

# BASE BALL

## LOCALS PULL TOGETHER.

Pinch Hitting and Good Fielding Bring Victory Over Orangeburg.

Hitting in the pinches and driving in runs with a vengeance the locals overwhelmed Orangeburg at Rhoad park Thursday afternoon in a slow and lifeless ball game, final score 11 to 2. Two "Bills" were on the mound for their respective towns, as somebody told "Bill" Wolfe he could pitch, but evidenced by the manner in which the home boys hammered him to all corners of the lot his friend was probably just kidding him. There at least remained some doubt as to whether or not he was a pitcher when the eighth inning was over. Be it said for him, however, that his team mates played listless ball behind him and his twirling generally was as good as his support.

To give credit where it is due, the locals pulled together, played as if they had a real ball team and are due praise and the old adage, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." Bill Whitesides always gets jam up support, and Bill Whitesides usually pitches jam up ball, and all this happened along with the consistent hitting Thursday in which he poled out two safeties himself. There were a few outstanding features, but none from an Orangeburg viewpoint. The splendid hurling of "Bill" Whitesides must be mentioned: this chap walked one and in the last eight innings allowed two measly hits; in the first they got two hits from his delivery, and that was their all for the day. Whitesides has pitched 28 innings this year for the local boys during which not an earned run has been secured from him and only 12 hits recorded off him. He surely deserves the privilege and honor of starting a regular championship game whether he stays through it or not. Radcliff played a star game in center field, and has won a home in the hearts of local fandom. He works hard, is in the game every minute, is fast and covers acres of territory, and his hitting makes him a fixture as long as he continues to want a job. "Gyp" Rentz made a nice catch of a foul, and every man on the Bamberg team got two hits except Large, who got a two-bagger, and George Price. In the ninth Bill Glaze gave Charlie Rentz in left field a chance to electrify the small crowd and Charlie made good. The ball was slammed on a line over the veteran left fielder's head, and for a fraction of a second Charlie misgauged it in the sun and it looked good for a homer; but Charlie has the happy faculty of recovering himself in that sun field, and so he turned, leaped and dived with his gloved paw high over his head and in it the pill stuck and was driven with such force that it knocked him down, but he swung to it, thus giving him a jumping one hand stab and the most sensational catch of the season at Rhoad park.

Jeffords, the first man up, hit the umpire with a batted ball for a single; he was sacrificed to second by Oscar Lowman, went to third on "Stumpy" Banks's single across second, and scored when Glaze grounded to Whitesides who threw to third instead of home. The other run for the visitors came in the fourth when Glaze made a scratch two-base hit, and on his attempted steal of third the ball was thrown to left field and he came home. The winners' big round was the eighth. Whitesides grounded out to third to begin it. Large hit a Texas leaguer between left and center on which the left fielder made a two-base error. "Bub" Cooner beat out an infield hit on which Otto went to third. He and "Bub" here worked a double steal as Banks threw to second and Large scored. Charlie Rentz singled and Cooner tallied, Charlie going to second on the throw in; Radcliff doubled and Charlie counted, Radcliff going to third on the throw in; Warren singled and Radcliff crossed the rubber for the 11th run. Capt. Bamberg flied out to second, and "Gyp" Rentz singled to right, Warren being caught going to third for the third out, and thus ending Wolfe's agony.

Score by innings:

Bamberg	101	002	34x	11	15	2
Orangeburg	100	100	000	2	4	5

Batteries, Whitesides and Cooner; Wolfe and Banks. Umpires, Burch and Smith.

## Standing of Clubs.

	W	L	Pc
Williston	8	1	.889
Bamberg	5	3	.625
Denmark	4	5	.444
Barnwell	4	4	.500
Ehrhardt	3	6	.333
Springfield	1	6	.143

## Friday's Games.

Barnwell 9, Bamberg 0, forfeited.  
Denmark 2, Williston 4.  
Springfield 8, Ehrhardt 3.

## Tuesday's Games.

Springfield 0, Bamberg 0, 3 innings.  
Williston 6, Ehrhardt 4, 6 inns.  
Barnwell 1, Denmark 2.

## BAMBERG FORFEITS GAME.

Game Breaks Up in Seventh Inning at Barnwell Friday.

The Bamberg ball team journeyed to Barnwell last Friday afternoon, and came back minus a ball game. Whether Barnwell won it, stole it, or merely got it by way of forfeit without any justification for a forfeit The Herald is unable to say because this paper did not have a representative at the game. We only have the statements of some mighty good Bamberg citizens, and we can only say that it was a very unfortunate affair and that as long as the Tri-County league uses such umpires as it has allowed to officiate in its contests this season, with a few exceptions, there will be no satisfaction in trying to have ball games on a sportsmanlike basis, and a staff of regularly employed disinterested arbiters will be the only salvation for the league.

We do know that the Barnwell correspondent of the Augusta Chronicle misquoted Jack Farrell, of Blackville, in stating that the ball batted by Pate in the seventh inning was fair. This decision broke up the game. Mr. Farrell telephoned to Bamberg Saturday saying that he made no such statement, and we are further informed that with the exception of one man practically all Blackville spectators, who by the way, were pulling for Barnwell, stated frankly that this decision of the umpires was rotten and that the ball was clearly foul. The correspondent from Barnwell of the daily papers also stated that the Bamberg team left the field because their umpire refused to change his decision. But according to the fans and team from here almost as a unit the boys left the field for the very reason that their umpire did change his decision. It is probably not good sportsmanship to quit a ball game, but it's pretty tough to be handed the short end of everything going and coming from the first inning through the seventh, and then have to take such medicine as allowing two runners to score on a ball so plainly foul that it was handled on the side lines by a spectator who was in sympathy with Barnwell until this decision. And we don't know which is the poorest sportsmanship to take advantage of that kind of stuff or simply walk off the field and say take it if you need it that badly. Then too Barnwell is the only town in the league where they allow batters to walk on three balls, and only home batsmen then; all this comes along with our information too. Anyhow the Bamberg boys hit well, garnering no less than 15 base hits in their stormy seven innings, to Barnwell's eight along with a number of walks so the umpire said; while the home team made one error to Bamberg's two. The forfeit of course made the score 9 to 0 in Barnwell's favor, but granting them the two scores which the umpire's decision gave them on the foul, the score at the finish was 10 to 9 with Barnwell having ten.

## Williston Cinches First Half.

Williston practically cinched the first half of the Tri-County league season in Denmark Friday when they defeated the home club by the score of 4 to 2, while Bamberg forfeited the game at Barnwell. In the game at Denmark both teams started off as if there would be 25 runs made. But after the first frame Smythe for Williston settled down as did Ballentine for Denmark and only one more run was tallied in the remaining eight innings. This was made through an error by Muhr at short for Denmark. Denmark had many chances to win the game, but almost invariably fell down in the pinches when a hit would have turned the tide of defeat into victory. In the first round with two on Lott's single got by Willis in right field for a triple and he later came home, and that was enough runs to win. With two on in Denmark's half Gibson scored both with a long double to left center. But that was all they could do. J. Kennedy for Williston got three hits.

## Fourth of July Game at Orangeburg.

Arrangements have been made for an exhibition game of base ball between Bamberg and Orangeburg at Orangeburg on July 4th, at 4:30 p. m. This is expected to be one of the most interesting games of the season.

## A Universal Game.

Is any game more nearly universal than tennis? The United States, having just won the Davis cup from Australia, has received a challenge from Spain. A team is expected from India, and in the preliminary play-off there will be contestants from Great Britain, Australia, France, Japan and perhaps from Mexico.

## RAIN STOPPED GAME.

With Score Tied, Game Called in the Third at Springfield.

With Charlie Rentz absent from the line-up Bamberg went to Springfield Tuesday for the scheduled game with the tail-enders, and after three innings had been played the game was called on account of rain. Neither side had scored a run and both pitchers were working in big league style. Monte Preacher was hurling for Springfield and the cloudy day along with his blinding speed proved very effective against the locals who could do little with his delivery, and "Gyp" Rentz got the only hit, a single to right field in the second inning. Four of the Bamberg boys fanned. Bill Whitesides for Bamberg was equally or more effective; his baffling curves were breaking nicely and for the three innings he had opposing batsmen completely at his mercy, not a Springfield man reaching first. The game bid fair to be a battle royal when the downpour came. It is probable that this game will be played off at Springfield at an early date to be agreed on by the respective managers.

## Umpire Takes Exception.

Umpire Christie, of the Denmark team, has taken exception to reference in the last issue of The Herald concerning certain of his decisions in the Denmark-Bamberg game Tuesday. The Herald wishes to assure Mr. Christie that nothing contained in the article was intended as a reflection in any manner upon the character or honor of the umpire. The idea that was intended to be conveyed was that as an umpire Mr. Christie was badly off in some of his decisions, and this opinion is shared by a large number of those who saw the game. The Herald is perfectly willing to grant that the errors, if errors there were, were of judgment only. Mr. Christie assures The Herald that he did the best he could. After reading the reference again carefully, we fail to see any reason why a personal reflection could be read into the article, and we wish to assure the umpire that certainly none was intended.

## LIFE SENTENCE FOR POSTON.

Found Guilty of Murder.—J. H. Miller the Victim.

Kingstree, June 18.—The trial of Tom Poston, charged with the killing of J. H. Miller, of Kingstree, culminated here today when the jury brought in a verdict of guilty of murder with recommendation to mercy. An appeal for a new trial on the ground that the defense did not have time for the opportunity to prepare evidence as a rebuttal for testimony of two of the witnesses, tending to show that the act was committed with premeditation, was overruled by the court.

The court sentenced Poston to serve the remainder of his life at hard labor either on the chain gang or on the public highway.

Large crowds have attended this case throughout its progress, showing the keen interest manifested by friends of the defendant and of the man he shot, and it has been one of the strongest contested legal battles ever held in this county. Both sides were well represented, Messrs. Kelley & Hinds representing the defendant, and Solicitor McLeod being assisted by Leroy Lee and Congressman P. H. Stoll.

Mr. Miller was shot and killed while on his way to spend Sunday with his wife and child. The automobiles of Mr. Miller and Poston met and words followed, it is alleged.

## GHOST STORY—RATS.

Mystery of "Haunted House" Explained.

Bristol, Va., June 18.—The mystery of a strange noise in a house here that has caused great excitement for the past week was declared solved today when more than fifty big wharf rats and a net work of rat tunnels was found under the house in the course of a police investigation. The floor of the "spook" room was torn up and workmen armed with shovels and picks dug down several feet. Today was the first time in the past week that a crowd of several hundred people has not visited the place. Chief of Police R. L. Morton today said that throngs would not be allowed to collect in the neighborhood while the investigation was in progress. Nearly 10,000 people have visited the house in the past week.

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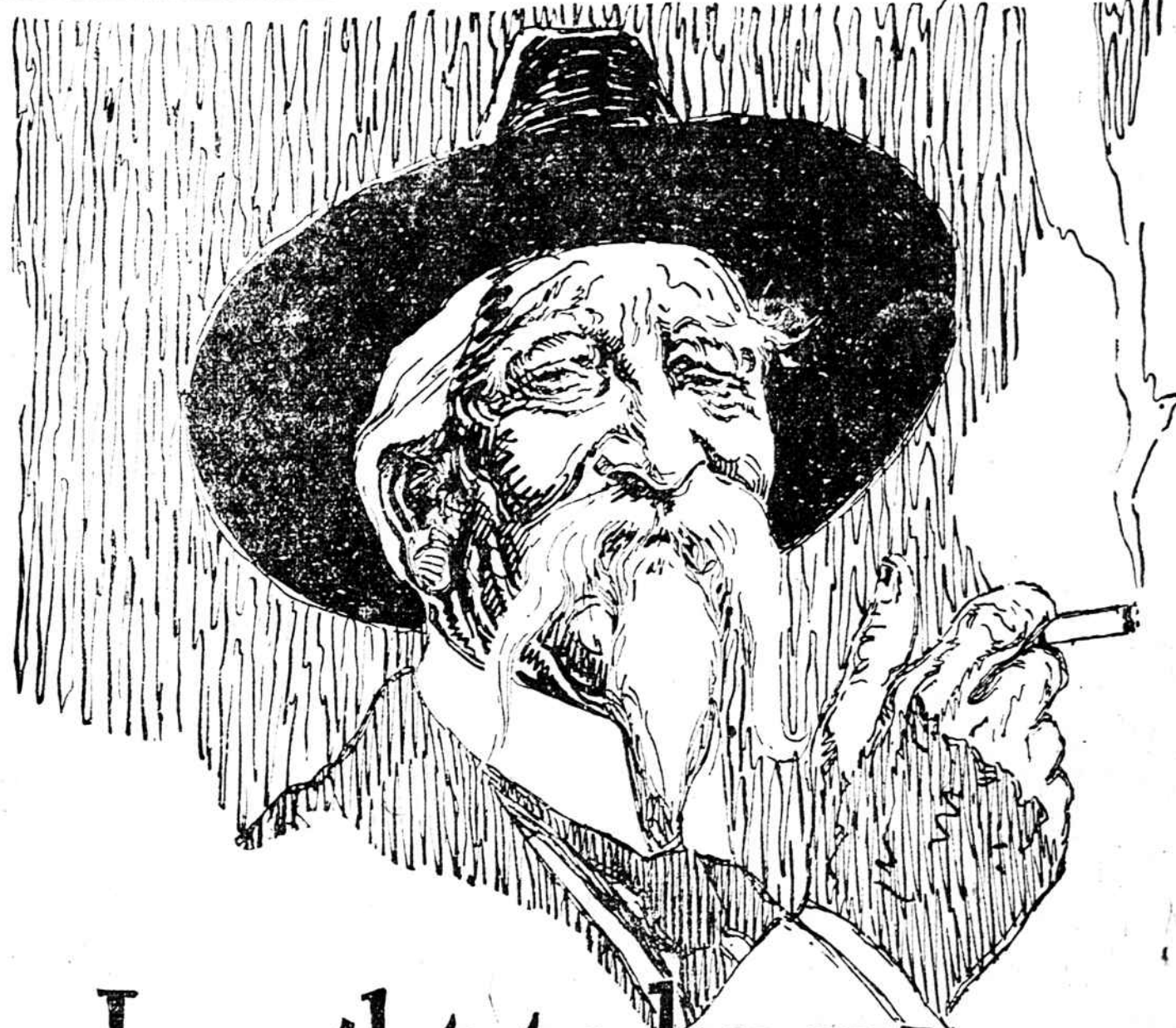
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