

AN EASY ONE GONE

Millers Fail to Bat Out the First Omaha Game.

BUT IT WAS A TIGHT SQUEAK

Kansas City Continues to Win While St. Paul and St. Joseph Fall Down.

One of the six "easy ones" has gone to the enemy. A young named Gordon, artless as a country maid, enchanted the slugging millers at Omaha yesterday and made them forget their duty. Four hits and one run were all they could get. Swornstedt was none too liberal either, but possibly he did not get the ball near enough to the plate for the corn-fed players of Nebraska to reach them. He passed eleven, however, and with such a wild slaban, it's strange that the enemy did not get a larger bouquet of runs. None of the passes nor any of the three errors counted in the runs on the Omaha string.

Joe Stewart scored the first on his own and Letcher's two-bagger. The latter tried to third without being caught and stole his way to the plate also. What the millers were doing all the time is not recorded by the correspondents.

Kleinow was the author of the lone tally on the Minneapolis page. One of Gordon's passes landed him on first. He stole second and flew to home on McConnell's long single. McConnell went to second on the attempt to catch Kleinow. Swornstedt used the "dead head" method of getting to first and Belden hit Swornstedt was thrown out at second and the ball was fired to first to complete a double play. Umpire Popkay said "out," although Belden protested that he was blocked off by Calhoun. And the millers' chance to tie the score flickered out right there. The score:

Omaha	r	h	e	p	e	Mpls.	r	h	e	p	e
Payne	1	0	1	2	0	Belden	0	0	1	0	0
Stewart	2	1	2	0	0	McConnell	0	0	0	0	0
M'Adams	3	0	2	0	0	Conaghan	0	0	0	0	0
Letcher	1	1	1	0	0	Bragg	0	0	0	0	0
Calhoun	2	0	0	0	0	McConnell	0	0	0	0	0
Reid	0	0	0	0	0	Cookman	0	0	0	0	0
Toman	0	0	0	0	0	Kleinow	0	0	0	0	0
Gordon	0	0	0	0	0	McConnell	0	0	0	0	0
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What in the world happened to little Willie McGill at Des Moines yesterday is a riddle. Willie soaked the ball into the anatomy of four of Chase's hired men and kept the ball humming about their ears instead of over the plate the rest of the time. Ten of them walked up to shake hands with Berry Warden. When little Willie did get the sphere anywhere near the plate, there was neither curve nor steam in it and the tailenders, who have been practicing on pumpkins and footballs to get Chase's hired men about fifteen hits. As a result of too much McGill, the tall enders secured enough runs to pass them around to the other losers of the day.

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