

OG-Leipsic Go 15 Innings!

Longest High School Game in Putnam County History

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On Saturday the Titans suffered a tough 15 inning loss to Leipsic 8-7.

The loss was especially tough to take since the Titans didn't take advantage of numerous opportunities to pick up the win.

Recker took the loss for O-G pitching the final six innings after Eric Dunn started and went the first nine plus. He left in the tenth with the bases loaded.

Dan Kimmet got the win for the Vikings as he worked the final four innings, after Maag started and went the first 11 innings.

Ottawa-Glandorf got off to a quick start Saturday scoring four times in their first two at bats.

In the first Dunn opened with a double and moved up on Leatherman's single. Leatherman then moved into scoring position by stealing second base. With two outs Flores singled to left-center for a 2-0 lead.

The Titans increased the lead by two in the second when Mike Fortman singled, Joe Brinkman reached on a fielder's choice and Chad Brinkman doubled home the first run of the inning. Recker then doubled home Brinkman for a 4-0 lead.

Leipsic got three in the fifth as Troy Ellerbrock singled to open the frame. With one out Terry Lammers singled, John Maag walked, and Dan Kimmet singled home two runs, and Scott Hardy doubled home the third.

In the fifth Lammers led off with a single and rode home on Kimmet's double.

No one scored then until the tenth when Hardy, Chad Ellerbrock and Kurt Schroeder led off with singles. With the bases loaded O-G changed pitchers and the move paid off with a strike out.

However with one out Troy Ellerbrock singled home a run, then one out later Lammers singled home two more.

In the Titans tenth Dunn bounced out to start the inning, then Leatherman doubled, Kersh reached on an error and Flores walked to load the bases. Nienberg drove home two runs with a single and Fortman walked to reload the bases. Ken Horstman then singled to tie the game and with one out O-G got a fly ball to left-center that possible could have won the game but the runner failed to tag up and the next batter flied out to center.

The Titans had another shot in the 13th when they got a runner on third with two outs, but couldn't score the run. They also had a chanced in the 14th when they got another runner to third, but this opportunity also went untouched.

Until the 15th inning Leipsic only had two runners reach base, but neither got into scoring position

In the final inning Arnold Tijerina walked and advanced on an error by the right fielder and a fielder's choice ground out. He scored on a passed ball.

In O-G's half of the inning Recker singled and Dun walked. Recker advanced to third however he couldn't score as the next three batters were retired.

The Titans had 18 hits with Leatherman collecting five (three doubles) of them in seven at bats, Nienberg had four and Recker three. Leipsic got three hits from Lammers and three from Schroeder as they banged out 14 hits.

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