

Late-Inning Home Run Decides Felch Tourney Title



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FELCH---The 51st annual Felch Labor Day baseball tournament wrapped up on Monday at the historic Felch Field in Dickinson County, with the championship game being decided between two Wisconsin teams, ending in dramatic fashion.

Trout Creek (technically a UP team but with nearly every player from suburban Milwaukee) pulled out a 2-1 win over the defending champion Fox Cities Sasquatches from the Appleton area.



Fox Cities had defeated the last-remaining Upper Peninsula team, the Marquette Minutemen, in the semifinals, earlier in the day, 3-2.

The Trout Creek A's, named that way as one of its players has a second home in Ontonagon County, dominated Bonduel, Wis., in the other semifinal, 10-0.

The championship game saw Fox Cities hold a 1-0 lead until two out in the sixth inning when T.J. Roberts got a hold of a pitch and smoked a two-run homer well over the left field fence.

Fox Cities had a chance to get even in the bottom of the inning when Justin Hallock hustled his way to a double to left field, but he was stranded there. Then in the bottom of the seventh, the Sasquatches again had the tying run in scoring position, but pitcher Nick Erd got a pop up to end the game.

Erd was named the tournament's Most Outstanding pitcher, while teammate, shortstop Parker Sniatynski, was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Eight teams entered this tournament, which began with one game Friday night and continued with five games on Saturday, three on Sunday, and the three games on Monday.

