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Spangler Team Plays Baby Trick by Leaving Field

Unfairly Object to Decision Made by Umpire When Patton Led by One Run.

Over 6000 fans, declared to be the season's largest crowd to witness a game on the Patton grounds, were present at the Spangler-Patton setto here Labor Day only to see the game end in the first half of the sixth inning, when the Spangler players left the field, claiming that the umpire had erred in his decision on a batted ball in the vicinity of first base when he called it a foul.

Throughout the six innings a good game was played by the two clubs. Patton scored the only run in the second inning, when Callahan got on first and was put across the platter by Farrell's three-base hit. The score:

Spangler—	ab.	r.	h.	o.	a.	e.
Young, lf	3	0	0	0	0	0
W. Hicks, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Fox, 3b	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dewey, ss	1	0	0	2	0	0
Mehal, 2b	2	0	0	1	2	0
McCarthy, rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Leadbetter, 1b	2	0	1	5	0	1
Perham, c	2	0	0	1	0	0
Smith, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	16	0	1	15	5	1

Patton—	ab.	r.	h.	o.	a.	e.
J. Kristoff, cf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Swabb, 1b	2	0	1	5	0	0
Cooper, 3b	2	0	1	0	2	1
Noonan, 2b	1	0	0	3	1	0
Peacock, lf	2	0	0	1	0	0
Callahan, ss	2	1	0	1	1	1
White, rf	1	0	0	1	0	0
Farrell, c	2	0	1	3	0	0
Robertson, p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	16	1	3	15	8	2

Score by innings:

Spangler	000 00—0
Patton	010 00—1

Three-base hit—Farrell. Double play—Callahan to Noonan to Swabb. Basis on balls—Off Robertson 4. Struck out—By Robertson 3, Smith 6. Umpires—Rumgay and Reese.

Personal attacks on the char[illegible] through the [illegible] are [illegible] but [illegible] to [illegible] the writers of such articles. Mr. W. R. Rees, of Indiana, formerly of Patton, who happened to be the base umpire at the ball game here Labor Day, and who is a thorough gentlemen, comes in for the major part of a lot of criticism on a fair decision by the regular umpire on a batted ball upon which he was as powerless to render a decision as the imaginative writer whose name appears below the following article which appeared in Thursday's Johnstown Ledger, in the very weakest kind of an attempt to defend the Spangler Baseball team's baby trick in quitting the game and walking off the field here on Labor Day.

A COMMUNICATION

Sporting Editor of Ledger:

Through all the mud slinging in newspapers about the Patton and Spangler teams the fireworks were let off at 3:30 Labor Day at Patton and Spangler was to be led to slaughter if everything had panned out the way Patton had the stage set. To start things right, one Mr. William Reese was base umpire, from Patton Drill Team of course. At drilling Reese, as we see him is fine, but as an umpire he smells. Next umpire was our old friend Rumgy from Emeigh Run who brought Roxie Roach and half of his Windber bunch to Carrolltown Fair last year. Emeigh was to play Spangler in a series and they smiled as they walked through Ehrnsboro and Spangler and collected all the money they could and when we got to the Fair they laughed out loud. But Spangler was game and went out and beat Windber 2-0 and again Emeigh Run got done paying out they never got on their feet yet. So old Fuzzy Rumgy was going to pull them there yesterday if he could. We also didn't like the way Mr. Reese pronounced the game, like this: "Perkins will catch and Smith will pitch for Indiana; Robertson from Altoona will pitch and Farrell will catch for Patton."

The game starts, first inning 0-0. Second inning, Patton got a man on first, next batter sacrificed to second and next man put one in the crowd for two bases and they scored. The game settled down and Smith struck out six men and they hollered murder, but Smith was clean. He had no team with him. If he had they would have got on first base. But the gringo rule was two bases in the crowd and a home run over the machine. Bill Hicks, first man up in the fifth got a walk and had a lead of about six feet and the first baseman was about two feet inside the bag when Fox caught one on the nose and Swabb never moved to jump into the air and touched the ball with his fingers and the ball went into the crowd under the machine and I was right there and I can go before any judge and swear the ball was a foot inside the chalk line but the crowd was 10 feet over the line and Spangler scored two runs. There again the tenth and eleventh men got in their work. They called it a foul ball. They argued. Spangler wanted to call it a two base hit but nothing doing so Spanger walked off the field and got no expense money but they are getting used to that now. They played Milvale at Altoona with Mr. Robey pitching and beat him and got no money or support out of the Mountain City. But if Patton wants to take the same teams and play at Carrolltown Fair Grounds with umpires, they can be accommodated for $500 or more.

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William Rumgay, of Emeigh Run, a baseball man of twenty-five years experience and well-known throughout the north of the county, acted as umpire. A batted ball, according to disinterested spectators, easily eighteen inches outside the first base sack, was justly declared a foul by Mr. Rumgay. However, Spangler immediately took option on the decision and demanded that it be reversed, which the umpire refused to do, with the result that the Spangler team left the field, and disappointed the crowd. Yet with all this the writer from Spangler, who quite likely was not near first base, says that he is willing to go before any justice and swear the ball was a foot inside the chalk line and makes another statement that Swab, the first basemen, jumped into the air while standing two feet inside the base, and touched the ball with his fingers, and that the ball deflected through the crowd and under a machine. One of the representatives of this newspaper was within a few feet of first base at the time as were several other and there is no question in the minds of any one of them but that the ball was from two to four feet outside the first base line and absolutely far beyond Swab's reach. The ball could not have rolled under a machine for no machines were permitted to be parked in that vicinity.

The affair is a peculiar one. Baseball can only be played with an umpire. In this particular instance he was chosen from a vicinity that lays much closer Spangler than it does to Patton. Just why the Spangler team [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]