Shortage of Pitchers Creates Two Game Slugfest Saturday

PG Wins 1st Game 20-0 - CG Wins 2nd Game 30-1 Putnam County Sentinel – April 28, 1982

If anyone has trouble figuring out how Columbus Grove and Pandora-Gilboa could split a doubleheader with scores of 20-0 and 30-1 the answer is really quite simple.

"We ran out of pitchers," remarked Grove coach Mike Lamb whose team was battered 20-0 in the opener by the Rockets. It was the fifth straight game for the Bulldogs in as many days.

So how does it explain the 30-1 pasting CG served up in the nightcap? "It's easy," added Lamb, "PG ran out of pitchers too."

Brad Alt twirled the first game for the Rockets in the easy victory but like Grove, the Rockets just plain ran out of people to throw and had to used a couple of young, inexperienced mounds men. And what a lesson they were taught.

CG scored 14 times in the second inning to take the lopsided contest. The game was called after five innings.

The Rockets had their time of glory in the opener as Doug Wokoun's club turned a close 2-0 lead into a rout with seven runs in the fourth and five more in the fifth. The team added a single run in sixth and five more in the seventh.

Dan Barrientes and Mike George each cracked home runs for PG. Barrientes hit a solo shot in the third and George had a three–run blast in the seventh. The Rockets had 14 hits in all. Brian George had three singles to top the winners with Mike George and Barrientes two each. Dennis Mitchell and Craig Stechschulte had two hits each for Grove.

The second game was a complete turnabout. PG which used new faces on the mound as well as in the field, spent most of its time on the field.

Grove's Bill Miller connected for his third home run of the season, a three-run blast in the second. Miller added a single and double to his performance and Craig Stechschulte, a pair of single and two-run home, also in the second.

Mitchell, Todd Hoffman and Dave Ellerbrock each ripped three singles to the attack.

Bob Gerdeman was the only player with four hits, three doubles and a single for CG who climbed to 7-4 on the year. The team recorded a total of 24 base hits.

Hoffman in his first start for the Bulldogs, picked up the win with a four hitter.

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