

A terrific cannonading of the slants of John Donaldson, famed colored twirler, in the first three innings gave Clarkfield the victory over Melrose in a feature baseball game played before over 4,000 fans at the Benson ball park Sunday. Clarkfield scored all seven of their counters in their early barrage of base hits while the losers were able to garner only three tallies from the offerings of Welberg. The swarm of fans in attendance at the game sponsored by the Benson fire department was a record crowd for this city.

The torrential rainstorm of Saturday evening converted the diamond into a veritable lake 2½ feet deep but the fire laddies put in over eight hours work to get it into shape for the game and their efforts were successful. The fire truck got into action early Sunday morning and after nearly six hours of pumping the diamond was cleared of water. Another two hours work was necessary before it was fit to play on.

Ole Syverson of Starbuck was awarded the new Model A Ford Tudor sedan offered to some lucky fan by the fire department. The winning number was 1709B. The judges at the drawing were Melvin Skaug of Clarkfield, C. O. Thompson of Dawson, W. Shirdahl of Montevideo, L. Tollefson of Melrose, A. J. Decotell of Appleton, C. O. Eitensvold of Glenwood and Peter Harrison of Willmar.

Batteries for the game were Donaldson and Heising for Melrose, Welberg and Heiberg for Clarkfield. The heavy artillery of the winners started with a single counter off Donaldson in the first frame and then got into action with a vengeance in the next two innings, running in a trio of scores each frame. After that their guns were spiked completely by the colored speedboy. W. W. Fearin umpired behind the plate and J. P. Thornton was the base arbiter.

Game played August 19, 1928 at Benson, MN