

South, Garden City Fade Out In LL State Meet

They're playing the national Little League regional baseball tournament at Harvey, Ill., this week. But neither the pride of South Farmington or Garden City is there.

Both Garden City Federal and South Farmington's Nationals, the latter the defending state champion, won their ways into the state

tournament in Bay City. But Alpena Huron Shores was too much for the fine representatives of Observerland.

First Alpena rallied to beat South Farmington, 4-3. Then it was Alpena by a 9-1 score over Garden City Federal in the title game Saturday.

So, while South Farmington

and Garden City Federal returned home a little heavy-hearted, but really deserving of a flock of praise for a job so well done, Alpena Huron carries the hopes of Michigan now for U.S. Little League honors.

THE YOUNG MEN from the upper part of the state had their work cut out in beating

South Farmington and Garden City. These were two outstanding teams.

While Alpena beat South Farmington in Friday's semifinals, Garden City had impressed with an win over Kalamazoo Oakwood to gain the other side in the finals.

The title game was settled in a hurry. Alpena broke loose

for three runs in the first inning and five in the second. Scott Diamond clubbed a three-run homer in the first inning and another with none aboard in the second.

Stan Sobek, whose two run homer had ruined South Farmington, chipped in with a first run double and a homer in the second to help doom the hopes of Garden City.

The Observerland team, which had been belting the ball at a good clip in reaching the state finals, was unable to do much against Larry Holsworth who allowed four hits.

Singles by Steve Matthews and Charles Sells, plus an error, led to the only Garden City run of the game.

THE GARDEN CITY bats boomed the day before behind the stellar pitching of Walter Krol who held Kalamazoo Oakwood to two hits in posting the team's seventh win without a loss in the tourney.

Krol himself had two of the Garden City hits in running his personal record to 5-0 in the tourney and upping his slugging pace to 14 safeties in 22 at bat. Against Kalamazoo, he slapped a single and homer.

Dan McGuire had a homer and so did Paul Black in the Garden City bombardment. South Farmington was rolling along with a 3-2 lead in the fourth inning against Alpena when Sobek drilled his homer. And that was the ball game, offsetting a homer

Bob Ameen Fulfills A Dream; Wins U.S. Open Billiard Title

Robert Ameen, former editor of the Livonia Observer and currently administrative aide to State Senator Carl Purcell, of Plymouth, realized a lifetime ambition over the weekend when he was crowned United States Open three-cushion billiards champion.

Born and raised in Monmouth, Ill., where he used to sneak into pool parlors to watch the immortal Ralph

Greenleaf, rated as the greatest pool player of all-time, perform, Ameen became enthralled with the cue and ivory ball sport and later developed into one of the best three cushion players in Illinois.

Greenleaf, also a native of Monmouth, already had become the nation's pool king but did have time to show a few tricks of the game to his youthful admirer.

AMEEN, WHO MOVED to the Livonia area from Springfield, Ill. some five years ago, has competed in most major tournaments in the Midwest during that time.

He has finished with the top 10 leaders in the U.S. Open several times but it wasn't until this year's tourney in Oak Park that he finally went all the way.

Even then he had to beat Jose Campos, the Mexican champion who now plays out of Chicago, in a playoff after each wound up play in the winner's division with identical 5-2 records.

THE FIELD OF 24 included all of the top stars in the land. Heading the list was pre-tourney favorite Larry "Boston Shorty" Johnson, Cambridge, Mass., who had won the crown in 1968-69-70; Bud Harris, of Chicago, winner in 1965; Jimmy Caltrano, of Long Island; John Benner of Hamburg, N.Y.; Mike Donnelly, of Monroe; and Bob Leatherby, of Muskegon.

Every player met every other entrant in the round robin tourney which had a purse of \$2,500 with \$1,000 going to the winner.

Thus Ameen, who had trouble with Campos in the finale, whipped him 50-29 in 48 innings in an earlier round.

After the victory, Ameen grabbed the much coveted championship trophy and the winner's check and sped to his home in Northville Township to rest and recuperate.

THAT TROPHY looks good to Bob Ameen, former Livonia Observer editor, after his victory in the \$3,500 U.S. Open three-cushion billiard championship tournament in Oak Park. (Observer photo)



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