

PALATKA ENTHUSIASTS ARE SORE OVER DEFEAT

WAS THE MOST EXCITING GAME SEEN HERE IN YEARS.

Watson Pitched a Magnificent Game, and Would Have Shut Them Out But for Errors Behind Him.

(By Jack Shea.)

Oak Halls 3, Palatka 2. Palatka, better known now as "Bahlatka," came over here yesterday fresh from two shut-out victories over the Ocala team, and intended to "mop up" with the Oak Halls. The mop, however, was in the hands of the Gainesville players, who did the thing up right, using Mr. Walker, Palatka's star pitcher, as the "soap" to do the cleaning with.

The Palatka tin-horn sports who accompanied the team over on the excursion, carried with them a roll of greenbacks about the size of a pencil, and stuck to their said roll like a leach, afraid to bet a penny.

Watson pitched a magnificent game, and if he had had good support would have shut the River Rats out. Walker for Palatka was wild and could not locate the plate. He claimed that the pitcher's box was too high, that the mound was built there purposely for this game. A poor excuse is better than none, and we will let it go at that.

It was a pretty game up until the ninth, when the visitors succeeded in filling the bases on errors with no one out. At that they only managed to get two men across home base.

In the last half of the ninth inning Gainesville started the mopping and when the job was finished they held the big end of the score.

Palatka played like a set of school boys, not even handling slow infield hits, and the Oak Halls ran bases at will. We fail to see any class in their playing and if they can't do any better than that they had better stay at home.

Hendricks started the fireworks in the ninth. After Spottswood had took first on a pass, Hendricks hit to short, forcing Spottswood out at second. Hendricks, full of determination, promptly swiped second and third and scored on a passed ball. That "cooked Palatka's goose," for they were up in the air good and plenty

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coming down after two more runs were tallied and the game won by the Oak Halls.

The Palatka players contracted a VERY SEVERE case of cold feet and refused to stay over for the game Friday, as per schedule. They cannot boast of Gainesville being quitters, as some of the River Rats' followers did yesterday, claiming the Oak Halls refused to play more than nine innings in a game at Palatka several weeks ago. Palatka got a square deal yesterday, and we fail to see why they did not stay and play the remaining game of the series. Quitters, we guess.

Following is an account of the drubbing in detail:

FIRST INNING—Calhoun out, pitcher to first; Selph hit a hot liner to Watson, who made a pretty catch; Walker fanned. No runs.

Miller hit by pitched ball and goes to first; Allen bunted, forcing Miller out at second; Wakefield struck out, but catcher dropped ball. He picked it up in time to catch Allen at second and Wakefield at first. No runs.

SECOND INNING—Collins struck out; Bulwinckle did the same; Dillon singled over second; Biel fanned. No runs.

Spottswood flew out to pitcher; Hendricks fanned; Bullock followed suit. No runs.

THIRD INNING—White hit to short, who fumbled it, White safe at first, and a moment later swiped second; Thomas struck out; Calhoun flew out to Allen; Selph fanned. No runs.

Metcalf flew out to right; Watson fanned; Hines did the same. No runs.

Walker, old Swiss movement, popped a little one to Allen and was out; Collins, their slugger, doubled to left; Bulwinckle flew out to right, and Collins was thrown out trying to make third. No runs.

Miller out, short to first; Allen hit to third, who bobbed, Allen safe at first; Wakefield singled to right; Spottswood flew out to center; Hendricks hit to third, who tagged Allen. No runs.

FIFTH INNING—Dillon skied out to left; Biel fanned; White flew out to right. No runs.

Bullock singled to left; Metcalf hit to pitcher, forcing Bullock out at second, Watson hit to right field fence for one base, but Metcalf was thrown out at third, Watson going to second on the play; Watson out trying to steal third. No runs.

SIXTH INNING—Thomas singled to right; Calhoun fouled out to Bullock; Selph sent a high one to right, which dropped safe, but Thomas was forced out at second; Walker fouled out to third. No runs.

Hines struck out; Miller fouled out to third; Allen walked and stole second; Wakefield went to first via Big 4; Spottswood hit to pitcher, out at first. No runs.

SEVENTH INNING—Collins hit to

short, who fumbled it, Collins safe at first; Bulwinckle skied out to third, Dillon flew out to center; Biel singled to right, but Collins was thrown out trying to make third.

In this inning Palatka made a change in their line-up. Bulwinckle, who was doing the catching, had his hand hurt, and went to right field, White coming from that position and going behind the bat.

Hendricks walked and stole second; Bullock fanned; Metcalf out, second to first, Hendricks taking third; Watson fanned. No runs.

EIGHTH INNING—White hit by pitched ball and goes to first; Thomas hit to short, both runners safe on error; Calhoun hit to pitcher, forcing White out at third; Thomas caught napping at second and was out; Selph flew out to short. No runs.

Hines hit to pitcher, out at first; Miller doubled to left; Allen hit to pitcher and Miller was run down between second and third; Wakefield out, pitcher to first. No runs.

The Last Inning.

Walker hit to Allen, who made a bad throw to first, Walker safe; Collins hit to Spottswood, who made a mighty effort to get it, but failed; Bulwinckle bunted, safe on first, filling the bases; Dillon walked, forcing the first run of the game; Biel fanned; White hit to center, scoring Collins, out Bulwinckle was thrown out at the plate; Thomas hit to short, out at first. 2 runs.

Spottswood walked; Hendricks hit to short, forcing Spottswood out at second; Hendricks promptly swipes second and third in succession, and scored on a passed ball; Bullock faced out a neat single to left for one base, but on error of fielder, stretched it to second; Bullock takes third on catcher's error; Metcalf walks; Watson hit a slow one down first-base line and beat it out, scoring Bullock, and sending Metcalf to third; Hines hit to pitcher and Metcalf scored the winning run. 3 runs.

The score by innings: r. h. e.
Oak Halls 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3 5 7
Palatka . . . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 2 5 1
*One out when winning run was made.

Batteries—Gainesville, Watson and Bullock; Palatka, Walker, Bulwinckle and White.

Base on balls—Off Watson 1, Walker 5.

Left on bases—Gainesville 7, Palatka 5.

Struck out—By Watson 8, Walker 7. Two-base hits—Collins, Miller, Bullock.

Passed balls—White 2.

There will be no game today, as the Palatka boys returned home last night with their faithful supporters, this being occasioned by a disturbance which occurred after the game had been finished, and which was deeply regretted by all concerned.

Preparations were made for a royal time for the visitors, and among other entertainments a dance was arranged for their special benefit, but the damper was cast on this by the disturbance, and it is regretted that after everything had been amicably settled between the parties they could not see fit to stay and play the game as advertised and let the two teams wind up the series in a friendly way. In deference to the wishes of the parties directly concerned—both Palatka and Gainesville people, and their friends—in the difficulty which occurred after the close of the game, their names are withheld from publication.

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