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The following are the results of the Bard College protest of the Sunday October 4th, 2009 double header against Hartwick College.

Games protested by Bard College for failing to provide sufficient notice that Hartwick College was unable to play the scheduled double header and for the failure to secure umpires.

#### **Game 1**

**Requested action** - Forfeit game.

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After review, Bard explained that the original series between Bard and Hartwick was scheduled to be a double header on Saturday starting at 2pm and a single game on Sunday starting at 11am. Due to heavy rains in Oneonta, NY throughout the week leading up to the October 3rd and 4th series the Saturday October 3rd double header was cancelled. Due to the cancellation of this Saturday double header, Bard then explained that Hartwick and Bard mutually agreed to play a double header on Sunday October 4th starting at 10am. Bard showed up at the field at 9am to prepare for the games starting at 10am. The field was in playable condition. Hartwick never showed up for the scheduled games and never informed Bard that they would not be there. No umpires ever showed up for the games.

Since Game 1 was never played, this has been classified as an Off Field protest and does not require that the protesting team notify their opponent of their intent to protest.

21.03.2 All Off Field protests must be reported to the NCBA (via the NCBA GAME PROTEST FORM) no later than midnight of the Tuesday following the "NCBA Week" in which the protested game occurred.

Bard filled out and submitted the appropriate protest form to the NCBA on time. The NCBA notified Hartwick of the protest and gave Hartwick 48 hours to respond. Hartwick responded to the protest within the 48 hours. The Hartwick Club President stated he was not present in Oneonta during this weekend, but contacted his Vice-President to get enough players to play this game against Bard. Hartwick was unable to get enough players to play. This game was never played.

**Ruling:** Protest Upheld - Hartwick College will be charged 1 forfeit/loss (Score 0-7) and Bard College shall be credited 1 win (Score 7-0).

#### **Game 2**

**Requested action** - Forfeit game.

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Since Game 2 was never played, this has been classified as an Off Field protest and does not require that the protesting team notify their opponent of their intent to protest.

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Bard filled out and submitted the appropriate protest form to the NCBA on time. The NCBA notified Hartwick of the protest and gave Hartwick 48 hours to respond. Hartwick responded to the protest within the 48 hours, and stated that there was never a mutual agreement to play a double header on Sunday October 4th.

Again, the original schedule for the Bard-Hartwick Series was a double header to be played Saturday October 3rd starting at 2pm and a single game Sunday October 4th beginning at 11am. The double header on Saturday was rained out. Bard stated that both Bard and Hartwick mutually agreed to play a double header on Sunday October 4th. Hartwick disagrees with Bard's statement and informed the NCBA that they never agreed to play a double header on Sunday. A rescheduled date was never agreed upon. In an effort to get as much baseball in as possible, the NCBA believes that there was an opportunity to play two games on Sunday October 4th and the two games should have been played.

**Note:** Despite the fact that the NCBA believes two games should have been played, in order to officially reschedule a game, the two teams involved must confirm the date to be rescheduled with their District Coordinator. The District Coordinator then must approve this date. Only then is a game officially rescheduled. Neither Bard nor Hartwick contacted District Coordinator, Mark Guthrie, to confirm that a double header was to be played on Sunday October 4th.

**Ruling:** Protest Denied - Since the rescheduled date was never confirmed by Bard and Hartwick, and then approved by District Coordinator, Mark Guthrie, the game was never officially rescheduled. Since the game was never officially rescheduled a forfeit win cannot be given to Bard. This game must be rescheduled at a later date along with the third game of the series.

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