

MacKenzie Nine Edges Forest Grove Legion

Hillsboro's MacKenzie Motors Legion Juniors were shown quite a scare by the veteran Forest Grove baseballers in a district 1 league game here Wednesday evening but the locals finally came from behind with a couple of timely runs in the last of the sixth inning to win, 4 to 3.

The win was fourth in five starts and kept the proteges of Coaches Jim Anderson and R. M. Goodman on top in eastern division play. Forest Grove out-hit the locals and came up with several sparkling fielding plays but couldn't quite hold the locals who kept themselves in hot water with errors.

Dick Walbel opened on the mound for Hillsboro and gave way to Lee Alvord after three full innings with the score tied at 1-1. The visitors pushed over runs in the fourth and fifth innings to lead 3 to 2. Hillsboro having added another tally in the last of the fifth.

Walbel enjoyed one of baseball's scoring giants before he retired. Having struck out eight men in the first two innings and 10 in the three innings he worked more strikeouts than actual outs. A passed ball and a wild pitch allowed the visitors to get to first base after they had whiffed on two occasions.

Leftfielder Ben garnered Forest Grove's first hit in the third inning, a solid double to center which drove Second Sacker Beck across the plate from first base. He got life on an outfield error. Catcher McEachern collected the game's other double in the sixth with one out and scored on an infield out and a wild pitch. The Groves a temporary 3 to 1 lead.

Ad Rutchman scored Hillsboro's first run in the second inning. With one out he drew a walk, stole second and moved to third on Bobby Frantz' infield out. Rutchman then charged for the plate on an attempted steal and was ruled safe by Empire Van Lee because of interference on Batter McInnis by the catcher.

McInnis scored the MacKenzie Legion's second run in the fifth inning. He drew a base on balls, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt by Gogel, to third on Rothstrom's infield out and scored in a hard-hit single to left by Jim Neuman.

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