

Reliance and Foundries Now In Possession of First Place Of Their Respective Groups

Two Smart Games Played in Men's Softball Loop at Fairgrounds

SWELL FIELDING

Reliance and Belleville Foundries forged into sole possession of first place in their respective groups of the Belleville and District Softball Association by virtue of narrow-margin wins at the Fair Grounds last night. The Reliance vanquished the No. 5 I.T.S. "Flyers" 4 to 1 in the curtain-raiser, while the Foundry lads rallied to eke out a 3-1 victory over Bristol Aircraft in the nightcap affair. Both games were productive of some fine softball, the second tussle being filled with thrilling defensive plays, as the pitchers in both tussles came into their own and were all too stingy with base knocks, as the box score will show.

In the opener the veteran Johnny Bawden went to the hilltop for Bud Wilkins' Reliance and once again proved his pitching prowess by scattering six Flyer hits in a masterful manner and was seldom in trouble. Bill Colvin was Skipper Archie Green's choice for the Air-men hilltop effort and although the former Toronto pitcher yielded up seven safe blows, errors paved the way for his defeat and he was removed for a pinch-hitter in the sixth. All of this did not detract

from Bawden's mound effort as the local veteran struck out eight, including the last batter when the Flyers had the tying runs aboard.

Evened Game in Second

Cy Barriage's single followed by Gene LaBonne's triple gave the Reliance an initial frame head start of a run. Green's Flyers evened matters in the second on successive hits by McKay and Schroder and from then until the sixth it was all even. Reliance sewed matters up in the top half of the sixth when Cy Barriage opened with a single, Corbell raced far into right field to rob LaBonne of a hit and Thoms bobbled Murney Green's hard smash putting two on. St. Louis popped to Colvin for a second out, but Gerald Ethier came through with a double to score Barriage, while Green followed, when Kerr muffed one at first on Tuttle to end the scoring.

The fielding sensational plays were provided by Bathant and Corbell, Flyer fielders, and Cy Barriage and Teddy Henn with fine pick-ups in the Reliance inner works.

Sensational Fielding

The second game was productive of even more sensational fielding as Webb robbed Moy at short in the fifth as the Foundries beat Bristol 3-1, while Tomaso, Flindall and Sager all made fine running catches for the losers, but to no avail.

Bristol's lone tally came in the first, when Moy was safe on an error and scored on Sager's subsequent hit. Skipper Willing's Foundry lads evened the count in the fifth, when Tom Orr singled and scored on Huck's one base blow after stealing second. All even going into the last inning the blow off came when Latchford bobbled on Waite to put one aboard. Tom Orr singled and Waite pulled up at third and scored on a passed ball, Orr going to third to score on brother Sam Orr's one base clout. Although Bristol got two aboard in their half of the last canto it was no score as Waite pitched himself out of the hole.

Two former Belleville junior team mates, pitcher Freddie Waite and Bob Bunton labored against each other and both did themselves noble with the former turning in a three-hitter, while Bunton allowed but six singles, not an extra base blow being garnered as the fielders played sterling defensive ball. The only two-play killing of either game was provided by the Foundry lads, Webb to Tom, Orr to nip the Bris-

tol in the sixth with two aboard. Bunton whiffed six to Waite's three and walked but two to Freddie's four, but Waite was the stinger with base knocks and won.

The boys go back at it with a dual bill again Thursday night.

The box scores:

(First Game)

Reliance	AB.	R.	H.
J. Barriage rf.	3	0	0
Henn 2b.	4	0	1
Cy Barriage ss.	4	2	2
LaBonne lb.	4	0	1
Green rf.	3	1	1
St. Louis cf.	3	0	0
Ethier 3b.	3	1	1
Tuttle c.	3	0	1
Bawden p.	3	0	0
Total	30	4	7

No. 5 I.T.S.	AB.	R.	H.
Thoms ss.	4	0	1
Green cf.	3	0	0
Kerr lb.	4	0	1
Westfall 3b.	2	0	0
Bethany lf.	3	0	0
Corbell rf.	3	0	1
McKay c.	3	1	1
Schroder 2b.	3	0	2
Colvin p.	1	0	0
McKillem	1	0	0
Waite cf.	0	0	0
Paquette p.	0	0	0
Total	26	1	6

Score by innings.

Reliance	R	H	E
Reliance	100	003	0-4 7 1
No. 5 I.T.S.	010	000	-1 6 3

Summary: Three base hit, LaBonne; two base hits, Corbell and Ethier; left on base, Reliance 5, No. I.T.S. 8; runs batted in, Schroder, LaBonne, Ethier and Tuttle; struck out by Bawden 8, by Colvin 2, base on balls, off Bawden 4, off Paquette 2; losing pitcher Colvin. Umpires: Schrieder and Bawden.

(Second Game)

Bristol	AB.	R.	H.
Latchford lb.	3	0	1
Moy ss.	4	1	0
Cronin c.	2	0	0
Sager lf.	3	0	2
Moher cf.	3	0	0
Tomaso 2b.	3	0	0
Harris rf.	2	0	0
Flindall 3b.	2	0	0
Bunton p.	3	0	0
Total	25	1	3

Foundries	AB.	R.	H.
Huck lf.	3	0	1
Day cf.	4	0	0
Bellis 3b.	3	0	0
Callaghan lb.	2	0	0
Webb ss.	3	0	1
Waite ss.	3	0	1
T. Orr 2b.	3	2	2
S. Orr rf.	3	0	1
J. Orr c.	3	0	1
Total	27	3	6

Score by innings.

Foundries	R	H	E
Foundries	000	010	2-3 6 2
Bristol	100	000	0-1 3 2

Summary: Runs batted in, Sager, Huck, S. Orr; double play, Webb to T. Orr left on bases. Foundries 5, Bristol 7; struck out by Waite 3, by Bunton 8; base on balls, off Waite 4, off Bunton 2. Umpires: Schrieder, plate and Bawden, bases.