

# GOPHERS AGAIN WIN, IN A WILD, WOOLLY EXHIBITION

**Locals Hit Garrison for Eleven Solid Wallops, but for Most  
Part Threw Away Game by Wooden-Headed  
Base Running.**



The baseball game last evening  
between the locals and the Colored

Gophers was one of those affairs concerning which it is but charitable on the part of the Pioneer to speak gently of the shortcomings of the Bemidji players, whose lack of practice made them (at least most of them) perform like a scared lot of school boys.

The Gophers won the game, without half trying, by a score of 10 to 5, and with anything like fair support to the pitcher, the locals could have made the contest an exceedingly interesting one to the visiting colored men, who played altogether different from the snappy game which they put up Sunday afternoon. The final score was 10 to 5, in favor of the Gophers, and the visitors had nothing to swell up about in

getting the long end of the score.

"Monte" Brown pitched most of the game for Bemidji. This was his first appearance in the "box" in two years, and he had thrown but half a dozen balls prior to the game. He had fair control, and when the balls "broke right" for him, the colored boys had some trouble connecting with the horsehide. With anything like fair support he would have held the darky sluggers to but few scores.

Gallagher, the much-touted ex-Northern league catcher, was affected by the heat of the sun yesterday and was unable to catch, Eckel going in behind the plate. "The kid" caught a fair game, but was, like the majority of the other players, frightened, and his work was slow.

Garrison pitched for the Gophers, and he was given rather a warm reception, the locals getting eleven hits off his delivery, one a two-bagger by Collins. But for a heart-rending exhibition of "bonehead" base running, Bemidji would have had at least four more runs. It was painful to the loyal fan. Garrison struck out five, while Brown and Baumgardner "fanned" nine of the darkies.

The Bemidji "fans" are somewhat disgruntled over the poor showing which the Bemidji team, as a whole, has made during the two games played against the Gophers, and in all kindness to the players who wear uniforms for Bemidji, we are entitled to better ball. The Pioneer does not desire to "roast" any individual player, but we are informed that

the players have been paid for the most part for their playing each game, and if that is true patrons of the games are entitled to better exhibitions.

The lack of team work and heady playing is due in a large measure to the fact that the players simply will not practice. But few of the members of the team go near the ball ground at any time during the week. They are on hand when the game is called and when the uniforms are removed they keep away from the park.

Brace up, boys, and show the "fans" what you can do. There are some excellent players in Bemidji, and with practice no team hereabouts has any licence to get away with any game. Practice for the games July

**4th amd 5th, and the fans will all be  
with you.**

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