

PASTIMES.

McVey and the White Stockings Defeat the Hartfords.

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BASE-BALL.

"ONE OF McVEY'S TRICKS."

So far as the Blues, of Hartford, and the Whites, of Chicago, are concerned, there is a great deal of equality in their series of games for the championship. They have played six games, and each has won three—two on the other party's ground. In these six games the Whites have made 23 runs to the Hartfords' 21, and 57 clean hits to the Blues' 54. The runs earned are 11 for the Whites to 10 for the Blues, and the errors, Chicagos, 36; Hartfords, 49—the whole showing being a very close one. In order to make this equality, the Chicagos had to win yesterday's game, and they did it very neatly, in the presence of about 3,000 people, who sat patiently under the hottest weather of the year. Manager Spalding, who has as little regard for what people say about him as any one can well have, defied comment by putting McVey at the pitcher's point—not that his own delivery had been badly batted, but doubtless with a sort of general idea that Mac carried good luck in his pants' pocket. The result proved the wisdom of the change, and McVey's pitching (or throwing) won the game with substantially the same score as at the time of his former effort in Hartford. After Spalding had gone through his usual preliminary of losing the toss, Barnes assumed the bat, and immediately Burdock, Carey, and Remsen took position away over in left field, and, of course, the ball slid off Barnes' stick toward right field. Burdock managed to get to it, but muffed it first and then threw wild, letting the runner to second. The first of several exhibitions of scientific batting was then shown to the audience. Peters threw away his chance of a clean hit, and sent one along the ground to right field to let Barnes get third. He was successful, and Barnes was next door to a run, with one hand out. McVey was perfectly clear as to what he ought to do, and made no attempt to get the ball out of the diamond, but simply dumped it down toward first, and the moment it left his bat Barnes was under full sail for home, and crossed the plate ahead of the ball, though Mills sent it home sharply, and so lost both Barnes and McVey. Anson sent a beauty to left field, and White followed with a curious fair-foul hit, which filled the bases. Hines failed to get on the ball fair, and forced McVey out at home by a hit to Bond. Spalding ended the inning by a foul fly. Events seemed to prove that it was Glenn's day out, and he opened up his batting in the second inning with a fair-foul, and at once stole second; Barnes sent one around to Ferguson, and Mills muffed the throw so as to let Glenn home from second, making the only run of the inning, as Barnes was caught off first, and Peters was out on a foul. The third inning yielded no runs, though Anson and McVey hit well for their bases. After two Hartfords were out, Higham hit a fair-foul, and took second on a wide throw by White. Mills followed with a clean drive to left field, and Higham thought he could get in from second on it, but Spalding sent it sharply to Anson, and he very neatly and accurately to White, whereby Higham was caught, and the run prevented. In the fifth inning Glenn put in a fine drive to left for a leader, and stole away to second easily. Barnes undertook to advance him a base by a right-field grounder, but Burdock muffed the ball, and let Glenn all the way home. Barnes at once stole second, and Peters again showed the crowd how runs are made by sacrificing himself to get Barnes to third. McVey followed with the proper kind of a right-field grounder, and Barnes came home, while Mac took first. He at once stole second, and was sent to third on Anson's third safe hit of the game. White hit to Bond and he threw to Burdock, cutting off Anson, but letting McVey home. Hines ended the inning with a hit to Burdock. In the sixth inning a foul tip from Bielaski's bat took Higham on the bridge of the nose, cutting it severely, and delaying the game some time while a doctor patched and plastered up the wound. No runs came of the inning, however, as Spalding was caught off third by Ferguson after he had muffed Barnes' hit. In the seventh inning Glenn put in his third safe one, this time to left field, and when he was on first Barnes hit a wicked one to right field, away past Higham, who had changed places with Harbidge, to the fence, bringing in Glenn, and taking third himself. For the third time in the game Peters deserved much credit by a grounder to right field to let in the run. It was successful, and Barnes crossed the plate. All this time, and up to the eighth inning, the Hartfords had never been able to get across the plate, but in the eighth Harbidge led off with a safe one to left, and took second on Spalding's slow handling. Remsen followed with another safe one in the same direction, and took second on White's wide throw. Burdock hit high to Spalding, and was well captured, the ball being returned to Barnes, perhaps in hope to catch Remsen off. Barnes turned to Anson and let go away over his head, so that Remsen got home as well as Harbidge. After Spalding had opened the last inning with an out, Bielaski hit to Carey and was muffed. Glenn followed with his fourth clean drive, and Barnes hit hard to right field, letting Bielaski in and Glenn to third. Peters was for the fourth time called on to sacrifice himself for the good of the side, and did it beautifully, letting Glenn home. Barnes thought he too could get to the plate, but was caught by Mills to Harbidge. Carey made a run for the visitors in the last inning, and the game closed with the following

SCORE:

Chicago.	T	R	B	P	A	E
Barnes, 2 b.....	6	3	2	3	4	1
Peters, s. s.....	6	0	0	1	3	0
McVey, p.....	4	1	1	1	1	0
Anson, 3 b.....	4	0	3	1	4	0
White, c.....	4	0	1	3	0	5
Hines, c. f.....	4	0	0	2	0	0
Spalding, l. f.....	4	0	1	3	1	2
Bielaski, r. f.....	5	1	0	3	0	0
Glenn, l. b.....	5	4	4	10	0	1
Total.....	42	9	12	27	13	9
Hartford.						
Remsen, c. f.....	5	1	1	2	0	0
Burdock, 2 b.....	4	0	0	3	5	2
Higham, c.....	4	0	1	4	1	5
Ferguson, 3 b.....	5	0	2	1	2	1
Carey, s. s.....	4	1	1	0	2	2
Bond, p.....	4	0	1	0	4	0
York, l. f.....	4	0	1	2	0	0
Mills, l. b.....	4	0	0	13	1	1
Harbidge, r. f.....	4	1	1	2	1	1
Total.....	38	3	8	27	16	12

RUNS SCORED.

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

RUNS EARNED.

Chicago.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0—2
Hartford.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1—1

Three-base hits—Barnes, 1; Hartford, 8.

First base on errors—Barnes, 3; McVey, 1; Anson, 1; Bielaski, 1—Chicago, 6. York, 1; Mills, 1—Hartford, 2.

Left on bases—Barnes, 1; McVey, 1; Anson, 1; White, 2; Hines, 1—Chicago, 6. Higham, 1; Ferguson, 2; Bond, 1; York, 3; Mills, 1—Hartford, 8.

Bases on called balls—Burdock, 1; York, 1—Hartford, 2.

Passed balls—White, 1; Higham, 2; Harbidge, 1.

Time of game—Two hours twenty-five minutes.

Umpire—W. McLean, Philadelphia.

The game was a very clever one in playing, and was won like the others of the week, on its merits, though the Hartfords hardly seemed to be up to the grade of their other games. They didn't like McVey's delivery, and it rather took the nerve out of them to find in the first few innings that they could do nothing with it. Again, the luck was generally with the home side, and that made a good deal of difference to their opponents as well as themselves. It sufficiently appears from the score that it was Glenn's day as far as batting was concerned, and that his record was only a trifle better than that of Anson's. Apart from the question of clean hits, however, and even in contrast with them, should be specially noted the splendid batting "for the side" of McVey and Peters. The former deliberately made two outs and the latter four to bring in men or aid runners. That sort of thing may

not appear in the score, but it wins games. A word of most unqualified condemnation is due Bond for his cowardly conduct in purposely hitting batsmen with the ball when in their position. He struck Bielaski twice, the second time being without doubt intended. This appears clearly enough from a remark made by Bond himself after the first hit. Unfortunately there is no rule to cover such a case, but there ought to be discipline enough in the nine to enable Capt. Ferguson to stop the practice. The writer is prepared to relate quite a chapter about a similar occurrence in Hartford.