

SPORTS

The Farmington Enterprise



Little League Baseball Organized; Offers A Well Routed Program

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles compiled by officials of the Farmington Little League to outline the make-up, operation and purpose of Little League baseball for you.

Little League Baseball Incorporated, like all going organizations, has its own written rules and regulations and it is thought worthwhile to outline a few for your consideration.

Initially it should be understood that Little League Baseball Incorporated is a national organization with league headquarters in Williamsport, Pennsylvania. From headquarters a program which must be complied with is issued as well as recommended policies. In the beginning of the organization of a league in a community a franchise or a permit to operate must be obtained. A franchise has been granted to the Farmington Little League.

This franchise stipulates that only those boys from 8 through 12 years of age residing in Farmington Township are eligible to play in the Farmington Little League. Other mandatory regulations are mainly in the modified rules of baseball which are used by the Little League.

These modified rules are essentially standard baseball rules adapted to young boys. The bases on the playing diamond for Little League are 60 feet apart as contrasted with the standard baseball diamond, which has 90 feet between bases. The distance between the pitcher's box and home plate in Little League is 44 feet as compared to the standard diamond distance of 90½ feet.

A home run fence bounds the outfield of the Little League playing field 175 feet from home plate. Any ball knocked over the fence is a home run while those balls bouncing over it or going through the fence are automatic doubles.

A regulation Little League game is six innings rather than nine. The catcher does not have to catch the third strike as the batter is automatically out. A runner on base may not "steal off" as is customary in standard rules.

To protect a player against injury, it is required that each batter and all base runners wear plastic head covers. It is also mandatory that all catchers wear athletic supporters to protect against injuries.

The Little League used is of standard size and weight but has less resistance on the bounce than the standard ball. Bats are of standard construction but shorter, lighter and much lighter than regulation bats. Baseball shoes are permitted but are of special design with short rubber spikes rather than steel ones. The standard rules of the infield fly, double plays, balks, etc., are the same.

With regard to general team rules it should be noted that the team roster is made up of 15 boys with age restrictions as follows: a maximum of five boys 12 years old, a minimum of five boys 10 or under; and the remainder 11 year old boys. The cut-off date for birthdays is August 1. Thus, a boy who will not be 13 until August 1 is eligible for the entire year. This same reasoning applies to all boys in determining various ages. Birth certificates are required evidence in determining a player's age.

A player is selected to a respective team by the team's manager.

BABE RUTH LEAGUE AND LITTLE LEAGUE SCHEDULES

Saturday, June 12 — (BRL) — Farmington Enterprise Giants vs. R. L. Polk Dodgers and ReNu Tool Red Sox vs. Arrowsmith Indians.

(LL) — Farmington State Bank Tigers vs. Blakeslee Cardinals and Farmington Dairy Yanks vs. Star Cutter Cubs.

Monday, June 14 — (BRL) — Farmington Enterprise Giants vs. ReNu Tool Red Sox.

Wednesday, June 16 — (BRL) — R. L. Polk Dodgers vs. Arrowsmith Indians.

Thursday, June 17 — (LL) — Farmington Dairy Yanks vs. Blakeslee Cardinals.

Friday, June 18 — (BRL) — Farmington Enterprise Giants vs. R. L. Polk Dodgers.

Saturday, June 19 — (BRL) — R. L. Polk Dodgers vs. ReNu Tool Red Sox and Farmington Enterprise Giants vs. Arrowsmith Indians.

(LL) — Farmington Dairy Yanks vs. Farmington State Bank Tigers and Star Cutter Cubs vs. Blakeslee Cardinals.

LL — Little League BRL — Babe Ruth League

Week day games — 6:15 p.m. in both leagues.

Saturday games — 1:15 p.m. in LL and 1:30 p.m. in BRL.

All Babe Ruth League games will be played on the diamond at the Farmington High School athletic field until further notice.

Little League games are played on the specially constructed diamond in the City Park.

Shutouts Posted In L. L. Openers

In the opening round of Little League baseball play at the City Park last Saturday, the Blakeslee Cards blanked the Farmington Dairy Yanks 5 - 0, and the Farmington State Bank Tigers topped the Star Cutter Cubs by a lopsided 10 - 0 margin.

Tight pitching was witnessed in both contests with Jackie Thompson throwing a brilliant no-hitter to give the Tigers their easy win over the Cubs, and Cliff Simmons tossing a two-hitter against the Yanks for a 2 - 0 shut-out victory. In going the route, Thompson was masterful in striking out 16 of the 18 batters to face him and give up only one walk.

Only three hits were collected between both clubs in the Card-Yank game as losing hurler Jerry Knay of the Yanks gave up only one hit. The Cards capitalized on his wildness, however, to gain ten base-on-balls and coupled them with errors for their two unearned runs.

The Tigers went on a hitting spree in trouncing the Cubs 10 - 0. They pounded out ten hits and drew three walks off two Cub hurlers in going the six inning route. Duval Allen pitched the first four innings for the Cubs and was nicked for nine hits as the Tigers pushed over all ten of their runs. While came in for the Cubs in the fifth and did a fine job of relief work — too late.

All four Little League teams will be in action again this Saturday in another double-header bill. The Babe Ruth League will also swing into action in another double-header, billing Saturday which should provide ample baseball action for all fans over the week end.

For the present time, all Little League games will be played on the Little League diamond at the City Park while the Babe Ruth League contests will be played on the high school diamond.

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Holly made a bid to come back in the last of the seventh when they collected four hits but were able to score only two runs and dropped the contest 9 - 8.

Final Standings

Team	Won	Lost
Clarenceville	5	2
Keego Harbor	8	4
Brighton	6	4
Clarkston	6	6
Northville	4	8
Holly	4	8
Milford	3	9

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Runner Advances On Bad Throw



First baseman Tom Guy of the Cards goes after a bad throw to first as Yank hurler Jerry Knay rounds first and digs for second in the opening Little League game of the 1954 season played at the City Park diamond Saturday afternoon. The Yanks won the low-hitting contest 2 - 0.

Hunters Bag Record Number Of Squirrels

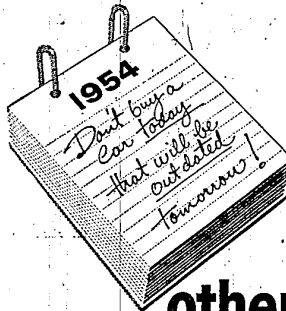
Computed hunter report cards show that record kills of both gray squirrels and opossums were chalked up by hunters last year. A computed 23,700, hunters bagged about 75,000 squirrels, slightly higher than the record season of 1946.

Also, 17,000 hunters bagged about 22,000 opossums, topping the 1942 record of 48,500.

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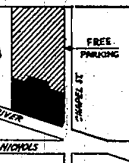
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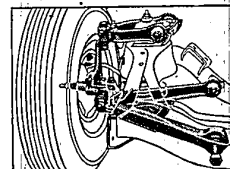
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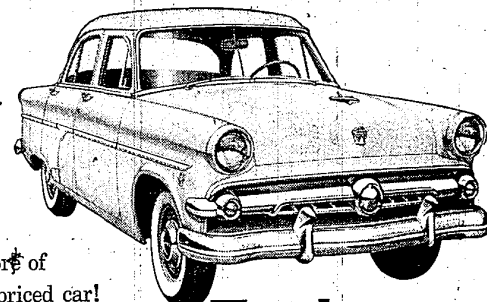
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