

Trevor Schroeder Sets Record by Completing the ‘Hat Trick’

Leipsic verses Hardin Northern – 1994 – By Dan Kern

There are many incredible records that have been set by baseball players in Putnam County over the years.

Austin Swift’s perfect game in 2016 with 15 consecutive strike outs was an incredible feat. In 1979, Dan Hermiller got on base 18 consecutive times. Matt Michel knocked in 69 runs in 1991. The list goes on and on. There are many other records that may never be broken or even approached. However, all of these records are records that those individuals are proud of.

In 1994, Leipsic defeated Hardin Northern in a game 34 - 1 with 22 hits, 14 singles, 6 doubles, 1 one triple, one home run and 13 walks. The Vikings scored a record setting 28 runs in the second inning

In this game, Trevor Schroeder batted 6 times with a homer, a double, a walk, 3 runs scored and 4 runs batted in. This would have been a GREAT offensive game under normal circumstances. However, Trevor set a dubious baseball record that will probably NEVER be broken. He completed baseball’s version of

‘hockey’s hat trick’ by making all three outs in that ONE INNING! It has been verified that he hit the ball ‘hard and right at someone’ for the three outs, but never the less.....

When he came to the dugout after the third out, his teammates displayed their respect for this feat by throwing their hats out of the dugout to honor him with the “hat trick”.

In order for the leadoff batter to bat a minimum of three times in an inning, a team must send a minimum of 19 batters to the plate and score at least 13 runs. In the nearly 11,000 games or 77,000 innings played by Putnam County schools, only 37 teams have ever met these minimum criteria.

I would like to thank Trevor for making this record known to me and allowing me to share it with the readers of this article.

In 1994, Trevor had a batting average of .4189 and was named to the 2nd All-PCL Team.

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