

# BASE BALL

and Other Sports

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## Red Birds Play Errorless Game Against the Farmers

Dick Crozier's Red Birds made their debut before the Raleigh sporting public in a creditable manner yesterday afternoon by administering a shut out dose to the Farmers. But for the disgusting kicking bee, which consumed over ten minutes of valuable time in the second inning, the game was spirited and full of interest throughout. Such conduct was by no means a wise move on the part of the Red Birds.

Yesterday's game was a complete reversal of the initial game between the same teams last year, when the Farmers were victorious by a majority of about 1,000, more or less. Bud Pope was granted his request to be allowed to work against his "hoodoo" team, and he took advantage of the privilege by administering a shut out dose to the Farmers. His work was of his usual high order, never letting an opponent get farther than second base and allowing only five well scattered hits. When he stepped into the box, the A. & M. rooters felt sure that there would be another scalp hanging to the Farmers' belt at the close of the contest, but as the innings went on, and the collegians failed to get in halting distance of the much coveted rubber, they were made to fully realize that Crozier's confidence in the Harnett county boy was not misplaced and that he was there with the goods. With a team that he could feel confident of giving him good support, Pope's work was of a much higher class than when he wore a Wake Forest uniform.

The magnificent playing of the Red Birds in the field and their running bases brought joy to the hearts of the local fans, who now feel quite confident that they will be contenders for the rag. Not a sign of an error on their part was visible during the entire nine innings, every ground ball being fielded with ease and grace and thrown to first before the runners had covered half the distance. Each and every one of the infielders did himself credit, but Brumfield was the candy kid. He made three put outs and six assists in such sensational manner that some of the fans have not ceased to marvel over his playing yet. He fielded every one of his chances clean and hurled them to first like a shot out of a cannon. Neither of the outfielders had a hard chance. Each of them, however, gathered in everything that came in his vicinity.

Dutch Irwin won himself a home by his consistent handling of the willow. Out of four times up, he swatted the horsehide for a three-sacker, two singles and hit the fourth at the shortstop hard enough to knock an ordinary man down. He also caught a nice game but his wing was not quite in trim. When that gets in good condition he may be expected to set this league on fire.

The Farmers didn't seem to play their usual game, Pap Harris receiving miserable support at times when errors meant runs. Even with his miserable support, Pap pitched a good game and would have fared much better had his teammates been contented with a berth on terra firma instead of taking a flight to the aerial heights.

The Red Birds scored first in the third. Hoffman was given a walk; Crozier sacrificed; Brumfield died via short to first, Hoffman going to third; Murray hit between short and third, scoring Hoffman; Hoover hit just inside third base line; Wright ended the inning by fanning.

Another tally came in the fourth. Brothurs fanned; Irwin singled over second, stole second; Pope skied out to centre; Hoffman hit a scorcher down the first base line, which was too wide and hot for Fox to handle, Irwin scoring from second; Crozier died short to first.

In the seventh the Red Birds added their last two tallies. Hoffman popped up to Seifert; Crozier was safe on Black's error, stole second; Brumfield hit to short, who let it pass between his pedal extremities, Crozier scoring; Murray hit to Black and died at first on the throw to first, Brumfield started towards third, and in attempting to catch him, Fox threw wild and Brumfield scored. Hoover fled to short.

**The Tabulated Score.**

Names.	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Hoffman, I. f.	4	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
Crozier, c. f.	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brumfield, s. a.	4	1	1	3	6	0	0	0
Murray, 2b.	3	0	1	3	2	0	0	0
Hoover, 3b.	4	0	1	1	3	0	0	0
Wright, r. f.	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Brothurs, lb.	4	0	0	12	0	0	0	0
Irwin, c.	4	1	3	5	1	0	0	0
Pope, p.	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**A. & M.**

Names.	A.	B.	R.	H.	P.	O.	A.	E.
Brown, r. f.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Black, 3b.	4	0	2	0	4	2
Harris, p.	3	0	0	0	2	0
Hartsell, s. s.	4	0	0	1	5	1
Seifert, c.	4	0	0	7	3	0
Council, a. d.						
T'pms'n, c. f.	3	0	0	3	0	0
Fox, 1b.	3	0	2	14	0	2
Bost, 2b.	3	0	1	1	2	1
Ross, l. f.	3	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>

**Summary:** First base on errors: Raleigh, 3. Three base hits, Irwin. Left on bases: Raleigh, 7; A. & M., 5. Double plays: Harris to Bost to Fox. Stolen bases, Black (2), Fox, Crozier, Brumfield (2), Irwin. Struck out: By Pope, 5; by Harris, 6. First on balls: Harris, 2; Pope, 1. Sacrifice hit, Crozier. Time of game, 1:50. Umpire, Mr. Brenig. Attendance, 900.

### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

**National League.**  
At Chicago: Chicago, 5; Cincinnati, 2.  
At Pittsburg: Pittsburg, 6; St. Louis, 5.  
At Brooklyn: Brooklyn, 8; Philadelphia, 3.  
**American League.**  
At Cleveland: Cleveland, 5; Chicago, 6.  
At New York: Boston, 0; New York, 2.  
At Philadelphia: Philadelphia, 3; Washington, 4.  
At St. Louis: St. Louis, 1; Detroit, 3.

**South Atlantic League.**  
Charleston, 1; Chattanooga, 2.  
Jacksonville, 4; Columbia, 7.  
Columbus, 2; Augusta, 0.  
Macon, 8; Savannah, 4.

**Carolina Association.**  
At Greensboro: Greensboro, 7; Greenville, 9.  
At Winston-Salem: Winston-Salem, 1; Anderson, 2.  
At Spartanburg: Spartanburg, 8; Charlotte, 4.

**Southern League.**  
At Atlanta, Ga.: Nashville, 3; Atlanta, 0.  
At Birmingham, Ala.: Birmingham, 3; Montgomery, 0.  
At Memphis, Tenn.: Memphis, 3; Mobile, 0.  
At Little Rock, Ark.: First game: Little Rock, 3; New Orleans, 2. Second game: Little Rock, 4; New Orleans, 2.

### SPORTING SIDELIGHTS.

#### THE EXTENT OF HIS KNOWLEDGE.

He doesn't know that Homer ever sang a thrilling song.  
He doesn't know who won at Waterloo.  
He doesn't know that Caesar every swayed a cheering throng.  
Or what it was that Guy Fawkes tried to do.  
But he can tell you quickly, if you have the wish to know,  
Who have led the leagues in battling for a dozen years or so.

He doesn't know an adverb from a pronoun or a noun.  
He mixes up his tenses when he speaks.  
He doesn't know who Byron was or that he won renown,  
Or what range has the highest mountain peaks.  
But he can give you quickly and without a moment's thought  
All the details of the battles that old John L. ever fought.

He couldn't name a dozen of this country's presidents.  
He doesn't know who lost at Bunker Hill.  
Once he saw displaced a copy of "Poor Richard" for ten cents.  
And he bought it, but regret is with him still.  
"For," he says, "I looked all through it and there's nuttin' dere at all.  
Like dere is in dis here guide book wit' its record of baseball."  
—Chicago Record-Herald.

Wasn't it a pity that the Red Birds' very first exhibition before a local assemblage should be marred by a lot of unnecessary and disgusting kicking. Even granting that Mr. Umpa was wrong, which is very seriously doubted by a great many of those who were watching the game very closely, there was no reason in the world for the players to gather around him and give vent to a bunch of absolutely unnecessary expostulation. The local fans and families have become tired of too much kicking already this season and any great amount, even on the part of our own Red Birds, will be relished by none. Let us hope that this unfortunate occurrence will not occur again.

As a bit of information for Professor Yelverton, of the Winston-Salem Journal, (pardon the omission of the title heretofore) the Twins were trimmed by Oak Ridge; Oak Ridge suffered a shut out at the hands of the A. & M. team with Pap Harris pitching; the A. & M. team received

the same dose from the Red Birds. That makes the Twins look mighty small. It's up to the Twins to complete the dog, 'possum and coon story in a post series with Raleigh.

Some ginger on the infield yesterday, and it added lots to the interest in the game. When a team goes through nine innings like they are "dead ones" or dummies, it is most discouraging to the fans. Keep the good work up, boys. It will pay all the time.

"How many shortstops like Brumfield are there in this old world?" queried an enthusiastic fan. Well, there are none that could have put up a better exhibition than he did yesterday. He was there forty different ways and five hundred strong.

"Isn't he a little darning," is the way one of the fair rooteresses in the grand stand referred to Hoffman yesterday when he slid into third base in the fourth inning.

Brothurs is making good at the first station all right, knucklers to the contrary notwithstanding. His work yesterday all around was classy, and he will show up still better as the season progresses.

"That three bagger by Irwin was worth the price of admission, and his slide to second in the fourth was worth double the price," declared one enthusiastic fan who loosened up for two admissions and the grand stand.

A goodly number of ladies honored the Red Birds' first game with their presence. Come again, you not only inspire the players to do their best, but you keep the game upon a higher plane. Incidentally you help the finances.

Bud Hinton's score board was pressed into service for the first time yesterday. Didn't those nine goose eggs look good?

Haas left Dayton, O., this morning and will arrive in Raleigh about Saturday. He comes with a man's size reputation and must go some to keep it up. Here's hoping.

The Red Birds are in Durham again today, probably showing the Methodists a few more things about real baseball. That squeeze play made a hit last Saturday.

Two of the best college teams in the state have failed to score on Crozier's covey of birds with the Red feathers. The other teams in this circuit may expect like doses.

Murray and Hoover were also in the limelight yesterday, each of them playing their same old consistent game. That pair would be hard to beat in any class D league.

With the exception of Pitcher Levy, who is expected to arrive tomorrow, the men ordered to report for the Wilmington baseball team have arrived. Preliminary practices were started yesterday morning and will be held twice daily for the next few days at least. The baseball fans have eagerly anticipated the arrival of the ball players and groups can be encountered everywhere, giving views pro and con as to the strength of the sailors will marshal on the baseball field when the season begins.

While it is yet too early to give a heided expression of the strength of the team to be selected, it appears at first glance as if Manager Gwaltney has secured a team which will be stronger in every respect than the local team which won the pennant in the East Carolina League last summer. In the batting and infield practices held yesterday the men displayed that they "are there with the goods," when it comes to driving the horsehide to all corners of the lot, and the infield work was fast and snappy.—Wilmington Star.

Give that National standing a glance. Pipe the dear old Glants doing the doorman act, Note Chicago town in the second division. Ponder over the marvelous fact that Boston is leading the league. Note that Cincinnati is in the first division.

Verily, verily, the National League is due some shake-ups before very long.—Atlanta Georgian.

A Durham correspondent to The Evening Times says:

"Although the Philadelphia Nationals played here this spring, it may be said without the slightest hesitation that Raleigh has the fastest team that has ever worked on the local diamond. Trinity was never more surprised in the history of the institution than when it became apparent that Raleigh was the real stuff. The Methodist were unprepared for such sensational playing."

We are glad to hear it, brother, and it shows you've captured one name in grand style at least, but don't you think he dwelt too much on the fact that it was surprising that Raleigh was the real stuff? But that's Durham; however, we glory in your victory.—Rocky Mount Record.

It is not surprising when the fact, that Raleigh was blanked twice by the Methodists last season, is taken into consideration. It is well that you glory in our victory over Trinity, for you will not do any great amount of glorying when Raleigh strikes Rocky Mount. Thanks for your good will.

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