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IN SPORTING CIRCLES

Progress of the Race for the League Pennant. WOMEN'S WHIST GAMES AT DETROIT. The Tourney on the Chevy Chase Links. AMONG THE CYCLE CLUBS.

Today's National League Games. Philadelphia at Boston. New York at Brooklyn. St. Louis at Pittsburgh. Cincinnati at Chicago.

Philadelphia, 12; Boston, 4. The Phillies had an easy walk-over yesterday at Boston, the Beaneaters being defeated by 12 to 4. Ted Lewis went in to pitch his first game for the Boston, but was so wild that he had to be relieved in the second inning.

St. Louis, 10; Pittsburgh, 3. The Browns were victorious yesterday at St. Louis, the Pirates being defeated by 10 to 3. The game was pitched by Fred Clarke.

New York, 6; Brooklyn, 5. The New Yorks bunched their hits successfully yesterday at the Polo grounds and as a result they defeated the Brooklyn by 6 to 5. Shortstop Dahlen was put out of the game for objecting to the umpire's decisions.

Cincinnati, 5; Chicago, 3. The Chicago got up a poor fielding game on their own grounds yesterday, the Cincinnati winning in consequence by the score of 5 to 3. Gavvy pitched well for the Colts, but poor support nullified his efforts.

Other Games Played Yesterday. At Minneapolis—Milwaukee, 4; Minneapolis, 3. At Wilkesbarre—Scranton, 13; Wilkesbarre, 10. At Philadelphia—Athletics, 13; Jersey City, 4.

At Allentown—Allentown, 9; Elmira, 7. At Worcester—Montreal, 14; Worcester, 7. At Springfield—Boston, 10; Toronto, 6. At Springfield—Rochester, 11; Springfield, 10. At Hartford—Syracuse, 10; Hartford, 8. At New York—Brooklyn, 18; Cornell, 9. At Worcester—Princeton, 6; Holy Cross, 0.

Business Defeats Western. The first of the interscholastic championship base ball games was played at National Park yesterday afternoon between the Business and the Western High Schools. The Business lads through their great batting streaks won the game 9 to 6. Guest, the Business catcher, started in the game, but was unable to hold Werber's speedy ball. Sterne was called in to catch, and this was the move that won the game. Sterne and Werber did excellent work together, the former catching nine men. The feature of the game was the fine work of Werber, who struck out three men in succession with the bases full. The line-up of the teams was as follows:

Western—Smith, catcher; Johnson, pitcher; Jones, first base; Street, second base; Huck, shortstop; Bellah, third base; Lewis, left field; Edon, right field; Eilch, center field. Business—Sterne, catcher; Werber, pitcher; Dalrymple, first base; Gottwald, second base; Ray, shortstop; King, third base; Turner, left field; Dodge, right field; McFarland, center field.

Score by Innings: Business .. 0 1 0 1 2 4 0 0 1 x-9 W. L. Western .. 2 1 1 0 2 0 0 0 0-6

Ready for Challenges. The Columbia Stars defeated the Chambrons by 18 to 0 and the Franklin Stars by 10 to 2. Challenges are invited from anyone whose players' ages are between twelve and fifteen years. Address Capt. C. Raymon Owens, 2526 14th street northwest.

The Whirlwinds would like to play teams averaging fifteen years. Address Thos. Carr, 51 Prospect street northeast.

An Exciting Game. An exciting game of base ball was played yesterday between the Sheridan City team and the Third Cook Parks, the Sheridans winning by 17 to 0. Only seven innings were played on account of darkness.

Base Ball Notes. The St. Louis-Pittsburgh game in the latter city yesterday was prevented by rain. Dillon of Pittsburgh has been released to Detroit. He should strengthen the Wolverines, as he is one of the best minor league first basemen in the business.

The Pittsburgh papers have been making fun of the New York team and advising Magnate Freedman to get better players. With a first-class pitcher added to the Giant's pitching staff, the team has the Pirates "faded" in seven out of the nine positions.

George Shook, the veteran base ball player and ex-Senator, is now managing and playing with the Athletic club of Philadelphia, a member of the Atlantic League. George is reported to be playing like a two-year-old in the field and batting well. Demonstrating is playing an exceptional game with Brooklyn this season. He has been placed at third, second and short, and in all three positions he is leading the league. At the bat Gene is hitting away over the 300 mark and is happy.

The early success of the St. Louis team resulted in a friendly calling them "The bean's Terrors," but since the fall down to fourth place they are now called "The bean's holding the St. Louis end of the bet can you get out right now and spend the money."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

A St. Louis critic places Pitchers Cuppy, Weyhing, Hughey, Knepfer, Thomas and Jones in the "good ones" category. This is rather hard on the first two named, and shows that the Perfectos' pitching staff is not over popular at home.

Do you know who is the pitcher the awful Delehanty fears most of the lot that have tried to strike his measure? Well, it's modest Lithesome Willie Marcer. Marcer himself admits that he has never hammered any of Marcer's flings out of the diamond, and he has not because he hasn't tried pretty hard, either.

Manager Ewing has been authorized by Freedman to obtain any players that are available to strengthen the New York base ball team. Ewing at once sent a message to the Pittsburgh club offering \$5,000 for the release of Third Baseman coach, who is at present too ill to play. Ewing has notified Rustie that he is expected to join the New York team when it reaches Chicago next week. There is every reason to believe that Rustie will be there. An amusing incident which called forth a roar of laughter from the bleachers occurred in the eighth inning of Thursday's Cornell-Princeton game on the grounds of the latter, when Whinery, Cornell's catcher, while chasing a high foul, suddenly found himself locked in the embrace of a fabled member of the faculty, who had ventured to trespass beyond the side lines. Whinery missed the ball, but he did not enter a protest, as the professor assured the visitors that his action was entirely unintentional.

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