

BINFORD ADDS GAMES TO LIST OF VICTORIES

COOPERTOWN DEFEATED IN THREE GAMES—FINLEY LOSES ANOTHER CONTEST TO LOCAL AGGREGATION

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Four more games were added to the list of wins made by the Binford club, although one of the clashes was called before the regulation five innings had been played. Coopers- town provided the losing side in three of the games and Finley fell again before the local batters.

The Binford team has played twelve games to date, has won nine and lost three, giving the team a winning percentage of 750.

Though two games between Binford and Coopers town had been scheduled for the last day of the Griggs County Fair at the county seat last Friday, the delay in getting the first exhibition under way resulted in the second game being called after one inning had been played.

The first game went to the locals by the score of 8 to 2. Anderson, of the Cooper team, had the best of the pitching argument, getting seven men on strikes and allowing only six hits, but Besse, though touched by nine hits, always lightened up in places and pulled himself out practically unscathed. The Binford headman struck out ten.

Binford crossed the plate with the score of the game in the second inning, though a walk, a dead ball and an error had filled the bases in the initial reel. After Alm and Kingsley had agitated the air and laid down, A. Ringiee took first grade six scored when Hafner binged the pill for three runs. Besse was an infielder. One run, one hit, no error.

Coopers town came right back in their half of the second frame and chalked up one on a hit and a duo of errors by E. Ringiee and Alm. Besse decided to end the fun and so whiffed the next three strikers. One run, one hit, two errors.

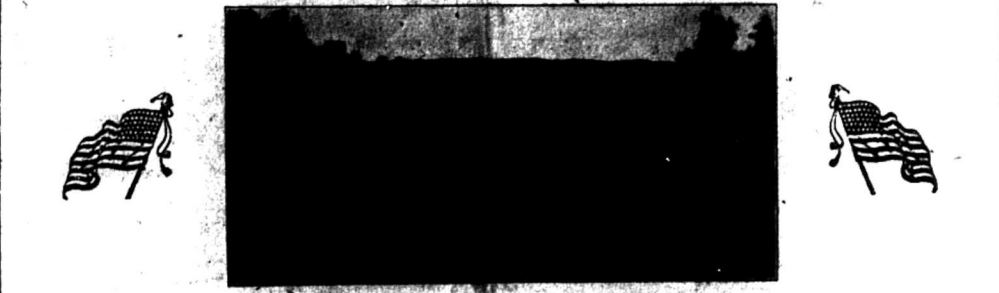
The locals baited clear around in the third inning. Four runs were scored the only one hit was charged against Anderson. Peterson was given life on Nye's fumble but was forced out at the keystone sack when E. Ringiee hit a roller to Erickson at third. Ringiee went to second on a passed ball Ehlers whiffed but was safe on first when the ball got away from the catcher. Ringiee advanced to third and scored a minute later when Paulsburg let a pitched ball get past him. Ehlers took second. Johnson walked. Ehlers stole third. Ehlers went home fast on Alm's infield roller and was safe. With Johnson and Alm on third and second Kingsley singled scoring Johnson. Alm was caught off third base and though caught in a sweat box, he outgassed the Cooper players and scored. A Ringiee whiffed, Hafner got on when an infield grounder was thrown to third to catch Kingsley. Besse ended the inning with a fly to Ophem. Four runs, one hit, three errors.

Another was added in the fourth inning. Peterson hit safely but was forced out when E. Ringiee grounded to Erickson at third base. "Doc" took second on a passed ball. Ehlers flew out to left. Johnson advanced Ringiee to third and was safe at first when Erickson bobbled his floor bagger. Alm singled scoring Ringiee and shoving Johnson around to third, taking second on the throw in. Kingsley was thrown out at first by Erickson. One run, two hits, two errors.

Neither side scored again until Cooper's half of the last inning, though Besse was in danger in the eighth when three short singles crisscrossed the bag. Besse with his facility of getting out of bad holes whiffed the first two batters and threw the third one out at first ending the inning without a score being garnered by his opponents.

In the sixth inning Nye started things with a safe blow and advanced to third when Hafner bobbled Erickson's roller. Wickham whiffed. Nye

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With favorable weather, the celebration at Red Willow lake on July 4th, promises to be the biggest event of its kind ever held in eastern North Dakota.

The committee in charge of arranging the program has practically completed their duties and have succeeded in outlining the day's events so that there will be no dull moments from start to finish.

No athletic events are to be pulled off in the forenoon. The committee had in mind the late comers who will be anxious to witness the entire program, and decided to cram all the sports into the afternoon. However,

the Cooperstown band will be on the job during the forenoon and will render a pleasing concert. At one o'clock, Hon. Iver Ackar, of Hillaboro, one of North Dakota's gifted orators, will deliver the 4th of July oration. Following his address, the baseball game between Coopers town and Binford will take place on the new park grounds, west of the buildings. In order that no one is chewing mar the contest, the committee has engaged Dick Leahy, of McHenry, to officiate as umpire. Dick knows base ball from "kiver to kiver" and will tolerate no "riding" from the players. At the con-

clusion of the ball game the water sports will take place. These will consist of a boat race, swimming and diving contests for boys, women and children, tub race, and a greased pole contest. There will be contests for little folks on land.

Dancing on the new pavilion floor will start during the afternoon and continue all night. The Binford orchestra, assisted by other musicians, will furnish the music.

Rumors have been circulated to the effect that admission will be charged to enter the grounds. This is false. The association is making no charge except for the base ball game and dance. People are invited to bring their own lunch if they choose, though this can be obtained on the grounds. Also, the privilege is granted to cook your own coffee providing fires are not built too close to green trees. The association is not out to rob you—but want you to come and be entertained.

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lapped a fast one and it fell just inside the diamond. Croke scooped the ball up and forced Hafner at the plate, completing the inning. One run, four hits, no errors.

Both sides were held scoreless until the 8th when the visitors accumulated one more. Myerson went out on a fly to Johnson. Croke hit to short and was safe when Johnson fumbled. Weinke hit, advancing Croke to third. Weinke took second. Nokken sent a fly to center which Peterson nabbed

and Thomas scored. Taylor struck out. One run, one hit, two errors.

Another score was chalked up for the locals in the fourth frame. Kingsley hit safely. Johnson replaced him at first base to run for the Binford pitcher. A Ringiee and Hafner hit. Johnson scoring. Besse whiffed. Peterson hit a ground hopper to Weinke who cut off the score at the plate. A Ringiee being tagged out. Weinke to Croke to Myers. E. Ringiee singled filling the bags. Ehlers

scored when Hafner wobbled on Nelson's ground hit, although Nelson was killed off before reaching the initial sack. Anderson flew out to Hafner, ending the inning and the game. One run, one hit, one error.

A fast double play featured the first inning of the game. With one down, Cooper batters got two hits in succession filling the first two sacks. Anderson hit a slow short fly to short which looked like a good hit but Johnson grabbed it and lined it to second where Hafner completed the play. Hafner shot the ball to Ehlers at first and caught the runner by the feet. However, as one man was out before the play was consummated, credit for a double play only was given on the score book. Nose dive catches by F. Nelson and Kingsley, rival left fielders were sensational bits of baseball.

The first game ended at 7:30 and the teams took the field immediately to play the second game scheduled, Cooperstown, first at bat, scored once in their half. Erickson hit safely but was forced out at second on B. Nelson's roller, after Wickham had whiffed. Nelson took second on a wild pitch and scored on Anderson's hit. Anderson was out Peterson to Johnson while trying to stretch his hit to a double. One run, one hit, no errors.

In Binford's turn Hafner flew out to B. Nelson at short. Besse Peterson and E. Ringiee singled. Besse scoring and Peterson taking third on the last hit. Peterson scored when the Cooper keystone man felled the throw to catch Ringiee stealing second. Ehlers whiffed. E. Ringiee scored when Johnson whacked out a blow. Johnson ended the inning, thrown out while attempting to steal second. Four hits, one error, three runs.

The game was called off at the completion of the first inning by Martin Ophem, umpire, on account of darkness. The score stood 3 to 1 favoring Binford when the game was officially ended.

In the scheduled double header on the local athletic field Sunday, the local sluggers took both games, besting Finley 6 to 3, and won the second game, by forfeit 9 to 0 when Coopers town quit and went home protesting an umpire's close decision.

Kingsley held the Finleyites to five scattered hits and sent fourteen bays to the bench wondering why they hadn't used matches or toothpicks instead of bats and saved a bit of en-

ergy on the ultra hot day. The locals found Weinke for twelve whiffs, three of which were doubled, but Weinke retaliated and whiffed fifteen. Kingsley was a bit wild and hit two batters while Weinke was one man.

Binford started the scoring in the second inning. E. Ringiee started with a hit for two bases but was out at third. Nokken to Myers, when Ehlers hit a fast roller on the floor. Johnson hit for two sacks scoring. Ehlers. Alm slammed out a single, advancing Johnson to third. Alm took second, Kingsley singled scoring Johnson and sending Alm to third. Ringiee walked, filling the sacks. Hafner whiffed. Alm was caught off third and run down the base line by Myers, ending the inning. Two runs, four hits, no errors.

Finley got one in the first of the third frame. Olson and Johnson were retired. Taylor and Myers hit safely. Croke was hit by pitched ball, filling the bases. Weinke hit to Kingsley who fought the ball around. Taylor scored. Nokken hit a long fly to left field which Umpire H. Hanson called a foul. This precipitated an argument which ended in the substitution of Martin Ophem of Coopers town in Hanson's place. Nokken was out on a short fly to Besse in left, ending the inning. One run, two hits, one error.

Binford tied up the game for themselves in the fourth chapter. Besse was safe when Nokken's throw to first drew Johnson off the bag. Peterson, attempting to sacrifice, Besse to second, popped a little hit over the pitcher's box. Weinke coming in to get the bun, Besse held up second but a moment later whiffed third. E. Ringiee whiffed. Croke threw to first to catch Peterson off the bag and Irish instead of returning to the bag swiped second. Ehlers whiffed. M. Johnson whacked out a double, scoring Besse and Peterson. Johnson took third when Alm was safe on Weinke's error and crossed the plate when Croke made a misstep. Alm took second, and on the play was immediately after thrown out at third. Croke to Myers, while attempting to steal. Three runs, two hits, three errors.

The visitors got another in their half of the fourth. Thomas hit and went to second when Kingsley overthrew first in an attempt to catch the runner off the base. Olson fanned and Olson went out. Hafner to Ehlers. Thomas taking third. Hafner played tag with Johnson's roller

but Croke scored. Thomas struck out. One run, one hit, one error.

Four of the runs scored by the locals were earned while in all three of those chalked up by the visitors errors figured.

An example of old baseball was presented to the spectators in the second game of the doubleheader, when in the third inning Coopers town protested a decision at first base and the umpire proving adamant took their bats and departed.

Neither side scored until the third inning and in the local's half, with two down, Hafner hit safely. Besse was struck by pitched ball and Peterson sent out a single, filling the bases. E. Ringiee hit low on a line to right field, scoring Hafner and Besse and beat out the fast throw to first. A Hanson field umpire declared E. Ringiee safe and the argument was precipitated. Coopers town moved that E. Ringiee be declared out or they would punish Binford by quitting and hitting the trail for home. Their motion was defeated by one vote, the umpire standing pat.

Martin Ophem, plate umpire, unofficially concurred with Hanson in declaring the runner safe, but Coopers town was not appeased. The visitors hit upon the happy suggestion of "leave it to the spectators." How the result of the vote was to be determined none knew. It is possible ballots were to be printed and passed around through the crowd or maybe the plan was that the side that made the most noise was to have the decision. We deduce from the latter idea that any team carrying a brass band could pop every game it played, and a team lucky enough to possess a steam catdogg would blank every aggregation it ran up against. Who's laughing?

However the vote was to be taken, it wasn't, and after chewing the rag at the rate of one yard a minute for some minutes, Coopers town gave the proposition up as a bad job and decided to go home and tell a policeman they were lost.


A Hanson field umpire is to be commended for taking the stand he did on the request for a change in his decision. In organized baseball such

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