

**THE LACLEDE BLADE**

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**Sumner Was Outplayed**

Luck was against the Laclede baseball team in the first game at Sumner the Fourth and the game went to Sumner 7-6. The Triplet team fail to show up, and after a long wait the Sumner team was ready to take their place for the morning game. Although the Laclede boys played a splendid game and were superior to their opponents in almost every way, a few close decisions the wrong way gave the game to Sumner. Fred Geren pitched a splendid game for Laclede and was given good support, while Rodney Severance, pitching the best game of his career, had little help from most of his teammates. Score:

Laclede... 1 0 0 1 2 1 0 0 1-6  
Sumner... 0 0 0 3 0 1 0 2 1-7

In the afternoon the same teams, with Max Jones pitching for Laclede and Watterson for Sumner, engaged in another battle that resulted quite differently. Two doubles, two singles and an error gave Laclede three runs in the first. Sumner came back with two runs in their half on a walk and two singles, and added two more in the second on an error, two singles and an out. Laclede tied it up in the fourth, scoring another on bunched errors and a sacrifice. Then came the fatal fifth. After Laclede had scored five runs on two walks, four singles and a double, with none out, Severance took Watterson's place in the box and after Roscoe Welsh had lined out a three-sacker, driving in a couple more runs, he struck out

the next three. Sumner scored one this inning on two hits and a walk. Severance was chased in the sixth, three singles and a sacrifice doing the job. Jones yielded to Geren this inning and Sumner was blanked.

Jack Barnhart, the wildest pitcher in existence, went in for Sumner, and two walks, one single and any number of wild pitches gave Laclede three more, while Sumner got a couple on two walks, a single and a sacrifice. After Laclede had scored three in the eighth on a single, an error, a walk, a double, and more wild pitches, Sumner quit, with the score 18 to 7. Nineteen hits were registered off the three Sumner pitchers in this game, which is enough to win most any old ball game.

A great many Lacledeites attended the Fourth of July celebration at Sumner Friday. The Sumner people had arranged a splendid amusement program, which was carried out with some slight changes, and it furnished plenty of entertainment. The crowd was as large as could be accommodated and, in spite of the intense heat, seemed to enjoy the celebration immensely.

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