

DROPS FIRST GAME

Portland Loses Opening Match at Seattle, 1 to 0.

WITBECK PITCHES FINE BALL

Anderson Unable to Play—Zeigler on Second and Engle in the Field—Portland Now in Fourth Place.

NORTHWEST LEAGUE.			
Yesterday's Games.			
Seattle, 1; Portland, 0.			
Helena, 3; Spokane, 8.			
No game at Butte on account of circus.			
Standing of the Clubs.			
	W.	L.	P. C.
Seattle	20	10	.667
Portland	14	16	.469
Helena	14	16	.469
Spokane	14	16	.469
Butte	14	16	.469
Bozeman	14	16	.469
Idaho Falls	14	16	.469
Shawano	14	16	.469

SEATTLE, Sept. 4.—(Special.)—It was a hard game for Portland to lose today. Witbeck pitched championship ball, and the Portland men made more hits than Dugdale's, yet they could not win. The three errors made behind Witbeck did not count in the score. Zeigler let a grounder get away from him, and Deisel did not get in time to stop another hot shot, while Vigneux threw high in trying to stop Campbell from stealing, allowing the runner to go to third, but he was thrown out at the plate a moment later, so no harm was done.

Andy Anderson did not play today. He caught a severe cold in Montana, and has been having trouble with his stomach. Zeigler played second in his place, and with the exception of one error mentioned, he did well. George Engle covered right field. He did not have a chance in the field, but he made a couple of hits, the last one being decidedly "Texas League."

Witbeck outpitched Stovall in the matter of hits, but the long pitcher for Seattle held his position in a sensational manner, and was remarkably effective with men on bases. Schwartz made the only run of the game in the sixth, when he gained first by forcing Babbitt. Klopff, after a long hit, was thrown out at second by fast running on Hurley's clean hit to center. Van Buren's throw to the plate was wide, but it was too late to catch Schwartz anyway.

Portland looked dangerous in the seventh. Muller, the first man, put the ball out of the lot for two bases, and on Harris' outfield hit he moved up to third. Deisel hit to Stovall, and Muller made a bluff for the plate to allow Harris to get to first, but Stovall shot the ball to Klopff, forcing Muller off and catching him at home. Engle followed with a hit that would have scored Muller, and Witbeck cracked out a clean single to left. Deisel made a great sprint for home, but Dugdale's throw was perfect and the ball beat Jakey in by 10 feet.

Muller opened the ninth with a safe drive, and got to second on Harris' grounder to Hurley. He reached first on about two inches off the ground, toward third base, but Klopff threw himself at full length, caught the ball while lying flat, and doubled Muller off and broke the game. After the sixth inning Witbeck did not give Seattle a glimpse of the plate, not a man reached first base.

Seattle worked Campbell around as far as third in the fifth. He reached first on Deisel's error, and raced to third when Vigneux threw high to catch him at second. Stanley struck out, but when Stovall hit to Zeigler Campbell broke for the plate. He beat the ball home, but in sliding his hand hit Vigneux's feet instead of the plate, and he could not recover in time.

Seattle played errorless ball behind Stovall, making 30 assists without the semblance of a misplay. The index finger on Stanley's right hand has festered and is swollen to twice its normal size, yet he hit one man stole second on him. Deisel turned the trick, but he would have been out had not Babbitt dropped the throw. Kostal will probably pitch for Portland tomorrow, and opposed to him will be Hickey.

SEATTLE.				PORTLAND.			
AB.	R.	H.	P.	AB.	R.	H.	P.
Dugdale, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Babbitt, ss.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schwartz, 2b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Klopff, 3b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hurley, 1b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dugdale, 1b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanley, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Campbell, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deisel, ss.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Engle, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Witbeck, p.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	0	0	36	0	0	0

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AB.	R.	H.	P.	AB.	R.	H.	P.
Zeigler, 2b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Van Buren, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Weed, 1b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vigneux, c.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Muller, 1b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanley, cf.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dugdale, 1b.	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
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SCORE BY INNINGS.

AB.	R.	H.	P.	AB.	R.	H.	P.
Seattle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Seattle, 1; Portland, 0.

Hit by pitcher—Stovall, 1; Witbeck, 1.

Struck out—By Stovall, 3; by Witbeck, 1.

Two-base hits—Muller.

Stolen bases—Dugdale, Campbell, Deisel.

Double play—Klopff to Schwartz.

Left on bases—Seattle, 5; Portland, 7.

Umpire—Fisher.

HELENA WINS FROM SPOKANE.

Senators Take Game From Bunch-grassers, 15-8.

HELENA, Sept. 4.—A wind storm which made it impossible for even infielders to judge a ball contributed toward making the opening game between Spokane and Helena one of the worst exhibitions ever seen in Helena. Pfeister was found easily by Flannery's men, and almost every time the ball was hit it would fall safe. Thompson was staidier, and the locals were more fortunate in fielding the hits. Attendance, 300. Score:

SPOKANE.				HELENA.			
AB.	R.	H.	P.	AB.	R.	H.	P.
Howells, 1b.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ferris, cf.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Donahue, 2b.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKevitt, cf.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elsey, 1b.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reitz, 2b.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly, ss.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Frary, c.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pfeister, p.	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	40	0	0	40	0	0	0

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AB.	R.	H.	P.	AB.	R.	H.	P.
Spokane	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Helena	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SUMMARY.

Bases on balls—Pfeister, 1; Thompson, 5.

Hit by pitcher—Pfeister, 1.

Struck out—By Pfeister, 5; by Thompson, 5.

Two-base hits—McKevitt, Elsey, Reitz, Flannery, Holly, Hannivan.

Three-base hits—Frary, Shaffer, Pfeister, Reitz, Flannery, Shaffer, Sullivan, G. Hannivan, Peoples (2), Thompson.

Wild pitch—Pfeister.

Left on bases—Spokane, 10; Helena, 8.

Umpire—McCarthy.

Time of game—2 hours and 15 minutes.

AMERICAN LEAGUE SCORES.

St. Louis, 9; Washington, 2.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 4.—St. Louis outbatted the Washington team two to one, and the visitors helped matters along with a numerous bunch of errors. Lee scored two of Washington's runs with a drive over the right-field fence. Attendance, 1800. Score:

R.H.E.				R.H.E.			
St. Louis	9	18	1	Washington	2	8	8

Batteries—Powell and Kahoe; Carrick and Clark.

Cleveland, 7; Baltimore, 5.

CLEVELAND, Sept. 4.—The home team won at the start. Hickman, for Cleveland, knocked a home run, two-bagger and a single. Attendance, 5500, including 3000 school children. Score:

R.H.E.				R.H.E.			
Cleveland	7	10	5	Baltimore	5	7	1

Batteries—Moore, Lundborn and Bemis; Helsman and Robinson.

Chicago, 6-1; Boston, 1-11.

CHICAGO, Sept. 4.—Chicago won the first game by bunting hits. Platt was really hard, but pitched a steady game, and struck out several batters at critical stages. Griffith proved an easy proposition in the second game, and was pounded all over the field, giving way to a new man in the seventh. Attendance, 3300. Score:

R.H.E.				R.H.E.			
Chicago	6	10	2	Boston	1	11	2

First game: Batteries—Platt and McFarland; Hughes and Warner.

Second game: Batteries—McMachen, Griffith and McFarland; Dineen and Criger.

Philadelphia, 13; Detroit, 4.

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