Centreville Team Breaks Even For Week

Wins 4; Loses 4 In Busy Period. Nip Milford Twice Friday

CENTREVILLE, 5; MILFORD, 3
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Balked three times by rain in their attempt to square off against each other this year Centreville and Milford finally locked horns in a double header at the Queen Anne's park Friday night and the upshot was that Centreville snagged both ends of a twin bill from the Giants, 5-3 and 11-4.

The first game was a late afternoon tilt starting at 5 o'clock and whipping through a rapid seven-innings to be completed in an hour and seven minutes. Tommy Ogden toed the rubber for Centreville. While nicked for nine hits he was never in serious trouble as he buzzed through for his second victory in a week.

Although winding up in a lop-sided score the second contest had its moments. Milford tied things up 4-4 after their sixth-inning bats. Bethman's double and singles by Rist and Carroll sent over a pair of runs immediately and with five more skidding across in the seventh all doubts vanished.

Bethman and Carroll were the hitting stars of the games and Ray Rist the fielding standout. The outfielders each got five hits in seven chances. Carroll hit three straight in the opener while Bethman knotted a string of four, a homer and three successive doubles in the finale. Remarkable throwing by Rist which led thrice to nipping runners at the plate was the great defensive gesture.

Centreville broke the ice in the twilight tilt. Bethman opened the second with a single and was forced by Rist. Carroll shot a hard safety to left, Holden walked to fill the sacks and Fessler drove two runs in with a solid thump to center.

Successive doubles by Marnie and Wurst in the third sent another counter over while Carroll's second base hit, Holden's two-bagger, Ogden's long fly and Marnie's single shoved the total to five.

After Milford filled the bags with none out in the fifth and Mizerak's screaming double hoisted three runs over Ogden resumed his stride and checked the visitors.

Score by innings:

		R	H	E
Centreville	0 2 1 2 0 0 x	5	9	0
Milford	0 0 0 0 3 0 0	3	9	1

Batteries — Centreville, Ogden and Holden; Milford, Shuman, Smith and Wills.

The second game started like a free-scoring affair. A double, single, two walks and an error started Milford off with two tallies. It might have been worse except that a fast relay, Rist, Wurst to Shillingford nipped the Giants' lead-off man at the plate.

Centreville then wrested the lead from Milford. Lucas walked, took second on a bad throw to catch him napping and scored on Wurst's thump over second. Bethman lined a homer over right field sending big Norman in ahead of him.

The locals added a fourth run in the third on Bethman's double and Rist's single. Milford squared the game in the sixth on Gordon's homer, a walk, error and a safety.

Then Centreville opened up in earnest. Bethman, Wurst and Carroll sent two runs in while in the seventh singles by Humphrey, Lucas, Marnie, Wurst's stroll, Bethman's third double and Carroll's long triple to the left field fence totaled five more runs.

Humphrey, bespectacled hurler, did a fine job on the mound and whacked a couple of hits. Shillingford opened an old injury to his middle finger in the fourth and was relieved by Socks Holden.

Score by innings:

		R	H	E
Centreville	3 0 1 0 0 2 5 0 x	11	14	3
Milford	2 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0	4	8	1

Batteries—Centreville, Humphrey and Holden, Shillingford; Milford, Smith, Saulia and Wills.

DOVER, 10; CENTREVILLE, 6

Dover continued its early season jinx over Centreville when the Orioles defeated the locals 10-6 in a stubbornly fought game in Queen Anne's park Saturday night and snapped Centreville's winning streak at three.

Four unearned runs in the opening inning gave the Orioles their winning margin. Centreville matched Dover hit for hit but had thirteen runners stranded to Dover's nine, again the same edge for Dover.

Bob List took the mound for Centreville but his mates did him wrong at the start and he never recovered, being yanked in the fourth when Vandergrift opened with a triple. Eight enemy runs were across at that stage of the game.

Two infield errors on plays that should have retired the side let in the first Dover run. A double and a single routed three more across in the first.

Centreville came back with two counters when Lucas was safe on an error, Marnie walked and Bethman whaled a long double to left.

Hal Miller's double, a sacrifice and a single earned a run for Dover in the second. Four solid hits including Reisinger's two -bagger, pushed three more across in the third to give Dover a commanding lead.

Norman Wurst got one run back when he belted the ball over right field to open the third. Bethman whopped a long triple to the left field corner but was stranded as two batters whiffed and Carroll's short fly into left was nabbed.

Centreville whittled the score to 8-5 in the fourth. Fessler singled and took second when Lucas was hit. Marnie's safety scored Fessler. Wurst singled to fill the bags and Lucas scored when the visiting catcher threw into left field trying to trap him at third. But the Centreville attack folded as the next two hitters whacked long flies to the outfield.

Each side scored in the sixth for their last runs. A walk, single, passed ball and another single brought the Dover total to ten. Passes to Lucas and Wurst and Bethman's safety shoved one in for Centreville.

Dulick relieving List pitched nice ball in a losing cause. The fans found steady fault with the umpiring as close decisions against the home team repeatedly nipped rallies. Following the final out a delegation with mayhem in their hearts waited on the umps but were prevented from making hits or errors by Joe O'Rourke's protecting hand.

Score by innings:

		R	H	E
Centreville	2 0 1 2 0 1 0 0 0	6	13	2
Dover	4 1 3 0 0 2 0 0 0	10	13	2

Batteries — Centreville, List, Dulick and Holden; Dover, Garman, Harris and West. Winning pitcher, Garman. Losing pitcher, List.

IT'S HORSE RACING AT STEVENSVILLE

Pudgy, fun making Jane Withers reaches new heights of success in the glamorous film of the racing strip, "Checkers" which comes to the Stevensville Opera House on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the coming week. The story is a dramatic thriller with a horse for hero, but there is romance and comedy a-plenty.

Proceedings of the Orphans' Court

The Orphans' Court met Tuesday in regular session with Chief Judge Henry H. Evans and Judges Palmer C. Pippin and Dr. J. W. Stack present.

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Petition and order of Madison Brown to have Delha D. Rolph and Frances K. Brown, administratrices c. t. a. of Delha D. Brown release a mortgage was filed and passed. First and final account and distribution of Delha D. Rolph and Frances K. Brown, administratices c. t. a., was filed and passed.

BAWLS and STRIKES

Manager Joe O'Rourke did a cool-headed job in swinging his players into a protective cordon around Umpires Polter and O'Connor Saturday night when irate fans sought to mob the arbiters. It was good sportsmanship and good generalship on Joe's part. Attacks on umpires, whatever the cause, are to be deplored. Fans should remember that the men in blue are doing the best job they can do. The best of them will make mistakes. When umpires seem inefficient to partisans the only drastic remedies ever to be sought lie in an appeal to the league head. Some of the umps are rookies and like rookies may need replacement. But just because a man does not do a job to suit the paying customers is no excuse for trying to tear his heart out. Let him go without physical punishment and file a kick, if you have one, with prexy Harry Russell. Harry, you know, gets around to see his umps at work.

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Polter and O'Connor had been in three tubs of hot water this season, at Federalsburg, Dover and here. There was little real roaring about their job in the Salisbury double header here on May 22. O'Connor was not the worst umpire in the league last year when he had Boyer for a running mate. Polter is trying to win his spurs this season.

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Speaking of umpires, there is Arthur Gilbert who works with Hans Horsey. Gilbert is the arbiter who cries "Ball" as if an honest burp is coming up. He is a colorful umpire quick and decisive, and he runs his game firmly and pleasantly. Gilbert says that an umpire should be as inconspicuous as possible, leaving the spotlights to the players. Yet Gilbert calls his plays alertly and dramatically so that the customers know what is going on and he hustles games along. He worked the Milford double header in 1 hour, 7 minutes, and 1 hour, 47 minutes. So far the fans have hearty approval of him. Incidentally his announcement of the batteries comes as close to oratory as an arbiter may indulge in and it is our guess that he can talk down any recalcitrant player without making him too sore.

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Manager Val Picinich of Milford finally learned about Ray Rist's throwing arm. Val sent three runners in from third with utter disdain for Ray's rifle. And Ray cut them down. Came the ninth inning of the second tilt and Milford needed runs. Steinman doubled ad Lucaire shot an honest single into Rist's territory, hits that usually add up to one run. But Picnich held Steinman on third and he wilted there.

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Bethman had six extra-base hits in a row Friday and Saturday. He fired a homer and three straight doubles against Milford, cracked a double and triple against Dover and broke his string when he cut under a ball and lofted it to left.

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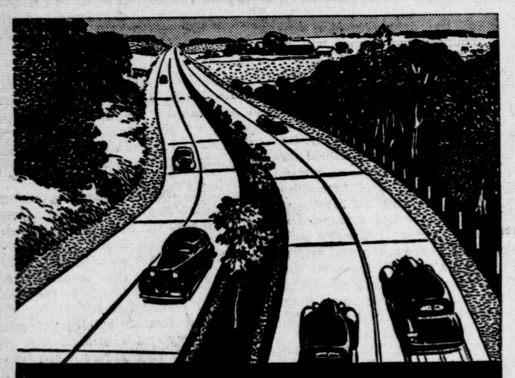

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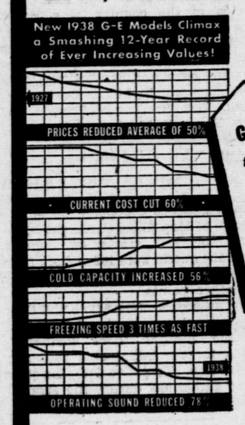

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