

THE NATIONAL GAME.

TO THE WHOLE PUSH

Here's a motto, just your fit
Always make a good base hit
When you're behind a little bit
Then crack out a good base hit.
Look the pitcher in the face
Scorn the coacher's rude grimace
Ten to one you'll get a base
If you have the nerve and grit
Just to hit a little bit.

Rockford is trying to sign a national league team.

Fred Pfeffer will soon be wearing a New York uniform.

Rockford will have a handsome new base ball park soon.

Quincy wants Cantillon to play second and captain the team.

Jax has signed a new third baseman, Buschman, of Chattanooga, Tenn.

The umpire's salary in this association is \$100 a month and railroad fare.

Colburn of St. Joe held the Bucks down to five hits in Wednesday's game.

O'Brien's home run in Wednesday's game saved the Bucks from another shut out.

Billy Moran, with Omaha last year, will not play with Chicago again this year.

Manager Connie Mack of the Pittsburgs, thinks Pitcher Thomas is over-rated.

Jimmy Ryan, the greatest right-fielder in the biz, is booked for a release by Chicago.

Matrin Hogan, Indianapolis' center-fielder, recently ran 100 yards in 9 4-5 seconds.

The rate between Lincoln and Denver for the ball players is less than one cent per mile.

The St. Joes are liable, very liable, to fool some of the eastern clubs on their present trip.

Bobby Carruthers is booked for a release by Jax unless he and the team take a decided brace.

Roger Conner has been released by St. Louis. He began playing ball in 76. He made his great reputation and pile with the giants.

Baltimore cranks are howling for McMahon, the Oriole's crack pitcher last season, whose arm gave out completely. It looks like a case of crockery.

The *Sporting News* thinks Peoria has the pennant won in this tight little league, but there are two or three teams that still they are very much in the race.

Des Moines downed Indianapolis Thursday in an exhibition game at the Iowa capital. The leaders of the western league were rather easy for the Trafs.

Anson was seriously injured in a game last week, being hit just over the heart by a swiftly pitched ball. It will be sometime before he will be seen in uniform again.

Taylor, of the Jax team has jumped his contract and gone to Pennsylvania. He left about \$75 in unpaid bills behind him. He was tried here in Lincoln in the spring but was found to be lazy and was given the run.

The Omaha team has been transferred to Denver and will play in that city after the present eastern trip is completed. Just why the Denver team is not higher up in the race is not apparent unless the management is at fault. They are individually all right and should be hanging around first place.

Archie Cole, the cleverest outfielder in the Association was released by Lincoln this week. Cole has been in poor health this summer, which seemed to interfere with his batting. His fielding is the same swift and accurate work that made his reputation. He is trying

for a position as umpire in this association.

There is a little trouble on the inside of the team, and it ought to be stopped before it does any further damage to the team work. So far as we can see, Manager Brackett is to blame. Laroque is captain of the club, and ought to have complete control on the field, but it appears Manager Brackett has on several occasions sat on the bench and countermanded the captain's orders as to field work. Laroque wants to resign the captaincy, but Brackett will not let him. There are three men in the club who will not obey Laroque's orders during the game. They ought to be taught different, for without obedience to the captain's orders team work is impossible. The captain should have full swing on the field, and no one else should interfere with him.—Quincy Whig.

In the recent St. Joe series Lincoln dropped two games and captured one. It is interesting to note that in the three games Lincoln secured 16 base hits to the Saints 28 and each team scored 12 runs. The number of errors was a tie also, 9 each. The St. Joe pitchers did better work than their opponents, being credited with 9 strike outs to Lincoln's 8, and giving only 7 bases on balls, while our pitchers were rather generous and gave 15. An interesting comparison is the Peoria-Rockford series just closed. In this series Peoria made 20 runs to Rockford's 12, each team made 9 errors, and Peoria secured 30 base hits to Rockford's 19. The base hit column tells the story. Peoria secured 30 base hits from Rockford while Lincoln could only pick out 16, and Rockford secured 19 off Peoria while St. Joe secured 28 off Lincoln. Curiously enough the four teams each made 9 errors.

Last Saturday's game at Quincy with Peoria ended in a riot, with the umpire doing the martyr's act. Speaking of the affair the Quincy *Herald* says:—"As soon as the last Quincy man struck out, a gang of several hundred infuriated boys and men ran from the bleachers towards the umpire. The leader was a long, slim duffer, in short sleeves, called Cold-snow. He was swinging a demoralized-looking umbrella, and before the officers could interfere had brought it down with a crash on the umpire's head. By this time the diamond was a seething howling mob of mad men. Cushions flew through the air from the grand stand, accompanied with yells of "Kill him!" "Paste him in the nose!" "Lynch the robber!" and several other little pleasantries. A cordon of police, headed by Chief Ahern, by this time surrounded and was backing him toward the fence. Gradually the mob was cleared and finally it was deemed safe to escort him to the car."

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