

To Whom It may Concern:

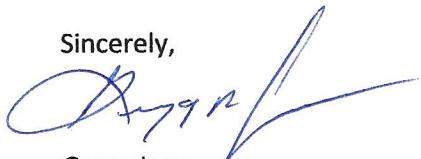
On April 15, 2016 in game #2 of the Elgin/Imbler vs. Stanfield double header we were in the 5<sup>th</sup> inning when the score was 6-3 Stanfield. We (Elgin/Imber) were in the field, with two outs when a ball was hit to our shortstop who threw the ball to first base for the 3<sup>rd</sup> out. Stanfields coach Bryan Johnson questioned the call with the field umpire who said the runner was out, "I had a perfect view of the play" was the response of the umpire. Coach Johnson continued to dispute the call with the field umpire next to the third base line. While all this was going on Stanfields players took the field and our players were getting ready to hit. After coach Johnson talked to the outfield umpire and the Home plate umpire, the outfield umpire then reversed the call. Without even coming and explaining what was taking place he told our team to get back out on defense and Stanfield was still up to bat. That's when I went to question him at home plate and I told him "You said to Coach Johnson that you had a perfect view and the play stands." He then proceeded to tell me that he changed his mind and I told him that it sounds like some "Home cooking". As I had turned and was walking away to avoid any further confrontation he then said "your out of here".

That one call changed the whole momentum of the game as I feel we could have had a split with them. After this one call it completely knock the wind out of my players sails due to the fact they had no idea what was going or how they could have even reversed that call since they were already in the dugout getting ready to bat. Stanfield then came back and scored 6 runs in that inning.

After the game coach Johnson said that the umpire had a quick trigger and if anything I should of either been warned or restricted to the dugout if anything. I even after the game had several Stanfield spectators approach me and say that was a terrible call on the umpire behalf as they said I showed no reason at all to be ejected.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration of this matter. I truly do not believe that I should have been ejected so I hope you will consider my appeal.

Sincerely,



Gregg Luse

Elgin High School Head Coach