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After the game the two score books were not checked while the two scorers were still at the Y.M.C.A. After the crowd & the teams, had left the building, I took the official score-book and began preparing the summary (as was my custom) preparatory to phoning in the results of the game to the Springfield Daily News. To my astonishment I discovered that the box score showed that the game was a tie with Central Labor Union making 32 points as did Dr. Pepper. I rechecked and "readded" until I had repeated the process five times. In order to check with the other scorer, I phoned him and had him read his box-score to me. To his amazement he found that his box-score was identical with mine and that his book showed 32-32 in the box-score, while his running-score showed 32-31. This could mean nothing except that identical errors had been made by the scorers.

Now the questions:

What should be done in a case like this?

- (1). Should the game have been given to Dr. Pepper since the error was not discovered until after the game was over and the teams and spectators had left the "Y" building? (The officials did not sign the score-book).
- (2). Should the game have been declared a tie?
- (3). If it were declared a tie game, should an overtime period have been ~~played~~ played at a later date, or should the game have been thrown out as "no-game", and another one played in its stead?

The rules committee of the League met and reached a decision, - together with the help of the two officials who refereed the game. It will be a great favor to us if you will tell us what, - according to rules - we should have done in this instance. If there is nothing in the rule book to cover such a situation, can you, and will you tell us something out of your rich experience that will help guide us in the future if some similar tense situation arises?

I found nothing in the Official Rules to help me in this case. The Committee ruled that the game should not be counted, and declared that it must be played over. Did we do right?

Thank you very much for your attention to this.

Yours very truly,  
*Arthur Kay Gardner*  
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P.S. I learned of your recent game with Camp Crowder. You "played them for your amusement, and they beat you to your amazement"!!

*A. Kay*