

Hagerstown Player Dies After Driving In Run

Hagerstown third baseman Raymond "Mac" Smith, a 23-year-old ex-Marine, dies en route to the Washington County Hospital after collapsing during a Piedmont (B) League game with the visiting Portsmouth Merrimacs.

In his final at bat, Smith has an RBI single in the fifth inning before collapsing at first base in front of 401 fans at Municipal Stadium.

The son of a minister in Chickamauga, Georgia, Smith's death is attributed to malaria and resulting complications that he contracted while serving in Korea, where he was awarded the Navy Star and two Purple Hearts.

Hagerstown's game the next day with the Merrimacs is called off out of respect for Smith's death. Smith, in his first season since returning stateside, is hitting .213 at the time of his death.

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	ab r h o a		ab r h o a
Neighbors	ef 3 0 0 2 0	Hrabovsky	2b 4 1 2 3 2
Russo	ss 3 0 1 4 1	Campbell	1b 5 0 1 100
Peete	rf 5 1 1 3 0	Crawford	ef 5 1 1 5 0
Guettler	lf 5 0 2 2 0	Davidson	rf 4 2 1 2 0
North	c 5 1 1 2 0	Pierce	c 3 1 3 1 0
Jones	3b 4 0 1 2 2	Blake	lf 3 1 2 1 0
A. Smith	1b 3 1 0 3 3	Dale	ss 3 0 0 1 5
Monchak	2b 3 2 2 4 3	M. Smith	3b 3 0 1 1 2
Sundra	p 1 0 0 0 0	Cameron	p 2 1 0 0 1
Kangas	p 0 0 0 2 0	a-Harris	2b 1 0 0 3 1
b-Wheeler	1 1 1 0 0	Lenthe	p 1 1 1 0 0
Stachurski	p 0 0 0 0 0		
Totals	33 6 9 24 9	Totals	34 8 12 27 11
a—Ran for M. Smith in 5th.			
b—Doubled for Kangas in 8th.			
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E—M. Smith, Monchak, Guettler, A. Smith. RBI—Neighbors 2, Davidson 3, Jones, Pierce, Blake, M. Smith, Monchak, Wheeler, Russo, Crawford. 2B—Hrabovsky, Monchak, Guettler, Wheeler. 3B—Russo. HR—Davidson. SH—Sundra, Neighbors 2. DP—Jones to Monchak. L—Portsmouth 10, Hagerstown 8. BB—Cameron 6, Sundra 3, Kangas 1, Lenthe 1. SO—Cameron 1, Sundra 2. H—Cameron 8 in 7, Sundra 8 in 4²s. Kangas 1 in 2¹s. Lenthe 1 in 2. Stachurski 3in 1, R-ER—Cameron 6-6, Sundra 7-3, Kangas 0-0, Lenthe 0-0, Stachurski 1-0. HBP—Sundra (Hrabovsky). WP—Cameron, Sundra, Lenthe, W—Cameron 1-1, L—Sundra 7-6. U—Levin and Suffil. T—2:16. A—401.