

# Blues May Not Release Gene Camozzi

By JERRY

The San Jose-San Mateo game of May 31, protested by the Bees on the grounds the balls used by the management were not of legal requirements, like a lot of other protests has gone by the board.

The original protest was made by the management of the Bees to President Al Erle of the State league and the proxy ruled that inasmuch as there had been no violation of the bylaws it could not be allowed. Manager Sam Battaglia of the San Jose outfit did not concur in the opinion of President Erle and requested that the matter be passed on to the directors of the league.

As a consequence a meeting of the board was held in San Jose last night and after that portion of the by-laws relating to the alleged infringement had been thoroughly discussed and digested it was found there had been no violation of the by-laws, that the balls in question were legal in every respect, therefore the protest could not be allowed.

The meeting was harmonious from one end to the other and broke up with everyone wishing the other fellow good luck and plenty of breaks at the next game.

Substantiating rumors about town this week, Genial Gene Camozzi has tendered his resignation from the San Mateo Blues, and the matter has been taken under advisement by the management, but to date the necessary release has not been signed, and until this release has been executed Genial Gene is just as much a member of the Blues staff as he ever was, insofar as any other club in the State league is concerned.

Good pitchers are not as plentiful as flowers that bloom in the spring, tra la, and the management of the Blues will unquestionably not release the south-paw until a substitute can be found.

Gene has been with the Merchants and then the Blues since 1922 and it is hoped he will reconsider the matter and ask that he be permitted to withdraw his resignation.

He has tossed some mighty fine ball, the old soup bone is a long ways from being through, and as the management cannot afford to send the Blues on the field with only one pitcher at this crucial stage it is believed Camozzi will grace the Blue uniform at least until the first half of the league season has been completed.

## BLUES HIT WINNING STREAK

And still they win, the Blues of San Mateo. With Catcher Pete Ricci and Outfielder Billy Burke gone, they captured their fifth straight game in the California State League last Sunday by defeating the Lodi aggregation, 9 to 0. Ricci is now with the Missions and Burke with Sacramento.

When the Blues got off to a bad start Mgr. Justin Fitzgerald didn't moan and groan. He said that his club would find itself, and it has in a big way. The Blues dropped their first three contests. Since then they have been going through the opposition as if it was tissue paper.

Much of the Blues' success is due to their veteran pitchers, Carl Holling and Gene Camozzi. They seem to improve with age. Camozzi held the Lodi team to five scattered hits and fanned six.

The Bees of San Jose are still having their troubles. Expected to be a contender, they are tied with Lodi for last place. Owner Battaglia has made several changes, but none have helped.

## Evening Games

Aberdeen started the second game with a shifted line up. Dick Egan, knighted with the "Order of the Can" by his umps in the afternoon game, refused to pay his fine and was barred from participating in the second match. Silcott played second base in Egan's stead, with Dean on first and Camozzi in right.

## Hydorn Hests Dobbs.

Dobbs, who finished Wednesday's game for Aberdeen after Shadr had been hammered off the mound, went the route yesterday, and held his own until the seventh, when Vancouver took a commanding lead. Rex Hydorn, the giant right-hander, pitched for the Beavers, and while he was a little wobbly in the third, lightened up and finished the game with flying colors.

The local gang chased over a run in the first inning. Boeizle scoring Hamilton on a sharp single. Hennion was thrown out at the plate by a fine peg from centre field.

Two doubles and a single in the third gave Aberdeen a pair of runs and sent them into the lead temporarily. Vancouver, however, promptly regained both runs in the same frame.

## Win in Seventh Inning.

Aberdeen tallied another run in the fifth. With the score tied, 3 to 3, Vancouver clinched the game in the seventh by crossing the plate three times. Two hits and a couple of bad boots by the Aberdeen infield did the trick.

Just to show what they could do when they got started, the Beavers chased over three more runs in the final stanza and scored their win by a solid margin.

Altogether, the Black Cats made seven errors. Pitcher Dobbs cannot set up much of a yell about poor support, however, for he made three of the misplays himself.

## Stewart Leaves Vancouver.

Hennion will play left field for Vancouver for the rest of the season, when not called on to work in the box. Charles Stewart has been transferred to Sioux City, in the Western league.

## Second Game

	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.E.
Vancouver	3	2	1	0	0
Cable, ss	3	2	1	0	0
Hamilton, 3b	3	2	1	2	5
Hennion, lf	5	2	1	0	3
Wilson, cf	5	1	0	0	0
Devlin, rf	5	1	0	0	0
Boeizle, 1b	5	0	1	1	1
Levine, 2b	4	1	1	2	1
McNulty, c	4	0	1	2	1
Hydorn, p	4	0	0	0	3
Totals	27	9	11	27	13

	A.B.	R.	H.	P.O.	A.E.
Aberdeen	4	0	1	1	0
Bogart, 3b	4	1	2	3	2
Morse, ss	5	1	2	5	0
Camozzi, rf	3	1	2	1	0
Silcott, 2b	3	0	1	2	1
Altshul, cf	4	0	0	0	3
Dean, 1b	4	0	0	10	0
Ragno, lf	4	0	1	1	0
Devlin, c	4	0	0	0	3
Dobbs, p	2	1	1	4	1
Devlin, c	1	0	1	0	0
*Roland	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	35	4	11	24	11

\*Batted for Devlin in ninth.

Score by innings: 1 0 2 0 0 0 3 3 \*-9

Aberdeen 0 0 2 0 1 0 0 1 0-4

Summary: Two-base hits, Cable, Devlin, Camozzi and Hamilton. Three-base hits, Morse, Silcott and Wilson. Stolen bases, Altshul and Morse. Double plays, Hamilton to Boeizle to Hamilton. Sacrifice hits, Morse and by Hydorn 6, by Dobbs 2. Passed ball, Hamilton. Bases on ball, off Hydorn 4, off Dobbs 3. Left on bases, Vancouver 10, Aberdeen 8. Hit by pitched ball, Hamilton by Dobbs. Struck out, by Hydorn 7, by Dobbs 2. Passed ball, Devlin. Time of game, 2 hours. Umpire, Colgate. Attendance, 1500.

## BLUES WILL BE FAVORITES

The Padres of Santa Cruz won the first half championship but the Blues of San Mateo should be the team to beat out for the second half title. A poor start cost the Blues the



first half title. They lost their first three games. After that Justin Fitzgerald's athletes were unbeatable. They won their remaining six contests to finish the initial quarter only a game removed from the Padres.

The Blues without a doubt are the best club in Al Erle's circuit. For pitchers they have two veteran but still reliable men, Carl Holling and Gene Camozzi. Bob Reed, formerly with the Seals, gives them a crack catcher; Johnson, Ragno, Viani and Makin comprise a fine infield, and Antl, Biethen and Oliver are a dandy outfield trio.

# Burkemen on Road Sunday; Invade San Jose for Game to Decide Loop Leadership

By TAY PAY MAGILLIGAN

What should prove the most important game of the present schedule in the California State league loop is booked for decision in San Jose's Sodality park tomorrow afternoon when San Mateo's Blues will invade the Garden City and oppose the San Jose Bees on their own terrain. At present these teams are Siamese twinned for top honors, and the victor in tomorrow's spat will be at the head of the procession in Al Erle's loop.

Sodality Park is far from a pretty place to play baseball in, or to observe a game from in the rickety 1876 grandstand in that park. The infield and outfield resemble twin wash-boards in a Chinese laundry, the scenery round and about the park is something to shut your eyes over, and the atmosphere is anything but what a refined sports person would look for and expect in a baseball yard.

You can acquire more splinters to the square inch by sitting in the San Jose amphitheatre of baseball than you could get by sliding down a bannister in the New York bowery of the 90's to the square yard of epidermis. The Garden City has many things to be proud of, but when they're ballyhooing they're not talking of their home town baseball plant. It isn't a baseball plant—it's a baseball cactus.

Not at All True

And to say it's as fair for one side as the other is not true. The San Jose Bees are used to playing on that washboard infield, and the Garden City outfielders are accustomed to the land hazards of the outfield, but for players used to



playing on a field like the San Mateo ball field, that San Jose ball yard is not so hot.

Why San Jose doesn't use some of its unemployed to build a new ball park is passing strange. But then, San Jose is San Jose, just the same as a wart is a wart, whether it's on an elephant's trunk or a rhinoceros' left ear.

## Some Real Scenery

But talking of scenery—San Mateo is going to show the San Jose fans some real scenery in the person of Bill Prout, the Blues' brilliant first sacker. San Jose is the original stamping ground of the great Hal Chase. In San Jose they never discuss who erected the pyramids, or whether Cheops is a new mineral water or just another of those things—but speaking of Hal Chase, that is something else again, and San Jose ball fans, ancient and modern, do discuss Chase every so often, which is as often as they talk baseball.

Well, San Jose isn't going to see a second Hal Chase tomorrow afternoon. It's going to see a first Bill Prout, and at least for tomorrow this jewel among first basemen is sure to make the Garden City folks forget Hal Chase and remember Bill Prout.

## Series Now Tied

The Bees and Blues have each

Gene Camozzi writes from Terre Haute that he has won his last four starts, pitching two six-hit, one five-hit and one one-hit games. Pretty good, we'll agree, for a California bushier.

captured four of the five games they have played thus far. The only defeat charged against San Mateo was registered by the Bees, but since that time they have lost their sting, as Kyte is not in their lineup any more.

The Lavinio-Perrucci outfit's only reverse was at the hands of the San Jose Athletics, a very fair ball club.

Tomorrow's game will depend largely on the pitching. If San Mateo gets some good pitching they'll walk in, but if the throwing is as wobbly as it has been recently, even Bill Prout won't be able to pull San Mateo through.

"Spec" Shea, who hurls for the Bees, if he has a good day is no tapioca for any ball club in the Erle loop. He's a heady pitcher, and a safe pitcher. He's seldom in trouble. He's the kind of pitcher that you either hit or you don't. He's about as unsteady as Grant's tomb, and that's been there in New York ever since they planted it.

## Kasich on Camozzi

Kasich or Camozzi will be the starting heavier for the Burkemen. If Kasich is at the top form, he's as good as a chucker as any team would want. But he does get in lots of trouble during a game.

San Mateo is lucky to have a replacement like Gene Camozzi. The old boy may not be as good as he was when General Grant ran for president, but he has plenty left in the old arm, and more in his head than any other pitcher in the State league loop. If the present winter turns to summer by tomorrow, Camozzi may be the San Mateo pitcher.



ing selection, and if the day is at all sultry, he'll pitch a lot of ball for the Blues.

From what the writer can glean, San Jose is all smoked up over tomorrow's battle. The talk trickling up from that hamlet is that they'll draw the banner crowd of the season tomorrow.

That a sprinkling of San Mateo fans will accompany the Blues on their invasion of San Jose is almost certain. The Blues will need considerable moral support in the Garden City, for the fans of that town are about as fond of the San Mateo ball club as an elephant is of a piece of eating tobacco.

## Fitzgerald Stirrs Them Up

No ball player stirs the pulse of the San Jose populace as does Manager Justin Fitzgerald of the Blues. When Justin gets out on the coaching lines, the San Jose fans get all hot and bothered, and the "little harp" does nothing to pacify them. Fitz is just as popular with the San Jose baseball fans as Gandhi's goat is in the house of lords. But Fitz makes 'em like it. He knows that the fans who desire to hand him the bird have to pay the entry fee just the same as the boys who want to cheer the home team, and one admission fee is just as good as another in any up-to-date ball yard.