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One leaves, another won't

ONE LEAVES

In the opener of a key three-game series with the first place Greenville (S.C.) Spinners, the Greensboro Patriots, under the misdirection of manager James McKevitt, forfeit the Carolina (D) Association game when its players leave the field following a dispute with the game's umpire.

Trouble begins in the bottom of the first inning when umpire Armstrong orders Greensboro third baseman Cab Cook to leave the field ... when McKevitt comes out to protest Cook's dismissal, Armstrong ejects the Patriots' field general as well ... McKevitt then pulls his players off of the field and Armstrong forfeits the game to the Spinners.

GREENSBORO FORFEITS GAME.

An Unpleasant Ending of Greensboro-Greenville Contest Yesterday Afternoon.

The local fans were disappointed and disgruntled yesterday afternoon when a message from Greenville, S. C., stated that the game had been forfeited by Greensboro to Greenville. The message stated that Umpire Armstrong awarded the Greensboro-Greenville game to Greenville by a score of 9 to 0. In the latter part of the first inning Armstrong first ordered Cook, the Greensboro third baseman, out of the game and when McKevitt protested he ordered McKevitt out. McKevitt then called his men off the field. An exhibition game was played with two players umpiring and Greenville won by a score of 16 to 3.

Following the forfeit, the two teams return to the field to play an exhibition game with the Spinners, posting a 16-3 win.

The following afternoon Greenville wins its fifth-straight game with an 8-2 decision over the Patriots ... in the seventh inning, McKevitt is ejected for a second-straight game for "abusing the umpire."

PRICE REFUSES TO LEAVE FIELD

Declines to Quit on Orders of Tom Fleming Claiming He Has Contract With Wheeling

(Special to The Courier.)

WHEELING, W. Va., June 18.—A sensational incident occurred just before the opening game of the Wheeling Fort Wayne series this afternoon when ex-Manager Teddy Price refused to relinquish center field in favor of Hollycross at the instance of Manager Tom Fleming. Only when Umpire Gene Curtis threatened to forfeit the game to Fort Wayne did Price finally leave the field allowing the game to proceed.

Tonight Price, who claims to have a year's contract with the Wheeling club, ordered the Wheeling players to report to him for practice tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. If the club owners refuse to recognize him as manager he threatens to apply for an injunction in circuit court Friday. The mix up has created a sensation in baseball circles.

ANOTHER WON'T

Meanwhile 536 miles to the north in Wheeling, West Virginia, ex-Wheeling manager Ted Price refuses to leave the field prior to the start of that afternoon's game with Fort Wayne.

Price, who had been removed as the Stogies' manager back on June 6, but remained as the team's starting center fielder, refuses to relinquish his position at the start of the game to Pearl Holycross, who new manager Tom Fleming had penciled in as the starter.

Price leaves the field only after umpire Gene Curtis threatens to forfeit the game to the visiting Billikens.

Price manages the Stogies for three seasons, claims that he has a one-year contract with the club as its' player-manager ... later the team fines the truculent Price $200 and suspends him from the team.

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