

Buffaloes Defeat Wichita, 11 to 5, in First Home Start of 1924 Baseball Season

Omahans Drive Musser From Box Early in Game

Three of Herd Smash Out Circuit Clouts—Bailey Pitches Steady Game.

By RALPH WAGNER.

HOSE Omaha Buffaloes of our best down in real news in the first game of the season here Tuesday and walloped Howard Gregory's Wichita Wichitas, 11 to 5.

A crowd of some 1,000 fans, fanatics and little fans were on hand to see the two clubs open the season. The afternoon weather was more fitted for a football skirmish, but spectators remained through the entire eight and one-half innings and got a glimpse of some good and bad baseball.

The "square half dozen" were in attendance, occupying a box. Quite a crowd was up from South Omaha, and as soon as Mayor Dahlman hurled the first ball in the general direction of Charlie Black, who tried to sock out a home run, the Western league season in Omaha got off on the right foot.

The Buffaloes centered their attack in the early innings and scored enough runs in the first three rounds to win the game, although it was not known at that time. The herd clouted Paul Musser so hard in the second and third that he was detailed to the showers in the fourth. Archie Campbell took the mound, but he couldn't do anything with the Buffaloes.

In the eighth innings Omaha went to bat the club socked out nine hits. Not very many, but enough of them at the right time for the herd to cash them in for runs. The home club took picks on Musser and scored seven runs off him in three innings. Paul only allowed two hits, but his support was weak and he added to things by walking six Buffaloes.

Campbell wasn't much better. He didn't walk as many as Musser, but he was hit for seven safeties, among which was a home run and two doubles.

Five Home Runs Made.

Five home runs were clouted out of the park, three by Buffaloes and two by the visitors. The Buffaloes knocking homers were La Valle, Thompson and Bonowitz, while McMillen and Beck added to their home run records by circuit clouts.

Bill Bailey took his turn on the mound for the Buffaloes and did right well. Bill allowed the Wichites scattered over nine innings. The Wichites bunched a single with a home run in both the sixth and seventh innings to score four runs.

The Omaha pitcher fooled nine Wichites, striking out the first three men to face him in the third inning. Three times he pulled himself and Thompson out of tight quarters by striking out the enemy.

The Buffaloes fielded in great style. The work of the infield of Griggs, Thompson, O'Neill and Wilcox was the big feature of the afternoon. Wilcox's one-hand stop of Haley's fast drive in the ninth inning and Thompson's covering of second, being especially good.

In the second inning Omaha scored

Hits and Misses by the Buffaloes

Player	AB	R	H	E	SO	PO	A
La Valle	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Thompson	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bonowitz	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
McMillen	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Beck	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
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