



ATHLETICS



ALEXANDER SWAMPS WEST END

Showing unexpected power, Alexander College pounded out a 32-3 victory over a West End team which, after giving up five runs in the first inning never recovered from the surprise sufficiently to halt the scoring spurge. The third inning saw another big rally for the college, with twelve runners coming home, and eight more were scored in the fifth. After that the boys were content to take one or two runs per inning.

For the first time the college batters showed some ability to place their hits, and this paid off in runs. Robinson and Kelly were the big men of the evening with five hits and a walk each, although everyone shared in the field-day at the expense of the West End pitcher.

Full of confidence because they were making a good showing at the plate, the team performed faultlessly in the field, and there was none of the fumbling which we have come to expect, and which has lost so many close games. Fanjoy had seven strike-outs, and although he also walked seven men, his field gave him such good support that he was never in danger.

CLOSE GAME LOST BY TWO RUNS

"The best game we've played so far" was the players report after Monday evening's fixture played against Hillbillies at Queen's Square. No, we didn't win, but this time the score was not so unbalanced as usual. The start of the ninth, in fact, saw the teams tied at 8 all. Then the Hillbillies got their big rally of the night to go ahead by six runs, and despite a valiant attempt the college could only gather four runs, so that the final count was 14-12.

COLLEGE LOSES AT BARKER'S POINT

After their overwhelming victory over the West End, which took place at the West End's home grounds, we thought that perhaps all the team needed was to get away from the Exhibition Grounds in order to prove their superiority over the opposition. This theory was shown to be false, however, when the team crossed the river to play the I. O. O. F. at Barker's Point. Despite the change of scene our side lost the game by a count of 18-7, so apparently the previous victory was only a flash in the pan.

"They say that King Solomon was a very just man. Is that correct?"

"Yes, any time a girl was brought before him he gave her a fair trial."

N. DEVON NOSES OUT ALEXANDER 3-2 IN NINTH

Remembering Bill Davis' three-bagger against the left-field fence in the last game at North Devon, "Hack" Hillman sent him in as pinch-hitter for Phinney in the ninth inning with Fletcher on base, two men down, and two runs needed to win. It was a tough spot to be in, and though he took a couple of healthy swings at the ball, Bill was unable to repeat his previous feat and ended up by flying out to left field.

So ended one of Alexander's better ball games. It was disappointing in so far as Devon's first two runs came on errors. A slow throw to first base by Laird gave Devon an unearned hit, and then Phinney dropped an easy fly in right field to let this run in and put another man on base. This runner also came home before Fox was run down between second and third by Hoyt, Laird and Spear to make the third man out.

The college missed an excellent chance for a rally in the fourth when Leech tried to get around third base on a hit by Spear, changed his mind and tried to get back to second only to find the ball there before him. This was the first out, and was shortly followed by two more when Hoyt fled out and Spear was slow in getting back onto the first base sack.

Alexander's two runs were scored in the sixth by Laird and Murphy who crossed the plate in lock-step following a hit into left field by Leech. Murphy was around third before Laird, who was expecting the fly to be caught, had got started, and Murphy almost pushed him down the base line and over the plate.

The umpiring, for a change, was excellent, and the game was kept moving all the time. This combined with the high standard of baseball played by both teams, made this the most satisfactory game we have yet seen in the league.

SOUTH DEVON TAKES 9-8 DECISION

Weakened by the loss of Doak and Fletcher, Alexander College went down to defeat before nine South Devon players and two umpires last Friday night on the South Devon diamond. Phinney proved an adequate replacement for Fletcher at first base, but Doak's absence from his position behind the plate was a big factor in enabling the Tigers to build up a 5-0 lead in the first three innings.

The college side collected three runs in their half of the fourth, and two more in each of the next two frames to go into a tie, but any hopes the team may have had of winning were destroyed by some definitely raw decisions on the part of the two officials, who displayed a lamentable ignorance of the contents of the rule book. Their prize effort came in the eighth inning when the umpire called Murphy out for kicking the ball, and yet allowed Phinney to come home from third on the play. By this time the home team had counted two more tallies, and although Phinney's run was added to the score, three men were called out before Schreenen could be brought in from third to even the score again. We were not allowed another chance, as the umpire called the game on account of "darkness".

RANGERS LEAD IN INTERCLASS PLAYOFFS

Playoffs in the Interclass League started on Monday night when Rangers defeated B1 by breaking a 13-all tie in the extra inning and ending up on top by a single run. Rangers now advance to meet the second place team, representing A class in a sudden-death game, and next week will see the winners of this game start the semi-final series against the league champs, B2.

In this league it is impossible to make an accurate prediction, but we'll venture out on a limb and pick B2 as the eventual winners. With such stalwarts as Inch, Hunt and May, to say nothing of their battery of Fanjoy and Robinson, they have on paper more power than any other team, and their unbeaten record throughout the regular schedule indicates that they are capable of living up to their reputation. However, A class, whose team also has several members of the college team, is just aching for the chance to take the champs to town, and if they win the semi-final against Rangers there should be a rousing battle for the final verdict.

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