

NEWS FROM THE SPORTING WORLD

SOX HAND DOUBLE BEATING TO BAY'S CRIPPLED OUTFIT

Islanders Tumbled From Exalted Position as Leaders of Second Division by Twin Defeat.

ARE BLANKED FOR 16 INNINGS

Neal, Working With Sore Ankle, Is Hit Hard in Opener—Bunch Blows Off Marks in Afterpiece.

GAMES TOMORROW.
Moline at Rock Island.
Rockford at Davenport.
Peoria at Hannibal.
Bloomington at Quincy.

BY CARL ED.
The S. P. C. A. should take the Davenport Blue Sox to task for the utterly heartless manner in which they handled the crippled and helpless Islanders, yesterday at the Iowa ball yard. Not only did Bay's mutilated outfit receive a double beating, but they were yanked unceremoniously from the exalted position as leaders of the second division which they have held for several weeks. Moline's lopsided victory over the Blues placed them a fraction over a full game ahead of the Islanders. To make the beating harder to bear the Blue Sox pitchers blanked the Islanders for 16 consecutive innings.

Bill Whittaker, late of the Mules, held the Islanders to five scattered blows in the entire, while Shoup administered another lovely whitewash in the desert portion. Not a man reached third base with Shoup on the mound, and only six of the local athletes saw first base during the seven innings of pasturing.

Billy Neal, who is still suffering from a sprained ankle, sustained a week ago at Bloomington, attempted to resume mound duty in the opener, but he was not the Bill of old. The Sox touched him for 12 safeties, bunched effectively enough to manufacture six tallies. Freddie Marks twirled a good game, but with Shoup going like a house at center and B. Graham at left, his mates to the front, three hits and a walk in the third inning spelling his downfall.

In the opener Neal and Whittaker battled on even terms in the first three innings. However, in the fourth, by determined assault the Sox collected more than enough markers to win. Koeping started the rally with a single and took second on Duggan's infield out. Bert Graham walked and O'Brien scratched an infield hit, filling the sacks. Pike forced Koeping at the plate. Seiffert poled a long single to center and B. Graham and O'Brien cantered over. Seiffert scored from second on Peachy Graham's long hit to left.

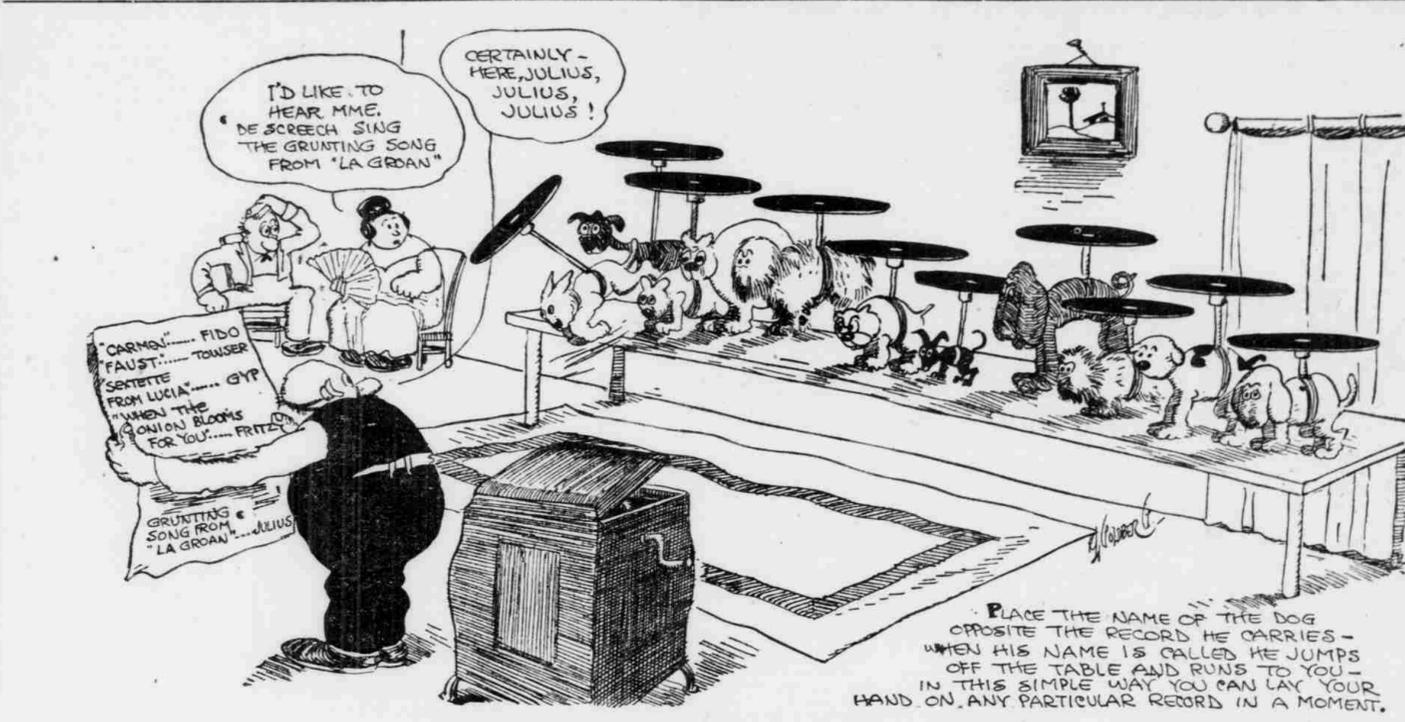
O'Brien opened the sixth inning with a single and Pike drove him around to third with a two-base smash. G. Graham and Whittaker singled in succession, scoring O'Brien and Pike. Davenport collected its final marker in the eighth. Pike singled, took second on a wild pitch, third on an infield out and counted on Martin's single.

Marks had but one bad inning in the second game and that was enough. In the third inning Martin singled and Koeping kicked out. Elmer Duggan walked. Bert Graham singled to left, counting Martin from second. O'Brien followed with a lone single to center and Duggan counted from second. The scores:

Rock Island— AB R H P A E
Bay, lf 3 0 0 1 0 0
Eriewein, 3b 2 0 0 1 2 0
Ward, ss 4 0 1 1 2 0
Lister, 2b 2 0 0 2 0 0
Varney, cf 3 0 2 2 0 0
Kolls, lb 4 1 7 0 0 0
Vance, c 4 0 0 4 0 0
Ihrig, rf 3 0 0 1 0 0
Neal, p 3 0 1 0 3 0
Totals 29 0 5 24 7 0
Davenport— AB R H P A E
Martin, rf 5 0 1 2 0 0
Koeping, ss 5 2 2 4 0 0
Duggan, 1b 5 0 10 0 0 0
B. Graham, lf 3 1 1 6 1 1
O'Brien, cf 3 2 2 2 0 0
Pike, 2b 4 2 2 3 3 0
Seiffert, 3b 4 0 1 1 1 0
G. Graham, c 4 0 2 3 0 0
Whittaker, p 3 0 1 0 3 0
Totals 38 6 12 27 12 0
Rock Island 0 0 0 0 0 0
Davenport 0 0 0 2 0 1
Two-base hit—Pike. Three-base hit—B. Graham. Sacrifice hits—Eriewein, Varney. Stolen bases—Pike, Vance. Double play—B. Graham into Duggan. Bases on balls—Off Whittaker, 2; off Neal, 3. Wild pitches—Erriewein, Lister. Struck out—By Whittaker, 1; by Neal, 3. Time of game—1:44. Umpire—Gaston.

Second Game.
Rock Island— AB R H P A E
Bay, lf 3 0 0 2 0 0
Eriewein, 3b 3 0 0 1 0 1
Ward, ss 4 2 0 0 0 0
Lister, 2b 3 0 0 0 0 0
Varney, cf 3 0 2 3 0 0
Kolls, lb 3 0 1 5 1 0
Munch, c 3 0 0 7 0 0
Ihrig, rf 1 0 0 1 0 0
Marks, p 2 0 0 0 2 0
Totals 24 0 3 13 7 1
Davenport— AB R H P A E
Martin, rf 4 2 0 0 0 0
Koeping, ss 2 0 0 1 5 1
Duggan, 1b 2 1 0 10 0 0
B. Graham, lf 3 0 1 1 0 0
O'Brien, cf 2 0 1 1 0 0
Pike, 2b 3 0 0 1 2 0
Seiffert, 3b 2 0 1 1 0 0
O'Leary, c 2 0 1 5 0 0
Shoup, p 3 0 1 1 3 0
Totals 25 2 7 21 10 1
Rock Island 0 0 0 0 0 0
Davenport 0 0 2 0 0 0
Home run—Varney. Sacrifice hit—Koeping. Stolen bases—B. Graham, O'Brien, Seiffert. Bases on balls—Off Shoup, 1; off Marks, 2. Wild pitch—Marks. Struck out—By Shoup, 4; by Marks, 5. Time of game—1:16. Umpire—Gaston.

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PHILLIES DEFEAT THE BRUINS 8 T O 3

Rixey Holds Tinker's Men Safe While Moran's Crew Mauls Vaughn and Prendergast—Doyle Absent.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 30.—The day of the series with the Cubs at Weeghman Park yesterday afternoon. This time the score was 8 to 3. The day before it was 3 to 2. The Cubs haven't much chance to win a game from the Morans as long as they persist in permitting them to make eight runs each day, unless, of course, they add more than one to the total they amass from day to day. Eppa Jephtha Rixey, who does about everything in the pitching line the most awkward way, even to throwing with the wrong arm, was the gentleman at whose feet the blame for the Cubs' defeat might be laid. James Hippo Vaughn opposed Colonel Rixey for seven innings, then gave way to Prendergast. Score: Philadelphia— AB R H P A E. Paskert, cf 5 2 3 1 0 0. Niehoff, 2b 4 2 3 4 1 0. Stock, 3b 4 1 2 3 1 0. Cravath, rf 4 1 1 1 0 0. Whited, lf 5 1 1 4 0 0. Luderus, 1b 5 1 4 10 0 0. Bancroft, ss 0 0 2 1 4 2. Burns, c 4 0 0 6 0 0. Rixey, p 4 0 1 0 0 0.

First Game.
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Eriewein, 3b 2 0 0 1 2 0
Ward, ss 4 0 1 1 2 0
Lister, 2b 2 0 0 2 0 0
Varney, cf 3 0 2 2 0 0
Kolls, lb 4 1 7 0 0 0
Vance, c 4 0 0 4 0 0
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TULSA BOUT TO GO ON SAY PROMOTERS
Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 30.—Promoters of the scheduled 15-round bout between Carl Morris and Frank Moran here next Monday declared last night that neither state nor county officials or the threatened railroad strike would cause postponement of the match. Lieutenant Governor Trapp, acting governor, has refused to intervene and last night James Woolley, sheriff of Tulsa county, issued a statement saying he would not interfere.

Johnston Patched Up.
Chattanooga, Aug. 30.—Outfielder Jimmy Johnston of the Dodgers, who has rested at his home here for a week recovering from a fractured nose, which he received when he was struck in the face by a ball pitched by Brown of the Cubs, stated yesterday that he would join his team in Philadelphia Thursday morning.

Race Meet for Reno.
Reno, Nev., Aug. 30.—The Reno Fair and Racing association yesterday announced a race meet to be held at Reno beginning Sept. 19 and closing Oct. 17, 25 days of racing. Nine stake races are announced the entries to which will close Sept. 9. The pari-mutuel system of betting will prevail.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Three-Eye League.
W. L. Pct.
Peoria 80 44 .645
Hannibal 75 52 .590
Bloomington 72 52 .581
Rockford 63 62 .504
Moline 56 72 .438
Rock Island 54 72 .429
Davenport 53 72 .424
Quincy 51 74 .408

American League.
W. L. Pct.
Boston 70 51 .579
Detroit 69 56 .552
St. Louis 68 57 .544
Chicago 67 57 .540
Cleveland 67 58 .536
New York 65 58 .528
Washington 62 48 .562
Philadelphia 27 92 .227

National League.
W. L. Pct.
Brooklyn 71 44 .617
Boston 68 44 .607
Philadelphia 67 48 .583
Cincinnati 55 58 .487
Pittsburgh 53 63 .457
St. Louis 55 66 .455
Chicago 53 68 .438
Cincinnati 46 77 .374

RESULTS YESTERDAY.
Three-Eye League.
Rock Island, 0-0; Davenport, 6-2.
Bloomington, 4; Hannibal, 1.
Peoria, 2; Quincy, 0.

American League.
Philadelphia, 8; Chicago, 3.
New York, 3; Cincinnati, 2.
Boston, 6-9; Pittsburgh, 3-5.
Brooklyn, 7; St. Louis, 4.

National League.
Philadelphia, 9; Chicago, 2.
St. Louis, 5-8; Boston, 3-2.
Detroit, 9-4; New York, 1-1.
Cleveland, 4; Washington, 0.

ISLAND CITIES WANT REVENGE ON CARDS
Inasmuch as the two teams have won one game apiece this season, the Island Cities are hankering for another go with the Haeg Cardinals. The Cards defeated the Island Cities 13 to 3 in a recent contest and in the opening game of the year the Island Cities found the Cards possessed but a pickup team at the start of the season, and have been strengthened 100 per cent since. Manager E. W. Schiebel believes his club can defeat the Haeg game. Following is a list of the games played by the Island Cities thus far this season:

GAMES WON.
Island City, 23; Cardinals, 8.
Island City, 10; Moline Orioles, 6.
Island City, 7; 1800 Block, 2.
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Island City, 10; Finkelstein's Regulars, 9.
Island City, 18; Moline Federals, 5.
Island City, 7; Fifteenth avenue C. A. C. E.
Island City, 6; Davenport Arrows, 2.
Island City, 8; Moline Federals, 5.
Island City, 9; Moline Orioles, 6.
Island City, 2; Zuma White Sox, 1.
Island City, 9; Reith Boosters, 0.
Island City, 10; Zuma White Sox, 2.
Island City, 5; Edelweiss club, 4.

CHAMPION TENNIS PAIR HOLD TITLE

Johnston and Griffin Successfully Defend Doubles Honors Against McLoughlin and Dawson.

Forest Hills, N. Y., Aug. 30.—The first national turf tennis championship of 1916, was won on the courts of the West Side club yesterday, when W. M. Johnston and Clarence J. Griffin of San Francisco successfully defended their doubles title against Maurice E. McLoughlin and Ward Dawson of Los Angeles, in a four set match, 6-4, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

The winners wrested doubles honors from McLoughlin and Bundy on the same turf a year ago. The pair, McLoughlin, paired up with Dawson, hoped to regain the crown but the team work of Johnston and Griffin was too much for the newly formed pair. Except for the third set in which McLoughlin flashed in his old time form, the outcome was never in doubt. The visitors, with occasional lapses, played almost perfect doubles.

Of the winning pair Griffin was the more spectacular. His smashes and cross-court placement drives from close to net scored many points. Johnston played a steady game. The pair repeatedly maneuvered the losers out of position by their change in point of attack and pace. Dawson showed flashes of form, but on the whole was erratic, and much of the time was directed to his side of the court. Both Johnston and Griffin repeatedly bombarded him with overhead and half-volley drives. At opportune moments the attack would be switched suddenly to the "Comets" side, and this unevenness in play frequently caught him out of position.

MACK'S KIDS MAUL SLIPPING SOX 9 TO 2
Philadelphia, Aug. 30.—Rowland's White Sox again fell on evil ways yesterday afternoon, when they permitted the Athletics to trounce them, 9 to 2. It was a lurid performance of bush league tactics, the Mackmen giving the Hose an awful showing up. Besides, the Sox were given another push toward the lower-ows, and now rest in fourth place. Score:

Western League.
Denver, 12; St. Joseph, 0.
Topeka, 7; Wichita, 5.
Omaha, 7; Des Moines, 0.
Lincoln, 13; Sioux City, 0.

Central Association.
Muscatine, 10; Fort Dodge, 0.
Mason City, 7; Ottumwa, 2.
Cedar Rapids, 6; Marshalltown, 3.
Clinton, 3; Waterloo, 2.

ISLAND CITIES WANT REVENGE ON CARDS
Weaver, 2b 4 1 1 2 0 0
J. Collins, rf 3 1 2 1 0 0
E. Collins, 2b 4 0 2 1 4 0
Jackson, lf 3 0 2 1 0 0
Ness, lf 4 0 9 2 1 0
Felsch, cf 4 1 0 1 1 0
Lapp, c 3 0 1 3 2 0
Lynn, cf 0 0 0 2 0 1
Terry, ss 3 0 0 4 2 2
Cicotte, p 1 0 0 1 0 0
Williams, p 1 0 0 0 0 0
Danforth, p 1 0 0 0 0 0
*Murphy 1 0 0 0 0 0
*Liebold 1 0 0 0 0 0
*Faurner 1 0 0 0 0 0
*Schalk 1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 34 2 9 24 11 4
*Batted for Cicotte in sixth. *Batted for Lynn in ninth. *Batted for Terry in ninth. *Batted for Danforth in ninth.

On The Sidelines

The first of the crucial four-game series with Moline to determine which club is to head the second division teams in the flag race will be played at the local yard tomorrow. The Plow boys play here again Friday, then the Islanders move to Moline over Saturday and Sunday, returning here to close the season in a double-header with Davenport Labor day.

"What's the matter with the Islanders?" is the question that is going the rounds today, after the double trouncing yesterday. The "matter" may be summed up as follows:
Then and Now.
Hoyer, ss Bay, lf
Blitz, cf Erlweim, 2b
McBride, lf Ward, ss
Lister, 1b Lister, 2b
Erlweim, 3b Varney, cf
Vance, c Kolls, lb
Ward, 2b Ihrig, rf
"Could I have retained the lineup at the left all through, we would have finished ahead of Rockford in fourth place," said Boss Bay today. "Look at us now."

Charles Pechos, star third baseman of the Peoria Three-Eye league team, will join the Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, according to a statement given out yesterday. Manager Darringer has wired Johnson, a young semi-pro hurler who has been burning up the brush near Kankakee to report at Bloomington.

For the first time in many years the majors practically ignored the Three-Eye league in buying talent for next year, only one player advancing during the season by outright sale, this being Abber Dabber Gould, the Muscatine bank clerk. Ab seems to be making good and the majority of the clubs will probably depend largely upon the draft for new players for next year. Vernon is contemplating putting in a draft for both Rollo Darringer and O'Beria.

Doyle and Hunter of the New York Giants, who figured in the trade with the Chicago Cubs for Heinie Zimmerman, left Cincinnati last night for Chicago, where they will join the Cubs.

Outfielders of the Brooklyn baseball team have a novel alibi for errors on their home grounds. Charles H. Ebbets, Jr., secretary of the club, in Flatbush court yesterday asked for a summons for the head of the Hygeia Ice company, the plant of which is near Ebbets field. Ebbets complained that the great quantity of smoke and cinders belching from the plant's chimney is so dense that the guardians of Brooklyn's pennant hopes have difficulty in judging fly balls. He further said the plant is a menace to public health. Decision was reserved.

MISS NEELY TAKES POSSESSION OF CUP
Milwaukee, Aug. 30.—Miss Carrie B. Neely, Chicago, two times champion of the Wisconsin women's singles, yesterday won permanent possession of the Town Club's challenge cup by defeating Miss Mary K. Voorhes, Chicago, in the finals of the state tennis tournament, 11-9, 6-0.

CATCHER IS KILLED BY A PITCHED BALL
Wheeling, W. Va., Aug. 30.—Alva Curtis, aged 22, catcher for an amateur team, died here yesterday from injuries received when struck in the stomach by a baseball during a game.

Epidemic Worries Tiggers.
Princeton, N. J., Aug. 30.—Announcement was made yesterday that owing to the infantile paralysis epidemic, the Princeton football squad will begin practice away from home at a place to be selected. It is likely the first game scheduled, Sept. 30 with Holy Cross, will be played away from Princeton's football field.

STRIKE WILL NOT STOP TITLE BOUT

White-Welsh Go at Colorado Springs Will Be Held, Rain or Shine and Regardless Rail Walkout.

Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 30.—The lightweight championship battle between Freddie Welsh and Charley White will take place on Labor day, rain or shine and regardless of a railroad strike. Secretary Finkelstein made this announcement yesterday and stated that the fight would take place even if only a corporal's guard were present when the champion and challenger enter the ring.

Other officials of the club state that everything will go through according to schedule, even though a diminished attendance on account of the strike might result in actual loss to the big men behind the bout. There is no doubt, however, but that a crowded house will witness the battle, as many are already arriving and most of those intending to come will be here by Sunday evening.

White's terrific left has played such havoc with his sparring partners yesterday that he was forced to send for two more boys. "Red" Hennessy of Kansas City and Leo Johnson of Puller answered the hurry-up call and boxed with White in the afternoon. "Young Abe" Atwell will arrive today. Manager Nate Lewis is also inserting an advertisement in the Denver, Salt Lake and Kansas City papers for more boys willing to take a chance with the Windy City scrapper's haymaker.

CINCY TO MAKE BOW IN AUTO RACE GAME
Cincinnati, Aug. 30.—Auto racing fans are focusing their eyes on the two-mile board speedway here, which will make its bow as an automobile oval next Monday with a 300-mile Derby. The course, which is claimed to be one of the finest as well as the safest speedways in America, is located at Sharonville, a short ride out of Cincinnati.

Thirty-five of America's and Europe's best known stars have signed up for the big chase, and are already at the scene of conflict, turning up their mounts. Bestia, of course, is there with his blue Peugeot, and he is keeping a close eye on his brother countryman, Ralph De Palma, for should the invincible Dario meet his Waterloo on Labor day, it will have considerable effect on his standing for the championship title and gold that has been offered for the driver finishing the 1916 season with the highest average.

M'GRAW APOLOGIZES; SUIT IS CALLED OFF
Cincinnati, Aug. 30.—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Nationals, and John T. Reed of this city, who engaged in an argument when the Giants were here last month that resulted in warrants for each man being issued charging them with disorderly conduct, were dismissed in police court here yesterday. It was mutually agreed that the cases be dropped and McGraw apologized to Reed and agreed to pay the court costs.

Topeka Cans Schweitzer.
Topeka, Kas., Aug. 30.—Al Schweitzer, former St. Louis Brown outfielder, has been released by the Topeka West-ern league team, according to an announcement yesterday. Schweitzer has been out of the lineup for two weeks with an injured leg.

PLOW BOYS CLIMB A NOTCH IN RACE; WHIP ROX 13 TO 1

Hughesmen Pound Wakefield's Stub Artist for 16 Hits, While Shears Holds Visitors Safe.

RAT FALK IS HITTING DEMO

Peoria Hangs Up Eleventh Straight Victory, Beating Gems 2 to 0—Bloomers Maul Thomas.

BY HECK.
The Plow boys opened a terrific bombardment on Pitcher McManus yesterday in his first appearance of the season in Moline and lammed his offerings for 16 swats, four of them being for extra bases, capping the opening game of the final series here with Rockford by a score of 13 to 1. Incidentally Moline jumped ahead of Bay's Islanders, who lost two games to Davenport, and now repose in fifth place, where Boss Hughes says his boys will finish the season.

And all the time his pals were fattening their batting averages and gathering in runs, Sandy Shears was hurling his prettiest. In fact, he showed better yesterday than he has ever before on the home grounds. Due to the exertion to which he put himself, Sandy developed a case of nose bleed and so he ceased up in the eighth when Rockford collected its only tally.

Stoeker in the Box.
Charley Skinner and some of his cohorts, feeling that the entertainment would not be complete without the appearance of Lee Stoeker in the bull pen suggested that Boss Hughes allow the youngster to display his stock in trade. The suggestion was complied with and Stoeker pitched the last inning, acquitting himself like a real twirler. Only three men faced him. It was his first appearance in a regular game as a hurler. Score:

Rockford— AB R H P O A E
Bemis, cf 5 0 1 3 0 0
Holloway, 2b 4 1 2 0 1 1
Green, 3b 4 0 0 2 2 1
Wakefield, 1b 3 0 2 0 0 0
Williams, lf 4 0 0 4 0 0
Kerns, c 4 0 0 4 0 0
Nelson, ss 4 0 0 5 0 0
Carlson, rf 3 0 0 1 0 0
McManus, p 4 0 1 0 3 1
Agnew, lf 0 0 0 0 0 0
Totals 35 1 8 24 14 4
Moline— AB R H P O A E
Lynch, lf 5 2 3 1 0 0
Falk, ss 5 2 3 4 7 0
Davis, rf 5 0 0 3 0 0
Wattigrew, cf 4 1 1 1 0 0
Staley, 1b 3 0 1 1 0 0
Stoeker, p, 2b 3 2 3 3 2 1
Hughes, 2b 0 0 0 0 1 0
Cerny, 3b 3 0 0 1 2 0
Dobbin, c 4 1 2 5 1 0
Shears, p 4 1 0 2 0 0
Totals 36 13 16 27 15 1
Rockford 0 0 0 0 0 10 1
Moline 2 1 3 0 0 5 2 13
Home run—Falk. Three-base hit—Davis. Two-base hits—Palk, Pettigrew, Staley, Stoeker, Cerny, Stolen base—Holloway. Double play—Nelson to Wakefield; Shears to Dobbin to Staley. Struck out—By Shears, 1. Bases on balls—Off Shears, 2. Wild pitches—McManus. Hits—Off Shears, 8 in 6 innings. Umpire—Brown. Time—1:20.

Dave Black in Form.
Peoria, Ill., Aug. 30.—Black pitched in fine form yesterday and Peoria had little trouble defeating Quincy, 3 to 0. Score: R. H. E.
Quincy 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 6 4
Peoria 1 0 1 0 0 0 0 2 3
Batteries—Young and Kuhn; Black and O'Farrell.

Bloomers Maul Thomas.
Hannibal, Mo., Aug. 30.—Bloomington landed on Thomas for 11 hits yesterday and defeated Hannibal, 4 to 1. Score: R. H. E.
Bloomington 1 0 0 0 0 11 4 11
Hannibal 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 6
Batteries—Willis and Simon; Thomas and Lingie.

VIENNA GETS AFTER BULLET SHIELD MEN
Vienna.—The Austrian authorities have been making an apparently ineffectual fight against an alleged "bullet protector" that is widely sold, but which it is claimed is dangerous rather than helpful in any way.

The "protector" is nothing but a curved piece of metal that is hung about the neck inside the tunic, and which its producers claim will stop or lessen the force of a bullet fired at long range. In practice, the authorities claim, it is merely a menace because a bullet at short range—as most of them are—will not only pierce it easily but flatten out in the process and often carry bits of metal on into the body.