

***Blues* rally, sting Bee Farm 15 to 9**

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The Berthoud *Blues* posted perhaps the best single inning in their history using a 10-run rally to overcome a 6-run deficit and beat the Bee Farm *Buzzards*.

The occasion was the first (annual?) fall festival at Bee Farm, a Colorado Centennial Farm located south of Wellington in the north-central portion of the territory. There were about 200 visitors viewing farm life as it used to be, as well as providing an enthusiastic backdrop for the national game. The field was flat, but recently mown hay kept there from being many true bounces. It was feared that a cornfield in the left garden might become a factor, but the fears proved unfounded.

Both clubs got off to a quick start in the first inning. Four hits drove in *Slappy* Heller and *Clanger* Merritt for the *Blues*. The *Buzzards* did one better with five hits and three tallies. In the third Berthoud tied it up, but also stranded their fourth and fifth baserunners of the young match. The local boys (and two girls) began to take control in the bottom of the inning. One run regained the lead, while a five-run outburst in the fourth seemed to place the match on an inevitable and losing course for the *Blues*.

However, valuable reinforcements arrived in the person of *Dutch* Morris, who had missed the earlier stage to Wellington and did not arrive until the sixth inning. He made his presence felt immediately with a triple, breathing new life into his teammates. Four subsequent hits brought him and *Slappy* around, but another three ducks were left on the pond.

With their previous six-ace lead, the *Buzzards* seemed content on playing out the string, but with the *Blues* showing renewed life they tried to turn it back on, only to be "Chicagoed" in the sixth, seventh, and eighth with nary a whimper.

Meanwhile, the visitors finally hit their stride. *Judge* Gandermouth and *Okie* sandwiched singles around a bound out. A groundout by *Newsboy* brought *Judge* home and moved *Okie* to third. The second out, though was followed by nine consecutive hits. *Wildcat* Brown knocked in *Okie*, while *Hobo* Vaughn and *Comrade* Meeker loaded the bases. *Dutch* then doubled just inches inside the right field line, bringing in all three. This was followed by hits from *Packrat* Orłowski, *Slappy* (his fourth of the day), *Clanger*, *Cannibal* Tinney, and *Tricky* Hampton, resulting in four more rings of the bell. It was beginning to sound a lot like Christmas as the *Blues* had their wishes answered.

Four scoreless half-innings followed, setting up a potentially exciting finish, as the *Buzzards* tried to rally in the ninth. To begin, Berthoud captain and starting hurler *Cannibal* had given way to *Clanger* in the seventh, but decided to reinsert himself in the final frame. After two walks sandwiched around an infield single loaded the bases, he yielded once more to *Clanger*. Another hit brought two home, still with no one dead. But one pop-out later, a snagged line-drive was turned into a rally- and game-ending double play.

The offensive load was fairly evenly spread among the *Blues*, with ten of fourteen ballists tallying. *Slappy* led the way with three aces, while *Clanger*, *Hobo*, and *Dutch* (in his only two strikes) each added two. Also assisting in the field were *Curly* and *Sodbuster*. Miss *Cherokee* kept the tally.

BREAKING NEWS -- From wire sources, this reporter has learned that the Idaho *Miners* used a bottom of the ninth, two-out, three-run rally to edge the Central *Stars* 9 to 8. Details will follow from our correspondent in the field.