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KNELL PITCHED FINE BALL And the Phillies Won Quite a Close and Interesting Game.

ST. LOUIS BEATS THE NEW YORKS. Anson's Colts Get a One-Nothing Contest From the Senators.

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The League Record. Cleveland 21, St. Louis 15, Philadelphia 14, Pittsburgh 13, Boston 12, New York 11, Cincinnati 10, Baltimore 9, Chicago 8, Washington 7.

MADE A BAD START. Our Sluggers Are Beaten in the First Inning by the Phillies.

It may be very easy to account for the defeat of our sluggers at Exposition Park yesterday by the Phillies.

Some people might think that there was a powerful Jonah influence at work in the presence of a brass band on the grounds and also the fact that it was ladies' day.

But the plain fact is that the pitcher of the matter was the inability of our sluggers to slug the ball.

As far as knocking out safe hits were concerned they were nowhere and after everything is said and done it is hitting the ball good and hard that counts.

Scratch victories may come and go, but the fellows who bang the ball about the lot are the winners.

That is just what the local players have not been doing lately.

Timely Hits Were Absent. A few good and timely cracks would have won yesterday's game easily.

Knell was in the box for the visitors, and he looked every inch like a gentleman, but he was very wild at stages, and in the way of giving bases on balls he gave the home players many a good chance to win.

Wild as he was several times the local men had not patience to wait for the first inning, but he swiped away at bad balls to purpose.

When Knell did get the ball across the plate he was a puzzle to the home batters.

He may not be able to fool other teams very much, but yesterday he was very effective against the home team.

But it is only fair to say that luck was dead against the home players.

Several times some of them hit the ball good solid cracks, good enough to slug home runs, but they would go straight into somebody's hands.

In this respect, that is relative to lucky and unlucky hits, fortune was all on the side of the visitors.

Ladies Were Present. The weather was very unfavorable, as rain fell at intervals during the game.

It was ladies' day, however, and as a result, there were nearly 3,000 people in the grounds.

The ladies were very numerous, and only about 1,200 of the spectators were men.

Whether or not the band and ladies' day has any bad influences may be hard to determine, but the fact remains that our sluggers were not on their toes.

The game was lost in the first inning. At that early stage the Phillies got a lead that was never overcome.

They only made three runs at that. Ehret started out badly, and he was more responsible for the run than anybody else.

After that he pitched a good game, and he would have been on the winning side if two or three more safe hits had been made by his colleagues.

The hitting of the home players was not the best in many respects, but the errors made were not very costly.

The visitors played an excellent game, and, although the veteran Harry Wright has both Crockett and Miller on the disabled list, he has a fine team.

The Visitors Did Well. Their fielding yesterday was first-class. Altogether the contest was a good one to see, as the score was close enough to keep everybody interested in every movement.

The hardest slugger match seen here this season. Weather clear. Attendance, 1,000. Score: ST. LOUIS 16, NEW YORK 4.

PHILADELPHIA 4, PITTSBURGH 2. Summary: Earned runs—Philadelphia, 4; Pittsburgh, 2.

BOSTON 6, LOUISVILLE 1. Summary: Earned runs—Boston, 6; Louisville, 1.

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THE TENNIS TOURNAMENT. The Results of Yesterday's Play at the Great Newport Resort.

The program for the day included the eight matches in the third round. The match between Hobbs and the younger Hall called forth some of the best tennis seen during the tournament.

FAST GOING AT COLUMBUS. Hal Pointer and Direct a Disappointment, but the Others Go East.

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