

“THE Bunt” Game

Greatest Game in Riverdale Baseball History?

Wednesday, May 23rd, 2012 at Siegel High School

Four-Time Defending State Champion Farragut vs Riverdale

May 21, 2012 ESPN:

Eye on POY: Tennessee baseball

2012 Gatorade Player of the Year and future Georgia Tech Yellowjacket

Tennessee Baseball POY: Jonathan King

of Riverdale vs. future Tennessee Vol A.J. Simcox

UT signee A.J. Simcox of Farragut played multiple role for Admirals

and future Vols/Cincinnati Reds Nick Senzel.

“By season’s end, Simcox had made eight pitching appearances in relief. He recorded 18 strikeouts in 11 innings and logged four saves. He didn’t give up an earned run into Farragut’s final game of the season.”

That last game for Farragut that season was “THE Bunt” Game.

Farragut High vs Riverdale High May 23, 2012 at Murfreesboro, TN (Siegel High)

Clay Riggs started on the mound for Riverdale.

Farragut scored a run in the top of the 2nd.

The Admirals added 3 more runs in the 4th.

In the bottom of the fifth Austin Swayze walked to leadoff the inning. DJ Watkins came in as the courtesy runner. Trevin Ayers put down a great bunt and the pitcher made a bad throw, scoring Watkins from first and Ayers reaching second base to make the score 4-1.

Joey Trevathan popped out to second. Will Norfleet pinch hit for Trevor Ball and struck out swinging. Jonathan King was intentionally walked. A wild pitch moved Ayers to third and King to second. Thomas Bradey singled to left, driving in 2 runs and cutting the lead to 4-3.

Ronnie Stephens put down a perfect bunt and beat out the throw to first. Bradey and Stephens stole third and second on a double steal. Drew Huff walked. Farragut made a pitching change and Taylor Walker grounded out to second base.

Colt Adams had come in to pitch in the Admirals 3-run 4th, allowing a walk and getting the third out on a ground ball. Adams pitched a scoreless 5th and when he walked Nick Senzel to lead off the 6th Zach Westberry came in to pitch. Westberry struck out all 3 batters he faced.

The Warriors went 1-2-3 in the bottom of the 6th.

Westberry struck out the leadoff hitter in the 7th but he reached on a third-strike wild pitch. A sacrifice bunt moved the runner to second. The next batter reached on catcher's interference. Westberry then threw a 6-4-3 double play ball.

This brings us to what may be the greatest inning in Warrior baseball history.

Farragut brought in A.J. Simcox to get the save.

Simcox had appeared in 7 games with an ERA of 0.00, 18 strikeouts in 11 innings, 4 saves and had allowed only 3 hits and 0 walks.

9-hole hitter Ball lead off the inning. He had been pinch-hit for earlier. He hit the first pitch over the second baseman's head for a single. I turned to Coach Brent Whitlock in the dugout and said "he has given up 4 hits now".

King singled to center field. I turned to Coach Whitlock and said "now it is up to 5".

Watkins pinch-ran for King.

Bradey put down a bunt but Farragut ran the wheel play and Ball was thrown out at third for the first out.

Stephens singled to centerfield, Watkins beat the throw home and scored, tying the game at 4-4. Bradey went to third and Stephen went to second. I turned to Coach Whitlock and said, "6 hits now".

Freshman Drew Huff then put down the perfect suicide squeeze bunt down the first base line and the first baseman threw the ball into the backstop. Bradey scored and the Warriors won 5-4, ending Farragut's Championship Streak at four years.

The Warriors would lose in the semifinals to eventual State Champion Arlington.

It was a fun day at the ballyard.

Thank You for Reading!

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2012 Batting Stats

44 Games 37 Home Runs 264 RBI 79 Doubles 6 Triples 309 Runs 376 Hits .327 Batting Average 108 Stolen Bases

2012 Pitching Stats

32-12 2.80 ERA 293 Innings 270 Ks 112 BBs 1.41 WHIP 192 Runs 117 Earned Runs

Box Score: **The Automated ScoreBook**

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