

BAD DECISION WINS THE GAME

DALLAS GIVEN GAME BY SCORE OF 6 TO 5

One of the Most Exciting and Interesting Exhibitions of Ball Playing Ever Witnessed in Polk County Played at Dallas July 3.

"Say, Daddy; did you say that Dallas won the ball game on the 3d?" "Well, to be honest with you, Zee, they did not win the game, but got it on a decision."

But laying all jokes aside, it was a game for your whiskers. The Dallas boys had that man Jones whom we are told is the greatest twirler that ever faced a catcher. Jones is a great pitcher. Everybody acknowledges it, but there are others and the Dallas crowd found it out before they were handed the game the other day.

Like all amateur games, the same old mistake was made by putting in a farmer or some local politician to umpire a game of ball, instead of a ball player. If there had been a professional ball player or some one who was up-to-date in the rules of the game, the result would have been different and there would not have been dissatisfaction over the decision. As it is, a majority of those who witnessed the game went away dissatisfied with the outcome and Dallas, instead of crowning herself with glory over the victory is being commiserated on all sides on account of the means resorted to in order to get the decision.

From a fans standpoint the game was one of the prettiest ever seen in this county, both teams playing ball from the time the umpire called "play ball" until it broke up in a row in the last half of the ninth inning. Jones was in the box for Dallas and Huddleston was at the receiving end. Jones got eight strike-outs to his credit while Berry, the man on the firing line for Independence, had only one. Jones used the split ball, over which he has excellent control. Berry and Walker were the battery for Independence and they played the game from start to finish. Berry is not what you term a strike-out pitcher. He uses an insinuator chiefly and puts them up around the neck and when they are found they most generally go up into the air or make a slow grounder to the infield.

As a result of the effectiveness of Berry's work in the box only ten men succeeded in reaching first base and Lee at short had nine chances, all of which he took, getting credit for five assists and four put outs. Dallas depended on its battery to win the game while Independence relied chiefly on her fielders to handle the ball, and when you say that everyone of them acquitted themselves with credit you have said it all. According to the official score, which is given hereafter, Dallas is credited with four errors while Independence has none. Thus it can be seen that both sides played base ball.

G. Dooley was the first man to face Jones, the much talked of twirler for the Dallas crowd, who rapped the ball for a long fly to left field which was promptly taken in by W. Barham who had charge of that garden. Walker followed with a hot grass cutter between first and second which was fumbled by Tooze. He stole second and scored on E. Dooley's three bagger. Fluke hit safe and Dooley scored on Craven's hit to second who failed to beat the ball to first. Johnson was thrown out at first on his liner to Hunt at third. The side retired with three scores to the good.

The Dallas boys did not propose to be left and there was something doing in their half of the first. Shorey hit safe and went to second on Tooze's bunt who beat the ball to first. Fenton went out on a fly to Dooley. Huddleston hit a hot grass cut over second for two bases on which Shorey and Hunt scored, himself scoring on Walker's throw to third. T. Barham hit safe but was forced out at second by Hunt. The side was retired by Boydston who knocked a grounder to Good at third and was thrown out at first.

In the second inning there was nothing doing on either side. Berry hit to second and got to first on the fumble by Tooze. G. Dooley went out on a fly to Boydston in right. Walker sacrificed and sent Berry to second. Lee tried for a long one to bring Berry home but only succeeded in getting the ball to Jones who threw him out at first.

There were only three men up for

Dallas, E. Barham, Jones and Shorey, the first going out on a hit to E. Dooley who threw him out at first, the second on a long fly to Craven and the last on a fly to Lee.

The third was a repetition of the second and was short and sweet. E. Dooley struck out, Jones walked and Fluke was forced out at second by Good's hit to Jones and the side was retired by Good's failure to steal third. Tooze went out on a hit to third and was thrown out at first. Fenton was retired by a fly to Craven. Huddleston hit safe while W. Barham was put out by a ball to Berry and was thrown out at first.

The fourth failed to yield either team a run. Craven fouled the ball but it went into the air and was taken in by Boydston in the right garden. Johnson failed to find the ball and was retired. Jones tried to kill Berry off by hitting him with the ball. Dooley got the same fate. With two men on bases and Walker up Independence stock took a sudden rise, but it was only for a short time as Walker failed to find the ball and went out on strikes. Dallas went out in one, two, three order. In this inning there was something seen that is rare in any ball game—only three balls were pitched to retire the side. Hunt, Boydston and E. Barham all sent the ball to Berry who fielded them out at first.

In the fifth there was something doing for Independence and they succeeded in getting them over the home plate. Lee hit safe while Dooley followed for two bags. Fluke sent a hot one to short which was fumbled by Shorey who was in too big a hurry. Jones then made a gift to Independence of a tally by hitting Good with the ball on which Lee scored. Craven hit safe and Dooley scored. Johnson got put out by being hit by the ball on the third strike. Right here is where Dallas showed good head work. Jones, their pitcher, being up in the air and in order to give him time to cool off a question was raised over the putting out of Johnson and the scoring of Fluke. The wrangle was kept up until Jones had had time to get on his feet, but not until the umpire had been convinced that Fluke should go back to third. The bases being full Fluke was forced out by Berry's hit to short and who in turn was forced out at second by Dooley.

Dallas was again retired in one, two, three order. Jones went out on a hit to Dooley who fielded him out at first. Shorey flew out to Lee and Tooze failed to find the ball.

The sixth was another blanket which was large enough to cover both teams. Walker found the ball which he delivered to Jones who in turn handed it to Fenton in time to shut him off at first. Lee's eye was bad and he went out on strikes, while Dooley sent one down to Tooze at second who threw him out at first. Fenton knocked a pop-up which was captured by Berry. Huddleston hit to Lee and was thrown out at first and W. Barham went out on a fly to Lee.

There was no more scoring on either side until the last half of the ninth when Boydston hit safe for Dallas and got home on E. Barham's two bagger. At this point the Dallas crowd went wild and crowded on the line between the home plate so thick that it was impossible to tell who was playing ball and who was not. In fielding the ball to home plate a bad throw was made on account of the crowd and Walker failed to get the ball which rolled out in the crowd and Barham scored. A howl went up from all sides on account of the means used by the Dallas people as it was evident from the first that they were going to win the game no matter what means had to be employed to do it. According to all rules and customs of the game Barham should have been sent back to third base. This was acknowledged by even the most rabid admirers of the Dallas players, but as it was demonstrated in the game played in this city three weeks ago that they were not game when it comes to taking a chance on an even break. When the decision of the umpire was made public, giving the game to Dallas by a score of 6 to 5, it looked for a few minutes as if there was going to be a free for all fight and but for the better judgement of some of the cooler heads there would have been a mix up that would have been long remembered by those who took part in it as well as those who witnessed it.

Independence players have no reason to be ashamed of losing a game characterized on all sides as being one of the roughest steals in the annals of base ball in the history of the county. It is to the credit of a large portion of the citizens of Dallas that they do not uphold or sanction the method resorted to by those who are behind the ball team of that city to clinch the game. It is possible

that the game was won by Dallas. No one questions that point, as they saw a man on third and nobody down, but they weren't game and refused to take the chance.

It must be stated here that it is to the credit of the umpire, Hon. U. L. Hawley, who seems to have been honest in his decision, that Barham should have been placed back on third base, but that the crowd wanted Dallas to win and he would decide the game in their favor, by a score of 6 to 5.

Independence		Dallas	
	ab r h po a e		ab r h po a e
G. Dooley 2b	4 0 0 2 2 0	Shorey	4 1 1 1 3 0
Walker c	5 1 0 2 1 0	Tooze 2b	4 1 1 1 3 3
Lee ss	5 1 2 4 2 0	Fenton 3b	4 0 1 11 0 0
E. Dooley 1b	5 2 1 13 0 0	Huddleston c	4 1 2 9 1 1
Fluke cf	4 1 1 1 0 0	W. Barham lf	4 1 1 1 0 0
Goode 2b	4 0 1 0 3 0	Hunt ss	4 0 0 0 1 0
Craven rf	4 0 1 2 0 0	Boydston rf	4 1 1 2 1 0
Johnson lf	4 0 0 0 0 0	E. Barham cf	4 1 1 0 0 0
Berry p	2 0 0 1 6 0	Jones p	2 0 0 1 5 0
Total	37 5 6 25 14 0	Total	34 6 8 27 14 4

Dallas	
Shorey	4 1 1 1 3 0
Tooze 2b	4 1 1 1 3 3
Fenton 3b	4 0 1 11 0 0
Huddleston c	4 1 2 9 1 1
W. Barham lf	4 1 1 1 0 0
Hunt ss	4 0 0 0 1 0
Boydston rf	4 1 1 2 1 0
E. Barham cf	4 1 1 0 0 0
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Earned runs—Independence 2, Dallas 2; two base hits, Lee; three base hits, E. Dooley, E. Barham; first base on balls—off Jones 2, Berry 1; left on bases—Independence 10; Dallas 4; struck out by Jones 8, by Berry 1; double play, Jones to Tooze to Fenton hit by pitcher, Berry, Dooley and Goode. Umpire, Hawley. Time of game, 1 hour and 45 minutes.

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FROM DALLAS	FOR INDEPENDENCE
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