



BASE BALL

"If" the Canadians had made it four straight from Jewett City by winning Saturday's game they would now be in the tie for first place as Taftville carried out its part of the hoped-for program by putting Wauregan to sleep over back of the cemetery in their own little village. But they didn't, and they now have the undisputed title to third position, the tail end of the first division.

The game was really a pitcher's battle with honors about even, 6 hits were made off McLaughlin, and 7 off Tatro, but total bases were 8 all. It is one of the mysteries of the game how when McLaughlin comes to Putnam he is a cinch for the colts, but on his own rubber, surrounded by friends, he is a puzzle to even our best stickers. He was certainly handling them over nice Saturday, with plenty of speed and control, and the only man that could find him with any regularity was Diott, who, by the way, bids fair to give the leaders in the batting a hard run. And there is not a bit of fault to find with Tatro's work. It was gilt edge. The first, which went for a double, was a scotch, as it would have been an easy out for a fast fielder, and this would have changed the aspect of things materially. Or had we had the batting ability in the outfield that should be there to make a winning team, the story would have been different, but these are all "ifs." The Jews beat us fair and square, not because they outplayed us; they didn't, look at the error column. Not because they outbatted us; they didn't, look at the total bases hit for. But one or the other had to win and it happened like this:

Marion was the first man up and hit to Willis. Williams saved the third baseman an error by scooping in his lead throw, and Marion was out. Lizotte put a safety over short but was out trying to steal. Diott was the third out, McLaughlin to Williams.

Willis was first up for the locals and put a high fly back of first base. Daigle was slow on the get-away and only got near enough to hit to put out his ungloved hand and hit it as it descended, causing it to roll down the side hill, while Willis kept on to second. Tatro hit Rail. Willis stole third, the only stolen base of the game, (we do not score a stolen base with a man on third as there is never any attempt to catch him) and Rail went down on the throw to catch Willis. Williams fanned and Robertson fled to Dubriel for the second out. L'Hereux was up. "One strike!" shouted the ump. Then came a long line hit that went bounding out to right, close to the foul flag, and the little band of Putnam fans held their breath. "Foul ball!" bellowed the official, and every one present thought Putnam's pitcher was going to get out of the hole, but it was not to be. Bill and down through the diamond bounded the horse hits, out into short center between Dubriel and Marion it sped, and at the same time Willis and Rail were speeding home with the only two runs the Jews made in the game. Meanwhile Diott returned the ball to Farley, and when the batter saw what was happening he started for second, but was an easy third out by an accurate throw propelled by Farley's right whip.

When McKinney came to bat in the second Farley saw something in the end of his bat that looked like a plug. The umpire's attention was called to it and he threw the bat out. Putnam endeavored to have him declare the first two runs as not counting, but this he refused to do. He then announced that Putnam finished the game under protest. Of course plugged bats are tabooed according to Rule 15, which says that the bat shall be made "entirely of hard wood," but at best the breach was technical and was by no means a factor in winning, and the bat was thrown out as soon as discovered. Jewett City claimed the club had been bored out and filled with cork to make it lighter. Two men tried to steal in this inning, but the ball was there waiting for them before they arrived. In fact Farley's throwing to second was one of the features of the game.

In the fourth Diott started with a single. Tatro bunted. Willis was on to his job and got it on the fly, doubling Diott at first. It was a good piece of work.

Not a man saw third until the sixth, when after the first two men fanned, Diott copped out a clean triple close by the left field flag. Tate was up but he only cut swaths in the atmosphere, and McLaughlin was credited with his third strike out in the inning, all he got in the game.

It was in the ninth that the Colts saved the shut out and had a fine chance to tie or win. Lizotte batted first. Willis fumbled his grounder and he was safe. Diott got his third single in the game, and Lizotte, who had reached second on a passed ball, scored. Diott went to second on the return but would have been out had not Brennan dropped the ball. Tatro put a single to short center putting Diott on third. Tate went down on the first ball pitched. A man on second and third, none out, one run to tie or two to win. The local rooters in the grand stand began to get doubtful. But our testing strength had been used up. Morse hit a long liner to right that fell close to the flag and it was called foul. His next was a slow grounder to Willis. It looked like a good chance and Diott tried to score. Willis picked it clean and threw it like a shot, and Diott was out. Tatro was up on third on the play and there were two more men to retire. Daigle put a line hit

down first base line. It looked like a sure safety. Williams jumped up, knocked it down with his glove, and caught it. He would have doubled Morse at second had Brennan covered the bag. Dumas was up. One strike and one foul. We were all wishing Tatro would try to steal home, or do something else desperate, for now was the time for it if there ever was one; but he didn't, he waited, and Dumas hit a bouncer to McLaughlin, Williams getting the put out and the game was Jewett City's.

Table with columns: C. A. C., ab, r, h, lb, po, a, e. Rows for Marion 2b, Lizotte 3b, Diott cf, Tatro p, Morse 1b, Daigle rf, Dumas lf, Dubriel ss, Farley c.

Table with columns: JEWETT CITY, ab, r, h, lb, po, a, e. Rows for Willis 3b, Rail lf, Williams 1b, Robertson c, L'Hereux ss, McKinney cf, Brennan 2b, Piseo p, McLaughlin p.

Table with columns: W, L, P. C. Rows for Wauregan, Norwich-Taft, C. A. C., Andover, Jewett City, Dayville.

Table with columns: W, L, P. C. Rows for Laeroix, Diott, Lizotte, Tatro, Dubriel, Marion, Daigle, Dumas, Morse, H. Magann, Cagne, Borin, D. Magann, Farley.

Correct Batting Average of C. A. C. Table with columns: AB, HITS, PER CT. Rows for Laeroix, Diott, Lizotte, Tatro, Dubriel, Marion, Daigle, Dumas, Morse, H. Magann, Cagne, Borin, D. Magann, Farley.

Any player notifiing a mistake in his batting average will confer a favor by notifying the scorer. NOTES. About 2:45 last Saturday, five minutes after the team had left the hotel for the grounds, a thunder storm came up, and there being no shelter on the lot, except the grandstand, which leaked badly, the players made for a barn in a field nearby. Before they reached it they were drenched to the skin. After the shower the diamond, which was basin-shaped, was half full of water and looked as if there would be no game. Enthusiastic fans got busy and by digging trenches to drain the water off, and employing bare-footed boys with boards to propel the water to the trenches, and sweeping out a few lesser puddles the grounds were put in fairly good condition. The game scheduled for 3:30 was started at 4:15, and of course the crowd was not large.

Empire Roy of Taftville made his first appearance and gave good satisfaction, although that hit of Morse's that went close to the foul line brought out a mild protest. This was about the only semblance of a kick during the game aside from the loaded bat incident, which the official had nothing to do with except to declare that the bat should not be used further. Old inhabitants and followers of the game in Jewett City said it was the best exhibition of the sport ever seen in the town, and were not stinted in their praises for the work of the visitors.

There were several extra rooters along last week. Some of them went to the shore to spend Sunday after the game. Nate, Simon was there. He hasn't missed a game yet, and when he gets too old to go he is to have a pension. His new suit was soaking wet, but it's all wool and no harm done. The ladies on the trolley cars were pleased to see him as he is full of small talk that helps to pass the time pleasantly. If the captain hadn't a sweetheart we might tell something, but if you want to know how popular the colts are away from home go along and see.

The only chance that came Dubriel's way was a little fly so he didn't have a chance to show his quality. His one hit was as good as the average, and better than half of the old veterans could do.

It was a pleasure to watch those balls go to second when a Jew had the audacity to try to steal the sack. There wasn't even a close decision, it was a quick return to the stable. Eddie McCarthy of Charlton City, Mass., will slant them over in the interests of the Canadians at Wauregan Saturday.

The favorite fruit of Pop Morse and the Alderman is pie. Dayville's 9 to 3 victory in North Grosvenordale was a surprise. The mighty have fallen. Wauregan has been beaten on their own grounds. It is now up to the rest of the bunch to keep them on the taboggan. The Colts are going to try their prettiest this week.

Williams' lie, with a line-up of professional, will give the second team a go in this city Saturday. The Seconds have not yet had those white new suits trailed in the dust; they haven't even been scored on. Captain Marion, Farley, and Simon Berthiaume were down in Boston Tuesday watching Boston take a couple out of St. Louis. Some one piped Boston off about who was watching them and they gingered up noticeably afterward.

The next stop on the foreign trip is Wauregan. If we don't beat them we come home without a victory.

The C. A. C. Second team shut out the C. A. A. team of Worcester Saturday afternoon on the new home grounds by a score 4 to 0. Dubois pitched for the winners, and Wheaton and Frappier excelled at the bat. Bakeries-Dubois and Kenney; Estever and Hargraves. Umpire, Bonin.

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