

Battle Chicagoans Thursday In Kokomo, Ind.

S. Farmington Advances To LL Regionals

It's been 11 years since a Michigan team reached the World Series of Little League baseball at Williamsport, Pa.

That was the summer when Pinky Deras pitched Hamtramck to the world title.

Now, there's a good chance of another Michigan team making it to Williamsport.

IT ALL DEPENDS on what happens to South Farmington's Nationals in the sectional tournament at Kokomo, Ind., starting Thursday where they meet Hyde Park of Chicago.

Just two more victories and South Farmington will be in the World Series with seven other teams — teams from as far away as Europe and Japan.

The new darlings of Farmington hurdled another obstacle en route to Williamsport when they won a 3-2 thriller from Ohio's state champs — from East Liverpool — Saturday in Maumee, Ohio.

In Kokomo, it'll be South Farmington vs. the Illinois state champs for the sectional title... and that winner goes to Williamsport.

Manager Fred Wenson's Farmington Nationals literally have become the toast of the entire Detroit area.

They're making the big newspapers, they're laying out on television and they're getting mentions on the national wire services.

"These kids are just amazing," declared Wenson as he prepared for the team to take off for Kokomo.

"Everytime we have been in a tight spot, somebody has come through in great fashion. They are an unusual bunch of boys... especially for boys who are just 11 and 12 years of age.

"They are equal to pressure situations. They don't buckle with the chips down."

ONE BIG REASON for the South Farmington success story is pitcher Dave Duelo.

He's been the team's big workhorse all the way in the tournament. Duelo has pitched in seven games. He's won them all.

Overall, he now has a 23-0 record for the season and will get the call at Kokomo.

IT WAS DUELO who pitched the big game at Maumee, allowing two hits and fanning 11.

Except for a homer pitch he delivered to George Golding in the third inning, he was perfect. One man was on when the blow came.

But he had to be brilliant. His rival from East Liverpool pitched a sparkling game, too.

South Farmington took a 2-0 lead in the first in-

ning when Kevin Hickey singled, Dave Cleland doubled and Jay Cummings singled both men home.

Golding's homer after Gibson walked tied matters in the top of the third, but back came South Farmington to deliver the winning run in the third.

HICKEY AGAIN STARTED things with a double. Cleland sacrificed him to third and Cummings hoisted a fly after which Hickey raced home for the third and all important run.

In addition to Hamtramck in 1959, only one other Michigan team ever has made it to the national regionals.

Birmingham accomplished the feat in 1965, only to be knocked out when only one victory removed from Williamsport.

The South Farmington Nationals are comprised of the standout players from the league in which they played during the season.

They were not an established team. But like all tournament teams in Little League, all-star units are selected to go forth and seek honors.

And, honors South Farmington's Nationals have won in bagfuls already.

But there are two more the team is shooting for — the sectional crown and the world series.

Garden City Hits 13 Jinx; Bows Out Of Tourney

If you're superstitious you may have the answer to why Garden City is not at Washington, Pa., today for the World Series of Pony League baseball.

Managed by Skip Wolfing, Garden City had won 12 straight in tournament play — they had won the district, the state and the regionals.

They had won the first two games in the national divisional playoff at Jacksonville, Ill., last weekend and needed just one win over Oak Park, Ill., to take all the honors and win the trip to Washington.

BUT IN TWO CRACKS at Oak Park, Garden City failed. First it was 2-1 for Oak Park in eight innings (one over the usual limit). Then with all the marbles riding on the outcome, it was 5-1 for Oak Park... and the Illinois team rode on to the World Series while back to Michigan went Wilfong and Co.

"We never could get that 13th victory," said one unhappy fan.

The cooling off of the Garden City bats on Sunday came after the team had trounced Boulder, Colorado, 14-3, and the same Oak Park team, 11-0, in two previous games at Jacksonville.

"Too bad we couldn't have saved some of those runs from the first two games," lamented the Garden City players.

But, as everybody knows, that's the way baseball is — that's the way all sports are.

Notwithstanding what happened Sunday, it was a season and tournament play that Garden City won't soon forget.

A YEAR AGO the team had won the state title. This year, it went farther.

There were those who thought Garden City had the best team at Jacksonville... and it did... until the last day.

Then a couple young pitchers (Pony Leaguers are 13 and 14 years of age) by the names of Phil Reedy and Mike O'Connor arose to cool off the Garden City bats and send Oak Park onward in pursuit of more honors.

Reedy fanned 14 and allowed five hits in the first game. O'Connor gave up four hits in the second game and lost his shutout. In the fifth when Marty Hackman and Lou Salvatore connected for hits.

Meantime, Oak Park scored one run in the third inning, four in the fourth and one in the sixth off loser Jerry Herbst, who was touched for seven hits.

TERRY DOBBS, the ace of the Garden City mound staff, had matched Reedy on virtually even terms in Sunday's first game. Dobbs allowed seven hits and fanned 10.

Oak Park scored early, but Garden City tied it in the seventh when Steve Orr walked, went to third when a pickoff play failed and scored on a single by Hackman.

Then in the eighth, a single, a stolen base and an error brought in the winning run off Herbst, who had replaced Dobbs.

Garden City capitalized on 10 errors, along with seven hits, in blasting Boulder in the tourney's first game.

Dobbs pitched, allowed six hits and fanned 14.

Orr drilled a two-run homer and a triple with one aboard to lead Garden City.

After each team scored three times in the first inning, Garden City took over and dominated the rest of the way.

THEN ON SATURDAY, the Garden City bats struck a merry tune against Oak Park in the 11-0 romp in which Orr

allowed just two hits and fanned 13. He walked one man. The winners collected 13 hits. Herbst had a double and two singles. Hackman three singles, Salvatore two singles

and a three-run homer and Orr a single, double and two walks. Garden City scored once in the first inning, three each in the third and fifth and four in the sixth.

But on Sunday, it was a different story. The all-important 13th victory never came... and so ended a great season on a slightly unhappy note.



WINNING RUN is scored by S. Farmington's Kevin Hickey who races across the plate while the East Liverpool (O) catcher awaits the relay. The umpire is watching the play closely. The run clinched a 3-2 victory for S. Farmington and sent the team to the national regionals in Kokomo, Ind. Thursday.

Lower Flight Golf Scores Rival Leaders

Five new faces made the winner's circle at the final session of the Livonia Women's Golf League last week at Whispering Willows.

With low gross prize as the incentive, rules committee chairman Betty Sigwell took a flight honors with her 46, using league president Kay Coppola.

In B flight and only three strokes behind was Helen Davies with a 49. Jean Nielsen took C flight honors with her 58.

Probably the most startling games of all, however, were those of Mary MacLeod and Kay Thompson. Mary's 56 paced D flight while Kay's 56 was low for E flight.

WITH TROPHY competition out of the way, league members will relax this week to enjoy a "fun" round that will see the membership mixed up for "Scotch doubles."

Trophy winners as well as officers for next year will be announced at the awards luncheon Aug. 28 at Hillside Inn, Plymouth.



BIG MAN in the S. Farmington victory was Kevin Hickey who belts a long double in the third inning of the Ohio-Michigan Little League championship game in Maumee, O.

75 Gridders Report For Drill

ANN ARBOR Coach Bo Schembacher will greet 75 football candidates Aug. 28 when Michigan begins preparations for its 1971 intercollegiate football season. Activities actually begin Monday, Aug. 24, with the an-

nual picture day for press, radio and television.

The Wolverines are the first Big Ten team out of the starting gate because of the school's trimester system. They are restricted, however, to five two-day sessions, the

fewest number among Big Ten schools.

With the opening of Michigan's fall semester, Sept. 3, the Wolverines go into singular sessions daily.

SCHEMBACHER, college

football's coach of the year in 1969, has an impressive group of 13 letter winners returning including four players who should figure in consideration for national honors.

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