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BASE BALL.

ST. LOUIS WINS A GAME.

Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.

St. Louis, May 5.—The first defeat of the Chicago Club of 1876, as well as that of its predecessor of 1875, was captured in St. Louis, which city seems fated to tip over some pet theory of the Garden City in the base-ball way. When the rival clubs reached this city Thursday each had played four games, and of these the St. Louis had won one and the Chicago four. The record, therefore, justified the betting, which was about 3 to 1 on the White Stockings. The latter Club were, however, severely crippled by the absence of McVey, who has been in Chicago attending a sick child for nearly a week. This loss not only greatly weakened the batting strength, but, by putting both Glenn and Addy in strange positions, discouraged the whole Club, and seemed to break up the confidence and harmony which were its features when the tour was begun. The grounds were thoroughly wet by Thursday's rain, and yesterday the home-plate, pitcher's position, and first base were

PUTTY BEDS,

though the remainder of the infield was in fair shape. Add to the condition of the grounds a putty ball, and a St. Louis man for umpire, and you have the arrangements for the game.

The Whites having lost the toss, Barnes went to bat, and, before he could straighten up, had two strikes called on him, neither ball being where he could possibly have hit it. After he had fouled out, Anson hit a hot one to McGeary, and paddled through the mud to first base, where he was left. In the same inning Cuthbert led off for the Browns with a ball which Peters fielded slickly to first. Clapp followed with a hit to Spalding, and the latter, having too much time, threw high to Glenn, and the ball bounded out of the latter's hands, giving the runner a life, and, as the event proved.

TROWING AWAY THE GAME

right there. McGeary followed with a bunter or short fair foul, which gave Clapp second. Pike drove a ball to Glenn, which should have been an out, but it was muffed, and Clapp came home, making the only run of the game. On the same McGeary went to third, and, after Battin had fouled out, Pike started for second to let McGeary in. White threw it to Barnes, as the Browns hoped he would, and McGeary lit out for the home-plate. When he got within about 10 feet of the goal Barnes drove the sphere to White, and the runner was prettily out.

The remainder of the Chicago game, as far as regards batting, scarcely deserves recording. It was indeed

A WRETCHED DISPLAY.

In the third inning White made a safe hit, and in the fifth Peters took another. Besides these earned first bases, Anson got a base on balls, Glenn one by forcing out Peters, and Bielaski one on an error by Dohleman. Barnes, Hites, Spalding, and Addy couldn't say from their own knowledge what the first base was made of.

The fielding of the White Stockings was unlike their batting, a very clever and

NEARLY PERFECT DISPLAY

after the first inning. In the fourth inning, after Pike had taken first on an error, Battin hit a fly to Hites, and he made a beautiful throw to first base, getting the double play easily. Again, in the seventh inning, Blong made a clean hit, after two men were out, and Bradley followed with another which Bielaski bawled slowly enough to let Blong to third. When Bradley started to steal second, and Blong wanted to go to the home-plate, White made a throw which looked as if bound for Barnes, but

TURNED UP IN ANSON'S HANDS.

to the unpleasant surprise of Blong, who was shortly run out by Peters.

The remainder of the game was of the most prosaic character. Before the third inning was closed the ball became dumpty, and instead of responding with a click when hit, it simply gave a dull thud like a chunk of mud. The hardest pounding could not drive the sphere anywhere in particular, and the Chicago's hard hitters entirely failed to make any impression on it. Following is

THE SCORE:

CHICAGO.	T	R	B	P	A	E	ST. LOUIS.	T	R	B	P	A	E
Barnes, 2b.	4	0	0	1	2	1	Cuthbert, 1f	4	0	1	2	0	0
Anson, 2b.	4	0	0	1	3	1	Clapp, c.	4	1	0	0	0	0
Hites, c. f.	4	0	0	2	1	0	McGeary, 2b	4	0	1	2	4	1
Spalding, p.	4	0	0	1	0	2	Pike, c. f.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Addy, l. f.	4	0	0	2	0	0	Battin, 3b.	5	0	0	1	2	0
White, c.	3	0	1	4	2	0	Blong, r. f.	8	0	1	1	0	0
Peters, s. s.	3	0	1	1	7	0	Bradley, p.	4	0	2	2	2	1
Glenn, l. b.	3	0	0	12	0	1	Dohleman, lb	3	0	1	1	0	1
Bielaski, r. f.	3	0	0	3	0	1	Black, s. s.	3	0	0	0	2	0
Total....	23	0	2	27	15	7	Total....	31	1	6	27	11	3

Innings—
Chicago— 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
St. Louis— 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
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Bases on errors—Anson, 1; Bielaski, 1; Pike, 2; Clapp, 1; Black, 1.
Left on bases—Chicago, 4; St. Louis, 5.
Bases on called balls—Anson, 1.
Wild pitches—Spalding, 1.
Time of game—One hour and thirty minutes.
Umpire—J. Simmons.

REMARKS.

The general reason for the loss of the game has been given above, that the White Stockings didn't bat well or safely. One reason which brought this about was the extraordinary conduct of the umpire in calling strikes after a rule entirely his own. Several times he called two strikes on successive balls which the batsmen could not reach. This of course had a tendency to unnerve them, and they cuffed away anything sooner than lose a chance. Curiously enough the calling of two strikes in rapid succession was always when the best and freshest Chicago hitters were at the plate. Apart from this faulting, Simmons made a good enough umpire.

THE UNPLEASANT PART OF THE CONTEXT

is the fact that it was undoubtedly lost through the absence of McVey, or, rather, that, had that player been in the mix, the winning run would not have been made when it was. As near as one could judge, the game would have lasted to sunset, after the fifth inning was past, the condition of the ball and the sharp play warranting that supposition. A second game between the same clubs will be played to-morrow. Betting this evening was brisk, and there was a little more confidence felt in the Browns. It was about two to one in the pools, the Whites remaining the favorites.