

Pinch Hits, "June 21, 1931"

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COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Minneapolis Millers and the homestanding Columbus Red Birds and of the American Association play a tripleheader - at least for a couple of days.

Following the Millers' 14-3 win in the opener, Columbus is leading 2-0 in the first inning of the second game when Red Birds' manager Nemo Leibold and Goeltz, the game's home plate umpire, get into a heated dispute ending with Leibold forfeiting the game. Following the 9-0 forfeit, Columbus President L.S. MacPhail and Minneapolis manager Mike Kelly mutually agree to "move up" the first game of the Millers' next visit to provide the fans with their second advertised game of the day.

The Red Birds, behind Archie Campbell's six-hitter and a home run by left fielder Lew Riggs, salvage one game on the afternoon, scoring seven runs in the fifth inning en route to a 9-1 win.

Later, the league office will rule that the result of the first game and the forfeit of the second game will stand as official contests and count in the standings, but the third game is thrown out, much to the chagrin of Campbell and Riggs.

HELENA, MONTANA

In one of the "most vicious" slugging attacks to date, the Orange Crush nine (or 10 in this case) pound out 24 hits, including six home runs en route to 19-8 win over a Livingston (Montana) aggregation on the victors' home field.

ORANGE CRUSH--							AB	R	H	O	A	E
Niklas, ss	..	8	5	5	3	3	0					
Haggerty, 2b	.....	6	2	3	1	2	1					
Shepard, 1b	.....	5	2	3	10	0	1					
Madden, cf	.....	6	3	4	1	0	0					
Vahl, rf	.....	6	2	5	1	0	0					
Homme, c	.....	6	1	1	7	0	6					
Purcell, lf	.....	4	0	0	1	0	0					
Hammond, 3b	.....	3	4	2	1	2	6					
Gibson, p	.....	4	0	1	1	2	0					
Schneider, 1b	.....	1	0	0	1	0	0					
Totals	.....	46	19	24	27	9	2					
LIVINGSTON--							AB	R	H	O	A	E
Ackerman, ss	.....	5	1	1	0	2	2					
Wheat, rf-c	.....	5	2	2	8	0	0					
Rubbins, c-rf	.....	5	1	1	4	0	1					
Robinson, 1b	.....	5	1	1	12	0	1					
Olsen, p-2b	.....	5	2	2	0	2	6					
Fuqua, 3b	.....	5	0	1	0	0	0					
Commers, 2b-p	.....	4	1	1	0	1	1					
Van Orden, cf	.....	4	0	1	1	0	1					
Poor, lf	.....	4	0	1	1	0	0					
Totals	.....	42	8	11	24	5	4					

Two base hits—Madden, Hammond, Wheat.
Three base hits—Haggerty, 3. Home runs—Niklas, 2. Shepard, 2. Vahl, 2. Olsen Struck out—By Gibson, 7. Olsen, 4. Commers, 3. Double play—Van Orden to Olsen.

Niklas, Shepard and Vahl each had two home runs for the Crush to the delight of the large crowd.

Reliable "Tubby" Gibson goes the route for the Crushies while Livingston starter Olsen absorbs the loss. Second baseman Commers relieves Olsen in an attempt to stem the tide but is treated rudely by his former teammates.

With the win, the Crush, with a 5-1 mark, moves into a tie for the lead in the Helena Baseball League with East Helena.

EDGELEY, NORTH DAKOTA

Thirty persons are poisoned by spoiled chicken at a church picnic, including four in serious condition. Symptoms developed by those affected indicate that they are suffering from ptomaine poisoning and not from botulism. It is believed that warm weather caused the chicken used in the sandwiches to spoil overnight. The culprits for this attack are Ladies Aid Society of the Zion Evangelical Church.

First Game.

MINNEAPOLIS.				COLUMBUS.					
	AB.	H.	P.O.A.		AB.	H.	P.O.A.		
Neils, lf	6	5	5	0	Swanson, lf	5	2	2	0
Sicking, 2b	3	0	3	1	Crawford, 1b	3	1	7	1
Harris, cf	4	2	2	0	Moore, cf	4	0	4	0
High, rf	2	1	1	0	Delker, 2b	4	0	4	0
Meusel, rf	4	1	1	0	E. Smith, rf	3	1	2	0
E. Smith, ss	5	1	0	4	Yoter, 3b	4	1	1	6
Kelly, 1b	6	4	9	0	Whiteh'd, ss	4	1	3	4
Norris, 3b	4	2	1	3	Hinkle, c	4	1	3	0
Griffin, c	4	0	4	1	Campbell, p	1	0	3	0
Brillheart, p	5	3	0	0	Gudat, p	2	0	1	2
					*Desautels	1	0	0	0
Totals	43	19	26	9	Totals	35	8	27	13

*Swanson out, hit by batted ball. †Batted for Gudat in ninth inning.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Minneapolis	1	0	0	7	1	2	0	1	2—14
Columbus	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—3

Errors—Whitehead 2. Yoter 2. Norris. Crawford, Sicking. Runs Batted In—Norris 2. Kelly 2. Harris, Brillheart 3. Neils 2. Meusel 2. Moore, Hinkle. Two-Base Hits—Whitehead, Ernie Smith, Brillheart, Harris, Swanson. Three-Base Hits—Swanson, Meusel. Stolen Base—Harris. Sacrifice—Sicking 2. Double Play—Whitehead to Crawford. Left on Bases—Minneapolis, 8; Columbus, 8. Base on Balls—Off Campbell, 3; off Brillheart, 2; off Gudat, 2. Struck Out—By Brillheart, 3; by Gudat, 1. Hits—Off Campbell, 9 in 3½ innings; off Gudat, 10 in 5½ innings. Umpires—Brown and Goetz. Losing Pitcher—Campbell. Time of Game—2:10.

Third Game.

MINNEAPOLIS.				COLUMBUS.					
	AB.	H.	P.O.A.		AB.	H.	P.O.A.		
Neils, lf	5	2	1	0	Yoter, 3b	4	2	1	0
Sicking, 2b	4	0	2	2	Crawf'rd, 1b	3	1	9	0
Harris, cf	4	2	3	0	Purdy, cf	4	1	1	0
High, rf	2	0	2	0	Delker, 2b	4	1	5	3
E. Smith, ss	2	0	2	3	Ea. Smith, rf	4	1	2	0
Kelly, 1b	4	0	7	0	Riggs, lf	4	2	2	1
Norris, 3b	3	0	2	1	Whiteh'd, ss	4	3	3	6
Hargrave, c	3	0	5	2	DeSautels, c	4	0	4	0
Sheehan, p	2	0	0	0	Chapman, p	4	1	0	0
Van'burg, p	1	0	0	1					
*Meusel	1	0	0	0	Totals	35	12	27	10
Totals	31	6	24	9					

*Batted for Vandenburg in ninth.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Minneapolis	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0—1
Columbus	0	0	1	1	7	0	0	0	x—9

Errors—Whitehead, E. Smith. Runs Batted In—Crawford, Riggs 3, Purdy 2, Smith, Harris. Two-Base Hits—Yoter, Purdy. Three-Base Hits—Neils, Riggs. Home Run—Riggs. Stolen Base—Norris. Double Plays—Whitehead to Crawford; Whitehead to Delker to Crawford 2. Left on Bases—Minneapolis, 10; Columbus, 3. Bases on Balls—Off Chapman, 7; off Sheehan, 1. Struck Out—By Chapman, 4; by Sheehan, 5. Hits—Off Sheehan, 11 in 5 innings; off Vandenburg, 1 in 3 innings. Wild Pitch—Sheehan. Passed Ball—DeSautels. Losing Pitcher—Sheehan. Umpires—Goetz and Brown. Time of Game—1:55.