

# KANSAS CITY OPENING REACHES THE CREST

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Kansas City, Mo., June 4.—Smarting under the sting of the big noise over opening baseball events staged by other cities, Q. J. Gilmore and Harry St. Clalga, boss boosters of this city, took hold of the opening blow-off carded here and nudged the affairs to a height that will stand for many a moon as a high water mark for the debut day tooters to shoot at. The long line of parade hopped off promptly at 1 p. m., and besides one of the very best bands ever heard in an event of this kind, there were exactly 150 gas, electric and otherwise propelled cars in the line, every one owned by a Race man. Fully fifty more were picked up enroute. After a spin for the ball park, the blare of the band dragged fully several thousand wildly enthused baseball bugs along with it. It was some crowd for a Saturday, and they were treated to some ball

game. The contest went fourteen innings and there was a thrill for every inning. Aside from the pitching of Jeffries, who stepped the full route for the Indiana crew, the playing of Chapman, Ben Taylor and Third baseman Day stuck away out in front in the production of the thrill stuff. The Monarchs have taken a prominent part in three opening events, winning at St. Louis, at Indianapolis and setting a dizzy pace for eleven innings against the American Giants before they succumbed to the wily Foster crowd. In their home debut they made a strong bid for the honors, getting off three runs to the Jerry in the second stanza, the result of three blows, one a circuit clout by Rodriguez; they held the lead until the sixth, the Hoosiers being blanked all the way. However, in the sixth stanza, three hits and a few other things netted the Taylor crowd three runs. The K. C.'s boosted theirs one more run in the fifth while in the seventh the Indianapolis annexed two and went into the lead. The K. C.'s pulled up to even scores in the ninth and the game remained a deadlock affair until the



fourteenth. In the meantime, Day, for the visitors, gave out the greatest exhibition of third base play ever seen on any ball ground, while Charleston clearly demonstrated that he has few equals as a fielder, pulling down two drives that were sensational in accomplishment, thereby saving the game upon each feat for the A. B. C's. Ben Taylor secured five hits in six times at bat, but little McNair gave him a hot chase for the honors. Crawford, who started for the home team, was lifted in the ninth frame and "Rube" Currie worked in grand style until the fourteenth, when an avalanche of hits netted the A's four runs and the game. The score:

S. O. MONARCHS					IND'APOLIS A. B. C'S				
	R	H	PO	A		R	H	PO	A
Portanda, ss.	0	0	3	0	Shively, lf.	0	2	1	0
McNair, lf.	2	4	1	0	Clark, ss.	3	2	0	3
Donna's'n, cf.	0	1	1	0	Charl'st'n, cf.	2	1	5	1
Carry, 1b	0	1	21	0	B. Taylor, 1b	3	4	16	1
Wagon's'n, rf.	1	6	3	0	Jefferson, rf.	0	3	5	0
McNeill, 3b.	0	0	3	0	DeWitt, 2b.	0	2	4	2
Hodgeson, 2b.	1	3	2	3	Day, 3b.	0	0	3	8
Rodriguez, c.	1	1	8	2	Powell, c.	1	1	7	1
Crawford, p.	0	0	0	4	Jefferies, p.	0	1	1	4
Currie, p.	0	2	0	2					
Totals...	5	15	43	24	Totals...	5	16	43	20

The score by innings:  
Ind. A. B. C.'s. 0 0 0 0 0 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 3—8  
K. C. Monarchs. 0 3 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0—5  
Hitters—Washington, Houston, Rodriguez, De-  
Witt. Stolen bases—Clark 2, Day. Sacrifice  
hits—Donaldson, Carr, Mothell, Rodriguez, De-  
Witt. Two-base hits—B. Taylor 3, Charleston,  
DeWitt, Clark, McNair, Donaldson. Home run  
—Rodriguez. Double play—Day (unassisted).  
Hit—Off Crawford, 9 in 8 innings; off Currie;  
2 in 6 innings. Struck out—By Crawford, 5;  
by Currie, 3; by Jefferies, 4. Bases on balls  
—By Crawford, 2; off Jefferies, 2. Hit by  
pitched ball—Portunda and Washington by Jef-  
feries. Time of game—2 hours. Umpire—Rue.

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