

BASE BALL AS PLAYED IN 1860

Curiosities as Revealed by Some Old Clippings.

GAME WAS DIFFERENT THEN

Ten Runs in One Game by One Player

NEW YORK, July 27.—Ever hear of a base ball player making ten runs in one game? That's what Creighton of the Excelsiors did against the Hudson River of Newburgh.

A reader of the Sun sends in a book of clippings of the principal games played in 1860 and it is full of quaint expression and curious incidents.

There is an account of a game on June 8, 1860, between the Atlantics of Brooklyn and the Unions of Morrisania in which "we have to thank the committee for the attention to the members of the press, for everything requisite for their conveniences was at hand."

The scoring system of 1860 was nothing like as elaborate as it has since grown to be. There were only two columns on the score sheet, one for outs, the others for runs.

There was no record in the printed scores of hits, errors, assists, double plays, distance hits and other details, without which a modern score is incomplete.

The Gotham of New York played the Newark club on June 28 and won, 26 to 14. Beauty was there to admire and presumably chirily, for the spectators.

On June 28 the Excelsiors, one of the strongest teams of that day, defeated the Stars 16 to 5, and on the Excelsiors was Creighton one of the best pitchers of his time.

There was a game between the Manhattan and the Charter Oaks, and in the description thereof is the following: "Every man of the Charter Oaks nine played well, but Shields pitching and Murray's catching was the flower of the game on their side."

There was a queer play in the game between the Eckfords and the Stars of South Brooklyn on July 11. J. Grum was the Eckford pitcher, and in the last inning "Ticknor was on the first base, when Tracy this successor took the bat, and as he struck Ticknor ran for the second. Grum, however, took the ball from Tracy's bat on the fly, and Ticknor having to return Grum outran him with the ball to first base."

A the game in which the side made twenty-five runs, was what took place when the Gothams and the Mutuals bat-

ted at Elysian fields, Hoboken. The second match between the Excelsiors and Atlantics drew about 12,000 persons and was won by the Atlantics, 15 to 14.

Probably there were ancestors of the Brooklyn bottle throwers of recent date among that rowdy mob, but in any event Captain Leggett of the Excelsiors could not stand it and withdrew his team in the sixth inning.

The personnel of some of the leading teams of the season of 1860 was as follows: Excelsiors—Russell, first base; Flannigan, right field; Whiting, third base; Polhemus, center field; Brainerd, left field; Reynolds, shortstop; Holder, second base; Leggett, catcher; O'Brien, pitcher.

Atlantics—Pearce, catcher; Smith, third base; McMahon, center field; P. O'Brien, shortstop; Hamilton, right field; Joe Oliver, left field; M. O'Brien, pitcher.

Unions—Gifford, catcher; Bloomfield, right field; Loper, third base; Grant, center field; Starr, left field; Newkirk, first base; Bowen, pitcher; Grant, second base; Dewey, shortstop.

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Casey's Revenge

By James Wilson.

(Being a reply to the famous base ball classic, "Casey at the Bat.") There were saddened hearts in Mudville for a week or even more; There were muttered oaths and curses, every fan in town was sore.

All his past fame was forgotten; he was now a hopeless "shine." They called him "Strike-Out Casey" from the mayor down the line.

The lane is long, someone has said, that never turns again. And fate, though fickle, often gives another chance to men.

All Mudville had assembled; ten thousand fans had come To see the twirler who had put big Casey on the bum; And when he stepped into the box the multitude went wild.

He doffed his cap with proud disdain, but Casey only smiled. "Play ball," the umpire's voice rang out, and then the game began;

The last half of the ninth came round, with no change in the score; But when the first man hit safe the crowd began to roar.

Three men on base—no one out—three runs to tie the game. A triple meant the highest niche in Mudville hall of fame;

When the pitcher hit the second and gave "four balls" to the third. Three men on base—no one out—three runs to tie the game.

But here the rally ended and the gloom was deep as night. When the fourth one "fouled to catcher" and the "fifth" flew out to right."

A dismal groan in chorus came—a scowl was on each face— When Casey walked up, bat in hand, and slowly took his place;

He gave his cap a vicious hook and pounded on the plate. But fame is fleeting as the wind, and glory fades away;

There were no wild and woolly cheers, no glad acclaim this day. They hissed and groaned as they hooted "Strike him out,"

But Casey gave no outward sign that he had heard this shout. The pitcher smiled and cut one loose; across the plate it sped;

Another hiss—another groan—"Strike one" the umpire said. Zip, like a shot, the second curve broke just below his knee—

"Strike two" the umpire roared aloud; but Casey made no plea. No roasting for the umpire now—his was an easy lot.

But here the pitcher whirled again—was that a rattle shot, A whack! a crack! and out through space the leather pellet flew—

A blot against the distant sky, a speck against the blue. Above the fence in center field, in rapid whirling flight The sphere sailed on; the blot grew dim and then was lost to sight.

Ten thousand hats were thrown in air, ten thousand throats a-choir.

GOLF STYLES OF AMATEURS

Well Taught Youngsters Now Command West and East.

SCORES WERE NEVER SO LOW

Some Lessons of Amateur Championship at Euclid—To Play Fair Games No Longer Gives Opponent Blue Fank.

Style in the amateur championship, won so gallantly by Travers at the Euclid club, Cleveland, presented a direct contrast to the style of the professional players.

Every hole in the 612 yard Euclid course—the longest 600 yards—was within the powers of every entrant. The match play section of the tournament, which commenced on August 1, for a player kept straight and gauged his iron shot well each hole became a matter of style.

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FRIENDS NOT LEAST SURPRISED

Fine Work of Both Men Gave Warrent to Belief They Would Win at Hinsdale and Rock Island.

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