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jody murray double play

A sports article, to the uninitiated jock hater, reads like so much undecipherable sludge.

A friend told me last week that a story I wrote recently on bike repair was the first "sports" story she has figured out all year.

"Why can't sports writers create stories that everyone can read?" she asked.

Rather than answer the question directly, I'll describe a baseball game in which everything down to the last pitch (when the pitcher, who throws the ball, does so to the batter, who hits it).

During Oregon's turn to come to home plate to try to hit the ball, Ralph Smutz, who, when

he isn't trying to hit the ball, stands between second and third base (there are four bases: first, second, third and home plate) and tries to stop balls that are hit his direction, bunted, which is to say he hit the ball very softly so it rolled slowly toward third base.

Smutz bunted because he hoped no one from the other team would be able to get to the ball in time to stop him. The other team wanted to stop Smutz from reaching first base, which he could try to do after he hit the ball. If Smutz could make it to first base without being stopped, he might have had a chance to go to second, third and home plate, which would have score one point for his team.

This is not to say that Smutz made it to first base, because, in fact, he didn't. The other team's pitcher, Billy Barfin, ran to the ball, picked it up, and threw it to teammate Sam Snitch, who spends most of his time near first base.

Snitch caught the ball and, before Smutz could reach the base and touch it with his foot, Snitch used his own foot to touch first base.

That meant Smutz was out.

Smutz, however, was not convinced this was so. According to the rules, he would have had to go into the dugout, which is where baseball players sit when they are not playing, and sit down.

Smutz contended his foot touched first base before Snitch's did, which would have meant that Smutz was indeed safe (able to remain standing on first base and go to other bases if a teammate also hit the ball).

Snitch and Smutz got into a heated beef, which is to say they argued. At one point, Snitch spit on Smutz's shoes. The spit came from the large wad of chewing tobacco implanted in Snitch's cheek. Baseball players like to chew and spit a lot.

The two came to blows, highlighted by a Smutz uppercut which knocked out Snitch's tobacco. The umpire, a guy dressed in blue and black whom no one seems to like, took both men out of the game, but not before Snitch cried to Smutz:

"Ya bum (a standard derogatory term in baseball)!"

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