

SPORTING NEWS

HAMMOND LOSES A 14 ROUND GAME

Strong Kouts Team Takes Hammond K. C. By 4-3 Score

The Hammond K. of C. lost a tough-luck 14-inning ball game at Kouts, Ind., yesterday afternoon by the score of 4 to 3.

This one of the most exciting games ever played on the Kouts diamond, and though Hammond was beaten everyone of the local fans who accompanied the K. of C. team on the trip came away satisfied that they had witnessed a regular battle, replete with thrills from start to finish. The only incident to mar the game as far as the Hammond crowd was concerned was the failure of the umpire, whose name was Schultz, to call out a Kouts runner who had rounded third and started for the plate in the last inning, only to be stopped and almost dragged back on the bag by the Kouts coach at third base. Of course, this man should have been called out without any question on account of the deliberate interference on the part of the coach, but it was simply another case of where an umpire with out much nerve was afraid to call a play like this against the home team at such a critical stage in the game. Such umpiring is bad for the game and in the long run it hurts the home team as much as it does injurious to the visiting club for the reason that it makes it hard to schedule games with visiting teams when a home club gets the reputation of engaging an umpire who is not entirely fair to the opposing side. Understand, this is not an alibi for the defeat of the Hammond club, but merely a suggestion on the part of the writer in an effort to discourage the idea on the part of managers of engaging other than high class umpires with plenty of "back bone" and can handle their ball games in a thoroughly efficient manner.

It is not our intention to take one bit of credit away from Kouts, as they certainly deserved to win with 11 hits against 7 by the Hammond club, but how much sweeter would have been the victory for the home team had the umpire called out the runner on third for illegal interference as he should have done, and then had the winning run score a moment later when another runner on second could have romped in on a clean single to center. Had the game ended this way the Hammond fans and players would not have left the field with the feeling that the umpire was in anyway responsible for the loss of the game, and also the Kouts crowd could feel much more content over their victory; but as it is the game wound up by leaving a bad impression with the visitors, who would much rather have seen the home team win square.

Getting back to the early part of the game, Hammond scored the first run without the aid of a hit in the second inning. Handy walked, with one down, and then went all the way home on Chandler's dinky roller in front of the plate. The catcher, threw Chandler out at first, but the first baseman heaved wide to third in an effort to head Handy off at that base, and Sug romped in with the first run of the game. Kouts tied it up in their half on a single and a stolen base, followed by a scratch double after two out.

Hammond went ahead again in the third on a single by Flynn, followed by Hilbrich's bunt, which the third sacker pegged wild to first, putting runners on third and second with one down. Danny Boyle worked the squeeze and laid a nice bunt down the first base line and two runs came in when the first sacker made his second error and threw badly past the catcher.

This was all for Hammond, but

Kouts put one over in the fifth on two hits aided by a balk on the pitcher. The tying run came in the eighth on an error by Prendergast followed by a three-base clout between Boyle and Handy.

Hammond had an opportunity to sew it up in the ninth when they started off with a single by Chandler and a scratch hit by Buddy Murphy on an attempted sacrifice, but dumb base running lost them their chance in this round. In the twelfth, Chandler opened up again with a double but the next two men were easy outs. Hilbrich was safe on the third baseman's error and stole second, putting men on third and second with two down, but after trying hard, Prendergast's best effort was a short fly to center field, which was fobbed up by the shortstop. In the fourteenth, Handy led off with a base hit, but his mates could not put him across.

Kouts sewed it up in their half of the fourteenth when the first man singled and the next one doubled, putting runners on third and second with none down. It was here that the big argument arose about the coach touching the runner, and incidentally Danny Boyle must be given a sendoff for the quick way in which he recovered the ball and relayed it to the infield with a nice throw from deep left. Hilbrich, apparently disheartened at the umpire's failure to call the man out at third base, lopped the next ball over and the Kouts pitcher, who had been easy picking at bat all through the game, socked the apple into center field for a clean single and the ball game was over.

Box score for Hammond vs Kouts. Columns: AB, R, H, PO, A, E. Rows for both teams and individual players like O'Rourke, Prendergast, Boyle, etc.

LOWELL DEFEATED. [SPECIAL TO THE TIMES] LOWELL, Ind., May 8.—The Lowell ball team went down in defeat yesterday. They played the St. Victor college team of Kankakee and the score was 11 to 1 in favor of the visitors.

BILLIARD EXHIBITION. Frank Burns, the world's best one armed cue billiardist, will give an exhibition Monday and Tuesday evenings at Sommer's Recreation parlor, starting each night at 8 P. M.

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL VS. THE SOUTH SIDE STARS. On Friday, May 12, the St. Joseph school will again tackle the well-known South Side Stars. The St. Joseph team once lost to the South Side Stars, but this being due to the bad field they played on. This time

VETS SHUT OUT CROWN POINT YESTERDAY

The Veterans of Foreign Wars shut out the Crown Point Legion team at Morris Park Sunday afternoon before a crowd of fifteen hundred loyal fans.

Chuck Zolla pitched a beautiful game and was given excellent support by the team. He showed his ability at pitching when Crown Point had a man on second and King should not be forgotten on the receiving end. He has shown wonderful form in handling on to Chuck's large curves and is deserving of praise. Metcalf also deserves mentioning for his two doubles and one single in four times to bat. On his single in the sixth he stole second and third and was about to steal home when Coll struck for a clean single with two out. Hilton, Stelow, Coll and Zolla also secured a double apiece.

The batteries for the school will probably be Pirots or Koch and Litz, and for the Stars, Heiser and Anderson.

Manager Koch has been working very hard trying to come in contact with other touring teams, but has not succeeded as yet. If any team, the players being not older than 15 years of age, wishes games, please call Hammond 658 and ask for Bill, Hammond 7 and 9 except Fridays.

The lineup for both teams will be: St. Joseph School: A. Schulte, 1st; J. Rauer, 2d; F. Litz, c; A. Drungelo, rf; J. Zeller, lb; S. LaMantia, lf; A. Horvat, 3b; J. Donovan, 2b; W. Koch, mgr.; 2b; P. A. Pirots, p; 3b; utility men, A. Koch and G. Adler.

Stars: J. Groff, cf; W. Geisen, rsc; J. Jostes, rf; A. Polita, 2b; A. Schrieber, lf; C. Finnaner, 1st; E. Anderson, c; H. Heiser, mgr.; p; P. Rice 1b; F. Jonas, 3b.

The Stars are sure of a victory, while the school team objects and says the bacon will be taken home by them. But this is to be found out next Friday.

All the players on the school team are tuned up for a good fight. Litz will play in his appearance behind the plate and generally does a good job, while Zeller, the old star, can throw them off at the first sack. J. Donovan, the star second baseman, will also do his best. W. Koch or A. Pirots will probably pitch, while the remaining one will play on the third corner. Horvat and Schulte will do their best at the two shortstop positions, while LaMantia, Rauer and Drungelo will do their part in the outfield.

DEDICATE THEIR NEW UNIFORMS

Jeff Bowers and his club baseball team helped the East Chicago firemen to organize their brand new uniforms Saturday afternoon at Graver Park.

After the ceremonies, which were attended by Fire Chief Smith, Alderman McKenna and other city dignitaries, Bowers applied the after-noon for the gallant smoke-eaters by leading his nine to a 13 to 6 victory over them.

Second Lieutenant (Chalk) Mahon, who poses as manager of the fire boys, is reported to have muffed a number of opportunities that a strategist of the game would have used in gaining a victory. Other worn-out plays that Manager Mahon insisted be used are given by men of the team as the reason for their defeat.

Major League Clubs Standing

Table showing American League and National League standings with columns for W, L, Pct. for various teams like New York, St. Louis, Cleveland, etc.

HAMMOND JUNIORS BEAT LIBERTY A. O.

The Hammond Juniors won their fifth straight victory when they romped away with the Liberty A. O. who claim to have won the 1921 championship. The game was played at H. A. Sunday.

Lizoff pitched in mid-season form allowing only 7 hits and walking none. The Juniors collected 11 hits, with Conger and Lizoff each getting three. Carroll also starred at bat with a double.

Jack pitched for the Liberties, but due to lack of support was badly mauled. He struck out 10 and gave two walks. Deering was the big boy with the stick for the Liberties, collecting two hits. The final score was 11 to 4.

LOOKS BAD FOR MARSHALL'S 5 CENT CIGAR

We nearly had the 5c cigar back again. But the chances are slim, now that congress is seriously considering a permanent continuance of the high duty on imported tobacco which was clapped on during the war.

Former Vice President Marshall made a big hit when he said, "What this country really needs is a good 5c cigar." For the epigram contained the homely truth that the 5c cigar indicated a return to normalcy all the way along the line and that rents, food, clothing and prices for amusement might soon return to pre-war conditions.

Before the war, the duty on Sumatra tobacco was \$1.85 a pound. The emergency war tariff increased this duty to \$2.35 a pound, and the purpose of acting on behalf of the growers of domestic tobacco in some states, is to have this emergency tariff made permanent.

Cigar manufacturers say, "It is impossible to make cigars exclusively of domestic tobacco that Americans will smoke. The tobacco grown in New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin and other states in which the industry is carried on, positively requires a blend. Efforts to use American wrappers on cigars with domestic fillers have always failed."

Recently some cigar manufacturers, anticipating a return to pre-war tariff on tobacco, have made reductions in the prices of domestic cigars, but they assert it will be necessary for them to raise their prices again if the proposition to make the emergency tariff permanent is adopted.

But even the loss of the "good" 5c cigar of which Vice President Marshall speaks is perhaps the least serious of the effects which will follow a continuance of the \$2.35 duty on Sumatra wrapper tobacco. "American farmers who raise tobacco will be first to feel the pressure if the plan to increase the duty is adopted," said a prominent manufacturer.

"Instead of applauding the senators who are trying to jam through the high tariff tobacco growers will be likely to curse them a year hence. With a \$2.35 tariff, we will have either to raise the price of domestic cigars or pay

less for domestic tobacco. We cannot raise prices without losing business. More cigars were smoked five years ago than are being smoked today in this country. So in order to keep prices down and prevent the cigar business from going entirely to the bad we have got to cut cost wherever possible; and the first cut will necessarily come on the home grown tobacco.

Cigar manufacturers all over the United States are plainly worried over the proposed plan to continue the high tax on Sumatra wrapper. They are pessimists due to the fact that they predict many cigar makers will be thrown out of employ-

GREAT MORVICH TO FACE REAL OPPOSITION IN DERBY



Morvich, upper right, and three rivals entered in the Kentucky Derby May 13. Above at left is Billy Dunn. Below are Maxie Mac, left, and Surf Rider.

When the unbeaten Morvich, worthy rival of Man o' War, faces the barrier in the famous Kentucky Derby May 13, he will face a strong field. Surf Rider, Maxie Mac, Billy Dunn and two or three other youngsters are

ready to give him a battle for the \$50,000 purse. Fred Burlew, the great colt's trainer, and Jockey McAtee, shown on Morvich, are confident he can show a clean pair of heels to the field, however.

ment, that farmers will receive less money for their tobacco and less tobacco will be sold, that factories will have to be closed and cigar jobbers and retailers will be affected. In the end, the government, instead of getting more revenue because of increased duty, will get less, for importation will be cut down.

"JOCK" GOING WELL. At noon today, "Jock" David Livingston had completed 24 hours of his grind at the Legion Hut on Massachusetts st. In his second Gary attempt to beat the long distance

plane playing record of 72 hours 9 minutes, hung up by a French planist several years ago.

In his first attempt several weeks ago, Livingston was forced to quit when a tape wound around his wrist shut off the blood supply. "Am feeling fine," he told a Times reporter this noon, "and watch me this time. I am going to beat that record."

If he does he will win a \$10,000 purse offered by the London Daily Mail and the London Conservatory of Music. Livingston, as a member of the Royal Scots during the World war, was decorated three times. He also carries three titles in music, and is out for the fourth, he says.



"Mother's Day"

Sunday, May 14, is Mother's Day. It's pay day for her. The job of being an indulgent mother and a good wife has required all her mental and physical resources in training the children and operating the home.

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