SCRATCH HIT WINS FOR REDS

WHO MAKE FEW RUNS IN PROPORTION TO SAFETIES.

Take the Game Away From the Giants in the Ninth Inning Pittsburgs and Chicagos Both Land Their Contests —Cardinals Break Their Losing Streak

The Giants fared poorly yesterday all around. The Reds took a game from them, and their keenest rivals both won. The Pittsburgs beat the Brooklyns in a close struggle and the Chicagos slammed the Bostons. The Cardinals broke their losing streak in Philadelphia. The results

Cincinnati, 5; New York, 4.

Pittsburg, 3; Brooklyn, 2.

Chicago, 5; Boston, 3.

St. Louis, 11; Philadelphia, 2.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	W.	L.	PC.		W.	L.	PC.
Chicago	64	33	.660	Cincinnati	50	51	.495
Pittsburg	59	35	.628	Brooklyn	46	54	.461
New York	57	40	.588	St. Louis	40	60	.400
Philadelphia	49	40	.550	Boston	36	62	.367

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The Reds won from the Giants yesterday and while they were doing it showed how to reap a scanty crop of runs from a profuse sowing of base hits. Not an inning went by that they didn't make a hit and twice there were two in one inning, twice three in one inning and once four in one inning. From eighteen hits they extracted only five runs, and they had a hard time beating the New Yorks by one run, although the latter made only four hits.

Cincinnati's slim dividend of tallies from the extensive investment in safeties was due in part to the fact that the hitting generally came with one out, in part to the hits being as much scattered as eighteen hits could be and in part to cut and dried tactics, persistent hit and run business to advance runners with little shifting or variety of tactics. After all the free jamming the winning run materialized from a little scrawny scratch hit in the infield.

The disparity between Cincinnati counts and base hits wasn't a great deal of amelioration for the Giants. Coming down to cases, the laugh was with the reds since they won. Crandall was the chief target for their batting foray. They stung him and stung him, but didn't score on him except in the first and eighth innings. The Giants much while took the lead. Wilhe held the reds off for a while after the score had been tied on Crandall in the eighth, but in the ninth they got to Hooks for a run. Bill Burns was knocked out in the second inning by the Giants, but Rucker pitched fine game. The only team that won a game and only one hit was made off hits in seven innings.

Bescher bounced a single to Devlin in the first inning. Devlin made a fine stop to Herzog. Bescher was safe on error. He was forced out Egan. Devlin threw Hoblitzel and Mitchell hit scored Egan from second and Murray's swift clutch went to left and allowed Mitchell to stay third. Lobert overhead to right and scored Mitchell.

Steinfeldt overran second on a two base hit in the first and was caught when he tried to retreat to the base. Merkle hard two runs home in the second. Murray single, Bridwell was hit and Merkle advanced a base to right. Devlin's throw to first on Herzog's grounder was the play in which Merkle came in.

Egan in the third made one run after that, and was flukey. Egan bounced a hit to Crandall in the fifth and with one out Bescher smacked along the ground to short. Bescher crossed in front of Doolan's path and the latter and Crandall wrecked fairly second on a wild pitch. Bescher home. In the four innings the Cincinnati hits were Bescher's single and three bases. Meyers stalked a double in the fourth and a walk, but there were two out at Crandall forced the chief catcher.

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