CLOSE TO A SHUT-OUT

DENZER HELD COLUMBUS DOWN TO SIX SCATTERED SINGLES

GEIER'S MUFF LET ONE RUN IN

The Opening Game of the Final Series With Columbus Was a Pretty and Exciting Contest—Indians Defeat Fisher's Merry Men, and Cowboys Beat the Brewers—Results in the National.

St. Paul 3, Columbus 1.
Detroit 7, Minneapolis 2.
Indianapolis 9, St. Joseph 3.
Kansas City 6, Milwaukee 4.

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TODAY.

At St. Paul—St. Paul vs. Columbus.
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STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Indianapolis	129	81	48	.628
Kansas City	135	84	51	.622
Milwaukee	134	79	55	.590
Columbus	127	72	55	.567
St. Paul	132	74	58	.561
Detroit	132	50	82	.379
Minneapolis	135	45	90	.333
St. Joseph	130	42	88	.323

St. Paul took one step toward the first division yesterday when it defeated Loftus' Columbian guards at Lexington park by a score of 3 to 1, Geier's muff of a fly in the ninth inning being all that stood between Roger Denzer and a glorious shut-out of the visitors.

In six innings the Ohioans were unable to get a really and truly safe single off Roger, although Glenalvin and Isbell did give them one scratch by letting an easy fly drop between them. In the seventh Crooks hammered a hard one to center for three sacks, and a quartette of singles was split evenly between the eighth and ninth, but earned no runs.

Columbus had Gilpatrick in the box, it being his first appearance here. He, too, pitched a creditable game, but was a little wild, and to this fact was due two of the three runs scored by the locals.

It was a thoroughly interesting game, in spite of the fact that less than 200 people turned out to see the contest.

Hulen opened it with a long fly, which Geier caught, and Wolverton and Frank gave Glenalvin sky scrapers.

Burke's long hit, promising to be a triple, was converted into an out by Genins' almost marvelous catch, and Geier was thrown out by Wolverton. Glenalvin opened the bombardment of Gilpatrick with a good grounder which Crooks and Tebeau could not get, but Wolverton made a nice catch on Isbell's wide foul fly.

Denzer gave Tebeau a base and it looked bad for the locals when Shugart let Lally's grounder go through him without apparent excuse. Genins' sacrificed and a good hit would have scored two. Crooks hit a hot one to Isbell, who held the runners while he retired Jack at the sack. The locals had a chance to catch another as Lally strayed a good ways from second, but the chance was thrown away by a lack of purpose in the throwing of the locals. Shugart gave the few fans another heart disease moment by fumbling Sullivan's grounder, but finally got the ball to first in time to retire the Discoverers.

Shugart struck out, but Gillen smote the ball real hard, and in spite of the muddy condition of the field, made three bases on the hit. Preston hit a gentle fly back of third base safe, and scored the opening run of the game. A wild pitch sent him to second, but Spies gave Sullivan a foul and Denzer fanned.

Glen threw Gilpatrick out, Hulen flew to Burke and Wolverton's hard drive was blocked by Isbell.

Burke had sent Hulen a fly and Sullivan had taken Geier's pop foul before the locals got a start in the third, but Glenalvin beat a bunt very prettily. Isbell lined a vigorous grounder through near first base and Glen went to third. The pair tried the double steal and Sullivan dropped the ball as Glen slid in at the plate. Shugart was given a base, but Crooks threw Gillen out.

Genins flew to Geier. Crooks hit a hot one at Denzer, who reached for it and broke its force. Glen got the ball to first in time for the out. Sullivan scratched in a high one which Isbell and Glenalvin disagreed about, but was forced out at second by Gilpatrick.

Preston opened the St. Paul half with a good grounder over short, and Spies bunted successfully. Denzer sacrificed and Preston scored on Burke's lively grounder to Hulen. Gilpatrick gave two bases and filled the sacks, but Isbell did not rise to the occasion, and was thrown out by Crooks, in spite of the fact that Jack first muffed the line drive.

Frank flew to left, Denzer threw out Tebeau and Lally gave Shugart a high one.

After Shugart went out on a fly to Frank, Gillen hit safely down the left foul line for two bases, but was stranded, Preston giving Sullivan a high one and Spies striking out.

Glen gave the thing a bad aspect when he let Hulen's grounder go through his hands, but Wolverton and Frank gave Burke and Geier high flies, though hard ones. Tebeau went out to Isbell.

Denzer poked a lively one at Crooks, who let it get away from him. Roger tried to steal second and was thrown out, but Burke put a low one safe over third. Geier walked by courtesy of Gilpatrick, but a double resulted when Burke ran off second on Glenalvin's infield fly to Crooks.

Lally flew to Glenalvin and Genins to Burke, but Crooks made the visitors' first good hard hit, a long drive to Geier's garden. It landed him at third in safety, but he was left there when Sullivan sent Geier a fly somewhat closer.

Crooks threw out Isbell and Shugart fanned again. Gillen walked, but was forced out by Spies.

Gilpatrick hit safely a grounder over short, but was forced out by Wolverton, who narrowly beat a double himself. Hulen went out on a fly to Geier. Frank hit safely to center. Geier let the ball go through him. Preston got it and it came to the plate in time to block Wolverton, but Spies let it go through him. Wolverton tried to take advantage of it, but Denzer put the ball on him at the plate.

Hulen threw out two and Wolverton one in order in the St. Paul half of the eighth, and the visitors had one more chance to do business with Roger's curves.

Tebeau gave Isbell a grounder and Burke caught Lally's hard fly. But the visitors still had a chance. Genins put a safe drive over third and Geier muffed Crooks' high one after a hard run into right field. Genins scored. Sullivan hit safely, but Crooks dared not come in and Gilpatrick struck out, although one of the strikes called on him was pronounced a ball by the batsman and a large section of the populace. The score:

St. Paul.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Burke, lf	5	0	1	5	0	0
Geier, cf	2	0	0	5	0	2
Glenalvin, 2b	3	1	2	4	3	1
Isbell, 1b	4	0	1	9	0	0
Shugart, ss	3	0	0	2	2	1
Gillen, 3b	3	1	2	0	1	0
Preston, rf	4	1	2	0	1	0
Spies, c	4	0	1	1	1	0
Denzer, p	3	0	0	1	3	0
Totals	31	3	9	27	11	4

Columbus.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Hulen, ss	4	0	0	3	4	0
Wolverton, 3b	4	0	0	1	2	0
Frank, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Tebeau, 1b	3	0	0	10	0	0
Lally, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Genins, cf	3	1	1	1	0	0
Crooks, 2b	4	0	1	2	5	1
Sullivan, c	4	0	2	6	3	1
Gilpatrick, p	4	0	1	0	1	0
Totals	34	1	6	24	15	2

St. Paul	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	*—3
Columbus	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1

Two-base hit, Gillen; three-base hits, Gillen, Crooks; wild pitch, Gilpatrick; sacrifice hits, Denzer, Genins; stolen base, Isbell; first base on errors, St. Paul 1, Columbus 3; bases on balls, off Denzer 1, off Gilpatrick 5; struck out, Shugart 2, Spies, Denzer, Gilpatrick; left on bases, St. Paul 10, Columbus 8; double play, Crooks and Hulen; time, 1:40; weather, cloudy; field, heavy; attendance, 150; umpire, Cushman.

IT IS FRICKEN'S CHANCE.

He Will Be Pitched Against the Columbians Today.

The St. Paul and Columbus clubs will play the second of their final series for the year at Lexington park this afternoon, play beginning at 3:30. Being Friday, the fair sex will be admitted free. Fricken will pitch for the Saints.

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The St. Paul-Columbus series now stands 9 to 8, in favor of the former.

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A funny play happened in the eighth. With two out and Wolverton on first, Frank smashed the ball out to right center. Wolverton flew around to third and when the ball was returned by Preston and Glenalvin to Spies, the latter let it get by him. Wolverton made a dash and slide for the plate. Denzer also ran to the plate, got the ball neatly on Spies' return and touched Wolverton out as he slid for the rubber, although the runner tried to knock the ball from his hands.

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Gillen got back his batting eye and pasted the sphere for a triple and a double.

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It was exasperating in the last three innings to see the sun go under a cloud when St. Paul was at bat and come out when the Columbians were wielding the willow.

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In the last twenty-six innings at Lexington park the visiting teams have scored only four runs. In the one inning preceding the twenty-six Indianapolis scored six runs.

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Isbell has made one hit in each of the last six games. Today he is liable to make four or five in one game. He is hitting the ball clean and hard and, by the way, he is playing first base as it should be played.

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Geier's muff was a very excusable one. He was sent far into Preston's territory, because the sun was in the latter's eyes.

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Twenty-three of the twenty-seven men were put out by Isbell, Burke, Geier and Glenalvin.

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The fourth inning was remarkable because the chances to make scores came to St. Paul in hacks, and yet only one run resulted. Preston opened with a single and Spies beat out a bunt, Denzer pushing the two along with a nice sacrifice. Burke's out, short to first, scored one and the next two got bases on balls, but Isbell couldn't get the ball by Crooks.

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Denzer had all the Columbians on his staff for seven innings, the only real hit being Crooks' three-bagger. Sullivan is credited with a hit in the fifth on a high fly to short right. Either Preston or Glenalvin could have taken it, but both stopped running for fear of a collision.

COLD DAY FOR FANS.

The Millers Taken Into Camp by the Tigers From Detroit.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 15.—In the presence of a handful of shivering fans the Minneapolis team went down before Detroit this afternoon. "Kid" McNeely was on the slab for the home team and pitched a good game, except in the second inning, when he lost his head, and stopping an easy one from Clancy's bat he threw the ball over Carey's head, allowing Ganzel and Buelow to score. A two-bagger by Stallings brought Clancy in, and Stallings scored the fourth run on a single by Thomas. The Millers scored two runs in their half of the second, but, although they played a fast game, not another man was allowed to see home base. Thomas pitched a good game for the visitors, and kept the hits well scattered. The score:

Minneapolis.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Davis, lf	4	0	2	2	0	0
Andrews, 2b	4	0	1	1	6	1
Fisher, 3b	4	0	0	1	2	2
Parker, rf	4	0	2	0	0	0
Carey, 1b	4	1	1	12	0	0
Letcher, cf	4	0	2	1	0	0
Reilly, ss	3	1	1	1	1	1
Dixon, c	4	0	1	5	0	0
McNeely, p	3	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	34	2	10	24	10	5

Detroit.	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Sharrott, cf	5	1	1	1	0	1
Elberfeld, ss	4	1	1	3	2	0
Dungan, rf	5	0	2	1	1	0
Dillard, 3b	5	0	1	1	2	0
Ganzel, 1b	5	1	1	6	1	0
Buelow, c	3	1	0	10	0	0
Clancy, 2b	3	2	0	0	3	0
Stallings, lf	3	1	1	4	0	0
Thomas p	4	0	2	0	2	0
Totals	37	7	9	*26	11	1

Minneapolis	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—2
Detroit	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	1	*—7

*Dixon out for interfering.

Three-base hits, Parker, Elberfeld; two-base hits, Letcher, Carey, Stallings; bases on balls, off McNeely, Buelow, Clancy, Stallings; off Thomas, Reilly, McNeely; struck out, by McNeely, Sharrott, Elberfeld, Stallings, Thomas; by Thomas, Parker 2, Fisher, McNeely 2, Andrews, Dixon; left on bases, Minneapolis 8, Detroit 10; stolen base, Clancy; sacrifice hit, Elberfeld; earned runs, Detroit 2; umpire Mannassau; time, 1:45.

LEADERS BOTH WON.

Games Captured by the Blues and the Hoosier Champions.

KANSAS CITY, Sept. 15.—Pardee was very effective, striking men out at opportune times. It was a pretty evenly matched game. Score:

									R.	H.	E.
Milwaukee	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	0—	4	11 0
Kansas City	1	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	*—	6	13 2

Batteries, Rettger and Speer; Pardee and Wilson.

FATAL FOURTH.

ST. JOE, Mo., Sept. 15.—Indianapolis won in the fourth inning, making six hits and the Saints three errors. Score:

									R.	H.	E.
Indianapolis	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	1	1—	9	12 2
St. Joseph	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2—	3	6 3

Batteries, Phillips and Kahoe; Wadsworth and McCauley.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.

Two Games Won by Boston and Two Lost by Reds.

GAMES SCHEDULED FOR TODAY.

At Baltimore—Baltimore vs. Cincinnati.
At Boston—Boston vs. St. Louis.
At Brooklyn—Brooklyn vs. Louisville.
At New York—New York vs. Pittsburg.
At Philadelphia—Philadelphia vs. Chicago.
At Washington—Washington vs. Cleveland.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P. C.
Boston	125	83	42	.664
Baltimore	124	78	46	.629
Cincinnati	129	79	50	.612
Cleveland	125	73	52	.584
Chicago	128	70	58	.547
New York	126	67	59	.532
Philadelphia	119	60	59	.504
Pittsburg	128	64	64	.500
Louisville	129	56	73	.434
Brooklyn	118	46	72	.390
Washington	127	42	85	.331
St. Louis	126	34	92	.270

BOSTON, Sept. 15.—The leaders took two games today from St. Louis. The first game was a pitchers' battle, and young Sudhoff held his end up in good shape, but daring base running by the Champions won. In the second not one of the visitors crossed the plate, Hickman keeping the hits scattered and the Bostons playing a sharp fielding game. Attendance, 2,200. Score, first game:

									R.	H.	E.
Boston	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1—	5	7 4
St. Louis	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0—	1	2 3

Batteries, Klobedanz and Bergen; Sudhoff and Clements.

Second Game—									R.	H.	E.
Boston	0	4	1	0	1	1	3	0	*—	10	12 2
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	0	4 5

Batteries, Hickman and Bergen; Hughey and Clements.

REDS PULLED DOWN.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 15.—The Orioles took two games from the Reds at Union park today. The first was a hollow victory, as Hill was a veritable picnic for the home team, while Maul could not be touched. The second contest was won after an uphill struggle by the Orioles. In the eighth inning Peitz tried to injure McGraw as the latter slid to the plate, and blows ensued. Score, first game:

									R.	H.	E.
Baltimore	0	6	0	6	0	0	1	2	0—	15	20 0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—	1	5 2

Batteries, Maul and Robinson; Hill, Peitz and Wood.

Second Game—									R.	H.	E.
Baltimore	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	*—	6	12 5
Cincinnati	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0—	3	10 0

Batteries, Hughes and Clark; Hawley and Peitz.

GIANTS BROKE EVEN.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—The Giants took the first game of a double-header from the Pirates in the sixth inning, when three bases on balls and five singles brought in five runs. Leever relied Hart in the seventh and pitched good ball. The second was lost to the Pittsburgs mainly through opportune batting, although errors by Joyce and Warner were responsible for runs. Donovan's batting and good fielding by Foster were the features. Score, first game:

									R.	H.	E.
New York	0	2	0	0	0	5	0	0	*—	7	13 0
Pittsburg	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1—	3	11 1

Batteries, Seymour and Warner; Hart, Leever and Schriver.

Second Game—									R.	H.	E.
New York	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	1	8 3
Pittsburg	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	1—	6	9 1

Batteries, Gettig and Warner; Leever, Tannehill and Schriver.

HONORS DIVIDED.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—The Senators won the first game in the second inning, when Wilson was pounded for eight runs. Tebeau was put out of the game for kicking. Casey's error at a critical time gave the second game to Cleveland. The latter game was called at the end of the seventh on account of darkness. Attendance, 1,800. Score, first game:

									R.	H.	E.
Washington	1	8	0	0	0	2	1	0	*—	12	16 4
Cleveland	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	1	0—	7	13 3

Batteries, Killen and Maguire; Wilson, Young and Criger.

Second Game—									R.	H.	E.
Washington	2	0	2	2	4	0	0	0	—10	10	3
Cleveland	2	0	1	1	2	3	3	1	—12	14	9

Batteries, Suthill, Mercer and Farrell; Fraser and Criger.

BROOKLYN SHUT OUT.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 15.—The Brooklyns played a sleepy game today, especially after Louisville got the lead. The Colonels bunched their hits in the fourth and won. Attendance, 275. Score:

									R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—	4	0
Louisville	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0—	2	7 3

Batteries, Kennedy and Grim; Magee and Kittredge.

MAGNATES IN CONFERENCE.

Western League Managers Held a Chatty Meeting Last Night.

President Ban Johnson, of the Western League of Base Ball clubs, and Matt R. Killilea, president of the Milwaukee Base Ball association, came to St. Paul yesterday and held an informal conference with the other members of the league who were represented here, Manager Comiskey, of St. Paul; Marcus P. Hayne, of Minneapolis; George Vanderbeck, of Detroit, and Thomas J. Loftus, of Columbus.

Last evening they were the guests of Manager Comiskey, and held an informal conference on the subject of possible circuit changes for next year.

The Omaha-St. Joseph club has lost heavily this year, and the St. Joe club is now hanging on on the effort of the street railway management to keep up the interest. Columbus and Detroit are also reputed to have lost money, while Minneapolis' club has run away behind. Comiskey is said to have come out about even, leaving Milwaukee, Indianapolis and Kansas City the only financial gainers by the season.

Some club will have to be taken in in place of St. Joseph. Buffalo wants to get it, and there is a very friendly feeling for the Niagara metropolis.

It has a population tributary to a club larger than any city represented in the league, Milwaukee being its closest competitor.

Denver would like to get in again. Those who have looked into the matter say that its railroad arrangements are such that the teams can make the jump from Kansas City without losing a day. Des Moines, always knocking at the door for admission, is also a candidate for Western League honors. But no action was taken yesterday, partly because of the absence of three clubs and partly because of the doubtful status of the Indianapolis club, which is threatening to break into the big league.

President Johnson, however, said that he had assurances from the big league magnates that Indianapolis would not be a member of the major organization next year. It requires the consent of the seven other clubs in this league and eleven in the big league to permit the switch.

Mr. Johnson says that nothing has been done in regard to the game in dispute between Detroit and Kansas City, no affidavits of facts having been filed by the protestant. Manager Vanderbeck, of Detroit.

The league will hold its annual meeting in Chicago Oct. 12.

LAST RACES SATURDAY.

White Bear Yacht Club Will Close Its Season.

Saturday will mark the closing of the racing season of the White Bear Yacht club.

There will be two races for the twenty-one-footers of six knots each.

Two races for the Aurelia and the Akela of six knots each.

One race for the twenty-footers to decide the ownership of the commodore's cup.

The protest of the Mahto against the Yankee in Tuesday's races has not been allowed.

BOBBY DOBBS WON.

Minneapolis Boxer Beat Billy Ernst to a Standstill.

BROOKLYN, Sept. 15.—Bobby Dobbs, of Minneapolis, and Billy Ernst, of Brooklyn, were matched to spar twenty rounds before the Greenwood Athletic club tonight. Ernst was floored twice in the fourth round, lost his head, and was all but out before the end of the round, but the referee allowed the fight to continue. In the seventh round two terrific punches sent him to the floor in rapid succession, and he looked about ready to quit. In the eighth round Ernst received all kinds of punishment, and in the ninth he was in such a condition that the police stopped the fight. The referee, Owen Zeigler, awarded the fight to Dobbs.

Hawthorne Races.

CHICAGO., Sept. 15.—Weather cool. Track heavy. Results:

First race, one-half mile—Hero Jr. won, Blue Lick second, Princess Murphy third. Time, :52½.

Second race, three-fourths of a mile—Verify won, Marsella second, Afamada third. Time, 1:18¾.

Third race, one mile and one-eighth—Don Quixote won, Dr. Shepard second, The Devil third. Time, 2:02½.

Fourth race, one mile—Can't Dance won, David second, Vice Regal third. Time, 1:48.

Fifth race, seven-eighths of a mile—Dave Waldo won, Richard J second, Gold Band third. Time, 1:33½.

Sixth race, one-half mile—Falomcaite won, Siddilla second, Yo No So third. Time, :52½.

TODAY'S ENTRIES.

First race, two-year-olds, five furlongs—Nat Roe, Barrier, Assessor, Willy Howard, Cordial, Florence Fink, Elizabeth B, Nora C, 101; Etta P, 103; Old Fox, A. McKnight, Frank Ireland, Defender II., 104.

Second race, seven furlongs—Little Mark, 61; Shinfane, Maj. Belle, Stamina, Prince Harry, 84; Belle of Memphis, 101; Elidad, 104; David, 107; Redskin, 110.

Third race, handicap, one mile—Innuendo, 90; Pinochle, Can't Dance, 96; Plantain, 98; Foncliffe, 100; Buck Videre, 105; Cherry Leaf, 111.

Fourth race, one mile and one-eighth—Black Fonso, Pensoroso, Mr. Easton, Dr. Marks, Bethlehem Star, Valid, Gypceiver, Herman Kahn, Mistletoe, 105; Prestary, Friar John, 107; Cutter, 109; Hosi, 111; Sardonic, 106; Trebor, 105; Prince Blazes, 111.

Fifth race, six furlongs—Exquisite, Brightie S, Ghome, 108; Formoso, Simmonian, Marcato, Lucky Monda, 111; Greyhurst, Dr. Newman, Glenmoyne, King Dale, Dance, Pitfall, 114; Sunny, Alvin W, 117; Miss Lizzie, 119; O'Connell, 125; Dulace, 111.

Sixth race, five furlongs—Miss Mark, Martha Fox, Genua, Iris, Vie Lamont, Our Nellie, Canace, 101; Flavius, Forensic, Red Pirate, Misserou, 104; Ostra, Pearl Barnes, 105; L. Pilot Jr., Mr. Johnson, Silvertone, 106.

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PROFESSIONAL MARKS GONE

J. A. Tyng's Performance Outdone, and the Figures of 79 Placed in the Background by the New World's Record of 76—East and West Will Be Represented in the Finals—Semi-Finals Today.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., Sept. 15.—The contest for the amateur golf championship of the United States, which began on the Morris County club's links, last Monday, is rapidly nearing its conclusion, and there are now only four of the original contestants left for the semi-final rounds, which will be played tomorrow. The final round of matches which will decide this year's championship, will take place on Saturday.

Of the eight men placed to play today, two represented Chicago clubs and the other six were Eastern players. After a most sensational day's golfing the Chicago men are still in to play for premier honors. These are C. B. MacDonald, the '96 champion, and Walter B. Smith, of the Ontwentsia club, Lake Forrest, Ill. The other two, Findlay Douglass and W. J. Travis, represent the Fairfield County Golf club, of Greenwich, Conn., and the Oakland Golf club, of Long Island, respectively.

In the semi-finals MacDonald and Smith will play against each other tomorrow, and Douglass and Travis will try conclusions also. So that, no matter how the matches may result, the final fight for champion will be between the East and West.

Large "galleries" followed each of the players during the entire day's play, and at one time there were over 1,500 persons scattered over the links.

Play was begun promptly at 10 o'clock, the first pair to go out being Foxhall P. Keene and Walter J. Travis. A good deal of money was wagered on the result of this contest. In the first row of sixteen holes Travis played excellently and finished in the lead with two up. In the second round both drove well for the first hole, but Keene missed an easy put and Travis won in 4 to 5. For the next Travis made a perfect drive, landing near the green, but Keene's ball struck a tree and rolled down the side of the hill. He lifted it to the green, but Travis won the hole in 3 to 5, making his lead 4 up. In driving for the third hole Keene's ball fell into a bunker, and in getting out with his iron, Keene sent the rubber into another bunker from which he lifted it to the green, landing there in 4. Travis was on the edge of the green in 2, and with a beautiful put of some thirty feet, won the hole 3 to 5, increasing his lead to 5 up. Travis in driving for the next hole hit the telegraph wires over the railroad and took another ball without requiring a penalty. Keene reached the green in 2, and the hole in 4 to 5, taking one off his opponent's lead.

PHENOMENAL WORK.

Travis made a phenomenal put of forty-five feet for the fifth hole and the ball fell into the cup amid deafening cheers from the gallery. The sixth was halves in 5 and Keene won the seventh by a clever put in 4 to 5. Travis won the eighth in 4 to 5, again leading by 5 up. For the ninth Travis tried to beat the record of thirty-seven strokes, but overdrove the green and Keene won the hole in 5 to 6. Travis having taken thirty-eight strokes was one behind the record. The tenth was halves in 4. Keene, after some very pretty play, in which he got his ball out from the roots of a tree, won the eleventh hole in 4 to 5, reducing Travis' lead to 3 up. Travis should have won the twelfth, but missed a short put and the hole was halved in 6. He increased his lead to 4 up by winning the thirteenth in 5 to 7. Both got over the railroad track in 2 for the fourteenth and on the green in 3. Keene missed his put and Travis holed in 4 to 2, winning the hole and match by 5 up and 4 to play.

Douglass had a lead of 3 up over Stillman when they started for the second round. The first hole was halved in 4. Both players used cleeks in driving for the second, which should have been Stillman's, but his ball hung on the rim and Douglass holed down 4 to 5. Douglass foozled in his approach shot for the third hole, which was halved in 4. Douglass made a drive of 220 yards for the next hole, which he won in 4 to 6. The fifth was halved in 3 and Douglass got the sixth in 4 to 6, Stillman's ball going into the woods in playing for the seventh, which was halved in 5, and by good play Douglass won the eighth in 4 to 5. Douglass was lucky at the next hole, as his ball being sliced rebounded into play again, and he won the ninth, 4 to 6. The match was ended on the next hole, which Douglass won in 4 to 6, making his score 9 up and 8 to play.

DOUGLASS BREAKS RECORDS.

Douglass was in such splendid form that he played out the remaining eight holes to try to break the record of 80 for the links held by J. A. Tyng. Douglas played splendidly. He not only beat Tyng's record, but also put the professional figures of 79 in the background by making a record of 76, which was a wonderful performance.

Douglass has not overtaxed himself during the week's play, and, if he can repeat his game of today, the title of champion will undoubtedly be conferred on him next Saturday.

The MacDonald-Coates match proved a very one-sided affair, as the big Chicagoan led the Newport golfer by eight up in the first eighteen holes. In the second round Coates played a strong game, and, after winning the first hole in 3 to 4, he halved the next four in 4s and 5s. MacDonald won the seventh in 4 to 6 and the eighth in 3 to 4, but Coates got down in 5 in the ninth and halved the tenth in 4. MacDonald was bow "dormie" 8, but he ended the match in the eleventh, which he won in 5 to 6, making his score 9 up and 7 to play.

The victory of Walter B. Smith, of Chicago, over George D. Fowle, of the Philadelphia Country club, was not unlooked for, but a closer game was expected. In the first round Smith gained a lead of 7 up, but in the afternoon play Fowle put up a much stronger game. Smith excelled in driving, but Fowle was the better on the short game. Fowle won the first in 3 to 4, and Smith won the next two, which made him 8 up. Fowle won the fourth and fifth, and Smith got the sixth, seventh and eighth, leading by 9 up. Fowle won the ninth and tenth, reducing Smith's lead to 7 up, but, when the twelfth was halved, the match was over, as Smith stood 7 up with 6 to play.

The first round of the semi-finals will be begun at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and both matches should be decided early in the afternoon.

SUMMARY.

W. J. Travis, Oakland club, beat Foxhall Keene, Newport, 5 up and 4 to play.

Findlay Douglass, Fairfield County club, beat J. A. Stillman, Newport, 9 up and 8 to play.

C. B. McDonald, Chicago Golf club, beat A. M. Coates, Newport, 6 up and 7 to play.

W. B. Smith, Ontwentsia Golf club, Chicago, beat George D. Fowle, Philadelphia Country club, 7 up and 6 to play.

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