

Scoop's Scoop – April 2010

Perennial rivals, the Wichita Bull Dozers and the Wichita Red Stockings, met for the season's opening contest Saturday in what is sure to be remembered as a really close match.

Indeed, following the competition, several ballists on each side were overheard to say, "That was a really close match."

Displaying a significant expansion of winter girth, players of both clubs, nevertheless, performed with an energy and enthusiasm normally reserved for youth half their age - except for league president Bull Davis who, despite being one of the few who actually lost girth over the winter, remained just as slow as always.

Fairly evenly matched in both size and skill, the Red and the White met shortly after one o'clock in a field on the outskirts of town. As usual, the Red Stockings took the lead early on and managed to preserve that lead throughout the contest. As *un*-usual, though, the Bull Dozers never gave the Red Stockings room to relax and remained close on their heels through all nine hard-fought innings. The game ended in a 9-8 victory for the Red Stockings.

Although several players displayed ordinary effort on the field Saturday, two displayed extraordinary skill - Bull Dozer behind Slug Sheahan and Smalls Dimit in the Red Stocking left field. Due to their exceptional youth and short stature, Sheahan and Dimit managed to ensure none of their fellow ballists left the field burdened that day by the sin of pride.