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Moro Defeats Wasco Team

The local ball club trimmed the confident Wasco aggregation on the home diamond last Sunday by score of 7 to 6. The day was windy and cold for a first-class exhibition of base-ball but the game was closely pitched throughout. Lefty Baldwin pitching for the locals succeeded in striking out 11 Wasco men, walking only 1 man. Baldwin also showed well at bat, getting four hits in five trips to the plate one of which was 3-bagger. Clow succeeded in striking out only four of the locals and walked five, hitting one man. Moro had the ill fortune to fill the bases time and again, only to hit into forces or lose a chance to score by failing to hit in the pinches. Fifteen Moro men were left on bases and four Wasco men tried to occupy 3d base at the same time but were finally convinced (?) that one man was a plenty on a base at any one time. The way the play went, Smith was put out when caught two feet off base, the play being to a certain extent forced by Andrews forcing Smith from 3d. According to one certain individual connected with the play, the decision was incorrect and not according to Hoyle or whoever it is. The score was 6 all from the 7th inning to the 9th and with Moro's last recovery in this inning, Garthhaffner came up with one down and sin-

of the Wasco team to have the umpire change the decision or have said umpire put up \$25 to back his judgment, both of which they did neither. I tried to give my Wasco bettors a chance for their dough, but I had our own manager, the umpire and two entire ball teams to buck up against.

In a game at Wasco against Moro I scored from 3d when the Moro catcher missed the 3d strike on the 3d out, with a man on 1st. The rule reads: "with 1st base occupied, before two hands are out the batsman strikes out; he is out whether the catcher holds the ball or not." The Moro catcher dropped the ball, he failed to get the batsman at 1st, and I scored. Whereupon the umpire called the batsman out.

Moro players seemed glad to get the run disallowed. It is not sport to play baseball by croquet rules. If one has to play against his own team and manager, umpire and the opposing team, good night! C. F. Smith.

Umpire States Reason for Decision

It has come to my attention that a number of friends of base ball who are not entirely informed as to the facts think I made an unfair decision while umpiring the last game at Moro between the Wasco and Moro teams.

I want to state first, that I always give an impartial decision without regard to where it may go and in this particular case the Wasco player was called out by me when the Moro catcher tagged him two feet off 3d base.

The fact that he was forced off by the runner from 2d had nothing to do

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gled, Mathews and Jeff Wilson following and doing likewise, filling the bases. Bus Sylvester came up and lined a hot one through the whole Wasco infield, scoring the winning run.

Two base hits: Andersen 2, Mederas, Wilson, Andrews.

Three-base hit: Baldwin.

Home run: Clow.

Arrangements for a game next Sunday are tentative, while Moro will play at Wasco Monday and Tuesday, July 4th and 5th.

Umpire's Decision Questioned

Regarding the incident at the base ball game at Moro Sunday, There never has been a time in baseball, according to the rules, that the act of a baserunner touching 2d base or 3d base will legally force the runner already occupying either of said bases to vacate except backward.

For instance, as in Sunday's game, the runner from 2d runs to 3d and touches said base, a runner already occupying that base. When the runner already on 3d comes back to 3d the runner from 2d is forced to vacate that base or he may be put out by being touched with the ball, whether he be on 3d base or not.

The runner occupying 3d in Sunday's game was touched with the ball by the Moro catcher while he was on 3d base and was called out contrary to rules, (the umpire is the sole judge of play but should he make a decision contrary to rules he should change such decision.) The Wasco player occupying 3d base, after being touched with the ball scored easily. That run still belongs to Wasco and any Sportsman that won any wagers on Moro winning Sunday's game are not entitled to the wager.

The writer tried to get the manager

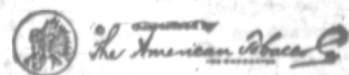
with the decision itself. If the player who had been on 3d had managed to get back on 3d and stay there then if the Moro side had tagged the runner from 2d then that man would have been out.

That my decision was correct and considered legal by all is evidenced by the fact that Wasco manager and players, except one, did not question the decision nor was anything said at the time by any other player. The game at that time was close and so continued until the last of the 9th at which time Moro made the winning run with met. still running. When this particular play happened there was two Wasco men out and two Wasco men claiming 3d base. It only needed one of these to retire the side immediately. John Nison, umpire.



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