

## RAN AWAY LIKE CURS.

The Giants Decline to Play  
and Our Sluggers  
Get the Game.

## DECISION OF THE UMPIRE.

Boston's Champions Are Once More  
Downed at Cleveland.

## A GOOD DAY FOR THE BROWNS.

Longstreet, the Brooklyn Favorite, Shows  
Up Well in Practice.

## GOSSIP ABOUT THE KENTUCKY DERBY

Our slugs were given yesterday afternoon at the easiest victory they have had this season. Umire Macular gave them a game 9 to 0 which means that they did not turn a hair for it. To be sure, the victory awarded them a defeat must be recorded against the New York team, and it is likely that the umpire's decision will stand.

There was a time in the history of baseball when the New York team were justly called giants. They were so, comparatively speaking, in stature and certainly in playing ability, but that time has gone and today New York City is represented by the worst aggregation of ball players that has come from that city in many years.

### They Acted Like Children.

But along with their poor form as players they acted like children yesterday and disgruntled about 500 people who went to Exposition Park to see a ball game. They left the grounds in the most unbecoming manner and without the least semblance of a reasonable cause. During the morning a drizzling rain had been falling, but about noon it failed and rained no more until about 4 o'clock. At that time both teams were on the field again and the drizzle falling was very slight indeed. It did not cause an occupant of the "bleachers" to move. At six minutes after 4 o'clock it was perfectly fair, and at that time the alleged Giants had left the grounds and were crowding themselves into a little bus. Umpire Macular prevailed on them to stay and play the game out, and some of the men who had left the grounds and were more returned, but the wise managers of the team insisted on "clearing out" and clear out they did. Umpire Macular was so earnest in the matter that he rushed out the entrance gate and stopped the runaways on the street and again tried to induce them to act like men. But they would have none of it.

### What Mr. Powers Claimed.

Manger Powers claimed that the game was fixed to start at 4 o'clock and that rain prevented it from starting then. Therefore, he claimed, the game was legally postponed. All the inclemencies in the world could not cause Mr. Powers to take his team out of the field. Defeat, in his opinion, was too certain.

"If the nine of a club fail to appear upon a field, or being upon the field fail to begin a game within five minutes after the umpire has called 'play,' at the hour appointed for the beginning of the game, unless such delay in appearing or commencing the game be unavoidable," the game shall be forfeited.

### The Force of the Rule.

That rule leaves little doubt as to the soundness of Umpire Macular's decision. The commencement of the game was delayed four or five minutes by an unavoidable cause, viz., rain, and by all means the New York team were in duty bound to remain on the field until some understanding had been struck up with the manager. If they were on the field when not a drop of rain was falling and if the rule does not allow a rain shower an unavoidable cause for delay, it is very difficult to find out what is considered such when both teams are on the field.

But Umpire Macular was prompted to his decision by a higher motive than rewarding a victory to a team. He had the public to protect and the 500 people who went to see the game had a right to be considered.

### Umpire Macular's Contention.

As Mr. Macular pointed out, the spirit of baseball rules is to take care of and keep good faith with the public. If teams can be compelled to leave the grounds and leave abruptly and without any reasonable explanation and because a few drops of rain come down at a certain minute, there will be absolutely no guarantee at all that the public will not be fooled.

### Why Bradcock Is Happy.

BRADDOCK, May 10.—The formal opening of the baseball season will take place here Saturday in Union Park. The All Americans, of Homestead, will play the home team, the Young Americans. The two clubs will be assisted by the grand old Edna Thomson Band, where Superintendent Schwab, of the Edgar Thomson plant, will make an address before the opening of the game.

Mr. Schubert, who presented the home club with new uniforms, will also be in attendance.

**Players Double plays—Fouts and Brothers; Dahmen, Cooney and Canavan. First base on balls—Luby, 2; Hart, 1. Out: 1. Foul: Struck out—By Luby, 2; by Fouts, 1. Time of game—Two hours and 15 minutes. Umpire—Lynch.**

### Two for the Browns.

ST. LOUIS, May 10.—It was a cold day and the St. Louis Browns defeated the Indianapolis Indians in the first game. The game belonged to the Browns because they clearly outfielded and outbatted their opponents.

In the second game the Browns got onto Thornton in the first innings and pounded him out of the box. Weyhing was substituted, and, after pitching a couple of interesting innings, he was relieved. It did not quite overtake St. Louis' lead. Attendance, 1,500. Score:

### FIRST GAME.

ST. LOUIS.	R	B	F	P	A	PHILA.	R	B	F	P	A
Crooks, 2.....	1	0	0	0	2	Hamilton, 1.....	1	0	1	0	0
Carroll, 1.....	1	2	0	0	0	Holloman, 2.....	1	1	2	5	1
Wesden, 1.....	2	2	0	0	0	Connell, 1.....	0	1	0	0	1
Garrison, 0.....	0	1	5	3	0	Connell, 1.....	0	1	0	0	1
Cartwright, 1.....	1	1	2	0	0	Cross, m.....	0	1	0	0	1
Brooks, 0.....	0	0	1	0	0	Connell, 1.....	0	1	0	0	1
Stricker, p.....	0	1	0	0	0	Allen, 1.....	0	1	1	0	1
Buckley, C.....	0	0	4	0	0	Carney, p.....	0	0	1	0	1
Total.....	8	27	1	0	0	Total.....	4	7	27	1	3

### SECOND GAME.

ST. LOUIS.	R	B	F	P	A	PHILA.	R	B	F	P	A
Crooks, 2.....	1	0	0	0	2	Hamilton, 1.....	1	0	1	0	0
Carroll, 1.....	1	0	1	0	0	Holloman, 2.....	1	1	2	5	1
Wesden, 1.....	2	2	0	0	0	Connell, 1.....	0	1	0	0	1
Garrison, 0.....	0	1	5	3	0	Connell, 1.....	0	1	0	0	1
Cartwright, 1.....	1	1	2	0	0	Cross, m.....	0	1	0	0	1
Brooks, 0.....	0	0	1	0	0	Connell, 1.....	0	1	0	0	1
Stricker, p.....	0	1	0	0	0	Allen, 1.....	0	1	1	0	1
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### Everything Looks Bright for To-Day's Kentucky Derby at Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, May 10.—[Special.]—The weather was very gloomy at noon to-day and it seemed almost as though the race would be called off.

CHALLENGE is to be issued to Ed Smith to fight George Greggans for a purse of \$1,000.

CHALMERS, of the Cincinnati Athletic Club, will enter for the \$1,000 purse.

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