

# PASTIMES

## The White Stockings Score Another Handsome Victory.

## Louisville's Club This Time Their Victims.

## St. Louis, Boston, and Hartford Also Capture Games,

## But the Scores Show a Shocking Number of Errors.

## Some Suggestions About Umpires and Fair-Foul Hits.

## The Dexter Park Trotting Meeting and the Pedestrian Tournament.

### BASE BALL.

#### WHITE STOCKINGS VS. LOUISVILLE.

The League this year is composed of old clubs, with the single exception of the Louisville organization, which presents its claims this year for the first time. This Club was formed on the basis of Devlin and Snyder, with some other good and some indifferent talent, such as was obtainable at the time the nine was gotten together. The games so far played by the Club show that it is a strong fielding team, with a decided inability to bat. The first two games with Chicago were won by the latter's pre-eminence with the stick. The real work of the nine was entered upon when they met the Cincinnati Reds, against whom they have a grudge dependent on the respective cities. The score of one game each, therefore, settles nothing as between Cincinnati and Louisville, which cities have a mortal strife, compared with which the Montagu-Capelet war or that of the Roses would have been but mild ill-feeling. But nevertheless the Louisvilles made their way to Chicago, and yesterday met for the third time this year the Spalding team, who, being Western men, take pride in maintaining the pennant of its representative city. Some 3,000 people assembled at the Twenty-third street grounds to witness the game, and the fair, clear, cool day gave promise of an exciting contest. Spalding having lost the toes, as is usual with him of late, sent Barnes to the front, and in a few minutes the nine went afield, Anson being the only striker to reach first, and that on Snyder's pass of a third strike. Hastings opened play by taking first base on balls, and stood on the bag in safety until Snyder hit ineffectually at the third ball and went out on strikes. Hastings took this time to steal second, but was neatly nipped by Barnes off White's throw, the latter taking credit for a double play. The one-two-three order was observed on both sides in the second inning, the fielding being marked by excellent catches by Ryan and Peters. In the third inning Peters opened the real business of the game by getting his base on an error, and going at once to second on a passed ball. Glenn then hit to Devlin, and the ball went to first in time to make an out. Peters having started for third, Gerhardt threw to that point to nip him, but the combination of a high throw and Hague's failure to stop the same, let in the runner with the first run, amid much applause. The last half on the inning resulted in nothing, and the White Stocking score in the fourth was exactly the same. The visitors pulled up a little in the fourth inning, and, by a lucky streak of batting, scored for the only time in the game. After Hastings had gone out to White, and Snyder by Barnes to McVey, Devlin hit a slow roller toward right field, and by fast running saved the hit. Hague followed with a long hit to right centre for two bases, and Devlin proceeded calmly toward home. Addy got the ball in reasonable season, and sent it to Barnes, but the latter, in throwing to White to catch the runner, made a wild shot—the only error of the game—and permitted Devlin to score, and Hague to get to third. Gerhardt then came in with a safe hit, letting the man on third home. The inning ended with Glenn's fine catch of Bechtel's fly. It seemed to behoove the home club to make an effort, the game standing 2 to 1 against them, and White accordingly opened business with a hit which Fulmer made a good try for, but couldn't get. Peters hit hard, but scored nothing but an out. Glenn hit to Fulmer, and he, having plenty of time, faced to second to cut off White, but made a bad throw to Somerville, and both men were safe. Barnes, coming then to bat, hit a fair foul one, which Devlin rushed for and picked up handsomely, but, being in a hurry to catch Barnes, who was making the best kind of time, he overthrew to first, and White came home, while Glenn went to third and Barnes to second. With two men on bases, it was a fine chance for a batsman to distinguish himself, and Anson grabbed his bed-post with a firmer hold as he remembered how he had done the same necessary trick in St. Louis. Getting a shoulder-high ball, the young man from the Far West drove it clean and swift between Hague and Fulmer, and went away to first, while Glenn ran slowly home, and Barnes, coming from second at full speed, turned in from third and made the last quarter in seemingly less time than it ever was made before. It was a lucky hit, or a well-planned one, and came in the nick of time to save two runs; and, as the event proved, the game for without these two scores at least a tenth inning would have been needed. From this point to the end of the game neither side could score, the Louisvilles never getting a man on first, except in the sixth inning, when Snyder made a clean hit. Hines hit hard in the sixth inning, and Glenn in the seventh, while White sent a high two-baser to centre in the ninth, but none of these gentlemen were properly backed with hits for runs, and the game ended with the figures 4 to 2, which were marked at the end of the fifth inning. The performances of the players may be learned from

#### THE SCORE.

Chicago.	T	R	B	P.	A	E
Barnes, 2 b.....	4	1	0	3	3	1
Anson, 3 b.....	4	0	1	2	4	0
McVey, 1 b.....	4	0	0	12	0	0
Hines, c. f.....	4	0	1	1	0	0
Spalding, p.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
Addy, r. f.....	4	0	0	0	0	0
White, c.....	4	1	2	3	1	0
Peters, s. s.....	4	1	0	2	3	0
Glenn, l. f.....	4	1	1	4	0	0
Total.....	36	4	5	27	11	1
Louisville.						
Hastings, c. f.....	4	0	0	2	0	0
Snyder, c.....	4	0	0	5	1	5
Devlin, p.....	4	1	2	0	2	2
Hague, 3 b.....	4	1	1	0	2	1
Gerhardt, 1 b.....	3	0	1	15	0	1
Chapman, r. f.....	3	0	0	1	0	0
Fulmer, s. s.....	3	0	0	0	2	2
Somerville, 2 b.....	3	0	0	2	0	0
Ryan, l. f.....	3	0	0	2	0	0
Total.....	31	2	4	27	16	11

#### RUNS SCORED.

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

#### RUNS EARNED.

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

Two-base hits—White, 1; Hague, 1.  
Total bases on hits—Chicago, 6; Louisville, 5.  
Bases on errors—Anson, 1; Peters, 2; Glenn, 1.  
Left on bases—Anson, 2; Glenn, 1; White, 1; Peters, 1; Gerhardt, 1; Devlin, 1.  
Bases on called balls—Hastings, 1.  
Passed balls—Snyder, 2.  
Time of game—One hour and fifty minutes.  
Umpire—M. Walsh, Louisville.

#### FACTS.

If one wants to read the history of yesterday's game in a nutshell, it may be found in this: A wild throw by Barnes lost the game in the fourth inning, and Fulmer and Devlin kindly put matters back in the fifth inning, so that Anson, by a nervy, lucky, hard hit, won the game. It was all over in a moment, and won and lost by a twist of the wrist. The visitors played a sharp game, and fairly surpassed the gentlemen from Cincinnati in their fielding work. Somerville carried off the palm as a fielder, making the extraordinary record of nine stops and throws, besides putting out two men. Anson maintained his reputation as the best third baseman of the year, and played a strong, hard game from beginning to end without an error. This wonderful fielding, together with his winning hit, entitle him to the credit of the game. Glenn showed up at the head of the out-fielding, and his catch of Gerhardt's hit was the best field-play that has been seen in Chicago this year. It was the best play of the game, with White's running-catch off Snyder a good second. The audience do not perhaps understand as well as the ball-players the difficulty of batting Spalding's deliveries this year, and are disposed to cavil at the opposing club, when in fact they are totally unable to get at the "Great American Puzler." It is safe to say that he is pitching better in 1876 than ever before. Another danger to the game in Chicago grows out of the abnormally perfect fielding games which the Whites are playing now-a-days. It is too much to expect of any club to play games where hard hitting prevails with one and two errors. The Whites have been doing this, but their friends must not expect it this season through. THE TRIBUNE only hopes that the audience will not expect that kind of games the season through. It can't be done; gentlemen, and, therefore, when a game is played with half-a-dozen mistakes or so,—say half as many as the other clubs indulge in,—the public will please accept it with the same grace as the exhibitions of last week.

#### THE EAST VS. THE WEST.

THE TRIBUNE is very glad to be able to say that the question about games between Eastern and Western clubs has been satisfactorily arranged. It has been noted that it was expected to have the Eastern clubs play first in the West, and it has also been said that the Eastern clubs seriously objected to this arrangement, and asked to have the Western men come East. It looked as if there might be a dead-lock over this question, and

Old-Man-of-the-Sea Chadwick danced over the prospect, and exulted openly over the hope that the League would not work well, and that perchance it might break up and let him in again. But it was fated not to be, and when the best ball authority in the United States (being at the time in Cincinnati) made up his schedule for the first six games by which the wish for June games was accommodated in both sections, he did a wise thing for the East as well as the West. The arrangement was that all four Western clubs should go East at one time, and play games on the same days in Boston, Hartford, Brooklyn, and Philadelphia. The arrangement was for a three-game trip, or that number of contests, extending over a week in each city. In order to avoid the appearance of unfairness, the places were to be drawn for by lot, and the well-known probity of Mr. Haldeman, President of the Louisville Club, led to his selection to make the drawings. This was done yesterday, and the result was to give the Chicago No. 4, or the Hartford Club, to open with. It is therefore settled that all four of the Western clubs will leave for the East next Sunday night, and will play a game each the following Tuesday, or May 23. The Mutuals open with the St. Louis, the Cincinnati with the Boston, the Louisville with the Athletic, and the Chicago, as before stated, with the Hartford. The full dates for the Chicago Club games for the four weeks of their absence will be as follows:

	Tuesday.	Thursday.	Saturday.
Hartford.....	May 23	May 25	May 27
Boston.....	May 30	June 1	June 3
Athletics.....	June 6	June 8	June 10
Mutuals.....	June 13	June 15	June 17

It is of course understood that a change of the other clubs takes place every week from city to city. At the end of the four weeks named the whole League comes West in a body, and the Western clubs, assuming their own grounds, receive the Eastern clubs for one week, or three games each. This arrangement gives the West the best games of the season during June and the early part of July, which will be duly appreciated by the patrons of the game. It is worth something to have a head to the business this year.

#### ABOUT UMPIRES.

America's national game seems to differ from the bold Britisher's cricket in being a thoroughly progressive institution, but whether that element of its existence is in its favor only time can tell. It is entirely within the memory of ball fanciers that the only organization for the game was the indiscriminate one of a lot of boys on an open field, where the rules were carried in the heads of the players. Comparing this state of things with the present League under which the game has progressed so well this year, and the observer has an opportunity to judge the progress made. But yet there are other things to suggest, and other subjects to be treated by this same League. It would be too much to expect of that organization that it could spring at once into an existence impossible to be perfected or bettered. Justice demands that it be said that it has so far done its work well; expediency invites suggestions for the future. First, then, among the subjects for the League to consider is the question of umpires. The present code commands the visiting club to send to the home club the names of five competent men for the position at least five days before the game, and directs the recipients to answer within forty-eight hours. As a matter of exact fact, these conditions are not often fully complied with, and in a goodly proportion of the games the umpire is selected on the field or during the morning before the game, the result being that he is a local player (which he should never under any circumstances be), or an unknown who botches up an otherwise fine game. This year's code on the subject is the best one that ever existed, and yet it hardly works as it should. It is not equally perfect with the rest of the machinery.

The remedy is not difficult, and since it lies in the hands of the League it is proper to suggest it to them now, in order that they may think it over and talk it over and maturely make up their minds about it before the full League meeting in December. The scheme that is here suggested is, then, a corps of salaried officers to be called League Umpires, to be elected by the League clubs at the beginning of the season, to be paid by a tax equal levied on all League clubs, and to be absolutely at the control of the League Secretary, under such rules as should be made.

The points to be considered are the following: First, the cost of the system as compared with that now in use. At present the clubs jointly pay the umpire's car fare, hotel bills, and other expenses, and give him from \$10 to \$20 for his work or his time. All these items foot up perhaps \$10 when a local man is taken; perhaps \$20 when the man lives a little way off, and maybe \$40 or \$50 when he comes from a distance and stays over more than one game. It would probably be a fair medium to fix the sum at \$25 per game as an average for the year. The League clubs play 280 games a year, if all series are concluded, and therefore will probably pay not far from \$7,000 from their gross receipts for umpires and expenses therewith connected. This would pay a good comfortable salary to four good men, and give them an ample sum for traveling expenses beside. Yes, more than that, it would pay all expenses and save the League \$2,000 a year.

The suggestion of four men above named is on the basis of the supposition that the eight clubs would at some time be all playing at once; otherwise, perhaps three men could cover the ground. With two good men from the East, and two from the West, all the work could be not only easily but well done. The primary objection, and perhaps the one most likely to be urged against the scheme, is, that it gives a chance for corruption, and allows betting men to know who is to umpire a game in time to bring their inducements to bear on him. Let us see how this would work: Suppose the four umpires elected, and that they were up to the average of honesty at that time. They would naturally be under the control of the Secretary, and when Manager Spalding notified the last-named officer that he wanted an umpire present for May 10 for a game with the Louisville, he would telegraph some one of the four to go, and the betting-men or the club management would be utterly in the dark as to whether the man was to be Smith, or Jones, or Brown, or Robinson, and as to whether he came from the uttermost East or the farthest West.

The greatest point gained by the clubs would be their freedom from the present trouble and vexation of selecting proper men, and the worry and annoyance that comes of an incompetent or biased selection. If it were more expensive than the present system (which it would not be), it would still be a saving of trouble which every manager will appreciate.

The general idea is thus briefly sketched for the purpose of getting a thorough discussion of the matter before the meeting of the League.