

Lancaster Takes Rhubarb Win Over Cavaliers

Gales Edge North Club

Lancaster High's up-and-down golf team grabbed another victory over Columbus North yesterday as the Gale linksmen edged the Polar Bear golfers, 8½ to 7½.

North's Bob Montenero shot the low score of the day with a torrid 78. Lancaster's Mike Anders, whose game has been in the upper 80s, cut the margin comfortably as he carded an 81. Backing him up was veteran Steve Blum who notched an 82.

Other Gale scorers yesterday included Jeff Harrison with an 86 and Phil Graf with a 96. North's Bob Woodruff had a 96 and Ken Boyles a 100 score to wind up the Columbus team's total tally.

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Lancaster was headed for another victory yesterday at Miller Park when umpire John Clark interrupted, tossed Chillicothe coach Dick Dolan from the ball game, then awarded a forfeit victory to the Golden Gales 7-0 in a Central Ohio League Tournament tilt.

Stopping the game in the top half of the final frame with one Chillicothe runner on base and two outs, Clark gave Dolan the heave-ho after the Cavalier mentor approached the batter's box to protest a called strike. As the visiting coach walked away from the home plate official said Dolan tossed a couple of words over his shoulder and Clark stopped the contest and threw the coach out.

As the Chillicothe mentor took the long walk to the parking lot at the far end of the field, Clark ordered Cavalier ball players back into the dug-out, then called the game when the players failed to comply.

Lancaster led the visiting crew 2-0 at the end of 6 innings of play with Dan Hines tossing the victory for the Gales and Gary Dilley on the short end of the count for Chillicothe.

The L. H. S. nine scored its first run when shortstop Mike Campbell rapped a line slash through first base scoring George Bowers from second in the second frame. The local club bounced back in the fifth when catcher Terry Farmer singled to left scoring Bob Graham from second base.

Chillicothe put forth its best effort in the fourth inning when the Cavaliers placed two men on. A strike-out and a pop foul fly to first base squashed the visitors' attempt.

Dolan, whose team lost out in the regionals Monday, said that he told the umpire the "call was terrible." "I argued the point and he told me to leave the park," Dolan said. The Chillicothe coach said that he had had experience with Clark's officiating before. "and I don't think he can call a ball game. He's not consistent."

Observers nearby said that Dolan bitterly protested the called strike causing Clark to eject him from the tilt.

Lancaster out-hit the Cavaliers with 10 solid safeties to 2. Included in the Gale hits was a two-bag slam to center-field by Hines.

The L. H. S. nine travel to Zanesville this afternoon to meet Coshocton in the finals of the C. O. L. Tournament. The Redskins bowled over Marietta 3-1 in the first tourney tilt last week.



NOT QUITE LONG ENOUGH — Gale fast baseman Stan Miller's stretch to reach first base wasn't quite long enough as the Lancaster infielder is tossed out early in yesterday's contest at Miller Park. The Gales won a forfeit in the COL Tourney game. (Eagle-Gazette Staff Photo)



OUT AT THE PLATE — Lancaster shortstop Mike Campbell gets set to hit the dirt as he attempts to score another Gale tally in the second inning of yesterday's tilt with Chillicothe. The LHS runner was tagged out by Cavalier catcher R. E. Hall (foreground).