

THE NATIONAL GAME.

CASABICRANKA.

The girl sat in the base ball stand—
 All but her beau had fled,
 And he, poor chap, could not demand
 Relief from what she said.
 "Why does the pitcher throw it so?"
 She murmured in dismay,
 "Such actions violent, you know
 His awkward moves display.
 Why does he so expectorate
 Upon the snow-white ball?
 Was he not taught until too late
 That that's not nice at all?
 Why does that fellow don a cage
 And let his voice resound
 In cries of "strike" awakening rage
 In those upon the ground?
 Why do the runners always fall
 And slide upon their face;
 Or else—they do not care at all—
 Upon some other place?
 Why do the people murmur 'rank'?
 He has no rank, tis plain;
 Why does that player, lean and lank,
 Seem in such awful pain?
 Why does the catcher wear that pad
 Close to his bosom pressed?
 And why has not the other had
 His clothes cut like the rest?
 Why does that player swing the wood
 In such a reckless way,
 And questions as no good man should,
 What those behind him say?
 Why do the men such colors wear—"
 But here she turned her head,
 And then at last became aware
 Her escort had dropped dead.
 —Rockford Register-Gazette.

Win the pennant? Well I guess so;
 Then I'll let my whiskers grow.
 —BUCK EBRIGHT.

LINGOLN AT HOME.

Last Friday the boys played the first game of the twenty-one which they are to play before they take another trip. Peoria was here and it was a slugging game from start to finish on both sides. Leitman of the Peorias and Barnes of Lincoln were the opposing pitchers but they were both hit hard, necessitating a change. Gragg and Haason finished the game. Score 17 to 19 in favor of the bucklets.

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Saturday's game resulted in a victory for the distillers by a score of 13 to 3. Gragg pitched for we'uns and Thomas for they uns. Thomas pitched a great game and was well supported. Gragg's work was good up to the fourth inning when the distillers took kindly to his curves and scored seven runs. Buck's boys played a miserable game; errors on their part stalked openly through the diamond undisguised. Buck pitched the last two innings and did well. It was Peorias game all through.

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An exhibition game was played at Cortland Sunday between Peoria and Lincoln. Leitman did the twirling for Peoria and Cronley, a local amateur, pitched for the Lincoln boys. Score 9 to 10 in favor of Lincoln. Buck Ebright umpired the game.

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Monday's game showed what the Lincoln boys can do in the way of playing fast ball. Thomas again pitched for the visitors and Kimerer for the home team. It seemed to be an off day for the distillers—especially Thomas. If they had played an errorless game the score would undoubtedly have been 1 to 9 in favor of Lincoln, as it was it stood 7 to 1 in favor of the Lincolns. The Peorias left Tuesday morning for Omaha.

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The first game of the series with Jacksonville was played Tuesday. The Jax have been strengthened since they were here before and everybody went out with the expectation of seeing a good game and they were not disappointed. Barnes pitched for us and Parker for the Jax. Buck's boys were of the opinion that it was their game and it was. Score 8 to 4.

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The game played Wednesday between Lincoln and Jacksonville was almost featureless. Gragg pitched for Lincoln and Sonier and Schwartz for Jacksonville. Both teams played good ball at times but as a whole they seemed to be lifeless. Jacksonville has a good team if they would all play together. The Lincolns won easily by a score of 16 to 6.

Rain Thursday saved Jacksonville the humiliation of being defeated three straight. They left yesterday morning for Omaha where they play a series of three games.

Quincy today.
 Looks like pennant, dont it?
 Did you see Monday's game?
 Roach has signed with Peoria.
 Hallers, of Peoria, chews the rag incessantly.

Dubuque still leads in the Iowa Inter State league.

Armstrong of Milwaukee refused Peoria's terms.

Monday was ladies day and the attendance was large.

Katz, of Jacksonville, is a general favorite in Lincoln.

Louisville has signed Outfielder Treadway of the Brooklyn.

Dugdale would like to sign Esterquest of Chicago to play short.

"Chimmie" Sullivan is a king when it comes to playing first base.

Hickey, of Quincy, has been released and has gone to Galesburg.

Roach has been released by the management of the Quincy team.

The Omaha management let an A 1 man go when they released O'Brien.

With a little practice Kimerer could play outfield with most of any of 'em.

Buck is not feeling well which accounts for his inability to hit the ball.

Cleveland has signed Catcher Fred Donovan of the Pittsfield, Mass., club.

Joe Quinn will succeed Al Buckenberger as manager of the St Louis Browns.

Speer's running catch last Monday of a high foul was the greatest catch of the season.

Archie Cole played a wonderful game Monday considering that he has a sprained back.

Baltimore is the only team in the National league that has not been shut out this season.

Pitcher Nolan and Outfielder Denger have been released by Manager Alberts of the St. Joe team.

The reporters and the lawyers will play ball at M street park the morning of the Fourth.

The Herpolsheimers have returned home. They won three out of nine games played on the trip.

Omaha has released Donnelly and O'Brien and signed Inks of Rockford who will play the initial bag.

The Omahog fans are boycotting the game at that place simply because the management let O'Brien go.

Manager Brackett has signed a new pitcher in the person of G. A. Winkelmeier who hails from St. Louis.

Manager Nicol has released Pitchers Dillon and Walsh, also Pabst, as he could not afford to carry so many men.

Quincy wanted Leitman and Manager Dugdale gave him his choice and he signed with the pennant winners.

Des Moines would like to trade Joe Walsh for Griffin, St Joe's short stop. They had him once and let him go.

Pitcher Walsh who was released by Manager Nicol has joined the Burlington team in the Iowa Inter-state league.

During last Saturday's game while Haller was coaching on third he made a kick on a decision and was sent to the bench.

Pitcher Burt Abbey, who was released by Chicago, has been signed by Brooklyn and is expected to report for duty July 1.

Abbey was released by Chicago last week and Quincy immediately secured his signature to a contract.—Quincy Herald.

Harry Gatewood, lately with the St. Joe team, has signed to captain and manage the Topeka club of the Kansas state league.

Charlie Mosher, formerly of Lincoln but just at present residing in Sioux Falls, played professional ball in Omaha at one time.

Al. C. Buckenberger has resigned as manager of the St Louis Browns. He will in all probability be signed to manage the New York Giants.

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Van Buren's batting average for Wednesday's game was .1000. He fielded a phenomenal game too, as he was credited with eight put outs.

Howe, Dolan, Underwood and Horton constitute Rockford's quartette of pitchers. Rockford will need them every hour when they come to Lincoln.

Pitcher Leitman, who was released by Peoria while here has been signed by Manager Ebright. Lincoln was in need of another pitcher and Leitman will make a good one.

Youngey Johnson, who played here the latter part of last season and who has been playing in Scranton, Pa., is now in the National league. Chicago bought his release.

Eaton says more jollying is wanted in Omaha. Perhaps a regular pay day with pay would help them materially and cause the pork packers to put a little more ginger in their work.

Peek-a-boo Veach, that erratic gentleman who played with Quincy the first of the season, says he will cause the manager of that team all kinds of trouble if he is not paid \$50 which he claims is due him.

The Galesburg franchise in the Iowa Inter-state league was surrendered Wednesday because the management was losing money. The team will probably be transferred either to Muscatine or Marshalltown.

There is dissension in the ranks of the Chicago league team. Ryan and Stewart want their release. Dissatisfaction over Anson's treatment of the second baseman is said to be the reason for the split among the Colts.

Martin Duke who has been released by Minneapolis, is the pitcher who pitched the seventeen inning game between Lincoln and Minneapolis in 1891. Darnbrough it will be remembered pitched for Lincoln and the score was 3 to 4 in favor of Minneapolis.

Ward is an umpire who tries to be fair but he had several close decisions Monday which he did not decide to suit the spectators, especially when he called Hollingsworth out at the home plate.

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The bleachers yelled and the grand stand hissed their disapproval, but he took it good naturedly.

The Des Moines Review of last week says that Lincoln came within a hair's breadth of making a triple during Wednesday's game at that place. A liner from Mohler's bat was captured neatly by Hill, sent in a hurry to second, catching a man off the base and then passed on to first, reaching this base but a fraction of a second after the runner had scrambled back.

Some people think the games at Cortland are league games, but they are not, although they are scheduled, and no matter what team wins it does not effect their standing. They are simply exhibition games for the benefit of the players as the receipts are equally divided among the clubs that play. When Buck don't play you may be sure that it is an exhibition game.

There is lots of trouble on Dave Rowe's mind just at present. He is paying rent for two ball parks but the fans up at Omaha don't seem to appreciate these things. He has a lease on the old Charles street park for two years, but it is too small and since Dave has rented another park the attendance has decreased instead of increased. No wonder the Omaha club can't play ball—they are discouraged.

THOMAS.