PLAY TO PLEASE THE CROWD

Omaha and Des Moines Have Exhibition Game Which Omaha Loses.

PEARS TRIES HIS HAND AT PITCHING

Does Well for Three Innings and Then His Arm Gives Out—Des Moines Tries Out a Youngster.

DES MOINES, Aug. 27.—(Special Telegram.)—Des Moines today won a very closely contested exhibition game. Today was an off day all over the league, but owing to the large crowds which are attending the fair in Des Moines this week a game was arranged for. Willis, a semi-professional from Newton, Ia., was given a trial in the box for Des Moines and showed up in fine form. He has good speed and curves and seems to use his head more than the average pitcher. Pears, the old-time National leaguer, was on the slab for Omaha and did good work for the first few innings and then his arm failed him. He pitched the entire game out, however. The brilliant feature of the whole game was a triple play by Des Moines in the fifth, which cut off Omaha's chances of making two or three scores. As it was Omaha managed to slide in one in the shuffle. Pears started off the inning with a single. Then Stone bunted, but got a life on an error by Willis. Carter then came in with a scratch hit, which filled the bases. Genins then hit a hot grounder by second base. O'Leary made a beautiful one hand stop, kicked the bag and threw to Davis. Pears had come in from third and Stone was trying to make it from second, but was caught by Hanson with a throw from Davis. Tomorrow's game will open the scheduled series. Attendance, 1,300. Score:

DES MOINES.

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Clark, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0
O'Leary, ss	4	0	1	2	1	0
Quinn, 2b	4	1	1	3	4	0
Davis, 1b	4	1	1	12	2	1
Backoff, lf	4	1	3	3	0	1
Warner, rf	4	0	1	1	0	0
Burg, 3b	4	1	1	0	2	1
Hanson, c	3	0	2	6	1	0
Willis, p	3	0	0	1	4	1
Totals	34	5	12	27	14	4

OMAHA.

	AB.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Stone, lf	5	0	1	2	0	0
Carter, rf	4	1	0	1	0	0
Genins, 3b	4	1	2	0	3	0
Graham, cf	5	0	2	2	0	2
Dolan, ss	4	0	0	2	3	1
Stewart, 2b	3	1	0	3	2	1
Thomas, c	4	0	0	1	1	0
Gonding, 1b	4	0	1	12	0	0
Pears, p	4	1	2	0	5	0
Totals	35	4	8	*23	14	4

*Warner out for interference by Backoff.

Des Moines	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	*—5
Omaha	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0—4

Two-base hits: Clark, Quinn, Backoff, Hanson. Three-base hits: Genins, Graham, Gonding. Double plays: Burg to Quinn to Davis, Dolan to Stewart. First base on balls: Off Willis, 2; off Pears, 1. Triple play: O'Leary to Davis to Hanson. Struck out: By Willis, 5; by Pears, 1. Wild pitch: Pears. Time: 1:20. Umpire: Abbott.

WESTERN LEAGUE GAMES

With Nichols Feeling His Best Kansas City Shuts Out St. Joe Without Trouble.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 27.—St. Joseph was unable to bunch hits today. Nichols was in excellent form. Score:

										R.	H.	E.
Kansas City	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	10	1
St. Joseph	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3

Batteries: Kansas City, Nichols and Messitt; St. Joseph, Earvin and Roth.

Standing of the Teams.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Milwaukee	110	67	42	.609
Omaha	109	64	45	.587
Kansas City	111	64	47	.576
Denver	111	60	51	.541
St. Joseph	110	58	53	.527
Colorado Springs	110	50	60	.455
Des Moines	107	44	63	.411
Peoria	108	31	77	.287

Games today: Omaha at Des Moines, Denver at Colorado Springs, Peoria at Kansas City, Milwaukee at St. Joseph.

Argos to Hold Tourney.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Manager Gaff of the Argo base ball club has arranged for a base ball tournament to continue for several days. They will play with Louisville Friday and Saturday, with the Paxton & Gallagher's of Omaha Sunday and with the bricklayers on Labor day.

GAMES IN NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburg Makes Enough in One Inning to Win the Game From Boston.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 27.—Eason did good work until the fifth inning, when five hits netted four runs. He was easy after that. Leever, on the other hand, held his hold to the end and kept hits widely scattered. Attendance, 1,503. Score:

PITTSBURG.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	BOSTON.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Clarke, lf	1	2	2	0	0	Dexter, ss	0	0	1	0	0
Beaumont, cf	1	1	1	0	0	Tenney, 1b	0	2	9	0	0
Leach, 3b	1	1	1	1	0	Cooley, lf	0	0	2	0	0
Wagner, 1b	0	0	9	1	0	Carney, rf	1	0	2	0	1
Ritchey, 2b	0	0	1	1	0	Dowsell, 2b	0	0	1	1	0
Conroy, ss	1	1	1	1	1	Lush, cf	0	1	1	0	0
Ordlue, rf	0	0	2	0	0	Grim'sr, 3b	1	1	2	2	0
Smith, c	1	2	8	0	0	Moran, c	0	0	4	2	0
Leever, p	1	1	2	0	0	Eason, p	0	0	1	2	0
Totals	7	10	27	5	1	Totals	3	5	24	9	1

Pittsburg	0	0	0	0	4	2	1	0	*—7
Boston	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—2

Earned runs: Pittsburg, 6. Two-base hit: Smith. Sacrifice hits: Conroy, Beaumont. Stolen bases: Clarke, Beaumont, Ritchey, Lush. First base on balls: Off Leever, 1; off Eason, 4. Struck out: By Leever, 3; by Eason, 1. Time of game: 2:00. Umpire: Irwin.

Cincinnati Uses the Club.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 27.—Inability to hit Poole today was what caused the New Yorks to lose. The Cincinnatis piled up six runs in the first three innings by landing on Miller and the New York players made five errors. After Taylor went in the locals scored but two hits. Donlin played in the game for the first time this season. Attendance, 2,500. Score:

CINCINNATI.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	NEW YORK.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Doulin, rf	1	0	2	0	0	Brown, lf	1	0	2	0	0
Beckley, 1b	1	1	11	3	0	Dunn, ss	1	2	3	3	1
Crawford, cf	2	2	3	0	0	Breem'h'n, cf	0	1	0	0	0
Seymour, rf	0	1	2	0	0	McGann, 1b	0	2	8	1	0
Fietz, 2b	0	0	1	6	0	Brodie, cf	0	0	2	0	1
Corcoran, ss	1	1	1	7	0	Bowerman, c	1	1	7	1	0
Steinfeldt, 3b	1	1	3	2	2	Lauder, 3b	1	1	0	1	0
Bergen, c	0	0	6	1	1	Smith, 2b	0	2	3	2	1
Poole, p	0	0	2	3	0	Miller, p	0	0	1	0	0
						Taylor, p	0	0	0	2	1
Totals	8	7	27	20	3	Totals	4	8	24	8	4

Cincinnati	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	*—6
New York	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	—4

Two-base hits: Crawford, Lauder. Double plays: Corcoran to Beckley, Dunn to McGann. First base on balls: Off Miller, 1; off Taylor, 2. Struck out: By Poole, 3; by Taylor, 1. Time of game: 1:55. Umpire: Emslie.

Philadelphia's by a Neck.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 27.—On account of rain only one game was played between St. Louis and Philadelphia today. Out of an equal number of hits the visitors managed to score one more run, which won the game for them, despite the double and triple by Smoot and Donovan. Attendance, including 6,000 school children, 7,200. Score:

PHILADELPHIA.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	ST. LOUIS.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Thomas, cf	2	3	1	0	0	Farrell, 1b	1	1	4	1	1
Wolverton, 3b	0	0	1	2	0	Smoot, cf	1	1	1	0	0
Barry, rf	0	2	2	0	0	Barclay, lf	1	1	1	0	0
Krug, lf	1	1	0	0	0	Donovan, rf	0	2	1	0	0
Hulswitt, ss	1	2	3	3	0	Brashear, 1b	0	0	7	1	0
Jennings, 1b	0	1	10	0	0	Kruger, ss	0	0	1	2	1
Douglas, c	0	0	2	0	0	Hartman, 3b	0	0	1	1	1
Childs, 2b	0	1	2	1	0	Ryan, c	0	0	3	1	0
Duggleby, p	1	0	0	2	0	Pearson, p	0	0	0	2	0
						Currie, p	0	0	1	2	0
						O'Neill	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	11	27	9	2	Totals	4	5	27	16	3

*Batted for Currie in ninth.

Philadelphia	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1—5
St. Louis	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0—4

Earned runs: St. Louis, 1; Philadelphia, 1. Three-base hit: Donovan. Sacrifice hit: Wolverton. Double plays: Farrell to Brashear, Kruger to Farrell to Brashear. Hit by pitcher: By Duggleby, 1. First base on balls: Off Pearson, 3; off Currie, 1; off Duggleby, 4. Struck out: By Currie, 3; by Duggleby, 2. Left on bases: St. Louis, 7; Philadelphia, 13. Time of game: 1:52. Umpires: O'Day and Brown.

Standing of the Teams.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Pittsburg	108	81	27	.750
Brooklyn	111	60	51	.541
Chicago	107	55	52	.514
Boston	105	53	52	.505
Cincinnati	108	52	56	.481
St. Louis	107	48	59	.449
Philadelphia	106	43	63	.406
New York	106	33	68	.358

No games scheduled for today.

IN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Two Singles and Two Lucky Bunts Give Milwaukee Victory Over St. Paul.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 27.—Two singles and two lucky bunts gave Milwaukee the victory in a fast ten-inning game today. Both Barber and Ferguson were very effective. Donahue at first base had twenty-two put-outs. Attendance, 752. Score:

MILWAUKEE.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	ST. PAUL.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Dungan, lf	0	1	0	0	0	Geier, 3b	0	2	2	4	0
McBride, cf	0	1	3	0	0	Shannon, cf	0	0	3	0	0
Shriebeck, 2b	0	0	1	8	0	Dillard, lf	0	2	2	0	0
Hallman, rf	0	0	1	0	0	Lumley, rf	0	0	1	0	0
Clingman, ss	0	2	4	4	0	Huggins, 3b	0	1	2	1	0
Stanks, 3d	0	0	0	3	0	Kelley, 1b	0	2	12	1	0
Donahue, 1b	1	1	22	0	0	Pierce, c	0	1	2	0	0
Speer, c	1	1	0	1	0	Marcan, ss	0	0	4	7	1
Barber, p	1	1	0	4	0	Ferguson, p	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	3	9	30	21	0	Totals	0	8	30	14	1

Milwaukee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	—3
St. Paul	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	—0

Earned runs: Milwaukee, 2. Two-base hit: Kelly. Three-base hit: McBride. Double plays: Clingman (unassisted) 2, Marcan to Huggins to Kelly. Left on bases: St. Paul, 7; Milwaukee, 6. Time: 1:32. Umpires: Stuart.

Minneapolis Loses.

MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 27.—Minneapolis tried Bartos, a new pitcher, today. He allowed six hits, but was very wild and gave five passes. In the first, with the bases filled, Smith put the ball over the right field fence, winning the game. Bartos, Quillin and Werden retired the side with a fast double play in the second. Attendance, 400. Score:

KANSAS CITY.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	MINNEAPOLIS.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Rothfuss, rf	0	2	4	0	0	Lynch, 3b	0	1	2	0	0
Beville, c	0	0	3	0	0	Lally, lf	0	1	2	0	0
Nance, cf	2	0	2	0	0	Yeager, c	0	0	3	2	0
Grady, 1b	1	1	7	0	0	Wilmot, rf	1	1	2	0	1
Leewe, ss	1	0	1	5	1	Werden, 1b	1	3	9	0	0
Smith, lf	1	1	3	0	1	Quillin, ss	0	1	1	2	1
McAnd's, 3b	0	0	2	3	0	Sullivan, cf	0	1	7	0	0
Thiel, 2b	2	2	3	3	0	Grant, 2b	1	1	1	4	0
McDonald, p	0	0	0	2	0	Bartos, p	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	7	8	27	13	2	Totals	3	10	27	9	2

Kansas City	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0—7
Minneapolis	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1—3

Earned runs: Minneapolis, 2; Kansas City 2. Bases on balls: Off Bartos, 9; off McDonald, 6. Two-base hits: Lynch, Lally, Quillin, Werden, Rothfus. Three-base hit: Grady. Home run: Smith. Double play: Bartos to Quillin to Werden. Struck out: By Bartos, 2; by McDonald, 2. Sacrifice hits: Beville, McAndrews. Passed ball: Yeager. Stolen bases: Grant, Leewe, Nance (2). Left on bases: Minneapolis 18; Kansas City, 7. Time: 2:00. Umpire: Pfeggelmeier.

Another Snap for Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 27.—Louisville won another one-sided game from Toledo today. A catch by Odwell was the feature. Attendance, 927. Score:

LOUISVILLE.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	TOLEDO.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Odwell, cf	0	1	2	0	0	Burns, 2b	0	0	1	3	1
Bonner, 2b	2	2	2	3	0	Kleinow, 1b	1	1	8	2	0
Ganzel, 1b	0	0	10	1	0	Turner, ss	1	2	4	3	0
Flournoy, lf	0	1	2	0	0	Graffius, c	1	1	2	1	0
Clymer, rf	0	0	1	0	0	Olika, cf	0	2	3	0	0
Schaub, 3b	1	0	1	1	0	Smith, 3b	0	0	1	1	0
Spies, c	2	1	4	0	0	Coggswell, rf	0	1	4	0	0
Tilford, ss	1	0	2	2	0	Mock, lf	0	2	0	0	0
Coons, p	0	0	2	1	0	McNeil, p	0	1	2	2	0
Totals	8	6	27	8	0	Totals	3	12	24	11	2

Louisville	0	3	0	0	2	0	2	1	*—8
Toledo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0—3

Left on bases: Louisville, 6; Toledo, 8. Two-base hit: Mock. Three-base hits: Odwell (2), Bonner (2), Mock. Struck out: By Coons, 2; by McNeil, 2. Hit by pitcher: By Coons, 2. Bases on balls: Off McNeil, 4. Time: 1:33. Umpire: Tindall.

Hoosiers Outplay Buckeyes.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 27.—Indianapolis won a ten-inning game today. Brilliant fielding by both teams kept the score down. Attendance, 1,385. Score:

INDIANAPOLIS.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	COLUMBUS.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Hogriever, rf	1	2	3	0	0	Hart, 3b	0	1	1	5	1
W. Fox, 2b	1	1	2	3	0	Belden, rf	1	1	1	0	1
Coulter, cf	0	1	2	1	0	McFar'd, cf	1	1	5	0	0
Grim, 1b	0	1	13	0	0	Turner, 2b	1	2	1	4	0
O'Brien, ss	2	2	3	3	0	Myers, 1b	0	1	12	1	0
Woodruff, lf	0	0	2	0	0	Viox, ss	0	2	4	3	0
Kuhns, 3b	0	2	1	2	0	Knoll, lf	0	0	2	1	0
Heydon, c	0	1	8	0	0	G. Fox, c	0	2	2	1	0
Kellum, p	0	0	1	4	0	Wagner, p	0	0	1	1	1
Totals	4	14	30	13	0	Totals	3	12	*26	15	3

*One out when winning run scored.

Indianapolis	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1—4
Columbus	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0—3

Bases on balls: Off Kellum, 2; off Wagner, 2. Struck out: By Kellum, 2; by Wagner, 1. Wild pitch: Kellum. Two-base hits: Turner, 2. Sacrifice hits: W. Fox (2), Wagner, Viox. Double play: G. Fox to Viox. Left on bases: Indianapolis, 11; Columbus, 11. Umpire: Haskell. Time: 2:00.

Standing of the Teams.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Louisville	112	76	36	.679
Indianapolis	112	72	39	.642
St. Paul	113	63	50	.558
Kansas City	114	55	59	.482
Milwaukee	112	53	59	.473
Columbus	115	53	62	.461
Minneapolis	117	39	78	.372
Toledo	117	39	78	.333

Games today: Milwaukee at St. Paul, Toledo at Louisville, Columbus at Indianapolis, Kansas City at Minneapolis.

AMERICAN LEAGUE GAMES

Cleveland Crowd Sees Home Team Administer Defeat to Philadelphia in Close Game.

CLEVELAND, Aug. 27.—The locals celebrated their homecoming today by defeating Philadelphia in one of the best played games of the season. It was a pitchers' battle, in which Bernhard carried off the honors. Hickman's batting won the game for Cleveland. Attendance, 2,768. Score:

CLEVELAND.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.	PHILADELPHIA.	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Bay, cf	0	0	2	0	0	Hartsel, lf	0	0	3	0	0
Bradley, 3b	0	1	1	3	0	Pultz, cf	0	0	2	0	0
Tenney, 1b	0	1	12	0	0	Davis, 1b	0	1	8	1	0
Hickman, 1b	1	1	13	0	0	L. Cross, 3b	0	0	1	2	0
Flick, rf	0	1	0	0	0	Seybold, rf	0	0	3	0	0
McCarthy, lf	1	2	4	0	0	Murphy, 1b	1	1	1	2	0
Bush'r, ss	0	0	1	4	0	M. Cross, ss	0	0	4	1	0
Wood, c	0	1	3	0	0	Schreck, c	0	0	2	2	1
Bernhard, p	0	1	0	4	0	Wilson, p	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	11	27	17	0	Totals	1	3	*25	13	1

*One out when winning run scored.

Cleveland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2—2
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0—1

Earned runs: Cleveland, 1. Two-base hits: Hickman, McCarthy. Three-base hits: Hickman, Murphy. Stolen base: Murphy. Double play: Bernhard to Goochauer to Hickman. Bases on balls: Off Bernhard, 1; off Wilson, 1. Struck out: By Bernhard, 2; by Wilson, 1. Left on bases: Cleveland, 8; Philadelphia, 2. Time: 1:35. Umpire: Connolly.

Standing of the Teams.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	P.C.
Philadelphia	102	60	42	.588
Boston	105	59	46	.562
Chicago	103	56	47	.544
Washington	103	54	49	.524
Cleveland	108	53	55	.491
St. Louis	107	51	56	.477
Baltimore	105	45	60	.429
Detroit	102	40	62	.392

Games today: Boston at Detroit, Philadelphia at Chicago, Baltimore at St. Louis, Washington at Cleveland.

Bloomer Girls Trounced at Ashland.

ASHLAND, Neb., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Ashland defeated the New England Bloomers, a traveling troupe of female ball players, on the local diamond by a score of 19 to 6 yesterday afternoon. Owing to a rainstorm the last three innings were not played.

Geneva Beats Fairmont.

GENEVA, Neb., Aug. 27.—(Special.)—Yesterday afternoon Geneva and Fairmont nines played seven innings when rain stopped the game. Score, 19 to 7 in favor of Geneva.

LARNED IS STILL CHAMPION

Outplays Doherty, the Terrible, in Grand Battle at Newport.

CROWD SEES TENNIS AT ITS BEST

American and Englishman Both Play with Dash and Cleverness, but the Former Has Superior Endurance.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 27.—For the third time in eight years English aspirations for the highest American tennis honors in singles have been dashed when they seemed almost within reach of the persistent foreigners, for today William A. Larned of Summit, N. J., successfully defended his title as championship by defeating Reginald F. Doherty of England three sets to one. The scores were 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 8-6.

It was a grand game on both sides, but it sapped the vitality of each player until it became a question of endurance and the American proved to be in better condition. A scorching sun was no insignificant factor in the result, and at the end Doherty, unused to such hot rays, almost collapsed. It was generally acknowledged that had the day been cool like those of last week the battle would have been fought longer, harder and perhaps with a different result. Larned, however, played the game of his life, for Doherty is undoubtedly the strongest player who ever came to America.

The defeat of the Englishman was not only a surprise, but a bitter disappointment to the Doherty brothers. The team just missed capturing the Davis trophy, and now to be beated for the American championship, when it seemed almost theirs, accentuated their disappointment. They will not go home empty handed, however, for the pair are the American champions in doubles and next year they will return not only to defend this title, but for another chance at the more important single championship.

Americans' Joyous Moment.

But if the result was disappointing to the English it set nearly 4,000 loyal Americans who watched every stroke almost frantic with joy, and the demonstration which followed the last play, when Doherty sent the ball into the net, will live for many years in the annals of the sport. The Englishman was outplayed probably for the first time in his life at every point. Larned was stronger at the net, covered court far better, proved a sterling base line player and, when the strain came in the third and fourth sets, showed himself to be in magnificent condition.

Larned seemed nervous in the first game, while Doherty was cool. Outs and errors, however, predominated, the American making more than the Englishman. The points on the first set were:

Doherty	2	5	4	5	2	4	2	2	5	4—35—6
Larned	4	3	0	3	4	2	4	4	3	0—27—4

Although Doherty was within a point of the first game in the second set, Larned made it deuce and won it. He followed it up by taking the next to the renewed delight of the crowd. Larned seemed to increase his pace, both on the base line and at the net, while Doherty fell off. The Englishman seemed badly affected by the sun, as the breeze had fallen. Twice his racquet slipped in his hand and he did not seem to go after the balls with his accustomed life.

Larned, on the other hand, was right on his toes, playing with a dash that set the crowd wild. He judged some of Doherty's cuts to perfection. The points in the second set were:

Larned	5	4	4	2	4	4	3	4	80	—6
Doherty	3	2	0	4	2	2	5	2	20	—2

Larned continued his good work at the beginning of the third set by taking the first game without effort. Doherty seemed to be saving himself for a critical period. Once he walked deliberately out of the court without waiting to return the shot which Larned was in the act of making. Doherty acted just as Whitman did before he collapsed yesterday. Twice after the games were brought to deuce. Larned worked the Englishman as hard as he could. On place shots he finally won the necessary two games in succession and won the set, 6-4.

The points in the third set were:

Larned	4	6	1	1	6	0	4	2	4	7—39—6
Doherty	2	4	4	4	2	7	1	4	1	5—35—4

After the seven-minute rest taken after the third set Doherty seemed considerably refreshed, but Larned was fresher and had more spring to his step.

The excitement was at highest pitch when Larned won the ninth game and was within a game of the championship. But Doherty was not yet beaten, for he made the next game, and the games were 5 all. Larned took the sixth, a love game, and again was within a game of championship honors, but Doherty was a stayer, and although Larned was again within two strokes of the match, the Englishman won it and made the games 6 all. Larned won the next and then took the set and the championship in three sets to one.

The points in the fourth set were:

Larned	2	5	6	3	4	3	1	0	4	2	4	4—44—8
Doherty	4	3	4	2	5	2	4	4	2	4	0	1—39—6

OVER THE NETS AT NIAGARA

Fair Racquoters Are Winning Marks in International Tennis Tournament this Week.

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE, Ont., Aug. 27.—The Niagara International Tennis tournament was begun here today and there was capital play in the women's singles, which has a very strong entry. The visiting American players will not arrive from Newport until tomorrow and the tournament will then be in full swing. Score:

Women's singles, first round:

Miss Closterman of Cincinnati beat Miss Todd of England, 6-0, 6-1.

Miss Marie Wimer of Washington beat Miss Hedley of Toronto, 6-3, 6-3.

Miss Parker of Chicago beat Miss E. Wimer of Washington, 8-6, 6-3.

Miss Stever of Chicago beat Miss Summerhayes of Toronto, 6-0, 8-6.

Miss Champlain of Chicago beat Miss Mackarell of England, 6-1, 6-2.

Miss Burgess of Toronto beat Miss Pennington of Chicago by default.

Miss Champlain beat Mrs. Burgess, 6-1, 6-3.

Open handicap, preliminary round:

R. Bissell (scratch) of Buffalo beat M. W. Boswell (scratch) of Cincinnati, 6-3, 6-3.

J. M. MacDonald (received half 15) of Toronto beat F. C. Kerr (received half 15) of Peterboro, 6-4, 6-2.

Paul Gardner (owe 15) of Chicago beat H. Lloyd (owe half 15) of Pittsburg, 6-4, 6-0.

E. R. Paterson (17) of Toronto beat C. Howard (owe 15) of Toronto, 8-6, 6-4.

H. W. Suckling (half 15) of Montreal beat Harold Toby (owe half 30) of New York, 6-1, 0-6, 6-3.

First round:

R. Leroy (owe 15) of Columbia beat B. Florsheim (half 30) of Shreveport, La., 6-2, 6-8, 6-2.

RACE RESULTS AT DES MOINES

Summary of Iowa State Fair Speed Contests Over Tracks Heavy and Slow.

DES MOINES, Aug. 27.—The track was slow at the state fair grounds today. Results:

Class 2:14, pacing, purse $500 (unfinished yesterday): Flossie O won in straight heats, Dr. Petit second, Emoline third. Best time: 2:15¼.

Class 2:18, pacing, purse $1,000 (unfinished yesterday): Sarah Lou won in straight heats, Hard Case second, Rex Americus third. Best time: 2:17¼.

Class 2:40, trotting, purse $1,000 (unfinished yesterday): Nosbod won, taking the second, fourth and fifth heats Star Twist second, Jean third. Best time: 2:25.

Class 2:20, trotting, purse $1,000: Senator W won in straight heats, G W second, Cherry Ripe third. Best time: 2:17¼.

Class 2:35, pacing, purse $1,000 (unfinished): Flossie O took the first two heats, but was defeated by Pride Wood in the third, Lady Chilwood taking second place in the third heat. Best time: 2:16.

Wargrave Wins Ebor Handicap.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Wargrave won the great Ebor handicap plate of 1,000 sovereigns for 3-year-olds and upward, one mile and three-quarters, at the York August meeting today. Orbel was second and Foxball Keene's Sinopl, with Maher up, finished third. Seventeen horses ran.

Will Attempt to Swim Channel.

LONDON, Aug. 27.—Frank Holmes of Birmingham expects to leave Dover tomorrow morning in an attempt to swim the English channel. He hopes to meet Holbein on his way to France.

CAPE GRISNEZ, France, Aug. 27.—Montague Holbein, the English swimmer, started at 3:20 p. m. today on his third attempt to swim the English channel. A light west wind was blowing and the sea was dead calm.

EVERY RACE IS A WONDER

Providence Sees Strenuous Day at the Harness Track — Williams Stake Goes Into History.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 27.—Sensations continue to develop at the Grand circuit meeting at Narragansett Park and if the present record lasts Dan Patch will probably break the world's record next Friday.

It was the Roger Williams $10,000 trotting stake today that smashed all precedent. It is still unfinished, with five heat winners, and all have broken their records. Old-time horsemen say it is the grandest race they ever saw. The first four heats all broke the stake record of 2:09½ and the slowest tied the record of the fastest horse in the race. About 10,000 people were loth to leave when darkness necessitated postponement until tomorrow.

Scott Hudson's blind horse Rhythmic, 2:09¼, was picked to win the rich purse, but after reducing his record to 2:08¾ the brown stallion had only one heat in six. Dulce Cor won two heats and got a mark of 2:08½, the new stake record. Alice Carr won the first heat in 2:09¼, a new record for a mare. Rhythmic came third and then won the second heat in 2:08¾. The third went to Wentworth, who tied his mark of 2:08¼. Dulce Cor won the fourth heat in the best time, 2:08½.