

Battles Indiana Champ For Williamsport Berth

S. Farmington Nips Hyde Park In LL Semifinals

KOKOMO, IND. — One game, one victory, that's what stood Saturday between the South Farmington Nationals and a trip to Williamsport, Pa., for the World Series of Little League baseball which starts Tuesday.

ALL THE DARTINGS of Farmington have to do is win from Highlands South, the Indiana state champion, in Saturday's championship game. It is scheduled for 1 p.m. Eastern daylight time or noon Farmington time.

Highlands South, a suburb of Hammond, Ind., defeated Fort

Des Moines, Ia., in the semifinals, 3-1.

Those who watched both of the games were making the Indiana champions a slight favorite to gain the berth in the World Series in Williamsport, Pa. next week.

Highlands South used its second best pitcher against the Indians and S. Farmington will send Jay Cummings to the mound in the all-important title battle.

The winner advances to the world series of Little League which includes four teams from the United States and four from other parts of the

world. Germany will be represented along with Venezuela. A third team will come from Formosa and the fourth from Mexico.

But before Williamsport becomes a reality for the South Farmington Nationals, Saturday's game here to decide the national mid-western regional hangs in balance.

THE MICHIGAN KIDS made it to the regionals by rallying from a 4-0 deficit Thursday to down Hyde Park, Ill., 5-4, in a battle of home runs.

Each side knocked two to

account for all the runs.

The difference was that Hyde Park's circuits came with one on and two on . . . for South Farmington the homers came with two aboard and one aboard.

It was a typical performance by South Farmington, striking back after getting into real trouble in the early going when hitting, got to ace Dave Dueto of South Farmington for its heavy in the first inning and then three more in the top of the third.

Bob York parked a solo homer for Hyde Park in the

first inning and Jack Wise drilled one out with two aboard in the third.

"An ordinary bunch of kids (Little Leaguers are 11 and 12 years old) would have quit," said Coach Bob Walden of the South Farmington Nationals.

"But these boys of ours have been arising with the chips down time again and this time they did the same thing." In the bottom of the third inning, the South Farmington bats came alive. Kevin Hickey singled and then Jay Cummings lofted one over the fence for a homer.

That made the score 4-2 for

Hyde Park.

But the South Farmington bats weren't through. Not yet. In the fourth inning, Vince Eyged singled and Ken Medilis walked. Now it was Hickey's turn . . . and with one swish of the bat he shot South Farmington into the lead.

His belt sailed over the fence and he scored behind Eyged and Medilis.

DUELO WAS airtight the rest of the way as he protected the lead to notch the 10th straight tournament victory for South Farmington since the team started out in the dis-

tricts at Southfield three weeks ago.

Duelo allowed six hits, fanned 10 and walked two. The loser was Bill Bryant, who worked four innings. York finished up.

Medilis singled for South Farmington in the first inning, but could make little headway.

In the second inning, Eyged walked, but was left.

Then came the third and fourth-inning uprisings which decided the game. It made no difference that South Farmington failed to put a man aboard in the fifth inning.

Little League games are decided in six innings.

The South Farmington box score:

S. Farmington	AB	R	H	RBI
Medilis, 1b	3	1	1	1
Hickey, 3b	3	2	2	2
Cleveland, cf	3	0	0	0
J. Cummings, ss	2	1	1	1
Duelo, p	2	0	1	0
Carney, c	3	0	0	0
Vud, 2b	2	0	0	0
Eyged, 2b	2	1	1	0
Brown, 2b	1	0	0	0
Martin, 2b	1	0	0	0
Totals	22	5	6	5

Hyde Park 1st 0-0 — 4
S. Farmington 2nd 2-1 — 3

Preps Launch Month Of Grid Toil



BUBBLE GUM HELP? Pitcher Dave Dueto, of S. Farmington, looks like this when toiling on the mound in the national regionals in Kokomo, Ind. The 12-year-old won his 24th straight game by a 5-4 count over the Illinois champion Thursday — and this shows how he did it (Observer photos by Pam Spaulding of the Kokomo Tribune).

The long-time wishes of most Michigan high school football coaches became a reality Monday morning.

When they greet their players, it'll mark the earliest start ever for practice by lower peninsula prep teams.

For the first time, the coaches will have almost four full weeks to get their teams ready for the opening games. Heretofore, it was just three weeks.

The coaches, joining with their athletic directors and other officials, kept urging that an extra week of conditioning be made available to their teams.

This approval was voted by the State High School Athletic Association, effective with the forthcoming 1970 season.

But the first week of drills will be "different" than what takes place later.

Coaches will be barred from providing their candidates with pads.

A player may work out with his helmet and with his regular football shoes, but with none of the other protective equipment used during practice and games.

IN ESSENCE, the first week basically is for conditioning and to get the players used to wearing a helmet and football shoes.

But the coaches will be able to engage their teams in various offensive formations, they can practice kicking and passing, etc.

"It'll be great for all of us," said Southfield Lathrup coach Daryl Harper, a one-time high school star at nearby Royal Oak Dendero and later a stellar performer at the University of Michigan.

"We can get a great deal done, even without pads and even without scrimmaging," Harper added.

Other coaches feel that the extra week of practice will make for a better grade of high school football.

"We can take many of the kinks out of the teams," ex-

plained Glen Goode, the Bentley High head man in Livonia.

AS A GROUP, the coaches also feel that they can prepare for the season at a more leisurely pace.

Harper, with just one week of two-a-day sessions before the players returned to the classroom, the coaches had to rush to get in as much work as possible.

But there has been a warning issued from the National Federation of High Schools to all football coaches to guard against heat exhaustion, driv-

ing the players too hard in early workouts, etc.

Generally, the opening of football practice for the preps has been accompanied by 80-90 degree weather.

This has prompted many coaches to start morning workouts around 8 a.m. and then bring their charges back in the later afternoon or maybe the evening after the sun has dropped.

The National body, overlooking prep sports, has expressed concern over the early heavy drills and has felt that

some of the fatal accidents or injuries resulted from trying to get too much done in the heat.

Michigan is among the states which have gone along with the move to expand the prep football drills to a fourth week.

There are 20 varsity teams in Overland, which has almost as many as jayvee teams and several other sophomore and freshman teams which will compete on the high school level.

Most of the junior highs also

will field football teams during the season ahead.

One new team will make its bow this fall — at Farmington's Harrison High which will join "sisters" Farmington and North Farmington.

John Herrington, who has been an assistant at North Farmington under Ron Holland, has been named to serve as the head coach at Harrison.

Each team will be allowed one scrimmage against another opponent before they engage in their first games on the weekend of Sept. 12-14.

Gridders To Report At MSU

EAST LANSING — Invitations to report for early fall practice have gone to 93 Michigan State varsity football players.

Coach Duffy Daugherty has called for his athletes to assemble at campus Aug. 26 for lodging assignments, physical exams, equipment checkout and other chores.



KEN MEDELIS takes a cut at a fast ball while the lefthanded catcher of Hyde Park, Ill. reaches for the pitch during Thursday's national regional semifinal at

Kokomo, Ind. S. Farmington advanced into Saturday's championship game with a 5-4 victory (Observer photo by Pam Spaulding of the Kokomo Tribune).

Redford Wins Twice In Drive For Title

JOHNSTOWN, PA. — The Redford Township colors were flying high in the All American Amateur Boys baseball tournament.

After the first two days of action, Redford scored 2-0 and on Friday was to clash head-on with Michigan rival, Oakland Tool of Detroit, in a battle of unbeaten.

In essence, the Friday game also would decide the overall Michigan Adray League baseball crown.

The Redford and Oakland teams didn't oppose during the regular season as Redford captured the out-state crown and Oakland hailed in the Detroit flag.

Friday's All-Michigan collision followed after Redford downed Baltimore, 7-1 in the first round Wednesday and then followed up with a 5-4 win in 10 innings over Allentown, Pa., 10-2.

Meantime, Oakland thumped Newark, 8-1, and then Johnstown, Pa., 10-2.

It's a double-elimination tournament which means that it'll take two defeats to send a team home.

Redford Township managed by Bob Atkins, has enjoyed great success here. Two years ago, Redford reached the national finals. Last year the team gained the quarterfinals.

Some clutch pitching by Jeff Taylor, who was added for the tournament from Northville, helped Redford to turn back Allentown after twice trailing by two runs in the early going.

TAYLOR took over from John Morrison in the third inning with two on and two out and Redford trailing, 2-1. He walked two men to force in a run.

But the rest of the way he was sparkling, allowing only six hits in 7 2/3 innings of work. He struck out 10 and walked one.

Taylor and Redford came within one out of winning the game in regulation time (nine innings).

ninth inning. Then with two Allentown men retired in the bottom of the frame, Dick Traumbauer gave Allentown new life by parking a long homer over the fence.

But Redford struck back in the tenth when Jeff Taylor doubled and went to third on Bruce Bara's bunt.

The pinch-hitter Tom Roy came off the bench to drill a single which sent in Taylor and that proved to be the ball game.

Taylor and Joe Himmelsbach each had three hits for the winners, while Randy Taylor and Billy Howe had two apiece as Redford slugged out 15 hits to 10 for the losers.

Redford scored first in the third inning when Rick Adams took two bases on an error, went to third on Howe's single and came in on an error. In the fourth, Randy Taylor tripled and Jeff Taylor singled.

Billy Holmes walked, was sacrificed to second and scored on Himmelsbach's hit in the fifth. Then in the ninth with two out, Howe, Holmes, Kirk Taylor and Himmelsbach singled for the fourth, Redford run.

Les Littlejohn's second homer in two days — this one with the bases loaded — gave Oakland a 4-0 lead in the first inning and that's more than Woody Mills needed to pitch the Detroiters to victory.

Mills now has won 13 straight games this season — the first five for Eastern Michigan University during the college campaign.

The Redford-Allentown line score:

Redford 001 001 001 1 5 15 1
Allentown 20 000 00 4 11 15

Morrison, TAYLOR (3) and Holmes; Traumbauer (9) and Schmitt.

Dale Bjerkie made it four straight without a loss in tournament play in pitching Redford to its 7-1 victory over Baltimore.

He appeared in three games here last year and won them all, starting with a 5-1 win against the same Baltimore team he defeated Wednesday.

This time, Bjerkie allowed four hits, struck out three and walked one.

He yielded a run in the seventh inning on a single, double and sacrifice.

Otherwise, he allowed only four men to reach base — on two hits, a walk and an error — and none of this quartet moved past the initial sack.

Redford gave Bjerkie a 4-0 lead in the first inning when with one out, Rick Adams started matters with a single.

THEN Bill Howe and Bill Holmes singled for the first run and Kirk Taylor cleared the sacks with a homer that carried more than 350 feet.

In the fifth inning, a single by Adams, a walk to Howe and a Holmes single added another run.

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day celebration.

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