

Umpire Stopped Ball Game

Arbiter calls off play because team in field couldn't retire the club at bat!

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Baseball games have been stopped on account of rain, cyclones, accidents and other reasons, many of them novel and some rather questionable, but one rarely hears of a game stopped while the sun is still shining in all its glory for the simple reason that one team had such a lead that there was little chance of the other team overcoming it.

Pitcher Earl Yingling of the Cleveland Naps participated in a game during a baseball tournament at Bucyrus, Ohio, which the umpire ended for no other reason than that the team in the field could not retire the club at bat.

“There were a number of players in the game who had played league ball,” said Yingling in telling the story. “I was with the Tiffin club. The fans were wild. Talk about

your world's series enthusiasm, it hasn't a thing on that shown at these baseball tournaments.”

“The game in question had scarcely started before we started to knock the ball all over the lot. In the fourth inning the score stood 14 to 1 with no apparent chance for our opponents to get our side out. One fellow on our team made two homeruns in that fourth inning.”

“By that time the Tiffin rooters were the only ones left in the park. Finally, much to everyone's surprise, the umpire shouted: “Game called!”

“It looked like a raw deal to our fellows. They rushed up to him and angrily wanted to know the reason. Just because I don't want to hang around here all week,” was the answer.