

BINFORD LOST ITS FIRST BALL GAME TO McHENRY CLUB

CONTENT ON LOCAL GROUNDS LAST SUNDAY WAS INTERESTING DESPITE ERRORS—TEAM NOT IN FORM

Sunday's games in the G. & F. league resulted as follows: Hannaford won from Cooperstown 6 to 1.

Grace City won from Glenfield 11 to 6.

McHenry won from Binford, 7 to 3.

All of Wednesday's games were postponed on account of rain.

Binford lost its first game of the G & F league schedule, to the McHenry team on the home grounds last Sunday by a score of 7 to 3. Two hits, a base on balls, and two errors in the second inning gave the visiting team five runs and this lead was too much to overcome.

Lack of spring conditioning was plainly evident on both teams, but in spite of numerous errors the game was an interesting one and particularly in the last three innings when Binford threatened to push some runs over.

Anderson, of McHenry, had the best of the pitching argument against his two Binford opponents, Olstad and Bixby. Nine hits were collected by local batmen, 10 were retired on strike-outs and one was given base on balls. Binford pitchers were more liberal. They issued four passes and struck out five and allowed 10 safe hits.

McHenry scored in the first inning. C. Bostrom hit safely, Metz struck out, Bostrom was caught stealing for the second out, Stout walked and stole second and scored on Leahy's single to right.

Then the disastrous second:

Fosberg hit safe, Anderson followed with another. E. Bostrom walked, filling the bases. Fosberg scored on Alme's roller and Alme was safe on first. C. Bostrom flew out to Ehlers. Johnson erred on Metz's hit permitting Anderson and E. Bostrom to cross the plate. Stout hit a line drive to Peterson, in center who generously let it go thru his fingers, and two more runs were chalked up. Stout was caught at third, Peterson to Johnson to Alme. Leahy ended the fracas with a fly to center.

Olstad held them runless in the next inning but retired in the fourth in favor of Bixby, who proved very effective until the ninth, when two walks, an error and a hit netted one more run.

Binford scored its first run in the fourth. Johnson opened the inning with a safety. Ehlers struck out, Peterson drove a fast one along the right field line, Johnson scoring, Peterson landing on third. Peterson was caught attempting to steal home. (He should know better.) Olson grounded out, Anderson to Metz.

In the eighth the locals were given a fine chance to tie up the count. Three safe hits by Albert Alfson, Alme and Johnson filled the bases. With none out and the bases full, Ehlers next up struck out.

Alfson scored on Peterson's sacrifice fly to Leahy. Alme was forced at the plate on Olson's ground ball and A. S. Alfson ended the inning by grounding out to Metz.

One more run was added in the ninth. Bixby got on through Alme's error and advanced to second on Knapp's walk. Both runners moved up on Alfson's out. Fosberg to Metz. Bixby scored on a passed ball. Alme struck out and Johnson ended the game with a drive to C. Bostrom.