#### Base Ball

The managers of Peck's Ball Park at Arnolds Park, take this of thanking the public for their generous patronage, and hope to be able to merit their future interest by continuing to furnish better base ball than can be seen any where else in the state. A great many of our patrons came to us last Sunday after the game and declared they had just | witnessed the greatest game they had seen in years. W. A. Brown, of the Tennessee Rats, who last week defeated the All-Nations with the great Donaldson in the box, declared Milford has the best aggregation of ball players he had met so far this year. The result of Sunday's game was a

victory for the Rats by a score of 1-0. The spectators numbered 1800, a good attendance for so early in the season.

We have these same teams signed up for next Sunday, June 25th. Milford will go the limit to even things up by winning this game and it is estimated thousands of dollars will change hands on the result.

The managers will furnish ball games every Sunday afternoon during the season and have such teams signed up as Sioux Falls, S. D., Cherokee, Iowa, Chicago Rock Island team, Union Giants of Chicago, known as the fastest colored team in the world, and others of equal merit. We want to make the season of 1916 known to ball fans all over the state of Iowa as the greatest ever attempted.

It is our object to please the patrons of this ball park and should there be any discourtesy shown to anyone, we ask that it be reported to the managers.

Brechwald & Kellogg, Managers.

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- \* This is the second reference to this game, but does not mention that the Rats lost the first game. The wording is very confusing, because the previous Sunday's game was played in Lake Wilson, Minnesota.
- \* There was also a section of a page dedicated to an ad for the game played on the same day, shown here on the next page. It is followed by a close up of the ad.



John Donaldson played for W.A. Brown and the Tennessee Rats during the 1911 season, then played against the team a handful of times in the following years.

While it is unknown about the relationship between the two men, it is widely known that W.A. Brown was an undesirable figure for many players. He had a way of claiming they used up their daily expenses, then neglected to pay them at the end of the season.

# BALL GAME

## MILFORD vs TENNESSEE RATS

These two teams met last Sunday for the first time and in the fastest game ever played in northwestern Iowa the Rats defeated Milford, 1 to 0. W. A. Brown, manager of the Rats, after the contest, said that the Milford team comprised the fastest bunch of ball players he had met this year, in spite of the fact that last week he met and defeated the All-Nations, with the great Donaldson in the box, by a score of 2 to 0. Milford will go the limit to even matters up by winning next Sunday and it is estimated that thousands of dollars will change hands on the result of this game.

Umpires: Father Meyers, of Milford and D. Flint of Lake Park.

#### Peck's Ball Park

### Game called 2:45

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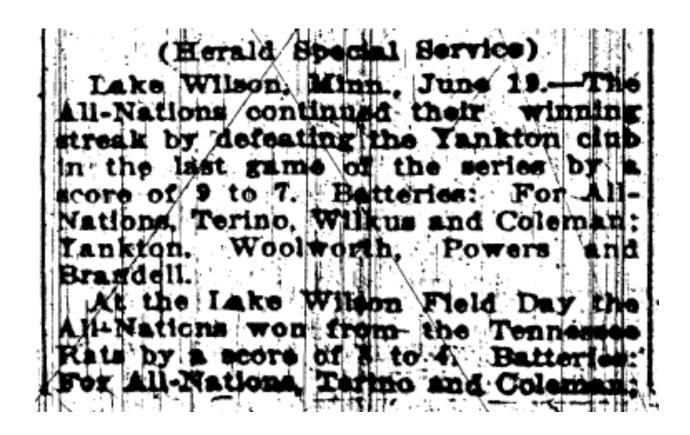
Lest games played on these this year the All Nations de-

ing gazne of a doubleheader, 8 to 5. The feature of the game was the pitching of Mendez, who stopped the Rats' batting streak in the fourth inning after they had knocked the Italian out the box. Batteries-All Nation, Torino, Mendez and Coleman. Rats-Tyrees and Wilson. In the second game the Rats defeated the All Nations, 2 to 0. The game was a pitchers' battle between Donaldson, of the All Nations, and Johnnie Vivens, of the Rats. The feature of the game was Goodall's twobagger, with two men on. Vivens 12 strikeouts to his credit, while Donaldson secured seven. This season's first defeat for the All tions.

The Sioux City Tribune, Sioux City, IA

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Grand Forks Herald, Grand Forks, ND

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We obviously have a lot of interest in this story, and you have to imagine that the games played in Lake Wilson created so much of a buzz that they were reported in newspapers from Spirit Lake and Sioux City, Iowa, all the way to Grand Forks, North Dakota in 1916!

There are likely more reports surrounding the Lake Wilson tournaments, and we are always looking for more.