

Beginning of Professional Era In The Baseball Game

Joe Page Brings His Review Into Period of Much Interest; The First Tours of East to West and West to East

(By Joe Page.)
Note.—This is the third of a series of articles.
Notwithstanding the wonderful comeback of what has become known as the national game of America, the year 1867 brought a far greater surprise for the baseball public. At a convention of the National Association of Baseball Play-



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ers, held at this time and at which Arthur P. Gorman, afterwards United States senator from Maryland, was elected president, there were no fewer than 237 clubs represented from the following states: Connecticut, twenty-two; Illinois, fifty-six; Indiana, twenty-one; Maryland, twenty; New York, twenty-four; Ohio, forty-two; Pennsylvania, twenty-seven; Wisconsin, twenty-five.

In 1867 our national game had swept out into the west, in a way as it were, over night, for out of 237 clubs represented, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin accounted for 145 in the total which was in itself nearly double the membership of the year previous, 1866. Thus it will be seen that it was destined to do in the development and advertisement of the rapidly growing prairie west of the United States. While this great and rapidly increasing interest in the game was taking place throughout the Western States, clubs were in formation in the Mississippi valley and even beyond the Rocky Mountains.

Do not for one minute imagine they were teams made up altogether of bunches of farm lads. Their games were of that class, that the best of the greatest clubs of the Eastern States were very soon taking special notice, not only of what these western baseball brethren were capable of, but then, as today, magnates and managers were taking note of the doings of the individual western baseball product, with a view of acquiring their services when occasion required.

It may be interesting for the old time fan still living to know that among the great players in the past at this period could be mentioned Harry and George Wright (brothers), Al Reach, Joe Start, and Bob Ferguson. And, believe it or not, each and every one of them was of the greatest players of their time. The Wright brothers a few years later played on and managed at different times the Philadelphia and Boston teams, while Joe Start was with the Providence champions of 1879 and later with the Chicago White Stockings, then under the management of Cap. Anson. Bob Ferguson, too, was considered by many to be one of the greatest all-round players the game ever produced. He could play any position equally well. As a youngster I have a vivid impression of each of these players in action, and I can safely say I never saw a more finished

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Maples	Total	Avg.
Maples	93 93 93 279	93
Rockwell	93 77 97 267	89
Perry	78 82 83 243	81
McKell	62 79 92 233	74-1-3
Copp	123 85 86 294	98

There will be two games tonight between the Nationals and Specials, and the Nationals and Beavers.

BASEBALL.

National League.

In Brooklyn—New York 11, Brooklyn 6. Batteries: Demaree, Causey and Ralston; Mitchell, Grimes, Russell, Pritt and Wheat.
In Pittsburgh—Cincinnati 1, Pittsburgh 7. Batteries: Conley, Eller and Allen; Hamilton and Schmidt.
In Chicago—St. Louis 2, Chicago 3. Batteries: May, Sherdel and Snyder; Alexander and Killifer.
In Boston—Philadelphia 3, Boston 0. Batteries: Main and Adams; Hearne and Henry, Transgression.

American League.

In New York—Washington 9, New York 4. Batteries: Johnson and Smith; McGraw, Thormahlen and Hannah.
In Philadelphia—Boston 2, Philadelphia 1. Batteries: Leonard and Agnew; Perry and Perkins.
In St. Louis—Chicago 6, St. Louis 2. Batteries: Williams and Schalk; Lowdermilk and Numanaker.

WRESTLING.

Lewis and Stecher Draw.
New York, April 26.—The wrestling match between Ed "Strangler" Lewis and Joe Stecher, held in Madison Square Garden tonight, was declared a draw after two hours.

One of War's Virtues.

One thing—in the theatre of war you don't have to get up to let a fat couple find their seats after the show has started.—Florida Times-Union.

BOOZE IN CHATHAM.

World: The boarding house of a suspected man at the west end was searched by Chief Coughlan on Monday and he found twelve bottles of the ardent in a trunk containing women's clothing. The boarder will be called upon to explain how he got the supply.

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