

4,000 See Valentine Blank Waterloo Champs In Sabbath Tilt, Score 6 to 0

1,500 VISITORS WATCH HAWK HURLERS RIDE IN THE CLOUDS

Largest Crowd In Years Observes Bun Ace Pitch His Second Straight Shutout; Two Of Enemy's Four Hits Scratches.

BY EARL COUGHLIN.

GHOSTS of the distant past when Cedar Rapids was known over our broad expanse as "A" baseball town haunted the Bunny emporium yesterday afternoon when a crowd of approximately 4,000 sat down, reclined on their elbows or stood up as the Bunnies assaulted Cletus Dixon and his champion Hawks for a lambasting 6 to 0 triumph.

That the fans of our Parlor City should not receive any undue credit, it must be said that around 1,500 of the assemblage vote, eat and sleep in Waterloo. Several special trains and scores of automobile parties made the trip, and their only reward was a cheap excursion fare for the railriders and a lot of dust for the gasoline consumers.

The exact figures may show a few more or less than the estimated number, but whatever the final check up shows it can be jotted down as the largest crowd to witness a professional ball game here in the last ten years.

Hawk Pitchers in Air.

As for the combat, itself, there wasn't much to it after the first few innings. Jimmy Valentine performed as a chess master in winning his second straight shutout, and in only one frame did the Hawks get frisky with Val's slants. That was in the fifth canto when B. Kelsey and Kneller broke off singles to start, but their mates were unable to push the aces out of the infield.

While the bottom was stamping along in quiet fashion, the Hawk moundmen were performing as though they had recently arrived from Borneo. Groddy and Freeman were among those present only a fraction longer than two innings, but they did everything possible to make things pleasant for the home folk and decidedly glum for their own fellow townsmen.

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