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Tom Bermingham's Conventions Put Another Defeat on the Champs.

POOR FIELDING AND MILLER'S PITCHING

Nonpareils Made Many Errors and Didn't Bat a Little Bit—Just the Other Way for the Victors—Details of the Game.

VERY enthusiastic crowd assembled at Nonpareil park yesterday afternoon to see Major Tom Bermingham's Conventions and Nonpareils try conclusions again.

And all that took the trouble to make the trip were not a bit sorry for they witnessed one of the most exciting contests that has taken place on these famous grounds for many a day.

The afternoon was just right for the sport, with a leaden sky and just enough breeze to make things pleasant.

The battle began promptly at 4 o'clock and in the language of Mr. Gladstone, it was a lily.

Captain Shanahan's best went into the struggle with the very best men, indeed, they were utterly disconcerted, but Bermingham's lumps were only so many sheep in wolves' clothing.

They not only used the stick with effect, but played a game that outshone Spud Farrah's diamond—the one he lost in Washington.

Russ McKelvey, the old Alleghanian, upmired after his usual faultless style and there wasn't a kick in the entire game.

Lyonburg Miller, the Senecambian twirler for the Brummeys boys, pitched a superb game. Jelen was good too, on an average, but the Bermingham family got his crease just at the right time.

Artie Creighton, Little Stony, Mickle Clark and Tichnor fairly plastered themselves with mud and glory. But in this exhibition of praise I must not overlook that young Italian, Patsey Morarity. He was in the thickest of the fight from the opening gun to the last dying gasp.

The balance of the Southsiders were a bit marigold in color.

By the phenomenal downpour had left the ground something like a custard pie, and they should not be judged too harshly.

Began the Play Promptly. Stony was the first to toe the scratch. He tapped down a little one to Jerry Mahoney and Jerry slammed him out at first.

Then Creighton and Adams did precisely the same thing, and a murmur of discontent began to ooze through the battlements of the Northsiders.

But say, Jerry and his pal, Sam McAlliff, were very much in the pal. Jim Wrenn, weren't they?

Between the two av'ens, they retired the side. And when they were both fired out, there were only three balls pitched in the inning.

The Pareils came in like conquering heroes, but Lyonsburg quickly knocked the switch out of their bats.

Stoney threw Jerry out at first, Miller took care of Brad's pop-up, and Tichnor whiffed Jelen's fly.

Jelen started the second by socking the ball about a foot into Mr. Yapp's ribs. He went to second on Kennedy's sacrifice and after Jack Robinson had flew out to Frank Mahoney, he scored on Mickle Clark's clean single. Tichnor perished at the hands of Jerry and McAlliff, yet the crowd looked to be doing so.

But they couldn't. They were both fired out at first by Stony, and Captain Dave played "Papa Buy Me a Bow-wow" with the wind. Then another hand was dealt to the Conventions, and it looked as if it came from a cold deck.

To commence with Lyonsburg took a little of his own wits, and Jerry threw him out. Then Jerry made a miscue on Stony's easy one and the boy was safe.

A groan went up from under the willows, but instead of hitting the mark it hit yellow fever, is catching, Jelen followed up Jerry's blunder with another home play.

Creighton hit a soft one down in the mud in front of the Northsiders, and Stony at second, Jell came within an ace of killing a blue jay in the maples back of center field. Stony ambed on to third, where he was reaching home, but never, however, by a quick throw of Bradford's on Adam's grounder. Lacey followed up all this mess with a home run, and Jelen followed suit. So there were two runs in without the sign of a hit.

The atmosphere was growing very sulphurous when Jelen switched Kennedy off by a quick throw to first.

In their half the Pareils had another egg, and how happy the Northsiders were.

Two Doubles in a Hurry. Jack Robinson came up smiling for the fourth. Jelen, after taking a good look at him, aimed the sphere at his lower vest button, but instead of hitting the mark it landed against the kid's club.

The concussion sounded for all the world like a peanut in the smaller crowd, and he got up and slid down on it. And while Mr. Jelen was still wondering what had happened the ball had landed "way out among the sweet peas" and the mark it hit was Rob was blowing like a porpoise on sack No. 2.

You ought to have heard Tom Bermingham's mad shouts at the moment it was over. It sounded just like somebody tearing off a tin roof.

Clark followed with a neat single, on which the giddy kid was trapped at the plate. He thought he was a sprinter, but he was on to Count Morarity's good right arm, and he reached home, but was punched in the ribs with the ball in Lacey's hand.

"Wot's de matter wid y' kid?" cried a gamin on the bleachers. "You couldn't run a hundred yards in a month."

But Clark reached second on the throw, and then Stony pitched to him and he drove, Tich, himself, making second on the throw from the field to head Clarke off at home, and scored when Jelen tried to nail him at home on a sacrifice.

Shanahan threw Stony out to McAlliff and the Pareils came in for another omnium.

The fifth was a blank for the Conventions, but it yielded one poorly little run for the Shanahans.

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