

LOCAL AND GENERAL SPORTS

LOOSE PLAYING RESPONSIBLE FOR IT

First of the Series With Kokomo Went to Visitors in Ten Innings.

COLE IS NOT SUPPORTED.

BROWN PRESENTED THE GAME TO THE QUAKERS, BUT THEY INSISTED ON THE ALPHONSE GASTON STUNT.

I. O. LEAGUE STANDING.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Richmond	20	15	.570
Decatur	19	15	.559
Portland	17	15	.531
Kokomo	17	17	.500
Bluffton	14	20	.412
Van Wert	13	19	.406

Games Wednesday.
Kokomo at Richmond.
Bluffton at Van Wert.
Decatur at Portland.

Results Tuesday.
Kokomo 6; Richmond 3.
Decatur 5; Portland 2.
Van Wert 3; Bluffton 0.

(By Tort.)

KOKOMO 6; RICHMOND 3.

The locals lost the first game of the Kokomo series Tuesday afternoon by loose playing after Pitcher Brown of the visitors had presented the contest to us on a silver platter. Cole was in the box for the locals and was as wild as a Pittsburgh millionaire but at that he held Kokomo well in hand for nine innings and would have got away with another victory had it not been for his poor support.

The first run of the game was made in the second inning. With Hall down, Cole issued a pass to Spicer. Shinn was struck out then Wise singled to left, Ritter mashing the ball and allowing Spicer to cross the pan. In the locals' half of the second Brown presented us with two runs. Minzler presented a pass then Gardner bunted to Brown who in an attempt to catch Minzler at second, heaved the ball into center field. Fisher then brought both men home on a scorching double.

In the sixth Richmond added another count, thanks again to Mr. Brown. With one down Gardner singled, was advanced to second on Fisher's shot and took third on a pretty steal. Cole came to bat and hit a mild high infield pop up. Two were down so Gardner started for the pan. To the surprise of the fans and the disgust of his team mates Brown dropped the fly and Gardner scored. In the seventh Kokomo tied up the game. Wise led off with a hit, then Brown dumped one to Cole, who overthrew second, allowing Wise to go to third and Brown to second. Kik skied to Weaver who made no effort to catch Wise at the plate, throwing the ball to Carlin. Zellars went out to Ritter then Gillis got to first on the virtue of a single. Gillis and Brown started out on a double steal and an effort was made to catch Gillis at second but it failed. With plenty of time to nail Brown at the plate, Minzler hesitated before throwing the ball to Jessup, who was crouched down before the pan to block Brown. When the ball did get to Jessup he was unable to handle it perfectly so he allowed it to flitter out of his hands. Brown counted.

In the tenth Kokomo fell upon Cole and pounded in three runs, a hit batsman, a base on balls, two singles and a double doing the work. Gardner, umpire, was in right field for the locals and he handled himself like a ball player. In the field he made a beautiful running catch, taking the ball as it dropped over his shoulder. At the bat he made a single out of four times up and brought in two runs. He is also credited with two stolen bases. Score:

RICHMOND.			
AB.	R.	H.	O.
Ritter, If.	5	0	2
Jessup, c.	4	0	5
Weaver, cf.	4	0	2
Carlin, ss.	4	0	2
Hicks, 1b.	5	0	11
Minzler, 2b.	3	1	6
Gardner, rf.	4	2	1
Fisher, 3b.	4	0	1
Cole, p.	4	0	1
Totals	37	3	7

KOKOMO.			
AB.	R.	H.	O.
Kik, ss.	5	0	2
Zellars, 2b.	3	1	2
Gillis, rf.	4	0	1
Stout, 1b.	5	1	11
Hall, cf.	5	0	1
Spicer, c.	4	2	2
Totals	37	3	7

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THE BLACK SCOURGE

That Fearful and Mystic Visitation of Olden Days.

IT FOLLOWED IN WAR'S WAKE.

In the Fourteenth Century It Swept the Whole of Europe, Killing 25,000,000 In Three Years—The Pestilence in London.

The plague or pestilence, that mysterious and fearful visitation which has moved its hosts in the wake of armies to slay more than war itself, is supposed to have first originated among the dense masses of people who crowded together in the great cities of Asia and Egypt or who formed the encampments of Xerxes, Cyrus and Tamerlane the Tartar. It probably sprang from the impurity which must have existed in the midst of such vast gatherings and in part also from leaving the unburied dead upon the field of battle. At any rate, the germs of this fearful human poison have always been most active where conditions similar to those have prevailed. It has always been war and the march of armies that have spread its broadcast over the world from time to time, and as war became less frequent and less worldwide the frequency and extent of these ravages have lessened also.

The first recorded outbreak of the plague in Europe occurred in the sixteenth century. It came from lower Egypt. This was the first lapping of the wave that reached into the east again, there to stay its movements, so far as the west was concerned, until 544 A. D., when the returning legions of Emperor Justinian brought it again into the western world from the battlefields of Persia. Constantinople was the first place it attacked. Here in a single day as many as 10,000 persons are said to have fallen victims to it. But the plague did not stop with Constantinople. It had found a too congenial soil in Europe, which was little else than one great battlefield at the time. It was carried into Gaul, where it followed close in the wake of the Frankish armies, and from Gaul it moved into Italy, where the Lombards and the devastated country as to leave it entirely at the mercy of the invaders.

The various crusades, which extended over a space of about 200 years, no doubt did much to hold the pestilence in Europe, for they served to keep open the channels of intercourse between the east and the west. Periodic epidemics were common during their continuance, and these seem to have culminated in the fourteenth century when it is known in history as the black death. The black death was more fatal to human life than any other single cause since the world began. The havoc of war was nothing in comparison to it. It swept the whole of Europe, leaving in its path such misery and destitution as the world had never known. It killed in three years some 25,000,000 people. Such figures stagger the comprehension, but the records of the time cannot be doubted. The entire population of Europe is estimated to have been about 100,000,000 kept down to about 75,000,000 by the constant warfare, and of these at least a fourth perished.

The ravages of the plague in Italy, where it came in the track of the war of the Guelphs and Ghibellines, was particularly disastrous to mankind. It raged with terrible fury in Naples, where 60,000 persons are said to have died. It fell upon Pisa, and seven out of every ten perished. It utterly and forever destroyed the prosperity of Siena. Florence also suffered severely, while 100,000 of the inhabitants of Venice were literally wiped off the face of the earth. From Italy it moved into France, where the mortality was almost as great. In Paris alone 50,000 people died from it. One of the worst features presented by the history of the black death was the cruel persecution it aroused against the Jews. They were supposed to have infected the air in some mysterious manner, and they were accused of having poisoned the wells and springs. In Strassburg 2,000 of them were buried alive in their own burial ground.

The order of the Flagellants arose at this time, coming from the belief that the sins of the world had at last brought down the wrath of heaven. It was the beginning of the so called hundred years' war that carried the black death into England, where in London its victims numbered 100,000. When at last the plague had worked its ravages it doubled back over its course to disappear in the east. Later on it appeared again in England, first among the soldiers of Richmond after the battle of Bosworth Field, and when the victorious army marched to London the plague went with them to work its havoc there. As long as it lasted the mortality was as great as that caused by the black death half a century before. Five thousand people died in five weeks, and then the plague left London as suddenly as it had appeared there to sweep over the rest of England.

In Scotland the plague of 1568 came immediately after the battle of Langside, when Queen Mary was dethroned, but no records of the mortality it occasioned seem to have been preserved. The plague visited London in 1675. This followed after the civil war which ended with the death of Charles II., but so many years intervened that it is impossible to trace any connection between the two events. In modern wars a danger from the plague seems gradually to have lessened perhaps as a result of better sanitary conditions maintained by the armies of today.

Looking across the table of a public dinner at the over-rubbed cheeks and fishy eyes of his neighbor opposite, Lord Young, a Scotch lawyer, who died recently, inquired who the owner of the vinous countenance might be, and was told that he was the president of a water trust. "Ay," said Lord Young, "well, he looks like a man who could be trusted with any amount of water." Some one told Lord Young that the house of lords had on appeal affirmed a decision of his. "It may be right, after all," was his lordship's reply.

RAN THE GAME OUT.

Shortest Billiard Match in Which Schaefer Ever Participated.

"Some years ago," said a sporting man, "when 'Wizard' Jake Schaefer kept a billiard room in New York city, he was always ready to play all comers who desired a game. Many strangers and people unknown to Schaefer naturally strolled in—many, too, who probably did not know him. But it made no difference to Schaefer. Sometimes strangers would desire to play for money, but this Schaefer would never do. To all such propositions he would say, 'No, I won't play for money, but I'll tell you what I will do—I will play a game, the loser to treat the house.'"

"One day an old farmer entered the place, and after wandering about looking at the pictures on the walls and examining the tables he asked if there was any one present who would like to play him a game of billiards. Schaefer, as usual, said that he would play the stranger."

"How much shall we play for?" asked the farmer.

"I never play for money," replied Schaefer, "but I will play you for the drinks for the house."

"All right," said the farmer. "How many points shall we play?"

"Oh," replied Schaefer demurely in all the consciousness of his superior powers, "we'll just play until you are satisfied, and we will call that a game."

"The crowd smiled as the players prepared for the contest. The balls were placed on the table, and Schaefer brought out his favorite cue, and it fell to his lot to open the game."

"The opening shot in a billiard game is a somewhat difficult one, as most players know, and Schaefer, probably through indifference, missed it. He not only missed it, but left the balls close together near one of the cushions. It was what is termed in billiard parlance a 'set up.'"

"The old farmer carefully chalked his cue and after deliberation made the shot. He then gazed at the balls a moment, laid down his cue and exclaimed: 'I am satisfied.'"

"The score was then 1 to 0 in favor of the old farmer, but as Schaefer had agreed to make the game as long or short as the farmer desired he had to be satisfied. Schaefer of course had to invite all present, including his conqueror, to partake of the hospitality of the house. As the crowd laughed and drank Schaefer remarked that the game was the shortest he had ever played and probably the shortest on record."

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