

Ft. Lupton Heritage Days (May 2) -- Rounders
Mr. Tinney's Club 17, Mr. Foster's Club 11

With the day dawning overcast and cool and a forecast for rain most of the day, the late-arriving ballists finally began tossing the ball around an hour after the scheduled appointment. As there were no designated clubs for this engagement, the 15 ballists and five volunteers were distributed to Captains *Old Hoss* Foster and *Cannibal* Tinney as evenly as could be determined.

During the first "in", Mr. Foster's club had little luck. Probably owing at least somewhat to the slowly developing rules as play progressed, only four runners managed their round.

Mr. Tinney's men had much better fortune during their "in", tallying 17 rounds. A highlight included the *Deacon* attempting to score from the right outer garden. On his third trip around the pentagon, he was forced to retreat into the far reaches of the Fort Lupton field to avoid a tag. After a moment to catch his breath, the fleet one dashed some 150 feet toward home, only to be plugged by *Old Hoss* at the last step. But, the damage had been done.

Old Hoss' boys fared a little better during their second "in", pushing their total to eleven.

As the free lunch was well under way at this point, the ballists elected to forego play and join the repast.

Ft. Lupton Heritage Days (May 2) -- Base Ball
Central City Stars 25, C.T. All-Stars 24

For the second ball-tossing demonstration of the day at this multi-period living history event, the ballists in attendance were again somewhat randomly distributed -- those with some red on their uniforms joined Captain *Old Hoss* Foster and other *Stars* to form the Central City Club. The remainder constituted the *All-Stars* with Captain *Bike* Mike Roberts. Mr. Roberts won the stone toss of Umpire *Wilkes Booth* Frady and chose to take the field first.

On the diminutive field (bases were at about 70 feet) and the fort resting squarely in the center garden, the order of the day was scoring. Especially prominent were the number of four-baggers, nine, eight of which were recorded by placing the sphere onto the roof of the fort and even into the inner courtyard.

The *All-Stars* jumped out to a three ace lead in the first inning and held that for four innings. The next four innings saw the lead change hands four times, setting the stage for a wild finish, with the *All-Stars* still leading by one after eight.

However, the *Stars* staged one of our most dramatic finishes ever. With the bases loaded and two men dead, *Suds* Knezeric blasted the ball well into the fortification -- a grand slam! -- and a three ace lead. The *All-Stars* almost managed to top it, tallying twice and loading the bases, but an infield pop-up ended the rally.

Both *Rube* Foster and newbie *Branding Iron* (?) recorded two 4-baggers, with *Rube* attempting to be the first CVBBA'er to do so from both sides of the plate -- but both of these were from his normal portside. Besides *Suds*, other homers were recorded by *Dutch* Morris (who led all ballists with 6 tallies), *Rattler* Gallegos, *Bike* Mike Roberts, and *Hands* Phelan. Rachel Morris assisted at the tally table.

As this match, too, began late, and with all the scoring, the second Rounders match scheduled for the day was cancelled.