

SPRUDELS BREAK EVEN.

"Steel Arm" Taylor Takes First Game and "Rube" Second—Gossip of the Field.

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Special to THE FREEMAN:

CHICAGO, Ill., July 30.—It was an awful big surprise to see the West Baden Sprudels win the first game, against the American Giants. The first of the two games was played on Sunday, and a big crowd witnessed the contest.

"Steel Arm" John Taylor, the man who uses his foot in a mysterious way, did the pitching for the visitors. He put up a splendid article of ball and entertained the crowd immensely. Wickwear was the

opposing slabsman, and did good work at the mound; but Mr. Taylor fanned out Pierce and Lindsey just at the right moment and closed the game with a score of 7 to 6 in favor of the Sprudels.

The Giants, who have made a reputation for winning in the ninth inning, made two scores, but lacked the one to tie and two to win. They made several sensational efforts to become victorious, but with no avail. Rube Foster did some good batting, as did Hill and Duncan.

The score:

Sprudels—	R	H	PO	A	E
Shively, lf.....	2	3	2	0	1
Brown, cf.....	0	1	2	0	0
Moss, 2b.....	2	1	2	2	0
J. A. Taylor, 3b.....	0	3	3	2	0
Lewis, 1b.....	0	2	12	0	1
McMurray, c.....	1	0	4	0	
Clark, ss.....	0	0	2	2	1
Bingham, rf.....	2	3	0	0	0
J. B. Taylor, p.....	0	1	0	5	0
Totals	7	14	27	11	3
American Giants—	R	H	PO	A	E
Barber, ss.....	1	1	3	1	1
Hill, cf.....	2	2	2	1	0
Duncan, lf.....	2	3	0	0	0
Monroe, 2b.....	0	0	1	1	0
Pierce, c.....	0	1	10	9	1
Fister, 1b.....	0	2	9	1	0
Lindsay, cf.....	0	0	1	0	0
Dougherty, cf.....	0	0	0	0	0
Payne, rf.....	1	1	1	0	0
Wickwarg, p.....	0	1	0	1	1
Totals	6	11	24	14	3
Sprudels	0	0	3	0	1
Giants	1	0	0	0	2

Two-base Hits—Shively, Moss, Hill (2), Foster, Duncan. Three-base Hit—Pierce. Struck Out—By Taylor, 2; by Wickware, 9. Bases on Balls—Off Wickware, 4. Umpires—Goeckel and Dane. Time—2:20.

Foster Wins His Game.

The American Giants won the second game of the series with the Sprudels of West Baden Springs, Ind. Rube Foster was determined that the visitors should not win both games, so the sturdy Roman pitched himself. Foster struck out seven men, and Miller only one. Rube had the boys at his mercy and could have shut them out but for an error. There was some sensational fielding by both teams. A large crowd witnessed the home boys win with a score of 7 to 1.

The score:

Sprudels—	R	H	PO	A	E
Shively, lf.....	1	1	3	0	1
Brown, cf.....	0	1	3	0	0
Moss, 2b.....	0	1	3	1	0
J. A. Taylor, 3b.....	0	0	1	1	0
Lewis, 1b.....	0	0	5	0	0
O'Neill, c.....	0	1	3	2	0
Clark, ss.....	0	0	5	2	0
Bingham, rf.....	0	0	0	0	0
C. D. Taylor, rf.....	0	0	1	0	0
Miller, p.....	0	1	0	0	0
J. B. Taylor, p.....	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	5	24	6	1
American Giants—	R	H	PO	A	E
Barber, ss.....	1	1	0	0	1
Hill, 3b.....	3	3	0	1	0
Duncan, lf.....	2	2	4	1	0
Monroe, 2b.....	0	1	1	2	0
Pierce, c.....	1	1	9	0	1
Gatewood, 1b.....	0	1	7	1	1
Foster, p.....	0	0	0	2	0
Lindsay, cf.....	0	0	4	0	0
Payne, rf.....	0	1	2	0	0
Totals	7	10	27	7	3
Sprudels	1	0	0	0	0
Giants	1	0	2	0	0

Two-base Hit—Duncan. Three-base
Hit—Shively. Double Play—Duncan to
Gatewood. Struck Out—By Foster, 7; by
Miller, 1; by Taylor, 2. Bases on Balls

—Off Foster, 1; off Miller, 4. Under—
Fyfe? Time—1:40.

Baseball Gossip.

The St. Louis Giants left Monday for a
tour in the East. They may return by
way of Chicago.

Walter Ball was determined not to be
outclassed in not winning a game in Chi-
cago. Luck was against Walter with the
Giants, but he won his game Monday
against the U. S. Leaguers by a score of
10 to 5.

The St. Louis Giants had more rooters
than any other team that has ever visited
Chicago. Chapple Johnson and Walter
Ball are very popular young men in Chi-
cago. Ball struck out seven men on Mon-
day at Gunther's park.

The Cuban Stars will arrive in the city
on Saturday or before, and will play the
American Giants Saturday afternoon at
Schorling's park. They will play Sunday
and will probably have other games.

"Steel Arm" Taylor was a mighty big
drawing card at Schorling's park last
Sunday. Johnnie throws a ball that is
past finding by the average batter.

J. A. Taylor, who has been helping
Foster's team at third, returned to his
old team on Sunday and gathered three
hits off Wickware, his second hit in the
third inning scoring two runs.

The Chicago Giants gave the West
Enders a hard tussle and were not beaten
until the last half of the ninth inning,
when three hits and a stolen base caused
their downfall. The winning combination
was a stolen base and a single.

Fans are still talking about the game of last Sunday between the Sprudels and the American Giants, which resulted in a score of 7 to 6 in favor of the visitors. It was one of the best games seen at the park this season.

The women who have made themselves so obnoxious at the ball games recently were not so noisy the last two games. Perhaps some of their friends have told them how "naughty" they appeared in the eyes of others.

The Union Giants are still winning; in fact, we seldom see an account of where they lose.

Ladies continue to "go big" week days, but they also come out on Sundays. There is never a box vacant.

Harry Brown, the well-known vaudeville man, was at the game Tuesday, pulling for the Indianians; but, "nothing doing" for Harry.

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