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**(Simsbury Taverneers Vintage base ball match review and photos)
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Lackluster in Longmeadow

Longmeadow, MA. – August 16 in the year of our Lord 1886

Scribed by Mike “Stretch” D’Apice, first bag, Simsbury Taverneers, hailing from the wilds of Canton

This hellfire, hot to the exceeding morn found your Simsbury Taverneers ballists perspiring ungentlemanly upon carriage seats and horse teams panting for relief even before arriving in Massachusetts to face the Longmeadow Meaddowe. Long trek grew thorny, full of tollgates yet Taverneers’ pockets empty of coin. I know not, but reckon allowance of full passage came at co-founder John “Lucky” Lucker’s promise that upon return journey he would drop off first-year volunteer Owen “Shamrock” Seery as barter to clean the highway man’s stalls.

Be that as it would, Simsbury put the splinter upon Meaddowe first-frame hurling with Bill “Lefty” Van Dyke striking a two-bagger off of the right-center garden lattice. Ray “The Rainman” Vasas’ sharply sent single drove an ace and he passed on a John “Pugs” Brown one-bag bonanza.

Trailing 2-0, the spirited Longmeadow boys dug in and created a considerable scratch placing two aces upon the fence in response.

Completely graveled by second frame hurling, Simsbury sent and sat only three strikers whilst Meaddowe sticks summoned a go-ahead ace.

Match tally still in close neighborhood at 3-2, twasn’t ‘til fourth’s top frame that your Taverneers went hammer and tongs at their hosts. Seven Simsbury ballists came to the strikers’ line to harvest three aces on single-bag swings by Joe “The Juice” White, Jaoa “J. O.” Goncalves, Mike “Stretch” D’Apice and Tom “Catman” Sevigny. Simsbury fronted in aces 5-3.

Longmeadow produced two aces to even the day’s tally at 5-5 in the forth frame’s bottom, giving Simsbury cranks nightmarish cogitations of shadowy Meaddowe overtaking their beloved Taverneers. Could the grit and muscle of your Taverneers outlast the ginger and verve of Longmeadow?

Simsbury hit safely on scant four occasions in match’s next four frames, tallying a sole ace. Yet Longmeadow strikers appeared favorably, adding two to stand before Simsbury 7-6 at eighth’s bottom. Such Longmeadow advantage remained when ninth frame’s top saw three Taverneers without ace. Hosting Longmeadow needed strike not this ninth.

Leading your Taverneers heroes were “Lefty” going 3 for 4 and 2 RBIs, “The Rainman” 2 for 4, 2 RBIs and “J. O.” 2 for 4.

“Huzzah” to the Longmeadow Meaddowe.

Final tally: Longmeadow Meaddowe 7 - Simsbury Taverneers 6.

Cranks be noticed of your Simsbury Taverneers’ final match opposing the Chicopee Skipmunks to be held Sunday August 30 in Massachusetts.

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Bill "Lefty" Van Dyke hurled nine frames while hitting .750 against Longmeadow



Mike "Stretch" D'Apice helps Taverneers' put-out percentages by going long



Taverners Joe "The Juice" White sends it where it came from as Joao "J. O." Goncalves spies from the hole