

Drain Legion Entry Tags Springfield For Win, Tie

Drain's entrant in Area Four Legion play handed Springfield its first league loss, then fought to a nine inning tie with the invaders Tuesday night.

Ran Cool came on in the fifth inning to get credit for the 2-1 win in the seven inning opener, then pitched the first eight innings of the 0-0 deadlock with Springfield.

Dwight Pontius started the first game for Drain, and was in complete control until the fifth when Springfield rallied for the tying run. Cool came on with one out and recorded six strike outs in two and two-thirds innings to finish the game. The two Drain hurlers combined talents to limit the visitors to two hits in the game.

Wayne Swango, fire-balling right hander from Coburg, was on the hill for Springfield in the opener. Swango held Drain to three hits, but had trouble finding the plate throughout the evening.

Cool came back strong in the second game as he struck out 20 Springfield batters in eight innings. While striking out 20, Cool was tagged for two hits, one walk and the sparkling left-hander hit one batter.

At the start of the ninth inning, Pontius came back in for Drain and issued one walk before retiring the side. Larry Goats handled the pitching for Springfield for the full nine innings. Goats was tagged for seven hits, but always worked his way out of trouble, especially in the late innings. Goats struck out 14 Drain batters.

The scoreless tie was halted at the end of nine innings by an agreement between the two teams. When Drain travels to Springfield later in the season the contest will be continued. When the game starts again it will be the top of the 10th inning with the lineup reading the same as when the outing was called Tuesday. Players who played early in the game, then were pulled, will not be eligible to reenter the contest as it will be a continuation, not a rescheduling.

In the 2-1 decision, Drain opened the scoring in the third inning with a single run. However, Springfield came back to tie the count in the top of the fifth, only to see Drain push across the winning tally in the bottom of the sixth.

Drain's first run in the third came as Jerry Reeves led off with a free pass, and was sent to second when Ron Revelle walked. Catcher Gary Cox belted a single to bring in the lead runner and put the

northern Douglas County team out in front by one.

Springfield roared back as Bob Board led off with a walk in the fifth chapter. Board was forced at second by Gary Davison, who in

the ice came in the seventh and the ninth frames. In the seventh Reeves beat out an infield hit, stole second and attempted to score on Cox's single. However, the throw from the left-fielder caught Reeves at the plate, though he tried desperately to make the catcher drop the ball. As a result of the ensuing tangle Reeves and Heacock were ejected from the game.

The ninth inning threat came when Pontius and Scooper Lee collected back to back singles with one out, but Drain could not get the winning run across.

Drain will return to Area Four Legion play Sunday, traveling to South Eugene for a pair.

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Drain	001	001	x-2 2 2

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