

Roseburg Chiefs Drop Pelicans 12 to 7, Sunday, In Bizarre Exhibition Of Ball

Ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous, baseball was displayed Sunday between Roseburg, current second-place holders in Southwest Oregon League, and the Brookings Pelicans, at the local field. Plenty of rhabarb, such as umpire-baiting, entered in the fray to give fans everything but a triple play and a no-hitter.

For a couple of innings, Bob Astin and Bus Sporer were locked in as neat a pitching duel as a fan could desire with all batsmen parading to the plate and away—just like that. In the third a homerun broke the ice with Roseburg going ahead.

Astin found himself in trouble after two were out in the fourth when he had the bases loaded and a foul fly ball was allowed by the umpire and four run hit the plate for the visitors. Nierman, reliever, held the visitors in check for the next two innings when a home run again figured in the scoring.

Brookings looked weak until the sixth when Nierman hit a four-ply smash to deep left center field. This angered Roseburg, apparently, for they got to Nierman for two in the seventh, to apparently stow away the game in a freezer.

Came the eighth, and everything—including umpire baiting and expelled players, near fist-cuffs, and everything to whet the delight of fans, partisan or otherwise.

Sporer, who had been almost untouchable up to that point, suddenly found his control not the best, and had two men on base via the bases on balls. A shift in the batting order for the Pelicans, saw Westbrook in from third on a close play. The Roseburg catcher claimed pushing on the part of Westbrook, when he was called safe. In the immediate blow-up on the part of Roseburg, when Sporer and Richey were chased to the showers, Brookings tied up the game with a six-run spurge.

However, the Pelican's joy was short-lived for the next inning Roseburg got to Nierman for five runs, including a grand-slam hit by Winder, who wound up behind the plate.

Brookings was unable to recover any lost ground in its half of the ninth. Following the game all the Roseburg team swarmed to Umpire Eickhoff and flayed him with more than just abusive remarks. This carried on for several minutes after the fans had filed off the field.

The scoring:

Roseburg	001 400 205	—12
Brookings	000 001 060	—7
Roseburg—12	ab r h po a	
Baker, lf-3	5 1 2 2 1	
Zurcher, cf	3 2 0 3 0	
Kirsch, 3-ss	5 1 2 1 1	
G. Sanders, ss	3 1 2 0 1	
V. Sanders, 2	4 1 1 2 3	
Richey, c	4 1 1 6 0	

Linde, 1	2	2	1	7	2
Ayers, 1	1	0	0	1	0
Carey, rf	1	0	0	1	1
Sporer, p	3	0	1	1	2
Johnson, lf	1	1	1	0	0
Winders, rf-3-c	1	2	1	3	0
Curran, rf	1	0	0	0	0
Cade, p	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	12	12	27	11
Brookings—7	ab r h po a				
Kimura, cf	4	1	0	1	0
McLean, rf	5	0	0	1	0
DeAutremont, 2	5	1	0	5	3
Nierman, 1-p	4	1	1	4	4
Selsor, ss	4	1	2	3	3
Polando, lf	3	1	0	1	0
Johnson, 3	1	0	0	0	1
Matson, 3	2	1	1	0	1
Peterson, c	4	0	2	6	1
Astin, p	1	0	0	0	4
Westbrook, 1	1	1	0	6	0
Totals	34	7	6	27	17

Summary: Errors: Richey, DeAutremont 2, Sporer. RBI Baker, Kirsch 2, G. Sanders, D. Johnson, V. Sanders 3, Linde 3, Carey, Nierman, Selsor, Matson, Peterson 2. 3-base hits, Kirsch 2; HR V. Sanders, Linde Winders, Nierman; Stolen bases, Kimura, Selsor; Sacrifices: V. Sanders, Carey, Double plays, Selsor to DeAutremont to Westbrook; Left on bases, Roseburg 3; Brookings 5. Bases on balls: off Astin 1; off Nierman 4; off Sporer 4; off Cade 1; Strike-outs: Astin 1; Nierman 4; Sporer 6; Cade 3; Hits: off Astin 6 for 5 in 3 1/3; off Nierman 6 for 7 in 5 2/3; off Sporer 3 for 4 in 7 in 7 1/3; off Cane 3 for 3 in 1 2/3. Earned Runs: Astin 5; Nierman 5; Sporer; Cade 4. Winner, Cade; loser Nierman. Umpires: Eickhoff and Putnam. Time 2:40.

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