

September 27, 1943

Thieves

LANCASTER, PA.

For the second time in four years, the Lancaster Red Roses capture the Interstate (B) League title with a 6-to-5 come from behind victory over the York White Roses in a deciding game seven that features a rally by the home team, air raid sirens, a 20-minute practice blackout (this is 1943) and a stolen base. Literally.

Played before a Interstate League record crowd of 7,267, the game is delayed 20 minutes in the fourth inning when the Lancaster's air raid sirens sound (this is during the war) and darkness envelopes the field. When the lights come back on, the umpires discover that during the blackout second base had been stolen.

Lancaster's 17-year-old shortstop Billy DeMars, who hit a meager .232 in 21 regular season games, keys the comeback with a team-high three RBIs, including the go-ahead RBI in the sixth inning. Twenty-year-old Red Rose third baseman George Kell chips in with a pair of RBIs on two hits.

It is not know if the thief, or thieves, were ever apprehended.

York						Lancaster											
	Ab	R	H	O	A		Ab	R	H	O	A						
Biros	cf	4	0	0	3	1	De M's	ss	5	1	3	2					
G'cey	2b	5	1	2	1	2	Kell	3b	4	0	2	1					
Shoff	3b	3	0	1	1	1	Flick	rf	4	0	1	4					
Kinard	lf	3	1	2	1	0	W'aton	cf	5	0	0	6					
G'f'ns	ss	2	1	0	3	2	Levy	lf	4	1	3	9					
S'dler	1b	4	1	1	5	1	G'nw'd	1b	4	0	0	6					
Moran	rf	4	0	1	1	0	Males	2b	2	0	0	1					
D'niels	c	4	1	2	9	0	Sefick	c	2	2	1	6					
Walsh	p	3	0	2	0	0	McClure	p	1	0	0	2					
x C'bell		1	0	0	0	0	H'fner	2b	3	2	2	1					
Narieka		0	0	0	0	0											
Totals						.33	Totals						.36	6	12	27	9

x—Batted for Walsh in 8th.

Score by innings:

York 010 300 001—5
 Lancaster 000 402 00x—6
 Errors—Greenwald, Walsh. Runs batted in—Moran, Daniels, Biros, DeMars 3. Kell 2, Kinard. Two base hits—Levy, Hofner, DeMars, Kell, Gracey, Kinard. Sacrifices—Griffiths, Kinard. Stolen bases—Biros, Daniels. Double plays—Gracey to Griffiths to Schaedler. Left on bases—York, 9 Lancaster 8. Base on balls—off McClure 4, Walsh 3. McCrabb 1. Struck out, by—Walsh 7. Narieka 2. McClure 3. McCrabb 2. Hits—of McClure in 4 innings 6; off Walsh in 7 innings 11. Wild pitches—Walsh 3. Passed balls—Sefick. Winning pitcher—McCrabb. Losing pitcher—Walsh. Umpires—King, Dzigant and Tatler.