

Mr. Howard Engleman:

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Disputation:

At the instant the batter hit that fair ball the base-runner, then occupying first base, ceased to be entitled to hold that base and could be put out by the ball being thrown to second base ahead of the base-runner, or the base runner being touched with the ball in the hand of a fielder at any time before any base runner following him in the batting order be put out.

When the batter was retired at first base then the force ceased to exist and the only way the base runner who was on first base could be put out would be to be tagged with the ball when not in contact with a base and the force ceasing to exist he had a right to occupy first base if, and when, he were able to do so. Playing the ball to second base, by the first baseman, after he, the first base man, had tagged first base and being held on second base would not be "putting that base runner out".

Official and Correct answers;

- (A); No;
- (B); He must be tagged out;
- (C); He may return to first base and be safe there provided he is not tagged with the ball while not in contact with the base.

Thank you MR. Engleman for that fine question; would it interest you to know that I straightened this same problem out for the Director of Athletics, at Waseda University, Tokyo Japan. It will be a pleasure to have you contact me if, and when, you have any other problems.

My kindest regards to Dr. Allen;

Cordially,

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