

**OUT-DOOR SPORTS—BASE BALL.**—The return game between the Cumberland and Rock City Clubs was played Saturday afternoon on the grounds of the latter, near the Suspension Bridge. The game was not as spirited as might have been expected, owing partly to the incli- gibility of the ground, which defect was augmented by a lack of judgment in laying off the field, so that the sun shone almost directly in front of the catcher and striker—places which should always have the benefit of shade—if there be any. The day was oppressively warm, but did not deter quite a large assemblage of those interested in the game from being present. It is evident that the game is becoming one of the most interesting recreations of the many that Nashville can boast of.

Below we give the score.  
 The playing of Mr. Buckley, of the Cumberland, in the left field, was exceedingly fine, he being as lively as a cricket and making some most creditable catches. Mr. Whitney, as catcher, displayed great skill, particularly in his "pick ups," which seems to be a specialty of his.

Norton, second base, and White, first, will, with a little more practice, make fine players. Norton stops nearly everything and throws a magnificent ball, while White sticks fast to everything coming near him. Sullivan, short stop, did not have a very fine field to play in, but nevertheless acquitted himself bravely.

Of the Rock City, Miller, on the first base, covered himself with honor, not missing a single ball thrown him. Wright, catcher, was as sprightly as ever, and made some very good throws to the bases. Flagg, with practice, will make a first-rate pitcher. He delivers the ball swiftly, and throws and catches well. All he lacks is regularity.

We must not neglect to mention the playing of West, who officiated in the capacity of short stop. He made most difficult catches, throwing himself about promiscuously, without regard to consequences.

The decisions of the umpire were given with great fairness, but lacked decisiveness, and should have been delivered a little more promptly. These defects will soon be overcome with a little more experience, it being a very novel and intricate position.

The national game has been nicely inaugurated, and has proved decidedly successful. Go forward, gentlemen, and improve. Cultivate gentlemanly and kind feelings among yourselves, and let your conduct on the field be such as not to prevent any lady from adorning the ground with her presence. Don't dispute the umpire, it is a source of great annoyance to every one; yield gracefully to every decision; a point which we were glad to see strenuously enforced by the Cumberland.

We would say to our base ball friends of Louisville and Chattanooga, that they must look well to their laurels or Nashville will outstrip some of them.

The "Silver Greys," a first class organization, have challenged the best nine Nashville affords, but we understand that this association boasts of so many knights of the treacher and such an array of talent in the "flowing bowl" line, that none can be found to cups with them.

CUMBERLAND.		ROCK CITY.	
R. O.	R. O.	R. O.	R. O.
Dickins, p.....	8 3	Flagg, I. F.....	3 4
Roll, 3d b.....	7 2	Wright, s.....	4 2
Euckley, I. F.....	5 5	Miller, 1st b.....	2 5
Whitney, c.....	9 2	Cassidy, 3d b.....	3 2
Shannon, c.....	10 1	Caslow, r. f.....	4 3
Sullivan, s.....	8 3	Crockett, 2d b.....	3 2
Hamilton, r. f.....	6 3	West, c.....	3 2
White, 1st b.....	6 3	Maloney, c. f.....	2 2
Norton, 2d b.....	5 4	Symms, p.....	0 5

INNINGS.

1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th.	7th.	8th.	9th.
Cumberland, 15	16	1	2	6	10	5	6	3
Rock City, 4	2	5	4	8	1	2	5	2
Total	Cumberland, 61	—	Rock City, 24.					