

SPORTING NEWS.

First Game of Chicago's Great Champion Base-Ball Club.

A Handsome Victory Over the Louis- ville Nine---Score 4 to 0.

Cincinnati Beats St. Louis, and 'Bos- ton Captures the Mutuals.

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BASE-BALL.

VICTORY NUMBER ONE---CHICAGO VS. LOUISVILLE.

Special Dispatch to The Chicago Tribune.
LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 25.--When this city entered the professional base-ball business it was done with rather more judgment than is usual in first adventures, and the nine was picked out with rather more good sense than is usual in like cases. When Chicago, warned by many failures, undertook her present team, it was proper that it be a strong one. The two clubs met to-day with the result to have been expected.

Louisville has one of the finest parks in the country for the national game, and its stands are well arranged but small. Chicago people had been led to believe that the excitement here was great enough to draw out many people, and the papers thought 10,000 would be a small figure. The result was about 2,000 or a little less. But the saving character of the Louisville people was well shown in the crowd on a hill adjoining the grounds. This elevation commands a clear view of the game over a short fence, and it was crowded and packed with masses of citizens, who chose to husband their cash and steal half-a-dollar each from the clubs. The audience which did not pay was fully as large as that which did.

THE GROUND

was not in good shape, and was fully as moist as the Chicago park, being sticky and soft in the outfield, and very dead all over. The character of the game depended largely on this fact.

Just before the game a jeweler of the city presented to each of the Louisville team a gold badge as a testimonial, etc. The sporting reporter of the *Courier-Journal* was included in the distribution, and flowery speeches were made on all sides.

THE GAME.

Promptly at 8:30 Spalding spun his copper, won the toss, and sent his opponents to bat. Gerhardt led off with a high safe hit to centre field, and received much applause therefor. He got to second on Hastings' out by Peters to McVey, and there stuck fast, Chapman suffering by the hands of Anson to first base, and Devlin striking out after Anson had missed his foul fly. The Chicagoes followed suit in the white-wash way.

The second inning of the Louisvilles was opened by Bechtel, who got to first on White's fumble and had throw of his third strike. Fulmer followed with a high fly, which never touched the ground because of one Peters. When Carbine came up to retrieve matters, Spalding sent him in a beauty, and he drove it high out into centre field, while the crowd set up a howl of joy, and chorused "There's nobody there!" Bechtel, who was on first, thought so too, and lit out for second just in time to see Hines paddle placidly up and make a beautiful running catch, and then a clean double play by a fast long throw to McVey. The crowd adjourned the shouting, and Hines came in and went to bat. He hit hard at the first one, and sent it to Carbine so briskly that he couldn't hold it, giving Hines a life. Spalding put a corker to centre-field, Hines going to third. After Spalding had been run out and Addy had retired at first, White drove a fierce one to Gerhardt, who gathered it well but threw it wildly to Carbine, letting in Hines with the first fail.

THE THIRD INNING

For the Louisvilles brought them nothing, though Snyder made a clean hit. Glenn opened the White Stocking half with a safe hit to centre, but was run out while trying to steal second. Barnes waited for a good one so long that he was sent to the base on called balls. After Anson had scored an out, McVey tried Gerhardt with a hard hit, and the third baseman repeated his previous performance, making a throw wild enough to let in Barnes, making the second run of the game.

IN THE FOURTH INNING

Spalding, Addy, and White made clean hits before an out was scored, and the bases were full. While Peters was at the bat Devlin made a perceptible balk, letting in Spalding, but his was the only run of the inning.

The other White Stocking run was made in the seventh inning. After Peters and Glenn had gone out, Barnes came to the bat, and, despairing of safe hits, got on the first fair ball, and, as the phrase goes, "hit it hard and wished it well." It went into Chapman's territory, and that gentleman promptly muffed it while Barnes went to second. Anson followed with a clear long hit which sent Barnes home and scored the fourth and last run of the game.

The other error beside those noted to Anson and White was committed by Hines in the seventh inning, when he muffed a high fly from Fulmer. The full score of the game is as follows:

CHICAGO.					LOUISVILLE.								
	T	R	B	P	A	E	T	R	B	P	A	E	
Barnes, 3b.	4	2	0	2	2	0	Gerhardt, 3b.	4	0	1	2	1	2
Anson, 3b.	4	0	1	1	4	1	Hastings, c.f.	4	0	2	2	0	0
McVey, 1b.	4	0	0	1	0	1	Chapman, 1.f.	4	0	2	0	0	1
Hines, c. f.	4	1	1	1	0	1	Devlin, p.	4	0	1	1	0	1
Spalding, p.	4	1	1	1	0	0	Bechtel, r. f.	4	0	0	0	0	0
Addy, 1. f.	4	0	1	1	0	0	Fulmer, s. s.	4	0	0	0	0	0
White, c.	4	0	1	2	1	1	Carbine, 1. b.	4	0	0	1	2	0
Peters, s. s.	4	0	0	2	4	0	Snyder, c.	2	0	1	2	0	1
Glenn, 1. f.	4	0	1	0	0	0	Somerville, 2b.	2	0	0	4	4	0
Total.....	37	4	4	17	15	3	Total.....	34	0	7	27	11	6

Innings--- 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Chicago.....0 1 1 0 0 1 0 0 0-4
Louisville.....0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0-0
Runs earned---None.
First base on errors---Barnes, 1; McVey, 1; Hines, 1;
White, 1; Bechtel, 1; Fulmer, 1.
Bases on called balls---Barnes, 1.
Left on bases---Anson, 1; McVey, 1; Addy, 1; White, 1;
Gerhardt, 1; Hastings, 1; Chapman, 1; Devlin, 1; Snyder, 1; Fulmer, 1.
Time of game---One hour and fifty minutes.
Umpire---L. B. Warren, St. Louis.

THE BATTING.

People in Chicago who believe that they have the strongest batting team in the League will look at the above score with doubt on that point when they see the best men without credit for even a single hit. It should be explained that the ball was the dearest possible to be found, and with it long hits were impossible. Then, again, the ground was soggy, and the ball could not be hit hard enough to bound. Another reason that cannot hereafter be alleged was that none of the nine have for several months faced a swift pitcher, and were consequently out of shape for that delivery. But what the White Stockings missed in batting they amply made up in fielding, for prettier work was never seen on a field than their share of today's game.

THE CREDIT OF THE VICTORY

belongs to Spalding more than to any one else, and it is safe to say that better pitching was hardly ever seen. Anson and Peters faced some stiff hits and fielded them in beautiful style, the throwing of both men being as accurate as rifle-shooting. Barnes, as usual, skirmished all around, and made a particularly fine pick-up and throw of what looked like a clean hit. McVey played

his position without an error, and, indeed, without much excuse for one. Hines rather astonished the audience by his fast running and generally sure fielding.

TAKEN AS A WHOLE.

the first game of the Chicagoans of 1876 was a creditable one, and promises well for the score at the end of the season.

The Louisville team were beaten to-day by their fielding errors, as well as by their utter inability to hit Spalding's delivery. They have not yet worked together long enough to play as a unit, and yet they show the power to trouble any team in the country to take away a ball from them. The crowd, especially the backers of the club, are deeply chagrined this evening at the score, but not so much at the loss of the game. Very little money was wagered, the Chicagoans generally refusing to give the odds of five to one which were demanded before the game. The general expression is, "Wait till Thursday, when the next game comes off!" For my part, I promise you for the Chicagoans a far better batting game.

NINE MEN AND AN UMPIRE.

There was, during the game, considerable open dissatisfaction with Mr. Warren's umpiring, but it seemed no better based than the usual cry in cases where the home club is getting beaten. As nearly as an unprejudiced observer could judge, Mr. Warren made four errors of judgment—two in which the Chicagoans took the worst, and two in which they gained. The most important were: Glenn ran in and took a low fly near the ground, making a beautiful catch, which the umpire would not recognize, and again, when White was touched off third and was declared not out. Inasmuch as White took no run by the error, it would seem that the criticism was unimportant. Still, the talk was so loud this evening that Welch, of this city, was agreed upon as umpire for Thursday's game. He did very good work for the games in Chicago last year.

LOUISVILLE IS DISPLEASED.

but nonrepentant, this evening, and finds its consolation only in rejoicing at the defeat of the St. Louis Club by the Cincinnati pony team. Louisville proposes to wreak its revenge on Cincinnati for anything that Chicago has done or can do.

The *Courier-Journal* of to-morrow morning looks at the results of yesterday's game philosophically, and says that not much more could have been expected of its new nine. It in effect consoles itself with the idea that a trifle closer fielding would have made a tie game, and that Devlin must prove a hard pitcher for any club to hit.

CONE

has severed his connection with the Chicago Club, and has taken a situation in the Matteson House. The act was wholly voluntary on his part, and resulted from his seeing that the White Stocking team of twelve men was too large, and must in some way be reduced.