

Indianapolis Defeats Monarchs 8-5 in Opener

By bunching hits in the fourteenth inning the Indianapolis A. B. C. national negro baseball club won the opening game of the series with the Kansas City Monarchs at Association park yesterday, 8 to 5.

Crawford, who started on the mound for the Monarchs, hurled steady ball for five frames, but weakened in the sixth and allowed the visitors to score three runs. Currie, who replaced Crawford on the mound, held the Indianapolis crowd to a pair of base knocks up until the fourteenth chapter, when the visitors staged their winning attack.

Jeffries, who pitched for the visitors, was nipped for a trio of runs in the second inning, but steadied himself and pitched splendid ball during the remainder of the contest.

The game was preceded by a parade, while the first ball was heaved by Judge Miles Bulger. Donaldson or Currie will pitch for the Monarchs today, while Dismkes or Johnson will take the firing line for Indianapolis. Score:

KANSAS CITY					INDIANAPOLIS						
A	B	H	O	A	A	B	H	O	A		
Port'nda,ss	5	0	3	4	0	Shinely,lf...	7	2	5	1	0
McNear,lf	7	4	1	0	0	Clark,ss....	6	2	0	6	0
Donaldson,cf	6	1	1	0	0	Charlston,cf	6	1	5	0	0
Carr,lf...	6	1	2	0	0	B.Taylor,lf	7	4	1	1	0
Washington,rf	5	3	3	0	1	Jefferson,rf	7	3	1	0	0
Mitchell,3b.	5	0	3	4	0	DeWitt,2b..	6	2	4	2	1
Houston,2b	5	3	1	3	1	Day,3b.....	6	3	3	7	0
Rodriguez,c	5	1	9	2	1	Powell,c....	6	1	4	0	0
Crawford,p.	3	9	0	4	0	Jeffries,p...	6	1	1	4	0
Currie,p...	3	2	0	1	0						
Totals...	50	15	42	18	3	Totals...	57	16	42	21	1

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Hits and earned runs—Off Currie, 7 and 2 in 9 innings; off Crawford, 9 and 4 in 5 innings; off Jeffries, 15 and 5. Two-base hits—McNear, Washington, Donaldson, B. Taylor 3, DeWitt, Shinely, Charlston. Home run—Rodriguez. Stolen bases—Clark, Day, Shinely. Sacrifice hits—Mitchell, Carr, Shinely, Donaldson, Rodriguez, DeWitt. Double play—Day, unassisted. Left on bases—Kansas City 11, Indianapolis 10. Struck out—By Crawford 4, by Currie 3, by Jeffries 4. Bases on balls—Off Crawford 2, off Currie none, off Jeffries 2. Hit by pitcher—By Jeffries (Rodriguez, Washington). Time of game—2:46. Umpire—Rue.

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Game played May 29, 1920 at Kansas City, MO

**Indianapolis A. B. C.s Won the Series
 opener in Fourteenth, 4 to 3.**

The Indianapolis A. B. C.s won the opening game of the Negro National Football League here yesterday afternoon from the Kansas City Monarchs in fourteen innings, 4 to 3. The game was played at Association park.

The Monarchs were leading, 4 to 0, until the sixth inning, when the Indianapolis boys showed over them. They jumped into the lead in the seventh by sending home plate twice. The Monarchs tied the score in the last half of the ninth on Washington's single. From then on it was a pitchers' battle between "Lefty" Jeffries and "Rube" Ensign, who pitched Crawford in the ninth.

The holding of Crawford was a feature. He saved the game for the visitors in the tenth inning by making a sensational rapping catch of McNair's drive. There were two Monarchs on base at the time.

Five hits and two errors gave Indianapolis the game in the fourteenth.

The game was preceded by a parade in which there were one hundred motor cars and a band. A band played at the park. The teams will meet again this afternoon. John Davidson of Chicago will work for the Monarchs. Dickerson of Johnson City will pitch for Indianapolis. The game will start at 7 o'clock. The score:

K. C. MONARCHS					INDIANAPOLIS A. B. C.s					
A	B	R	E	O	A	A	R	R	E	O
Portanda	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
McNair	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Carr	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Washburn	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
McNair	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Houston	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rodriguez	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Crawford	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Carroll	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	51	0	0	0	51	8	14	43	20	20

The score by innings:

Indianapolis A. B. C.s... 0 0 0 0 0 5 2 0 0 0 0 0 1-8
 K. C. Monarchs... 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0-3

The summary: Errors—Washington, Houston, Rodriguez, DeWitt. Stolen bases—Clark, Day. Sacrifice hits—Donaldson, Carr, McNeil, Rodriguez, DeWitt. Two base hits—D. Taylor, J. Davidson. DeWitt, Clark, McNair, Donaldson. Home runs—Rodriguez. Double play—Day (assisted). Hits—By Crawford, 2 in eight innings, off Christie 7 in six innings. Struck out—By Crawford, 2, by Christie, 2, by Jeffries, 4. Bases on balls—Off Crawford, 2, off Jeffries, 2. Hit by pitched ball—Portanda and Washington by Jeffries. Time of game—2 hours. Umpires—Haw.

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