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(Vintage base ball match review and photos)

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Days of Future Past

Simsbury, CT – May 31st in the year of our Lord 1886

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

Git Auntie Mabel her smellin’ salts, she ain’t right! ‘Nother o’ doze visionish odd tales o’ a ballist hailing from near a hunred annuals ahead, him jumpin’ back here to our 1886 and hurling for the Whately Pioneers against our Simsbury Taverneers base ball gents.

Though since we’re talkin’ and such, I confess the corn, Auntie Mabel is shootin’ straight. I eyed Jim Bouton like so. In future times to come he’ll be firing heat from his appendage in New York like nobody’s business, but this weekend Sunday in Simsbury, from the pitcher’s point he masterfully dealt Dr. Mesmer spinless floating knuckleballs over five frames. Quick as he showed, like dark in the day he was dang disappeared. Absquatulating back to the future.

Simsbury strikers laid lumber to hurls to lead well with 12 aces to 2 at third frame’s close. Advantage all but insurmountable, created was expectation of Whately’s bodacious exflunctuation. Your Taverneers lads felt top of the heap, only to go cold as a wagon tire through the seventh frame. Woken Whately piled on the aces to bring the tally to a 14-13 divide in Simsbury’s slightest favor.

Nearing conniptions, your Taverneers heroes fessed up to final dual frames’ challenge with grit and ginger to post 4 aces upon the fence. Simsbury’s eighth and ninth frame concoction of blunderlessly defended bags reinforced by singing striker’s sticks’ addition confusionized the Whately base ball club. The Pioneers’ string of aces halted, their flint were fixed. Plum crazy Simsbury cranks cheered heartily this fortitude’s show of 18-13 victorious efforting. Your Simsbury Taverneers ballists gain one match, arriving at a sole win and a sole loss as season’s standing tally.

Quite peart at the striker’s line were many and several Taverneers. Mentionable for four-up and four-on-bag appearances are Lefty Van Dyke, Pugs Brown and Smitty Smith. Venturing the bags thrice were Kapi Kapiloff and Ish Rivera.

“Huzzah” to the Whately Pioneers.

Final tally: Simsbury Taverneers 18 - Whately Pioneers 13

Cranks are invited to share with us a Sunday morning match on June 14 at 10 AM at Simsbury’s Town Forest Baseball Field when your mighty, mighty Taverneers host the formidable Chicopee Skipmunks in a gentlemanly contest.

Visit www.simsburytaverneers.com for season’s schedule, directions to matches, updated information, ballist biographies and requests for \$10 commemorative past-season DVD’s.

Visit www.taverneersphoto.myphotoalbum.com for photographs.



Time-traveling hurler, Jim "Bulldog" Bouton in 1886



One of four superb strikes from Lefty Van Dyke



Pugs Brown leaning to put another Taverneers ace upon the fence



Faster than thrown cowhide, Ish Rivera swipes third bag from Whately



Catman Sevigny puts the ball in play