

**GOPHERS BEAT WONDERS
FOR THREE GAMES**

Miners Unable to Stop March of Minnesotans and Lose Series—London Big Winner.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

BUXTON, Ia.—The champion Colored Gophers, of St. Paul, Minn., won all three games of the series here, just closed, against the crack Buxton Wonders Baseball Club. In Friday's game "Steel Arm" Johnnie Taylor was a complete enigma to the Buxton boys, and the Gophers won easily, 5 to 0. London, the three-fingered wonder, twirled Saturday's game, letting the Buxton boys down with one hit—a three-base drive in the ninth inning. The Gophers pounded Carter unmercifully, as the final count shows—13 to 2.

Sunday's game developed into a great pitcher's battle between Johnnie Davis, for the Gophers, and clever little "Lefty" Pangborn, for the Wonders. Those present witnessed some of the cleverest twirling seen on the local diamond this season. The support accorded both pitchers was exceptionally brilliant, and at the end of the ninth the score stood 2 to 2, but in the tenth the Gophers went two to the good by some heavy hitting by Wallace, Taylor and Bobby Marshall. The local team failed to reach first in their half, and the game went to the Gophers, 4 to 2. The scores:

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| Friday's game— | R.H.E. |
| Gophers | 1 0 0 0 0 0 3 0 1—5 10 0 |
| Wonders | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0 4 0 |

Batteries—Taylor and McMurray; Pangborn and Rockfeller.

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| Saturday's game— | | | | | | | | | | R.H.E. | | | | |
| Gophers | | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 0 | — | 13 | 15 | 1 |
| Wonders | | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 2 | 1 | 3 |

Batteries—London and McMurray; Carter and Rockfeller.

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| Sunday's game— | | | | | | | | | | R.H.E. | | | | |
| Gophers | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2— | 4 | 8 | 1 |
| Wonders | | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 2 | 6 | 1 |

Batteries—Davis and McMurray; Pangborn and Wallace.

Notes from the Champion Colored Gophers.

Willie McMurray, the St. Louis boy, is catching the game of his life and is hitting like a demon.

Little Felix Wallace, with his hitting, clever base running and sensational fielding, is a big hit all over the circuit.

On our tour of Iowa, which will last about three weeks, we are meeting with much success, and have won fourteen of the sixteen games played up to date.

Davis, London and Taylor, the Gophers' great trio of twirlers, are pitching great ball, "Steel Arm" Johnnie having lost only two games all season, one to Callahan's Logan Squares and one to the Leland Giants.

NATIONALS SLAUGHTERED.

FRENCH LICK, Ind.—To the tune of 16 to 0, the Bedford Nationals went down in defeat before the hard-hitting Plutos, Sunday. The feature of the game was a triple

play with three men on bases. Batteries—(Plutos) Alexander and Watts; (Bedford) Williams and Thomas.

CUBS PILE UP BIG SCORES.

Cincys, of Cleveland, Overwhelmingly Defeated in Double Header.

By Jesse Palmer.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Of all the games of ball played, the Cincys, of Cleveland, fared the worst in a double-header, which was on the program. Two thousand five hundred rooters were on hand, expecting to see an interesting game, but instead they saw the Cubs slaughter four of Cincy's pitchers. The crowd, forgetting their disappointment, en-

joyed the slaughter of the innocents. The Cubs made thirteen hits and a total of twenty-one bases in the first game, and twelve hits, with a total of twenty-four bases, in the second. Tony, the Cubs' new center fielder, was the bright, shining star by making a home run, with three men on bases. He is a speedy base runner. The scores:

| | R. | H. | E. |
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| Cincys | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Lou. Cubs..... | 7 | 0 | 1 |

Batteries—Bateres and Buck, West and Mitchell. Two-base hits—Toney, Ruckenthal, West, Flemming. Three-base hits—

Pugh, Schlever. Home run—Toney. Struck out—By West, 5. Hit by pitcher—Pugh, Collins, Mitchell. Bases on balls—Off Bateres, 4; off West, 3. Time—2:05. Umpire—Nutter.

Second game—

| | | | | | | | | | | R.H.E. |
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| Cincys | | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0—5 7 8 |
| Lou. Cubs. | | 0 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | *—14 12 3 |

Batteries—Davis and Slimer; Martin and Buck. Two-base hits—Briscoe, Toney. Three-base hits—West (2), Pugh, Toney. Home runs—Sliemr, Toney, Collins. Double play—Creager to Slimer to Murphy. Struck out—By Martin, 4; by Davis, 2. Bases on balls—Off Martin, 2; off Davis, 4. Passed ball—Buck. Time—2:00. Umpire—Nutter. Attendance—2,500.

Notes of the Games.

Little Mitchell is still in the game.

Say, Rob, old fellow, get a move on you.

Captain Wallace played his usual steady game.

Sorry that Watson got hurt. Oh, well, we have Pugh and Toney.

West and Martin only toyed with the Cincys. Both batted in good form.

Next Saturday and Sunday, August 28-29, the St. Louis Giants will play the Cubs.

Pugh's throwing is certainly good, and his batting and base running will help win many games.

Briscoe is still playing gilt-edge ball in left, and hits with a regularity that pleases his friends.

Collins, by throwing the runner out on a right field hit, did a fast bit of fielding, and also made a home run.

Hats off to Booker. The old Roman gave the finest exhibition of first base playing seen here this season.

Toney's playing must be gratifying to his many admirers. His fielding is perfect, and his batting strikes terror to the heart of any pitcher.

SLUGGERS MAKING GOOD.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

SPARTANBURG, S. C.—Greenville crossed bats with the Spartanburg Sluggers here Monday afternoon in a double-header. The Sluggers, by their superior and all-around good playing, defeated the Stars in both contests. Jack Hamilton, the crack pitcher of the Sluggers, was on the mound, and the Stars never had a look in or hope for victory. The Sluggers have wone fifteen out of seventeen games played this year.

PENSACOLAS LOSE TO GIANTS.

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PENSACOLA, Fla.—Pensacola was defeated Wednesday by the Birmingham Giants. B. Taylor, the Giants' southpaw, was on the mound, and showed great form. He allowed the Floridans but three scattered hits. The local team is fast, but could not blockade the Giants' pathway.

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