

OUT-DOOR SPORTS.

Base Ball.

EXCELSIOR VS. ATLANTIC—THE EXCELSIORS VICTORIOUS—THE CHAMPION CLUB BEATEN.

For some weeks past, the Base Ball fraternity have been anxiously looking forward to this great contest, and on Thursday afternoon accordingly the borders of the Excelsior ground, at the foot of Court-street, Brooklyn, were thronged by an interested multitude, comprising not less than twelve thousand persons, a larger number than attended the great matches at Fashion Course. Amongst these were very many ladies, assembled from New-York and Brooklyn and remoter localities. Altogether the scene was one of unusual interest, for not only were the grounds thronged, but the neighboring house-tops were crowded with human beings, and even the masts and spars of the vessels lying near had their occupants. The arrangements were most admirable, no obstruction being offered to the fielders of either side, while ample accommodations were provided for the ladies. The Reporter's plank, it is true, might be lengthened on future occasions, or fictitious reporters should be excluded. The following is an account of the innings in detail:

Excelsior First Innings.—Pearsall led off with a good strike to centre field, on which he made his first base, and got to his third on a ball pitched over the catcher, and got in on Reynolds, who sent a favor to Hamilton at right field, which he took on the bound. J. Whiting sent a grounder past second base and got to his first, made his second on Holden, who sent one to right field for one base. Whiting got to his third and the ball passing the pitcher, he came home and Russell went to his second. Russell gave a fly tip to the catcher, which he took easily. Holden got to his third, where he was left, Brainerd tipping out.

Atlantic First Innings.—P. O'Brien went first to the bat, and at once gave a chance to Leggett, the pitcher, which that player declined to take, but the batter struck out after making a few fouls. Hamilton followed with a high fly tip and was disposed of by Leggett. R. Pierce came next, and after waiting some time sent a ball up, which was taken on the fly by Pearsall at first base. No run for the Atlantics.

Excelsior Second Innings.—Creighton put a ball to the right field, and was well caught on the fly by Hamilton. Flanly succeeded, and made a fine low strike, passed the third base and got to the first. Leggett sent a ball to short, who passed it to the first base, but being missed by Seinsoth, Leggett got there, and Flanly went to his third. On a wild throw Leggett got to third, and Flanly came home. Pearsall was out at the first, and Leggett came home on a pass. Reynolds, who followed, gave an easy chance to M. O'Brien at the third base and was missed; but Matty getting a repetition of the chance, accepted the favor gladly.

Atlantic Second Innings.—M. O'Brien was first in, and a short hit to pitcher, well passed to first, shortened his career. Price struck out without even making a tip. Smith sent a ball between first and second, and made his first, but getting off the base was caught napping by Pearsall.

Excelsior Third Innings.—J. Whiting gave a good chance for an out at the first, but Price muffed the ball and he made his base, the next striker making his first on a ball to third, and Russell sent these two home and made his third on a strike to right field. Brainerd and Creighton made their first on both balls to the left field, and worked around to the second and third, and came in on Flanly, who made a heavy strike to left field, neatly taken on the bound by P. O'Brien. Leggett gave a high chance to Joseph Oliver at centre field and was caught. Pearsall, the last one out, was intercepted at the first by a ball passed by John Oliver from second base.

Atlantic Third Innings.—Jo. Oliver got to his first on a short one near the first, and got to the second on a slight pass. John Oliver gave a skyrocket to left field, caught by Russell. Jo. Oliver then got to the third base, and Seinsoth, getting a ball up, was caught on the fly by Holden, who passed it wildly to the third, and Jo. Oliver made his run. P. O'Brien got to his second, but was left there by Hamilton being caught on the fly at the second by Holden.

Excelsior Fourth Innings.—Reynolds was out at the first on a ball passed by Jno. Oliver. J. Whiting made a pretty strike to left field, but only got to his first on it, and going to the second the ball was thrown past it, and another wild throw sent him home. Holden made his first on a low strike to centre-field and his second on Russell's hit to centre-field, Russell making his first. Russell being caught between the first and second, Holden got to the third and Russell escaped to the second. Jno. Oliver made another fine fly catch at centre-field from Brainerd, and Creighton made his third and sent Holden and Russell home by a heavy strike to the right field, but Flanly being caught on the fly by M. O'Brien at the third, Creighton did not complete the run.

Atlantic Fourth Innings.—Pierce was put out by Pearsall at the first, and Leggett made a neat catch from M. O'Brien and disposed of Price on another tip.

Excelsior Fifth Innings.—Leggett sent a ball to third, which went through the hands of P. O'Brien, who had replaced Matty, who had taken up the pitching. Pearsall sent a staver out of the field, which was foul, and on the next ball gave an easy fly chance to M. O'Brien, who again missed—Pearsall getting to the first and Leggett to the second. Pearsall was forced off the first, and put out at the second. Reynolds was out at the first very prettily, and Whiting got to the first on a strike which sent Leggett home. Holden was finely caught on the fly by John Oliver.

Atlantic Fifth Innings.—Smith made the first base on a good strike to the centre field, and got to the second on a partial pass. Joe Oliver was out at the first, on a ball from the catcher; John Oliver on a long fly by Russell, at left field, and Seinsoth on a ball passed from Holden to Pearsall at first, leaving Smith on the third.

Excelsior Sixth Innings.—Russell tipped out, and gave way to Brainerd, who sent a ball to short, which was badly passed to the first, the striker making the second base. Creighton was out by the short passing a ball to the first, and Flanly made a good strike to left field, which was well caught by Seinsoth.

Atlantic Sixth Innings.—P. O'Brien tipped out, giving place to Hamilton, who was caught on the fly by Reynolds at short. Pierce sent a ball through Whiting's legs at third base, and made his first and went to his second, where he was left by M. O'Brien, being caught by Leggett on a foul ball.

Excelsior Seventh Innings.—Leggett made the second base on a strike to short and a bad throw to first base, and Pearsall dropped a ball by the home base and got to the first. Both advanced a base on a pass and Reynolds sending a ball to P. O'Brien at short, who threw it over first base, Reynolds got to the second and the other two came home. Reynolds came home on a heavy strike of Whiting to left field on which he made his second. Russell was out at the first base and Brainerd made another heavy hit to left field, making his second. Creighton was badly missed on the fly by Joe Oliver at centre field and got to the first. Flanly sent a ball past short and made his first, Creighton going to the second and Brainerd coming home. Leggett was finely caught on the fly by P. O'Brien at left field, and by sharp play Creighton was out at the home base, the ball being splendidly thrown by Jno. Oliver from the second.

Atlantic Seventh Innings.—Price led off by a skyrocket, missed on the fly by Whiting, at the third, and made his first. Smith dropped one between short and left field, getting to the first, and sending Price to the second. A fine hit by Joe Oliver to right field, sent Price home, making the second run of the Atlantic game. Jno. Oliver gave a chance on the bound to the third base man, who missed it, threw the ball badly to the first, and Smith got home, Joe Oliver going to his third. Seinsoth tipped out, and P. O'Brien also tipped at the first strike, and Hamilton was well caught on the bound by Russell at left field, leaving the two Olivers on the bases.

Excelsior Eighth Innings.—Flanly began operations by a very heavy high hit to left field, but only succeeded in gaining his first, and made his third on a splendid strike by Leggett to centre-field, on which he got his second. Pearsall was out at the first, but his strike and a wild throw by Price, sent the other two home. Reynolds was also put out by short to the first. Whiting got to his first by a short hit, and Holder sending a good grounder past Hamilton, Whiting came home, and the latter made his second. Russell struck a ball to John Oliver at the second, but a bad throw to the first saved his life and gave him another base, Holder going to the third. Smith at short passed Brainerd's ball to the first, putting him out, thus leaving Russell and Holder on the base.

Atlantic Eighth Innings.—Pierce started the innings by sending a grounder between the first and second, on which he made a base, then got to the second and saw his third base for the first time, and on a slight pass got home with no time to spare. Creighton disposed of Matty O'Brien by a splendid bound catch, Matty having broken his bat with the strike. Price came next and was caught by Leggett on a fly tip. Smith secured his first on a centre field hit, and after waiting a long time at the first base gained his second, where he was left by a fly catch of Leggett from Joe Oliver.

Excelsior Ninth Innings.—Creighton, the first batter, was taken on the ground, by P. O'Brien, at left field, giving place to Flanly, who, after striking a few fouls, got a fair bat into P. O'Brien's domain, making a base. Leggett was out at first, but Price made another wild throw, and sent Flanly home. Pearsall gave a fly tip to Pierce, ending the "ins" of the Excelsiors.

Atlantic Ninth Innings.—John Oliver first handled the bat for the Atlantic, and at the second strike tipped out. Seinsoth was caught on the bound by Holden, and P. O'Brien was put out at the second also by Holden, thus terminating the match in favor of the Excelsior by the large but well-earned majority of 23 to 4.

In this match there can be no hesitancy in saying that the Atlantics were out-played in every point, their batting, though good, being far inferior to that of the Excelsior, and their fielding bearing no comparison. Had they fielded as well as usual the Excelsior score would have been reduced somewhat, but there can be no reasonable doubt that the victors are the stronger Club, and are well deserving of the title of champion.

On the Excelsior side PEARSALL manned the first base, and HOLDEN the second, in admirable style, and excepting one or two slight misses, their play was all that could be desired. REYNOLDS at short had little to do, but did it well; while RUSSELL was very efficient at left field, the other fielders having no opportunity of displaying their powers. LEGGETT caught with even more than his usual success, and his opponents were delayed on their journey round the bases by his unflagging vigilance, but to Creighton, the pitcher, must be awarded the highest praise, his pitching being the theme of universal commendation both for its swiftness and regularity. He has well earned the reputation of the most effective pitcher in this region. At the bat, Whiting, Holder, Leggett and Flanly particularly excelled, though all batted finely. On the Atlantic side the play was decidedly mixed, none being free

from misplays, but P. O'Brien deserves credit for three good catches, Pierce for some good play as catcher and at short, Smith for his excellence as short, Joe Oliver for two fine fly-catches, and Jno. Oliver for his activity at second base. At the bat, Smith, Joe Oliver and Pierce were most efficient.

The charge of keeping order during the match was placed in the hands of Mr. Wm. Young, who with the aid of the other members of the Excelsior Club, and with the cooperation of the members of the Atlantic Club, were rewarded by the universal approbation of all. Dr. Jones, President of the Excelsior Club, made one of his pertinent and pithy speeches at the entertainment which followed the match; he said that he received the ball with much pleasure, and hoped on the next occasion to receive another, &c.; he alluded to the good order preserved throughout the match, and attributed it to the cooperation of the Atlantics with the Excelsiors for that object; but on this great occasion he also had to thank base ball players of other clubs for their aid, who by that means had checked the loud expressions of feeling from outsiders, who were financially interested in the result. In alluding to betting, he said that although one New-York club had published resolutions of condemnation on the practice of betting, yet he was proud to say that many Brooklyn clubs had entered similar resolutions in their minute book.

The following is the score:

EXCELSIOR.	Outs.	Runs.	ATLANTIC.	Outs.	Runs.
Russell, 1st b.....	5		P. O'Brien, l. f.....	4	0
Reynolds, short... 5			Hamilton, r. f.....	4	0
Whiting, 3d b.....	0		Pierce, short.....	2	1
Holder, 2d b.....	1		M. O'Brien, 3d b....	4	0
Russell, l. f.....	3		Price, p.....	3	1
Brainerd, r. f.....	3		Smith, c.....	1	1
Creighton, p.....	4		Jas. Oliver, c. f....	2	1
Flanly, c. f.....	3		Jno. Oliver, 2d b....	3	0
Leggett, c.....	3		Seinsoth, 1st b.....	4	0
Total.....	23		Total.....	4	

RUNS IN EACH INNINGS.

	1st	2d	3d	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
Excelsior.....	2	5	3	1	0	6	3	1	23
Atlantic.....	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	4

UMPIRE—Mr. Wm. BARRE, of the Pastimes.
SCORES—Excelsior: Mr. S. S. GREGORY; Atlantic: Mr. Geo. W. MOORE.