

## BASE BALL.

### INAUGURATION OF THE UNION GROUNDS-- LOUISVILLE VS. CINCINNATI--CINCINNATI VICTORIOUS.

The inauguration of the Union Cricket and Base-Ball Grounds, at the foot of Laurel street, took place on Thursday afternoon, by a match game between the Cincinnati and Louisville Base-Ball Clubs, and was a decided success.

The grounds are situated west of Lincoln Park, and cover an area of eight acres, inclosed by a high fence. An excellent pavilion for the accommodation of spectators, together with a handsome house, containing several rooms for members of the Club, being erected right and left of the entrance on Laurel street. For the purpose of cricket and base ball these grounds are not equalled by any in the United States, being of ample size, level surface, and convenient to the Seventh-street cars. The grounds are occupied by the Union Cricket and Base Ball Clubs, who are the joint lessees for the term of eight years.

During the winter the grounds will be used as a skating park. Over ten thousand dollars have already been expended upon them this season, and a great many improvements will be made during the summer.

The game was announced to come off at 2 o'clock, but long before that hour hundreds of spectators were filling the ground, all anxious to see this, the finest game of base ball ever played in this city. Long before play was called every seat was taken, and standing-room even was at a premium. In our estimation between twenty-five hundred and three thousand people witnessed the game, among whom was a large number of the fair sex, who, as well as those of the male persuasion, were anxiously looking on, waiting the result. The members of the Louisville "nine" are fine, hearty-looking fellows, and deserving of great praise for their excellent playing. At 2:45, the Umpire, Mr. Brockway, called play, which was opened by the Cincinnati Club going to the bat. The first innings seemed to be favorable for the Louisville Club, but the Cincinnati boys put in their best strokes, and did not come out far behind. We have not space to give a full account of the game, but will give all we can. The play on both sides was exceedingly well done. The Louisville Club did some excellent playing—enough to convince the Cincinnati boys that they knew what they were about. On the part of the Cincinnati, the best playing was done by Messrs Harry Wright, Kemper, Ellard, Johnson, McLain and Howe, while the most striking part of the Louisville boys' playing was executed by Messrs. Booth, Dickens, Powell, and L. Robinson. The finest batting of the day was by Harry Wright, of the Cincinnati; and the finest catch by Johnston, of the same club. Mr. Dickens, of the Louisville Club, is the best "short stop" we have ever seen play, he being always at his post, and on the lookout for the ball. The arrangements of the day could not have been more satisfactory, to all parties. After the game was ended the Cincinnati boys gave three cheers for the Louisville Club, when the crowd dispersed and the Louisville Club was escorted to the steamboat in carriages. It will be seen by the following score that the Cincinnati Club were the winners of the match by thirty-six runs, the score standing, Cincinnati 60, Louisville 24. We give the score as copied from the books of the scorers:

CINCINNATI.		LOUISVILLE.	
	O. R.		O. R.
Wright, p.....	2 3	Cromwell, 3 b.....	1 4
Ellard, r f.....	5 6	Robinson L, 1 f.....	2 4
Howe, 1 b.....	1 8	Pope, 2 b.....	5 2
Neff, s s.....	5 4	Robinson A, c f.....	5 1
Johnston, 1 f.....	5 4	Brooks, c.....	5 1
Schwartz, 2 b.....	3 7	Booth, p.....	4 3
Kemper, 3 b.....	2 8	Lyman, 1 b.....	1 4
McLean, c.....	0 5	Dickens, s s.....	2 4
Crooks, c f.....	4 6	Powell, r f.....	2 1
Total.....	27 60	Total.....	27 24

INNINGS.										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total.
Cincinnati.....	3	3	5	17	10	5	2	8	7	60
Louisville.....	2	1	0	2	3	3	7	2	4	24

Flies Caught—Cincinnati—Howe, 1; Wright, 1; Schwartz, 4; Johnson, 1; Kemper, 1; McLean, 1. Total—12.  
Louisville—Cromwell, 2; Pope, 1; Booth, 3; Lyman, 1; Dickens, 3; Powell, 2. Total—11.  
Foul Balls Caught—Cincinnati—Wright, 1; Howe, 1; McLean, 3. Total—10.  
Louisville—Cromwell, 1; Booth, 1; Lyman, 1; Dickens, 7. Total—10.  
Flies Missed—Cincinnati—Wright, 1; Ellard, 2; Howe, 1; Kemper, 1. Total—3.  
Louisville—Pope, 3; Robinson, A., 4; Lyman, 1; Dickens, 1. Total—9.  
Passed Ball—Cincinnati—McLean, 4. Total—4.  
Louisville—Brooks, 5; Dickens, 5. Total—10.  
Out on Bases—Cincinnati—Ellard, 4; Howe, 1; Neff, 2; Johnson, 3; Schwartz, 1; Kemper, 2; Crooks, 2. Total—15.  
Louisville—Cromwell, 1; Robinson, A., 2; Brooks, 3; Booth, 1; Dickens, 2; Powell, 2. Total—11.  
Left on Bases—Cincinnati—Howe, 1; Neff, 2; Johnson, 1; McLean, 1. Total—3.  
Louisville—Cromwell, 1; Powell, 3. Total—4.  
Home Runs—Cincinnati—Wright, 4; Schwartz, 2. Total—6.  
Louisville—Robinson, H., 2. Total—2.  
Fouls Struck—Cincinnati—21. Louisville—16.  
Struck Out—Cincinnati—2.  
Umpire—J. R. Brockway, Live Oak.  
Scorers—Geo. Blanchard, Louisville Club; Frank Resor, Cincinnati.  
Time of Game—Three hours and ten minutes.  
—*Ch. Commercial*, 6th.