

Pinch Hits, "Tuesday, July 27, 1909"

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McPherson, Kansas

In a battle between the top two teams in the Kansas State (D) League, the Lyons Lions beat the McPherson Merry Macks 2-1, in a 21-inning marathon that is delayed in the 18th inning when umpire "Mickie" Cleary asks a friend in the stands for a chew of tobacco.

With the win, Lyons pulls to within one game of the front-running Merry Macks. The victory later proves to be significant when the Lions (61-37) capture the league title by 1/2 game over Hutchinson (60-37) and one game over McPherson (59-37).

Lyons ace Robert Hassler goes the route for the visitors, allowing only nine hits and three walks while striking out 11. In only his second season in professional baseball, Hassler will lead the Kansas State League in both wins (25) and strikeouts (193).

Yorkville, South Carolina

A "band" of Cherokee native Americans from the Carlisle Industrial School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, and a local team from Yorkville, South Carolina, play a doubleheader, with the second game being played under the lights.

PLAY BASEBALL AT NIGHT

**Cherokee Indians and Yorkville Team
Pull Off Game on Brightly Lighted
Grounds.**

Special to The State

Yorkville, July 27.—A fine game of baseball was played here on the graded school diamond yesterday afternoon between a band of Cherokee Indians from Carlisle school and the local team. The Indians won by a score of 17 to 7 but the locals put up a strong fight and did some fine playing.

At night the grounds were brightly lighted and a game was played by these teams, using a larger and softer ball, the work being mostly within the diamond. The afternoon game was witnessed by a large crowd, but on account of a slight rain there were not so many out at night.

The local team, managed by Prof J Harvey Witherapoon, superintendent of the graded school, received one-fourth of the gate receipts, amounting to \$555, which will help the team out very much.

The Indians did some fine playing, and the home team also did well, and with more experience they would rank with the best.

ing team in question is probably a semi-pro team from Albany, Georgia. The July 27 edition of the Atlanta Constitution reports that an Albany semi-pro team, strengthened by the addition of former Cracker first baseman Dick Rohn, is playing in Americus.

Both games are played on the local high school field, with the nightcap contested on grounds that "were brightly lighted" and with a ball that is both "larger and softer".

The Carlisle team wins the opener 17-7 before a large crowd. A rain-storm keeps the attendance down for the second game.

Americus, Georgia

We don't know exactly what happened that afternoon in Americus, but we do know is that city policeman William Tinsley, while attempting to arrest James Pope, a railway conductor, is prevented from doing so when a group of "visiting" baseball players draw their guns in defense of Pope ... Americus did not have a minor league team in 1909, but did field a very talented amateur team named the Americus Champs. The visit-

A 21-INNING GAME

In Which Umpire Calls Time to Borrow a Chew of Tobacco.

McPherson, Kan., July 27.—Umpire "Mickie" Cleary set a world's record for himself to-day when he called time in the eighteenth inning of a twenty-one inning game between McPherson and Lyons, of the Kansas State League, and appealed to a friend in the grand stand for a chew of tobacco. Mickie got a handful of "hay," as he called it, shoved it to one side of his mouth and then shouted "batter up." The crowd howled with delight at the sight. Lyons won by the score of 2 to 1. McPherson scored in the fourth inning by an error. Laganaur pitched the first 17 innings without hitting or walking a man. He then asked to be relieved. Brannon, on third, made sensational stops twice, and Ferrine a feature by making a double play on third base unassisted. The game was fast and played in 2.50. The score:

Lyons:		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Kneaves, ss.	9	0	3	3	6	0	0
Manda, 3b.	9	1	1	6	3	2	0
Riggert, lf.	9	1	2	6	0	3	0
Wolsner, cf.	9	0	2	4	1	0	0
Bankhead, 2b.	9	0	3	3	3	2	0
Powers, rf.	9	0	2	4	0	0	0
Brannon, c.	8	0	1	13	0	0	0
Turgeon, lb.	8	0	3	22	0	0	0
Hassler, p.	8	0	1	5	5	1	0
Totals	78	2	16	63	22	8	0
McPherson:		AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Waller, lf.	9	1	2	4	0	0	0
Parony, 3b.	9	0	0	1	0	0	0
Hulshay, cf.	9	0	2	0	0	0	0
Killroy, of.	9	0	3	2	0	0	0
Green, lb.	9	0	1	10	0	0	0
Brannon, 3b.	8	0	0	3	5	0	0
Bates, 2b.	8	0	0	10	1	0	0
Cloherly, c.	9	0	0	12	0	1	0
Laganaur, p.	6	0	1	0	5	0	0
Rouff, p.	2	0	0	0	3	0	0
Totals	50	1	9	68	27	1	0

Score by Inning:
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 Lyons . . . 000 000 001 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000

Summary: Two base hits; Green; Wolsner. Struck out, by Laganaur 6, by Rouff 5, by Hassler 11. Bases on balls, off Hassler 3. Umpire—Graham. Time—3:10. Ground soft.

DIAMOND DESPERADOS

BALL PLAYERS RESIST AMERICUS POLICEMEN!

Prevent Officers From Arresting Ball
way Conductor for Fight With
Member of Force.

Americus, Ga July 27.—Following a hand-to-hand fight this afternoon between Policeman William Tinsley and James Pope, a railway conductor in which each received serious injuries visiting baseball players drew revolver and prevented officers arresting Pope. When Tinsley attempted to arrest Pope on a trivial charge the latter resisted and the officer clubbed the conductor who threw Tinsley to the ground so violently that he suffered a broken shoulder. Warrants have been issued for the baseball players who prevented Pope's arrest.