

SPORTING NEWS.

Inauguration in Chicago of the Base-Ball Season of 1876.

The Cincinnati Delegation Polished Off to the Tune of 6 to 0.

Fastest Two-Mile Time on Record Made at Lexington Yesterday.

BASE-BALL.

CHICAGO VS. CINCINNATI.

It looks as if the Chicago Club management had done it at last—had selected a club to fitly represent this city, and therefore to excel all other clubs in the West, if not in the country. This club of ours went away down into the rural districts, and won pretty much all the games it played, which circumstance was so strange to Chicago that its people who take an interest in the game inquired when the nine was coming back, and when it could be seen here; and, finding out, arranged to attend the first game and give the boys a reception.

That was what made 5,000 or 6,000 people stand in line yesterday and go through all sorts of troubles to get tickets and seats for Chicago's opening game of the Centennial year. Then, too, the weather encouraged the attendance, for a finer day for a game was hardly ever seen.

To the great delight of the audience, the full White Stocking nine was out, and every man was where he belonged, from the impassive White around to the agile Addy, and from the sure-handed Iowa infant down through the grades of height to Capt. Bob Shorty, who teetered all over the infield as he thought there was occasion.

The damage done to the grounds had been fully repaired before the game was called, and they presented very much the same spectacle this year as last, except that the grass was in better shape and more even for short-fielding than ever before.

There was some little curiosity among the audience to know how Capt. Spalding proposed to play his Chicago games in the vital point of the kind of ball used. During his trip he had been almost constantly supplied with the dearest kind of dumpy balls, it being the privilege of the home club in every case to furnish the ball, and it was with no little satisfaction that the knowing ones among the audience noted that a Mahn, or double-cover, ball was in use. With this kind there is some chance for the beauties of out-fielding as well as batting to be displayed, and the audience are not forced to sit for a couple of hours and see successive hits passed about among the in-fielders, while the out-fielders have no chance to show whether they are ball-players or not. It is clear that the base-ball audience of Chicago will be pleased to see the game played on all its merits, and will therefore thank the Whites to play with a ball, and not a lump of duff.

THE GAME.

At 3:50 Spalding, having won the toss, faced Kessler, and the latter opened business by affording Anson a chance which he did not miss. Booth followed with a hard hit which Peters pounced on and sent to McVey in ample time. Gould hit a hard and fine liner down toward Glenn, and attempted to take second, but Glenn gathered the ball in good shape and sent it to Barnes in time to head off the runner.

Barnes led off the White Stocking score by sending a bouncer to Booth, which was inexcusably muffed, and the runner took first. Anson followed with a fine safe hit to right field which was good for one base, but which Clack handled badly, allowing the runner to reach second and Barnes third. Hines got on the ball fairly, and made a beautiful line shot into centre field which brought in both Barnes and Anson. Spalding and Addy closed up the inning by flies to Clack.

Clack led off the second inning with a hard low hit to Anson which looked safe, but the big man handled it beautifully, and, taking the kinks out of his back, handed the ball down to McVey like a shot. It was the perfection of third-base play, and deserved the round of applause which it received.

Again in the following inning Anson was the recipient of a driver from Fields' bat, which he picked up neatly, but sent to McVey rather low, so that the latter muffed it, making the only real error of the game. If that ball had been held at first the White Stockings would have had the honor of being the first club to play a championship game without an error. The mistake amounted to nothing, however, as Fields was forced at second on Kessler's hit, and the side retired as usual without a run.

After getting a couple of scores in the first inning, the Whites seemed to be unable to get on the pitching again until, in the sixth inning, Spalding, coming first to bat, sent along high one over Jones' head for two bases. Addy and White followed with outs, but Peters came to the rescue with a dropping hit over third, on which Spalding scored an earned run.

In the next inning, after the Reds had been retired with their usual blank, Barnes and Anson made outs at once, but McVey was more lucky. He hit a high but easy fly to Jones, which that generally fine fielder astonished everybody by dropping. Taking heart of grace, McVey moved on to second on a passed ball and scored on Hines' driver to centre. The latter also got home on Spalding's high hit to right field.

The other White Stocking score was made in the eighth inning by Glenn, who dropped a high ball into left field where nobody was, and then stole second at once. From here he was brought home by Barnes' long high ball to left centre for two bases. The latter stole third in good style, but was left there.

The batting of the Red Stockings may be dismissed in short order by saying that they didn't do any. It has been noted above that Gould and Snyder made clean hits in the first and second innings respectively. Add to these Fisher's fine drive to left in the sixth inning and you have the whole exhibition. In the fourth, fifth, seventh, and ninth innings the strikers were disposed of as they came up, while in the eighth Fields was given his base on balls. All other particulars may be learned from

THE SCORE.

Chicago.	T	R	B	P	A	E
Barnes, 2b.....	5	1	1	3	2	0
Anson, 3b.....	5	1	1	3	3	0
McVey, 1b.....	5	1	0	0	0	1
Hines, c. f.....	5	1	2	4	0	0
Spalding, p.....	5	1	2	2	0	1
Addy, r. f.....	5	0	2	1	0	0
White, c.....	5	0	0	2	1	0
Peters, s. s.....	4	0	1	0	3	0
Glenn, l. f.....	4	1	3	3	1	0
Total.....	43	6	12	27	10	3

Cincinnati.	T	R	B	P	A	E
Kessler, s. s.....	4	0	0	1	3	0
Booth, 3b.....	4	0	0	1	2	2
Gould, 1b.....	4	0	1	1	0	0
Clack, r. f.....	4	0	0	4	0	2
Jones, c. f.....	3	0	0	4	0	1
Snyder, l. f.....	3	0	1	1	0	0
Sweasy, 2b.....	3	0	0	2	3	1
Fields, c.....	3	0	0	2	0	1
Fisher, p.....	3	0	1	1	1	0
Total.....	31	0	3	27	0	7

RUNS SCORED.

Innings—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Chicago.....	3	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0-8
Cincinnati.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

RUNS EARNED.

Innings—	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Chicago.....	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0-3
Cincinnati.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0

Two-base hits—Barnes, 1; Spalding, 1.
Total bases on hits—Chicago, 14; Cincinnati, 3.
Bases on errors—Barnes, 1; Peters, 1; Glenn, 1; McVey, 1; Fields, 1.
Left on bases—Hines, 1; Peters, 2; Glenn, 2; White, 1; Addy, 2; Spalding, 1; Chicago, 0; Snyder, 1; Kessler, 1; Fisher, 1; Fields, 1; Cincinnati, 4.
Bases on called balls—Fields, 1.
Time of game—One hour and fifty minutes.
Umpire—M. Walsh, Louisville.

POINTS.

The white stocking hat of the game may be summed up by saying that it was the finest fielding display ever seen in this city. Anson carried off the honors by his sharp handling of three hard-hit balls which went to McVey, while he took three others in good shape, one off Kessler's bat being specially noticeable. Barnes and Peters played a faultless game, the former being credited with a very nice bit of fielding off Snyder's slow hit in the fifth inning. White and Spalding put in one of their best games, the former being fully up to his best mark, and the latter utterly discomfiting the batsmen who had no difficulty with Devlin and Bradley. The outfield was covered without an error. Hines having the bulk of the work to do, and getting away with it perfectly.

For the Reds, Gould, Kessler, and Sweasy did the heavy work, and made a good showing. Fields was not up to the mark of the rest of the nine, and the management are quite right in looking after Quinn or some other good man. While there is no trouble with Fields' catching, there is also no question that his throwing is not fast or accurate enough for his team.

It is quite proper to say a good word for Mr. Walsh, who has proved himself the best umpire of the year. His calling is quick, sharp, and loud, and he keeps the game from lagging.

The meed of praise at yesterday's game is due to the attendance. This Tribune believes that so well-behaved, good-humored, and impartial an audience can be found nowhere else in the country. Yesterday, for instance, they applauded good plays by both sides with a judgment and fairness that deserves much credit. Jones and Hines, Barnes and Sweasy, Anson and Booth, were treated equally well, while during the whole game there was not an abusive expression used. To those who have heard the howling mob of St. Louis, the change is a pleasure.

The same clubs play again to-day, and the Whites and Louisvilles Saturday.