

The Ump Changed the Calls

It pays to be honest. That's what Tanner Munsey, 7, discovered.

While playing T-ball as a first baseman in Wellington, Florida, Tanner fielded a ground ball and tried to tag a runner going from first to second base.

The umpire, Laura Benson, called the runner out, but young Tanner immediately ran to her side and said, "Ma'am, I didn't tag the runner."

Umpire Benson reversed her call and sent the runner to second base.

Two weeks later, Laura Benson was again the umpire as Tanner was playing shortstop. This time, Benson ruled that Tanner had missed the tag on a runner going to third base, and she called the runner safe.

Tanner, obviously disappointed, tossed the ball to the pitcher and returned to his position. Benson asked Tanner what was wrong, and Tanner quietly said he had tagged the boy.



The umpire's response was to declare the runner out.

When the opposing coach rushed on the field to protest, Benson explained what had happened two weeks before, adding, "If a kid is that honest, I have to give it to him."

We admire someone who is honest – at any age.

Benjamin Franklin said, "Honesty is the best policy." And Thomas Jefferson, in a letter to Nathaniel Macon, a politician from North Carolina who had served in the Revolutionary War, wrote "Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom."

Honesty is the cornerstone of integrity, and it is certainly demanded in the work of Life Care and Century Park.

Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, but those who deal truthfully are His delight (Proverbs 12:22 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter