

THE NATIONAL GAME.

THE LAST LADIES DAY IN JULY.

Last Monday, of course, was the "ladies' day." And to the ball grounds they all went. Thinking that by putting their washing off their time could be just as well spent in watching our favorites do up their foes [Those lads from the town Omaha] And keep still in the lead [where they always should be] Making Omaha wish they'd stayed home with their ma.

The weather perfection, everyone in good trim. All seemed to be favoring our boys. The ladies looked lovely [as they always do] And the children knew well that they should make no noise. Then the game soon began, and the players did well. And in inning sixth the score stood six to seven. When the Omaha boys guessed they'd make a few runs. And before they got through I thought they'd run to heaven.

Just to think they made ten scores in only one inning. Our boys could only look on. And make a few errors, and surely beginners. To play the worst ball, they've put upon the ground. The hours rolled by, the game was not o'er. To our suppers we knew we'd be late. When the Omaha cranks thought they'd make just two more. And call the score eighteen to eight. But the ladies to this good conclusion have come. That when Omaha kickers come again to our town. They'll not put off washing or anything else. On "any con-dish-on."

GRACE.

LINCOLN AT HOME.

The game Friday last was a one sided affair. The Omahas were here bent on revenge and they got it. Egan did the pitching for them and Kimerer for Lincoln up to the fifth inning when, owing to Kimerer's being hit hard, Leitman was put in but it availed nothing. Omaha shut the Lincoln boys out by a score of 12 to 0.

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Saturday's game was altogether different and made the Lincoln fans feel better. Kimerer pitched for Lincoln and Baltz for the Omahas, up to the eighth inning when Egan was put in. It was a soapy game and every one of the boys played ball. Score 5 to 2 in favor of Lincoln.

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The game played in Omaha Sunday was scheduled for September 13 but Buck obliged the Omaha management by playing Sunday instead. They needed the money and were aware of the fact that the Lincoln team draws well hence it was a good thing for the Omahas—financially.

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The game—so called—played Monday afternoon resulted in a victory for the Omahas by a score of 18 to 8. What a game! It reminded the fans of the game between the reporters and lawyers July 4th. Freddy Barnes pitched for Lincoln and, as usual, would have won the game had he been given at least a parody on good support. Baltz and Egan did the twirling for the Omahas. The game could properly be called "a comedy of errors."

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It was a great game Tuesday, great in brilliant playing and exasperating errors. Kimerer and Slagle pitched high class ball and the latter received the better support. At critical stages Slagle's pitching and support was perfect, and Kim's support is what lost him the game. Speer's muff of a thrown ball from Chimmie and Holly's unfortunate wild throw in the twelfth lost the Bucks one of the best games of the season. Score 5 to 4 in favor of St Joe.

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Wednesday the Bucks had a nice, little seance with the Gussies. "Slivers," the attenuated St Joe twirler, yclept Parvin, who was in the box for the visitors, was touched rather freely, and coupled with ragged support, made it very pleasant indeed for the bleachers. Gragg was in his old time form and his

support was something to gladden the heart of the crustiest fan. It came our way rather easily by 6 to 2.

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The locals took the last game from the St. Joes by a score of 10 to 7. Ulder Gussie Albert's management the Saints are a decided improvement. In fact they are putting up about as fast ball as any of the teams in the association and they may be depended upon to keep their opponents guessing. With it all, too, they are quiet and gentlemanly, there being none of the wrangling and rag-chewing that is noticeable in some of the other teams.

Buck is a great favorite in Omaha.

Pitcher Scott Stratton has been released by Chicago.

Even Kid Speer dropped a little fly Monday afternoon.

Ollie Beard, the shortstop, has signed a Milwaukee contract.

Cleveland has signed Infielder Fabeau of the defunct Lowell team.

Omaha is still in the swim, and if the attendance increases will no doubt finish the season.

Colburn, a left handed pitcher, signed last week by St Joe is a dandy.

What is the matter with McCarthy—is he a wee bit stuck on himself?

Seiser, Peoria's right fielder, has been sent home as he is not in condition to play.

The Saints wind up the season on the home grounds September 25th with Lincoln.—St Joe Herald.

Ollie Beard has quit Evansville in disgust. He made a great mistake when he jumped Kansas City.

Yesterday the Bucks opened with Des Moines. This will be the last series on the home grounds this month.

Chris Von der Ahe this week refused an offer of \$25,000 made by Pittsburg for Breitenstein, Peitz and Ely.

Winfred Mener, the crack pitcher of the Washington team last season, may be sold or exchanged to Cincinnati.

The game played at Omaha Sunday between Omaha and Dave Rowe's pets, has been declared an exhibition game.

Quincy is negotiating for another new pitcher from Indianapolis. The new pitcher McDougal, lately signed, reported Wednesday.

Jesse Burkett, the Cleveland outfielder, wears a cap with a very broad peak lined with isinglass to protect his eyes from the sun.

There is no team in the association that gives its pitchers encouragement like the Quincy team. This is especially true when McGreevy is in the box.

Slagle of St Joe keeps the hard hitters guessing, and Slagle of Omaha does the same act for the crackerjack pitchers. The Slagles are right in line.

Leitman, the pitcher who was released by Peoria and signed by Lincoln, has been released. He was not swift enough and Buck did not have time to train him properly.

Hollingsworth makes some of the most difficult and brilliant plays imaginable, but he is strikingly unfortunate in making errors at the most critical stages of the game.

Invitations for the marriage of Pitcher J. E. McGreevey and Miss Julia Unverzagt have been issued. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride, 502 York street, July 29. —Quincy Herald.

President Ost returned from St. Louis on the early train this morning. He secured Pitcher McDougal, and he will join the team at Rockford Wednesday, pitching his first game there that day. —Quincy Whig.

Did you notice the change in the St. Joe team? The other time they were here not one of them could stop a cul-

tivator—with one or two exceptions, but they are now started fair and square. Look out for them!

Burt Abbey, who was released by Chicago and shortly afterwards signed by Brooklyn, will not pitch for the city of churches for some time. He is having trouble with his arm and has gone home to see if a rest will effect the desired result.

I respectfully apologize. Not for myself especially, but for the Lincoln team, in not winning fifteen games out of the twenty one played on the home grounds. "To err is human, to forgive divine." If Ebright and his bucklets will stay within hallowing distance of the top all will be forgiven.

O'Brien, the crackerjack first baseman recently released by Omaha, has been signed by Manager Ebright. Cole, centerfielder, has been released on account of sickness. Snapper Kennedy will play center and Jimmy Sullivan will play rightfield. There will be other changes in the team at an early date which I am not at liberty to disclose at present.

Ebright's bucklets won the game at Omaha Sunday before an audience of 1500 spectators. Gragg pitched for Lincoln and held the packers down to four hits. Darby did what little pitching was done for the Omahas. It was a good game and Mr. Gragg stated before he went into the box that it was his game and subsequent events proved that it was so. Score 8 to 2.

Last year Omaha had the largest attendance of any town in the association with Omaha a close second, and were it not for the fact that Omaha had Sunday games Lincoln would have been in the lead on that point. This season Lincoln's attendance is way above the average—in fact it is larger than any other town in the association, and we don't have Sunday ball either.

Some girls in this city are not posted to any great extent on base ball, especially one young lady that I have in mind. The young man was reading the average of the two leading clubs in the association. "Peoria won 34 and lost 19. Lincoln won 33 and lost 20." The young lady asked the following question with sublime innocence peculiar to her sex, "And is that how many times they hit the ball?"

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LOCAL SUMMER AMUSEMENTS.

Manager Hickey has Achille Phillion and his wonderful spiral tower, and Sie Hassen Ben Ali's Arab troupe of jugglers and acrobats at Burlington Beach this week and next. Phillion is unquestionably an expert in his line. His exhibition of balancing on the spiral tower is remarkable and has attracted great attention everywhere. Phillion is reinforced by one of the ablest troupes of acrobats and jugglers to be seen any where. The entertainment at the Beach is of a high class order, and deserving of cordial appreciation on the part of the public. The summer season is now fully on at the Beach, bathing, swimming, boating, etc., are daily enjoyed. Performances every afternoon and evening; dancing nightly after the performance.

The people who are compelled by various reasons to stay at home this summer can find no pleasanter place for picnic parties than Lincoln Park. Under Mr. Holt's management new attractions are presented weekly, and the park is a most popular resort. You can go boating or coasting at the park or dance or find suitable refreshments. There is amusement for everybody. Beginning with yesterday Mr. Holt inaugurated a series of weekly racing matinees. There are grand band concerts every Sunday afternoon and evening.



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