Seely Is Perfect

On Tuesday, April 17 in a home game against Albert Einstein High School, Thayer Seely hurled what is probably the first perfect game in Poolesville High School history. “I talked with the two previous coaches, Larry Hurd and Fred Swick,” said Head Coach Ted Gardiner. “They cannot remember seeing one or hearing of one.”

There were no great defensive plays or hard hit balls to threaten Thayer’s chances at perfection. “He struck out ten. The other outs were pretty much routine fly balls and grounders,” said the coach. “Thayer did a great job. He had a great command of all of his pitches and hit his spots very well. Thayer’s strength is staying calm and composed on the mound in every situation, whether there are the bases loaded or a perfect game is on the line—an outstanding pitching performance from start to finish.”

There is an asterisk to the record, though. Since the Falcons were up by ten after the fifth inning, the game was called as a victory for Poolesville due to the mercy rule, a requirement that a game ends after the fifth inning should one team be leading by ten or more runs. In the 11-0 victory, Thayer faced fifteen batters and threw fifty-eight pitches. Seely also doubled and drove in three runs.