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Johnson Forced to Extend Himself to Beat Browns

Wonderful Walter Develops Sudden Streak of Wildness in Eighth Which Almost Proves Fatal. Danny Moeller Saves Day.

By WILLIAM FREY.
St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 11.—Griff's Climbers closed their second Western trip here to-day by winning a sensational 3 to 2 game from the St. Louis Browns before the largest crowd at Sportsman's Park this season.

With Walter Johnson, the greatest pitcher in the world, doing the slab honors, Stovall's rejuvenated Browns gave the Nationals their hardest battle in the West. Johnson himself was forced to go at top speed every minute, and Southpaw Hamilton, backed up brilliantly, was only too hard in two innings.

The pesky St. Louis athletes are fighting desperately to make a good showing during the closing weeks of the season, and if they put up the brand of ball shown against the Nationals the past four days they are likely to wreck more than one pennant hope before the bell rings.

Laporte in Game.
Mr. Frank Laporte, our new second baseman, figured extensively in the rout of his old team. The Frenchman sent over what proved to be the winning tally, in the eighth, with a sacrifice. In addition cracked out a single and a triple, and handled several hard chances in the field.

Three members of Griff's clan were thrown from the plate early in the contest, and it looked as if the Climbers never would get a run, but good baserunning and getting away with desperate chances finally landed the Nationals on the right side of the score. Eddie Ainsmith was hit on the index finger of his right hand by a foul tip during the ninth inning, and the ball was ripped from the quick Ainsmith will be of no use to the Nationals for at least a couple of weeks.

Lattie Foster and Laporte carried off the batting honors, while Moeller and Milan contributed half-prize catches at critical stages. Johnson was thrown out at the plate in the Nationals' third, and Laporte suffered a like fate in the fourth. Milan was also caught at home in the fifth, which shows the chances Griff's boys took in order to win.

Hamilton in Form.
Hamilton had the Climbers at his mercy until the fourth, when Laporte crashed to right center for a triple. Shanks grounded to Wallace and Laporte was snuffed out at home. Shanks stole second, and scored on McRide's timely smash to right field.

In the Nationals' fifth with Moeller on the base, Foster singled and Hamilton drove safely to right, and Foster counted. The winning tally bobbed up in the Climbers' eighth when a base on balls to Milan proved fatal to Hamilton, as the Tennessee flyer proceeded to make Catcher Alexander look like a novice. Milan beat the throw to second by six feet. Gandil sacrificed and Milan romped to third, scoring when Laporte shot a skyscraper to Hogan.

The Browns could do little with Johnson until the fifth when a fumble by Moeller on Compton's double to right netted the Browns a right to perch on third base. Wallace fled to Milan, the latter making a wonderful catch, but being unable to catch Compton at the plate.

Eighth Real Thriller.
The Browns' eighth proved the real thriller, and several fans nearly died from the nature of the overbated and overexcited nerves. Johnson developed a sudden streak of wildness, for after retiring Wallace and Alexander he walked Hamilton. Hogan singled to right, and as Moeller fumbled the ball, Hamilton scooted to third. Austin drew a walk, filling the bases. By this time the immense crowd was yelling like mad. Detroit Pratt, the Browns' heavy hitter, was in with the score 2 to 1 in Washington's favor, a safe swing would have created considerable havoc. Johnson again lost control, and Pratt drew a base on balls, forcing in Hamilton.

It is impossible to describe the scene at this stage. Hats were flung high in the air and the noise was so deafening that the umpire could not be heard. Big Kutina, another dangerous man in a pinch, was up. Kutina sent up a low liner just over Gandil's head. Danny Moeller was playing the short ball. Big Kutina, another dangerous man in a pinch, was up. Kutina sent up a low liner just over Gandil's head. Danny Moeller was playing the short ball.

Even in the ninth, with two out, the Browns got a man in second base, and a hit which had tied the score, but Johnson pulled himself together with a mighty effort and fanned Krichell, ending the hardest fought game the Nationals have been called upon to play in many a day.

The Score.

ST. LOUIS	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Hogan, cf.	4	0	2	2	0	0
Austin, 2b.	3	0	1	2	0	0
Pratt, 1b.	3	0	1	1	0	0
Kutina, 3b.	2	1	0	1	0	0
G. Williams, if.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Johnson, ss.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Walker, c.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Alexander, p.	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Krichell, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Moeller, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	24	1	6	11	1	0

WASHINGTON.

AB	R	H	O	A	E	
Moeller, if.	4	0	2	0	0	0
Laporte, 2b.	3	1	1	0	0	0
Milan, 1b.	3	0	1	0	0	0
Gandil, 3b.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Stovall, cf.	3	0	0	0	0	0
Laporte, ss.	2	0	2	0	0	0
Shanks, c.	2	0	0	0	0	0
McRide, p.	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ainsmith, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
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McRide, p.	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ainsmith, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
Williams, p.	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	24	0	3	11	0	0

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BATTING AVERAGES OF THE CLIMBERS

Player	G	AB	R	H	SR	Pct.
Reach	2	2	1	1	0	.500
Gandil	72	292	41	80	12	.276
Laporte	84	326	52	82	15	.251
Moeller	53	207	11	21	3	.205
Milan	100	429	75	120	64	.281
Johnson	29	141	14	20	1	.207
Pofter	100	444	71	125	21	.282
Walker	33	162	21	37	19	.228
Shanks	100	415	50	94	15	.226
Worraga	66	232	33	57	8	.244
Shaefer	37	162	20	30	10	.241
Johnson	79	271	27	62	15	.229
Cashion	30	112	15	16	2	.232
McRide	107	367	41	81	12	.221
Ainsmith	26	125	20	24	1	.232
Henry	47	132	18	24	3	.219
Hughes	23	98	8	11	0	.132
Vaughan	20	65	4	9	0	.138
Green	20	65	4	9	0	.138
Engel	8	8	0	1	0	.125
Petty	17	21	1	2	0	.095
Musser	5	5	0	0	0	.000

JOHNSON WINS HIS TWELFTH STRAIGHT
Walter Johnson, the wonderful hurler of the Nationals, yesterday annexed his twelfth straight victory when he defeated the Browns, 3 to 2, in a great battle. Johnson allowed but four hits yesterday and has allowed but ten hits in the last three games he has worked.

BEAT STOVALL'S STOGIES



WALTER JOHNSON, The wonderful hurler of the Climbers, who defeated the Browns yesterday in a great game, allowing but four hits.

Cornell to Make Strong Bid For District Championship

Paperhangers Will Be Fighting Tooth and Nail For Every Game, and Will Rely on Clouting More Than Speed for Runs.

By C. W. SWAN.

Boss Cornell, of the Cornell Tigers, is after the District championship, and if his aggregation of clouters do not land the bunting it will not be without a game fight.

Manager Cornell makes no bones in regards to the foregoing. He is after the title. The Tigers will depend upon slugging to land the big end of the scores, while the remainder of the contenders will rely upon speed to no little extent.

The Bankers and the Peppo clubs are speedy on the bases, and also in the field, while the Tiger's outfield would never be accused of making a hundred yards in 10 seconds. On the other hand, Manager Cornell has three hitters, men who can be depended upon to clout out a double at almost any stage of the game. Van Buskirk, Marceon, and Sam Edmonston make a trio of outfielders who will hit with any set in the District.

Hard to Pick Winner.
When the contenders for the Section A title are analyzed, it is hard to pick a winner. The Bankers have a rattling good ball club, so has Cornell and Peppo. The Post-office club is hardly conceded a chance.

Cornell will depend upon Forest Thompson and Jackson to do the majority of the hurling. It remains to be seen if this pair can stand the pace. The Bankers will work Chris Plennie and Chief Green. These lads are two of the District's best hurlers, and may be able to pull the Bankers into the home stretch a winner.

Cornell has a good infield, one which will give anything in town a good run when it comes to hitting. Cy McDonold and first, Heinie Gammey at second, Hollander in short, and Jack Hurley at third make a quartet of infielders hard to beat.

The Peppo club also has four good men in the infield. Litz on first, is perhaps the best new basemen in the District, while Gill, Howard, and Murphy can all field well and hit above the ordinary.

Bankers' Infield Good.
But the Bankers have the smoothest working infield in the series. Riddle, McDonald, Hayes, and Davis have been playing together for the past three years, and can work with almost perfect harmony. Hayes, in short, is without a peer, while Davidson third is a star of the first water.

When all is said and done, Manager Cornell will have a mighty hard row to hoe to win the District title, as there are three teams fighting for that honor which appear to be evenly balanced. Cornell has not been pushed all season, and until it meets Post-office to-day its true strength will not be known. After the battle this afternoon, Cornell either will or will not be a contender for the title.

The Richmond committee will reach this city this afternoon, and President Young, together with Secretary Shurtless and Vice President Dennet, will meet the Southerners, and will decide every feature of the Inter-City Series. Nothing as yet has been heard from Norfolk, but it is understood that Chapman Briggs, of the board of governors, will shortly pay a visit to this city in regards to the matter.

MINOR LEAGUE RESULTS.
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.
First game—St. Paul, 1; Louisville, 6. Second game—St. Paul, 1; Louisville, 2.
First game—Kansas City, 1; Indianapolis, 2. Second game—Kansas City, 2; Indianapolis, 1.
Cashion, 1; Columbus, 1.
Milwaukee, 1; Toledo, 6. Division meetings.

INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE.
At Newark—First game: Rochester, 4; Newark, 2. Second game: Rochester, 1; Newark, 4.
At Jersey City—First game: Montreal, 1; Jersey City, 2. Second game: Montreal, 4; Jersey City, 4. (Only second inning.)

Williams Only Catcher Not on Injured List

Ainsmith Is Hurt in Final Clash with Browns—Henry's Knee Still Troublesome—Team Will Be Home To-morrow.

Special to The Washington Herald.

St. Louis, Aug. 11.—With Eddie Ainsmith, who is Walter Johnson's battery mate, out of the game for at least two weeks, the Nationals have but one receiver able to go behind the bat. Al Williams, the husky backstop obtained from Boston in the Street-for-Knight swap. John Henry works every day, but hobbles around on one leg, and it will be some time before the collegian can again don the mask. Ainsmith had the nail ripped off the index finger of his right hand to-day.

If anything should happen to Williams during the next two weeks, the Nationals would then be out of the pennant race for keeps. Even as it is right now, Williams will have a hard time catching Johnson, and this alone may cost us a few ball games, as the team is not hitting.

The recent injuries to Henry and Ainsmith are likely to prove costly to the Nationals and Griff is a very much worried manager to-night.

As Boston finally obliged us by losing a game, the Nationals left for home to-night just seven and one-half games behind the league leaders and instead of gaining three games on the Red Sox in the West, as Griff hoped his club would do, the Climbers lost half a game. It will be remembered that when the Eastern clubs started for the West Washington was seven games behind the Boston gang.

On the Western trip just closed the Nationals played sixteen games and won ten of them, a fine showing indeed, but hardly the showing expected of them in view of their great clean up on the first journey.

With a long stretch of games at home and the addition of one new player, Laporte, a heavy hitter, Griff believes that the Climbers will still cling tight to the Boston's lead and pray that the Beaneaters will hit a slump. That is the only chance the Nationals have of coming out on top. It's the same old story—if Boston slumps we have a chance to jump in, but the other American League clubs cannot seem to check the fiery headed gang and have given the Nationals no help at all out West. Perhaps in the East it will be different.

When the Nationals open up in Washington Tuesday with the Chicago White Sox big Jim Vaughn will be asked to toe the slab.

Three stolen bases for Milan. Good night! It's sixty-four now.

If the Nationals win the American League championship, would you be willing to pitch every other day against the New York Giants? Was the question put to Walter Johnson, the Kansas Cyclone, during a farming bee. "Sure I would, if it was necessary, but I don't think I would have to stretch as often as that. Bob Groom, Tom Hughes, and Jim Vaughn, any one of the three, might be able to take the extra measure," the big fellow modestly replied.

One reason why many Western baseball fans are rooting for the Nationals to win the American League race is that to see how Johnson will act against McGraw's Giants.

The fans believe that Walter has never extended himself for the reason that he has seldom had to do so, but that in a world's series the big fellow would do very much more than that, for the first time in his life.

Griff believes that Walter, with all his stuff, would not be a bit more effective against McGraw's gang than Bob Groom, providing the lads' legs, lungs and the softening curve ball were on good terms the day Bob pitched.

When Groom is right and has good control he will terrify the country, can do very much among clubs, and the Giants would prove no exception.

While speaking of pitchers for the world's series in the event of Washington being selected to represent the American League, how about the hitters?

It will be remembered that Frank Baker's loss to the Nationals last fall. The Nationals have no Frank Baker, but the club has a ringer, a first baseman who has created more than a little buzz for the past few months, and his name is Chick Gandil. Griff's clean-up hitter.

Gandil at present leads the Nationals in hitting and is one pitcher in the

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