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Coquille Wins Championship In Thrilling Style 9-8, 8-7

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Staging one of the greatest come-backs in local baseball history, the Coquille American Legion junior baseball team won the Coos county championship by taking both ends of a double-header from a fighting Coos Bay nine last Saturday on the Coquille diamond.

The first game, a ten-inning thriller, was replete with exciting plays from start to finish.

Coos Bay's left-fielder, Barrett, started the fireworks in the first inning with a sizzling home run that skittered through the gates of the park, sending Coos Bay into a 1-0 lead.

In the second inning, it was Huggins, Coos Bay first baseman, who lined one out through centerfield to get lost in a pile of debris and chalk up home-run number two for the invaders.

Both hits were off Johnny Knight. Coquille scored one run in the second inning and then came through with a dazzling display of hitting power in the third to drive three added runs across the plate and take the lead 4-2.

The fourth and fifth innings were scoreless, but Coos Bay made a determined bid in the sixth inning with a rally that brought home three runners and gave them a momentary 5-4 lead.

In the eighth frame, Coquille started another rally. Desperation at the realization that this second game was very crucial for Coquille apparently inspired the local team; for they added two more runs to their total before the end of the inning and once again jumped into the lead, 6-5.

That should have been the end of things. At least, that is the way it seemed to many spectators who were worn out and couldn't believe that the climax hadn't been reached.

Coos Bay came to bat in the top of the ninth trailing by one run. Joe Johnson, pitcher and first man to bat, singled and was sacrificed to second by his teammate, Jim Whitty. The next batter was safe on a fielder's choice, and Johnson scored when Eddie Howe's throw to first base went wild.

Coos Bay's Barrett then singled, putting a man on third base, and both advanced on a wild pitch by Keith Johnson, Coquille pitcher. That pitch put Coos Bay one run ahead, and a moment later the lead was increased to two when Dave Card grounded to the short-stop, scoring the man from third.

In Coquille's half of the ninth, Buzz Oerding drove a stinging double to start things rolling.

Shortly afterward, Jimmy Newton did a Babe Ruth over the left field fence to knot the score at 7-7.

Scores of the two games were 8-8 and drive the fans crazy. It was reported later by no less an authority than Bill Fortier that only two other balls have ever been put over that particular fence, a distance of three hundred and seventy-seven feet.

That was all the scoring for the ninth inning, but it drove the game into an overtime session.

Coos Bay was held scoreless in the top of the tenth and Coquille took over again.

Jerry Jeub walked and promptly stole second to set up the winning run. Then, Bill Owen pounded a single into right field to drive Jeub home and win the game 9-8.

Coquille was never headed in the second game, scoring one run in the first inning, two in the third, fourth and fifth, and one in the seventh while Coos Bay was only able to gather a total of four counters.

Coming into the ninth the score was 8-4.

Schultz, Coos Bay third baseman, opened the inning with a sharp single and advanced to second when Joe Johnson duplicated the feat a moment later.

Keith Johnson then walked Barrett, Coos Bay seige gun, to fill the bases and cause Coquille fans to shudder. Then, Dave Card, Coos Bay catcher, caught hold of one that put him on first base, driving in two runs and placing another potential run on third.

Huggins then fled out to centerfield for the first out. A tremendous throw-in by Newton held the runner on third base.

The next batter grounded to the short-stop who caught the Coos Bay man at the plate as he tried to score. Card advanced to third on the play.

Shortly afterward, Card scored on a passed ball to bring the score to 8-7.

The next man to face Keith Johnson went down via the strike-out route to end the threat and the game with Coquille emerging as champion of the league.

Coquille now goes to Drain to compete for the district ten championship. Two games will be played at Drain, Friday and Saturday evenings starting at 8:30.

The third game, if necessary, will be played in Coquille, Sunday, August 1st, starting at 2 p. m.

Box score (first game):
COQUILLE AB R H PO A E
Johnson, ss-p 6 1 3 1 6 0
Jeub, 1b 4 2 1 10 0 0

Owen, 2b	6	0	2	0	2	0
Oerding, c	5	3	3	10	1	1
Newton, cf	5	1	2	4	0	0
MacCauley, lf	5	0	2	2	0	0
Knight, p-ss	5	0	2	2	2	2
Moore, rf	5	1	2	0	0	0
Howe, 3b	5	1	1	3	1	1

Totals	46	9	18	30	12	6
COOS BAY	AB R H PO A E					
Whitty, cf	4	1	0	2	0	1
Schultz, 3b	4	1	0	1	1	1
Barrett, lf	5	3	2	1	0	0
Card, c	5	1	0	12	2	0
Huggins, 1b	4	1	2	5	0	0
Holland, ss-p	4	0	2	2	1	1
Ferguson, rf	5	0	0	2	0	0
Lebengood, 2b	4	0	0	4	2	0
Johnson, p-ss	5	1	1	1	1	0

Totals	40	8	7	28	7	3
COQUILLE	AB R H PO A E					
Johnson, ss-p	1	1	0	0	0	2
Jeub, 1b	1	1	0	0	0	3
Owen, 2b	1	1	0	0	0	3
Oerding, c	1	1	0	0	0	3
Newton, cf	1	1	0	0	0	3
MacCauley, lf	1	1	0	0	0	3
Knight, p-ss	1	1	0	0	0	3
Moore, rf	1	1	0	0	0	3
Howe, 3b	1	1	0	0	0	3

Totals	37	8	14	27	7	2
COOS BAY	AB R H PO A E					
Whitty, cf	5	0	0	2	0	1
Schultz, 3b	5	2	3	2	0	0
Barrett, lf	4	2	1	2	2	0
Card, c	4	1	1	0	1	0
Huggins, 1b	3	1	1	7	2	0
Holland, ss-p	4	0	1	10	0	0
Ferguson, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Lebengood, 2b	2	0	0	0	1	3
Holland, p	3	1	2	0	4	1

Totals	36	7	9	24	11	5
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Oerding, c	1	0	2	2	1	0
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