	3	..	..	..	..	6

Earned runs—Cleveland, 8; Pittsburg, 3. First base by errors—Pittsburg, 2. Left on bases—Cleveland, 9; Pittsburg, 6. First base on balls—Off Brown, 1; off Hastings, 7. Struck out—By Brown, 6. Home run—Hastings. Two-base hits—Wallace, Brown, Padden. Stolen bases—Tebeau (2), O'Connor, Burkett, Pickering. Double play—Childs, McKean and Tebeau. Hit by pitcher—By Brown, 1. Wild pitches—Hastings, 4. Umpire—McDonald. Time—3 hours and 8 minutes.

LOUISVILLE, 5; CHICAGO, 4.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 11.—"Dad" Clarke pitched his first game for Louisville to-day and won it by keeping his scattered at critical times. Briggs was effective, but three of his bases on balls were costly. Ryan, Johnson, and Callahan did the most effective stick work, and Stafford and Lang captured the fielding honors. Score:

CHICAGO.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.	LOUISVILLE.	R.	1B.	P.O.	A.	E.
Everett, 3b	0	3	1	1	0	Clarke, lf	0	1	1	0	0
Dahlen, ss	1	1	1	1	1	Stafford, ss	0	1	4	5	1
Lange, cf	1	1	4	0	1	Wagner, cf	0	0	3	0	0
Anson, 1b	0	0	5	1	0	Werden, 1b	2	1	11	2	0
Ryan, rf	1	3	2	0	0	Dexter, rf	2	2	2	0	0
Callahan, 2b	1	2	3	4	0	Johnson, 3b	0	3	0	1	1
Connor, 3b	0	0	3	5	2	Wilson, c	1	0	2	0	0
Briggs, p	0	2	0	1	0	Clingm'n, 3b	0	2	3	1	0
Kittridge, c	0	1	5	3	0	W. Clarke, p	0	1	1	3	0
Decker*	0	0	0	0	0						
Totals	4	14	24	12	4	Totals	5	11	27	14	2

*Decker batted for Briggs in the ninth.

Chicago	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	..	..	..	4
Louisville	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	..	..	..	..	5

Earned runs—Chicago, 2; Louisville, 1. Left on bases—Chicago, 7; Louisville, 7. First base by errors—Chicago, 3; Louisville, 1. Two-base hits—Ryan (2). Home run—Dexter. Sacrifice hits—Anson, Callahan. Double plays—Johnson, Stafford and Werden; Stafford, Werden and Clingman; Clingman and Werden. Stolen bases—Clarke. Struck out—By Briggs, 2. First base on balls—Off Briggs, 4; off Clarke, 1. Wild pitch—Clarke. Time—2 hours. Umpire—O'Day. Attendance—1,000.

Eastern League Games.

AT BUFFALO.

										R.	H.	E.
Buffalo	2	0	6	4	0	2	0	0	0	14	15	1
Montreal	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	12	4

Batteries—McPartland and Smith; Baker and Lahner.

AT TORONTO.

										R.	H.	E.
Toronto	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	4	11	1
Syracuse	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	6	1

Batteries—Dineen and Casey; Mullarkey and Ryan.

AT SCRANTON.

										R.	H.	E.
Scranton	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	1	
Springfield	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	7	3	

Batteries—Harper and Boyd; Kerwin and Duncan.

AT WILKESBARRE.

										R.	H.	E.
Wilkesbarre	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	12	7
Providence	2	0	1	4	0	1	0	0	2	10	11	0

Batteries—Willner and Conding; Bray and Googan.

Atlantic League.

AT LANCASTER—FIRST GAME.

										R.	H.	E.
Lancaster	0	0	1	2	3	3	0	3	0	12	16	0
Athletic	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	0

Batteries—Yeager and Roth; Garvin and Fox.

SECOND GAME.

										R.	H.	E.
Lancaster	0	2	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	8	8	3
Athletic	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	8	3

Batteries—Clausen and Wente; Goodwin and F. Schaub.

AT READING.

										R.	H.	E.
Reading	1	3	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	7	9	5
Paterson	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	..	11	13	4

Batteries—McMackin and Heydon; Viau and Westlake.

SECOND GAME.

										R.	H.	E.
Reading	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	4
Paterson	0	0	0	3	1	3	1	..	..	9	11	4

Batteries—Amole and Heydon; Flaherty and Touhey.

AT NORFOLK—FIRST GAME.

										R.	H.	E.
Norfolk	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	6	11	0
Newark	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	14	2

Batteries—Newton and Snyder; Johnson and Zearfoss.

SECOND GAME.

										R.	H.	E.
Norfolk	2	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	2	11	0	
Newark	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	1

Batteries—Pfaumiller and Barckley; Carrick and Rothfuss.

AT RICHMOND.

										R.	H.	E.
Richmond	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	7	0
Hartford	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2

Batteries—Leveer and Foster; Fry and Roach.

New England League Games.

At Taunton—Newport, 8; Taunton, 7.
At Fall River—Fall River, 10; New Bedford, 4.
At Pawtucket—Brockton, 1; Pawtucket, 7.

Other Games.

AT MERIDEN.

										R.	H.	E.
Meriden	0	0	0	4	1	0	2	0	2	9	12	2
Bristol	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	2	8	10	4

Batteries—Clements and Thiesen; Frickman and Wise.

AT PORT JERVIS.

										R.	H.	E.
Port Jervis	2	0	1	0	0	0	8	2	..	8	10	2
Goshen	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	4	8	8

Batteries—Tracy and Farnum; Agnew and Tierney.

AT HACKENSACK.

										R.	H.	E.
Orritani F. C.	4	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	10	5
Orange A. C.	2	0	1	0	2	3	1	0	0	11	10	7

Batteries—Dawson and Cuming; Stephens, Vorhis, Westervelt and O'Neill.

AT MOUNT VERNON.

										R.	H.	E.
Y. M. C. A.	3	0	4	0	2	4	1	1	..	15		
City Island	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4		

Batteries—Smith and Scofield; Morrisey and McIntyre.

At Hollywood—Hollywood, 12; Spring Lake, 9.

The New York Baseball Club.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—*Sir:* The letter by J. B. Webster concerning the New York Baseball Club, published in to-day's SUN, interested me exceedingly. But there is one point in which I think most of the followers of the fortunes of the New Yorks will differ from Mr. Webster. He says that the New York Club, barring Van Haltren, Tiernan, Davis, Gleason, and Rusie, is inferior in playing strength to certain other clubs.

Surely Mr. Webster must admit that Jouett Meekin, Jack Warner, and even Seymour have done as much as any of the above-mentioned players to help the New Yorks reach fourth place, not by good luck, no injuries to players, &c., but by genuine first-class baseball.

Concerning what Mr. Webster says about the umpiring, I think that there are very few fair-minded patrons of the game who do not thoroughly agree with him. While it is all right to make a good and vigorous kick when it is justifiable, this continual wrangling about almost every decision (especially on balls and strikes) is disgusting, to say the least.

Something should be done, and right now, too, to stop this abusing of the umpires, which, if allowed to continue very long, is bound to harm the national game materially in the opinion of those who like to see clean, gentlemanly playing, free from any semblance of rowdyism, when they go to see the most popular of American games. ESTHUSIAST.

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GOLF.

Women's Championship Looks Promising—Mirkaldy Beats Auchterlonie.

The conditions of the women's amateur golf championship of the United States, to be played at the Essex County Club, Manchester, Mass., on Tuesday, Aug. 24, and the following days, have appeared in THE SUN. J. Warren Merrill, Secretary of the Golf Committee, has sent out the supplementary announcement that all members of the U. S. G. A. will be admitted to the links as visitors during the competitions, and the privileges of the clubhouse and links will be extended to all competitors for the week previous to the championship. It is now announced that the entries will close at 6 o'clock on Tuesday evening, Aug. 17, with Robert Bage Kerr, Secretary of the U. S. G. A., 26 Broad street, this city. Competitors must enter through the Secretaries of their respective clubs, and an entrance fee of $5 must accompany each entry. The club represented by the winner will receive for the year the custody of the U. S. G. A. trophy, now held by Miss Beatrix Hoyt of the Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, and an appropriate individual prize. Gold, silver and bronze medals will be the prizes for the four best players. The probabilities are that the number of contestants will far exceed the total of last year.

The old clubhouse of the St. Andrew's Golf Club is now in a disordered condition, as the removal of the furnishings and equipment to the new quarters at Mount Hope began yesterday. The chances are that the August handicap for the A, B and C players, scheduled for the 26th, will be played on the new links. This, however, will be an informal opening. The special occasion will be during the open tournament later on.

On Saturday there will be a mixed foursome for a cup at the Englewood Golf Club.

James A. Tyng is practising for the Norwood tournament on the Ampersand links, Saranac Lake.

Now that the hot weather is on, the professionals are more prominent at golf in Great Britain than the amateurs, who do the bulk of their playing in the cool months. An event of unusual importance was a professional match at St. Andrew's, on July 26, between Andrew Kirkaldy and Willie Auchterlonie, who a few days before had lowered the record to 71. The play all around was good, Kirkaldy winning by 4 up and 3 to play. He went out in 38 and came home in 43, while Auchterlonie went out in 42 and returned in 39.

COOPERSTOWN, Aug. 11.—The open tournament at the Otsego Golf Club opened under very unfavorable conditions. The clubhouse gathering included the belles of Richfield Springs and Cooperstown, for the contest was the great social event of the season. There were fifty-four entries, four playing from scratch and two having the remarkable luck to be drawn together. This pair was Bowers and Taller. The summary:

Preliminary Round, Handicap Match Play—Yates (⅚) beat A. Pell (2) by 3 up. Arnold (1) beat Gray (⅚) by 2 up. Pell (2) beat Thayer (⅚) by 1 up, after 19 holes. J. Reid, Jr., scratch, beat A. B. Cox, Jr., (1) by 5 up. Morgan (5-6) beat Leech (1-6) by 3 up. Sweney, Pell Clarke, Kellogg, De Forest, Hyde Clarke, Cooke, Lynch, Campbell, Schwartz, A. B. Coy, Smith, Williams, Browning, Averill, Adams, and Trowbridge won by default.

First Round—Pell Clarke (⅝) beat Browning (1) by 5 up. Yates (⅚), beat Averill (⅚) by 2 up. Hyde Clarke (⅝) beat Kellogg (0) by 5 up. Lynch (1-6) beat Campbell (⅝) by 3 up. Arnold (1) beat Schwartz (⅚) by 4 up. Reid (0) beat Adams (1) by 10 up. Bowers (0) beat Taller (0) by 2 up. Compton (⅚) beat Carter (1) by 2 up. Williams (⅚) beat Piers (⅚) by 1 up. O. Manning (⅚) beat Ward (1) by 8 up. H. M. Bowers (⅚) beat Emmett (1-6)