Silent Bats Costing O-G

Danny Wannemacher of DSJ Strikes Out 25 Titans

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What a game to win! What a game to lose! Ottawa-Glandorf and Delphos St. John's played a marathon contest last Wednesday evening in a Western Buckeye League match up going 13 innings before the Blue Jays pushed home an unearned run in the bottom of the half of the frame to win it 1-0 at Delphos. The win put St. John's into first place with a 3-0 mark, 5-0 overall and gave Willie Selhorst's Titans a 2-1 league record, and 6-2 overall.

Danny Wannemacher had to be the man of the hour, or should he be the man of about two and one-half hours as the senior Blue Jay hurled all 13 frames for the winners, giving up only a single in the third and a bunt single in the sixth, while striking out 25 locals, including clean up batter Steve Buddelmeyer five times.

"That little guy Wannemacher can throw," said Selhorst whose team had a royal chance to go ahead in the sixth inning when they loaded the bases with no outs, but failed to score.

Dean Scheckelhoff and Steve Stechschulte started the frame with walks and Mark Kaufman laid down a sacrifice bunt that hit a soft spot in the infield and died for a hit.

With the bases full it looked like OG was sure to get at least one run with the three, four and five batters up, but Chad Wischmeyer hit a sharp grounder to third that forced the runner at home. Buddelmeyer and Mike Moening were then sent down swinging to end the threat.

It was the only real threat the Titans gave as Wannemacher struck out the side three times and in nine innings had at least two K's. Mixing up his pitches with a hard rising fastball and a sharp curve breaking away from the right hander batter Wannemacher had only four balls leave the infield.

For the Titans Mike Moening tossed a super ten innings before Al Wolke took over in the 11th. The senior southpaw allowed but two hits, walked three and fanned nine Jays, the side in the fifth and tenth innings.

The winners finally got the only score when Doug Noonan got a lead off walk and was sacrificed to second; but when no one was covering third on the play, Noonan scampered to the empty base and a wild throw from first went into the left field foul area and the game was over when the Blue Jay junior trotted in.

Delphos had four hits for the game, two by Mike Kundert and one each by Mike Ruen and Wannemacher.

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