

## **PRESS RELEASE: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

(Vintage base ball match review and 2 photos)  
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**Taverneers Tumble, Wheelmen Wow** - scribed by Stretch D'Apice,  
Simsbury Taverneers first bag tender, hailing from the wilds of Canton

Beneath the damp heat of our sun's June 7<sup>th</sup> display, in this 1880's era base ball match allowing use of leather mitts no larger than your garden work glove, your valiant Taverneers ballists (players) tended the meadow (defensive play) with seldom a muff (error). Behinds (catchers) The Judge MacKay and J.O. Goncalves allowed no grounded hurls (wild pitches) past them. Your left, center and right garden (outfield) lads Hoss Haase, The Rainman Vasas, Scrapey Hagan and Lucky Lucker skillfully received struck hurls (hits) and deftly transferred the ball to bags, preventing advances of opposing fleet-footed runners. Bag tenders Grey Shea, Laddie O'Laughlin, Kapi Kapiloff, Ish Rivera, Ox Rosano and Stretch D'Apice played with ginger (spirit and enthusiasm). Hurlers Hands Patrina and Lefty Van Dyke led the way, foiling Westfield strikers (batters).

Simsbury went before (led) Westfield tallying (scoring) three aces (runs) to none.

Of nature incredible was Laddie's bases full (loaded) two hand (two out) diving grasp of a skyscraper (fly ball) for a frame-ending third hand and a mouthful of Westfield grass. Notable as well were Lefty's two powerful strikes from the line (batter's box) of which his three-bag trot (triple) shown brightly.

Yet just as a moving picture viewed consecutive times by a theatre-going gent becomes imbedded in his awareness, likewise, and to his horror, this writer feels he has seen 'this' moving picture before – an early Simsbury Taverneers' lead through several frames (innings) which fanned flames of anticipated victory, was lost – nay, decimated – by the mid-match surge of the hosting Westfield Wheelmen.

Wheelmen bats suddenly sounded off in successive strikes to far and distant garden spots. Multiple Westfield aces went up on the fence (scoreboard). Your Simsbury ballist's advantage was trumped by the hosting club's increasing tally.

Although a painful kick square in Taverneers' trousers was this match, the dander of fortified opponents at competition whilst neither base ball club spoke cuss nor shown demeanor haughty leaves this Taverneers writer amarevel at this exhibition of fair gamesmanship and respect for all.

“Huzzah” to the Westfield Wheelmen.

**Final tally: Westfield Wheelmen 13 - Simsbury Taverneers 3**

Cranks (fans) are welcomed to spectate next Saturday on June 14 at 10:30 AM as your mighty, mighty Simsbury Taverneers defend your honor against the Meadowwe Boys in a double-match at Simsbury's Town Forest Babe Ruth Field. And on Saturday June 28 your Taverneers host the Pittsfield Elms in an 11 AM start at Simsbury High School. Instructions to the fields are on the [www.simsburytaverneers.com](http://www.simsburytaverneers.com) website in the Season Schedule section.

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Lefty Van Dyke strikes a three-bag trot for the Simsbury Taverneers  
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Taverners' Ox Rosano readies for impact at second bag  
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