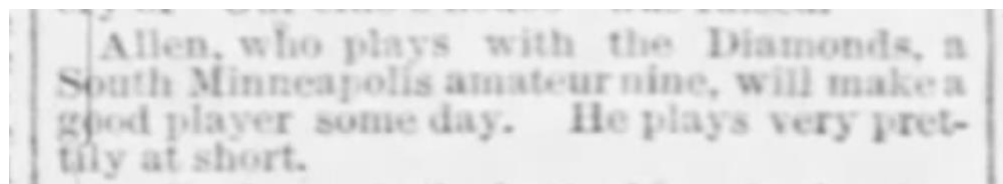


**Allen**

**Minneapolis 1888**



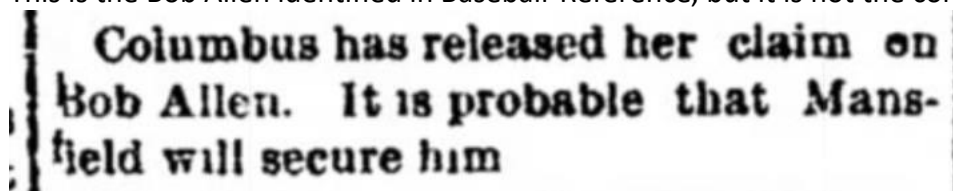
Allen, who plays with the Diamonds, a South Minneapolis amateur nine, will make a good player some day. He plays very prettily at short.

Minneapolis Star Tribune May 14, 1888

Played in game on August 15, in which the Lyndales played for Minneapolis. Baseball-Reference indicates he was Bob Allen, but Bob Allen fractured his leg in July while playing for Mansfield. I'm thinking it could be the same Allen who played for Sioux City earlier in the season, but no direct evidence.

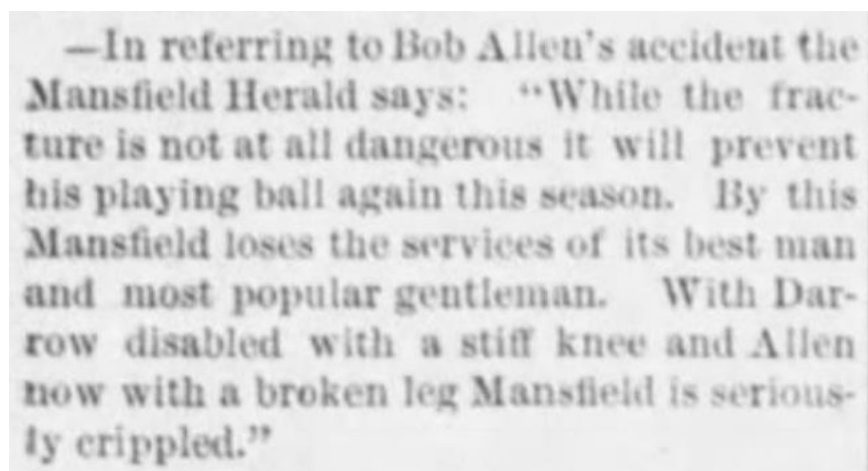
*Bob Allen in 1888*

This is the Bob Allen identified in Baseball-Reference, but it is not the correct player...



**Columbus has released her claim on Bob Allen. It is probable that Mansfield will secure him**

Lima News February 2, 1888



—In referring to Bob Allen's accident the Mansfield Herald says: "While the fracture is not at all dangerous it will prevent his playing ball again this season. By this Mansfield loses the services of its best man and most popular gentleman. With Darrow disabled with a stiff knee and Allen now with a broken leg Mansfield is seriously crippled."

The Marion (OH) Star July 16, 1888

**ALLEN IS HIS NAME.**

**Another Young Shortstop Secured by the Local Club.**

Another new player has been secured by the local club, and great things are expected of him before the year ends. The young man is R. G. Allen, of last year's Mansfield, O., club. He is the young man referred to in yesterday's DISPATCH, and he comes here to ultimately take the place of Rowe, that is, if he develops as expected. Of course if Rowe changes his mind and resolves to play here next season, Allen may be kept for something else.

The new shortstop is about 21 years old, and is the son of a banker in Marion, O. His is not only a very exemplary and educated young man, but did excellent work for the Mansfield team last year. Unfortunately he had his leg broken some time before the season ended, and he has not played since. His physician, however, states that his leg is as strong as ever, and that it will not in any way interfere with his ball playing. Good judges pronounce him one of the most promising young men in the profession, and Pete McShannic says that a more lively man than he is was never seen on the ball field. He is not a record player, but tries for everything that comes anything near his way. He wants to learn ball playing, and even offered to come here for a nominal sum on a three months' trial. Manager Phillips, however, preferred to sign him for the season. His salary is not big, but he is content with it. Duniap promises to take special pains in teaching him, and it may be that Pittsburg will develop a good man. He was fifth among the Tri-State League hitters last year and is a good base runner. Umpire Barnum also speaks highly of him. His contract will be forwarded to day.

Pittsburgh Dispatch Feb 7, 1889

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	DAVENPORT.		

The Morning Democrat May 7, 1889

The management have secured a good short-stop in Allen, to take Deasley's place, who was released yesterday. He played in the Tri-state League last year, at Mansfield, Ohio, and out of fifteen he stood second in his position. He is a hitter from Wayback, too, his batting average being .317. He played with Pittsburg in the National League, this spring, and the papers of that city speak in the highest terms of him as a player. He will arrive tomorrow morning, and take part in the afternoon game.

Kannel had his eye on the ball, yes.

Daily Times May 7, 1889

**Allen, of the Davenport Club, to Come Here.  
President Love Signs Griffin.**

President Reach, of the Philadelphia League Club, returned home yesterday from an extended business trip through the South. When he reached his office he found a letter from R. G. Allen, the brilliant second baseman of last year's Davenport Club, in which he gave his figures for next season. The terms proved satisfactory to President Reach and he at once telegraphed his acceptance of them. Mr. Reach was induced to secure Allen by Charley Householder, who speaks in the highest terms of the young player and recommends him as a "second Bastian."

President Reach was highly pleased when he

Philadelphia Inquirer Dec 18, 1889

The Philadelphia league club has signed as short-stop "Bob" Allen, who wasn't good enough for Pittsburgh last season.

The Morning Democrat (Davenport) Dec 27, 1889