

HAFNER'S HIT WON OPENER FOR BINFORD

LONG DRIVE OVER CENTER FOR HOME RUN GAVE LOCALS VICTORY OVER SUTTON IN TUESDAY'S GAME—SCORE 9-5.

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The vagaries of the great national pastime were well illustrated in Binford's opening game of the season, played on the home grounds Tuesday afternoon against their ancient rivals, Sutton. Sutton gave a pretty exhibition of a team playing like clockwork—while winning. But with the Binford score creeping up, the faces of the Podunk Corner fans and players got writers cramp and their joyous voices were suddenly stricken with paralysis. Getting the breaks is fine, but it can't beat consistent playing and bunched hits.

Hafner, a former Sutton player, was the principal object of their derisive rooting and they called him everything from A to X Y Z and then started over again. They were seriously silent after a certain ball had taken a long tour of the upper air strata, about 15 seconds before the game was over and lost.

With a tied score in the ninth inning, Hafner pickled one into the far recesses of the center pasture and broke the game up into infinitesimal pieces with a four base gallop.

The game started very badly for the local bunch. In the second inning after Fallen, Sutton fielder, had taken three healthy swipes at the ozone, Weitenhagen dropped one into short center field for a single and advanced to third on Melgard's long fly to left, which Olson slugged. Melgard held up at second. Wild hit a choppy grounder to Hafner at second and was safe when Charlie threw the ball into the dirt at first base. Two runs crossed the plate. Bollum and Davidson were easy infield outs.

In Sutton's half of the third inning with two men down, McAdams drew a free pass to first and scored on Fallen's two-base whack. Alm knocked down Weitenhagen's second hit and using the old knob, tagged Fallen who had overrid third, ending the inning with a pretty piece of playing.

In the fourth inning Melgard and Wild hit safely. Bollum struck out. Melgard scored on Hafner's fumble of Davidson's grass cutter. Wild scored a moment later on Hafner's fumble of Kucheman's dirt hopper, bringing Sutton's score to 5. Meinke struck out. McAdams was thrown out by Johnson.

Binford got men on bases in the first four innings, but no hits were forthcoming at the opportune moments, and the local team made a poor showing until the lucky 7th.

In that inning Ehlers made first on a fumble, advanced to second on an overthrow of first, and scored on Olson's second hit of the day. Olson was forced out at second on Alm's slash to short. Alm took second on a wild pitch. Johnson struck out. A. Ringlee smashed one to short and Alm scored when Bollum played tag with the pill. Hafner completed the inning with an easy out, Kucheman to Weitenhagen.

With one man out in Sutton's half of the eighth, Melgard and Wild hit safely, and located on first and second. Bollum sent a short fly into right field which E. Ringlee gathered in on the run. A quick throw to Johnson covering second caught Melgard off by yards and completed a fast double play.

In the last half of the eighth with three runs needed to tie up the score Besse was hit by a pitched ball and advanced to third on Peterson's hit. Peterson stole second. Both men crossed the plate on E. Ringlee's double. Ehlers struck out. Olson landed on a fast one for a long fly to right field which Wild muffed. Ringlee scored tying up the game 5 to 5. Olson took third on Alm's out, Melgard to Weitenhagen.

Sutton failed to score in their half of the ninth and when A. Ringlee went out on a grounder to third it looked like an extra inning entertainment. With two strikes against him, Hafner, who had been the victim of Sutton's jeering, leaned on a zipper and lost the horsehide covered pill in the center garden. He took only four bases on the hit, and the

loose. Binford reveled in ecstasy and Sutton was chagrined, sore, mad.

Pitching honors went to Besse by a narrow margin. The Binford pitcher fought an uphill game all the way and while he kept the hits scattered, it seemed that those the Sutton bunch did get always fell where there should have been somebody who wasn't there. Besse got eleven strikeouts and allowed 9 hits, while Meinke whiffed ten and was touched for 10 safeties. The Binford moundman issued one free pass to first. Meinke had one wild pitch and one dead ball chalked up against him.

There were many highlights in Tuesday's game. Chief among them was Hafner's four-base blow, the feature play made by Alm at third base in the third inning, and the double play made in the eighth inning, E. Ringlee to Johnson.

Ophelm of Cooperstown officiated in the capacity of umpire and did his usual fair and good work.

The return game will be played at Sutton tomorrow, the elements behaving.

The box score follows.

Binford—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hafner, 2b	5	1	2	1	1	3
Besse, p	3	1	1	1	5	0
Peterson, cf	4	1	1	0	0	0
E. Ringlee, rf	4	1	1	1	1	0
Ehlers, 1b	4	1	2	8	1	0
Olson, lf	4	0	2	1	0	1
Alm, 3b	3	1	0	3	0	0
Johnson, ss	4	0	0	1	2	1
A. Ringlee, c	4	0	1	11	1	0

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Sutton—	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Kucheman, 3b	5	0	1	0	2	0
Meinke, p	5	0	0	0	4	0
McAdams, c	4	1	0	11	1	0
Fallen, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Weitenhagen, 1b	4	1	3	12	0	1
Melgard, 2b	4	2	2	2	2	0
Wild, rf	4	1	2	0	0	1
Bollum, ss	4	0	0	0	5	2
Davidson, lf	4	0	0	0	0	1

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Summary: Strikeouts, Besse 11; Meinke 10; bases on balls, Besse 1; hit by pitcher, Meinke 1; two base hits, Fallen, E. Ringlee, Hafner; home run, Hafner; stolen bases, Ehlers, Peterson, Kucheman 2; umpire Ophelm.

Good Speaker for Commencement

President Larson, of the Board of Education, has been successful in securing Hon. A. G. Divet, of Fargo, to deliver the commencement address to the graduates of the Binford High School, on Friday evening, June 3.

Mr. Divet, of the law firm of Divet, Engerud & Holt, is recognized as one of the best orators in the northwest. He served as a representative in the legislature from the Richland county district for several terms.

BOND SALE EFFORTS HAVE COST \$16,831.17

The bond sale efforts of the state have cost \$16,831.17 to date. At least this amount of money has been paid out of the industrial commission funds on account of the bond selling work. The money was paid out between the dates of March 21 and May 4, as follows.

William Lemke	\$ 204 65
Greve Adv Agency	1074 75
Greve Adv Agency	707 72
L. J. Frazier	169 78
Greve Adv Agency	759 02
George Webb	4104 92
George Webb	1404 29
George Webb	1246 72
George Webb	2690 00
L. J. Frazier	94 40
George Webb	4374 72

George Webb is representative of the Bank of North Dakota at the Chicago office of the bond selling organization.

No special expense account has as yet been allowed from the industrial commission funds for Spurgeon O'Dell, said to be in charge of the New York office of the Bank of North Dakota.

Vouchers accompanying the bills shows that the Chicago organization has engaged Walter Morrison, Chicago broker, and that several men are on the payroll. Advertisements in Chicago newspapers constitute a large part of the advertising account, and some bills were submitted for advertisements in Cleveland papers of meetings held by William Lemke.