

LINCOLN TAKES THE FIRST

Base Ball Season Opens in Omaha with Good Game.

BUT VISITORS HAVE MOST RUNS

Pennant Raising Ceremony Postponed—Merry Widow Hats Cause No Inconvenience.

"Gus ain't going to last all the game's sick."

Thus spoke Foxy Fox, captain of the Green Indians before the game Thursday. The Omaha team now wishes this forecast had proven true for Augustus Bonno, an Italian from Washington, via Cincinnati was the stumbling block in the way of the pennant aspirations of the Rourke family at the opening game of the season on Fa's lot Thursday afternoon.

It was soon the hits to have been a day of great celebration with the raising of the 1908 pennant, a speech by Acting Mayor Johnson and the big band. All these festivities were postponed in accordance with the wish of Morris O'Neil, president of the Western league, that the flag on all the masts in the Western league be put at half mast in memory of Henry P. Chadwick, the father of base ball.

Threatening clouds and heavy rain made it look all forenoon and almost up to the time of play, as though old Jupt. Phiv. was going to take a hand in the fray and open up a few floodgates to spoil the game, but he did not and the 3,000 people who turned out in spite of these threats were rewarded with the splendid game of base ball, for although Omaha lost, the game was hard fought and Lincoln won by having a little better luck when luck was needed.

In spite of the warning note which Harry Zimmerman had been casting broadcast through the press there were women present in Merry Widow hats and these did not seem to interfere with vision of the fans because Pa's stand has a high pitch so they did not obstruct the view.

Just who was responsible for the loss of the game is a matter of opinion. Some will say that Welch lost it in the first inning by striking out with two on bases; some will say King lost the game by losing track of the ball after he had stopped a hit in the eighth inning; some might say hit in the eighth after he had pitched to Ragan. Base on balls; Off Ragan, 3; Off Ragan, 2; Struck out; By Ragan, 3; by Bonno, 2; Left on bases; Omaha, 6; Lincoln, 6; Double play; Thomas (unassisted); Stolen bases; Autrey (2); Sacrifice hits; Autrey, Householder, Austin, Davidson, Gagner, Phillips, Tave, First base on error; Davidson, attendance, 3,000.

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STANDING OF THE TEAMS.

Table showing standings for West League and Amer. Ass'n. Teams include Denver, St. Paul, Omaha, Lincoln, Des Moines, Pueblo, etc.

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GAMES TODAY
Western League—Lincoln at Omaha, Des Moines at Denver, House City at Pueblo, National League—Brooklyn at New York, Philadelphia at Boston, Cincinnati at Chicago, St. Louis at Pittsburgh, American League—Chicago at St. Louis, Detroit at Cleveland, New York at Philadelphia, Boston at Washington.

At Omaha, Pa. he threw the ball into space, but by some hook or crook Captain Brack ran across second base and nailed the ball on the run in time to toss it home and catch Gagner. That was the first run of the season on the Omaha grounds. The second was made in the third inning, when two out, Gagner was passed to first, and came home on Penlon's triple.

Omaha tied the score in the third inning. When Belden, King and Autrey made singles before anyone was out, King made the second run on Householder's out to Davidson. That was all the run-getting Omaha was able to induce.

Lincoln made the winning run in the eighth inning. Davidson led off the inning with a single through King and Gagner boosted him on the second with a sacrifice. Penlon flew out to Householder and St. Louis Jack Thomas drove the blonde outfield home with a single.

Hall with pitch this afternoon; it will be ladies' day and the band will be on hand. The Score: OMAHA. AB. R. H. O. A. E.

Score table for Omaha: Belden, 3; King, 2; Autrey, 3; Welch, 4; Franch, 2; Thomas, 1; Goding, 4; Ragan, 3. Totals: 25 AB, 5 R, 27 H, 1 E.

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Boston Blanks Philadelphia. BOSTON, April 23.—Boston blanked Moren from the box in four innings today and Brown, who succeeded in his eighth, checked the hitting streak of the home team shooting Philadelphia out 9 to 0. Young kept the hits scattered. Score: BOSTON, 9; PHILADELPHIA, 0.

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