



The Blackie-dee Cards were full of energy and ready to go Saturday afternoon when they were snapped just prior to the critical test with the State Bank Tigers. Emerging as victors in the battle, they became the Farmington Little League champions for 1954. Pictured above, top row (left to right) Ford Olson, Butch Ham, Merl Roberts, Tom Lashbrook, Cliff Simons, Harvey Chapman, and Halney Hamilton. Bottom row (left to right) Tom Thomas, B. Hlobet, Jim Newberg, Jeffrey Green and John Johansen.

Cards Down Tigers 4 - 2 Saturday To Take Little League Championship

In a true fight to the finish in the Farmington Little League last Saturday afternoon, the Cards and the Farmington State Bank Tigers met, with the Cards emerging as victors, 4 - 2, to take the league championship for the 1954 season.

Going into the game Saturday, the Cards and Tigers were deadlocked for first place in the league with equal records of 14 wins against 3 losses.

Typical of earlier contests between the two clubs, the game was a tight pitchers' duel between the two teams' pitching men. Cliff Simons for the Cards and Chuck Thomson for the Tigers.

The Tigers took early command of the game and were in possession of a 2 - 0 lead going into the last half of the third inning with intermission rains threatening to bring a halt to the contest at any time. They pushed over one run in the opening inning and added another in the third when Carl Fox blasted out a four-bagger.

The Cards came back in their half of the same inning to knot things up after two were out. Merl Roberts started off when he was safe at first on an error. Pitcher Simons followed with a single and Harvey Chapman walked to load the bases. Tom Lashbrook scored the first runner who came over the second tally came over on an infield tap by Halney Hamilton.

Card hurler Simons put his own game on ice in the last of the fifth when he tied off for a home run over the left field fence to break the deadlock. A single by Olson, man, who stole second and came home on a safety by Hamilton accounted for the fourth run.

The game was brought to a halt at that point with a heavy downpour of rain. A second game between the Cards and the Yanks, to conclude the 1954 season, had to be called off.

Musky Catches Summer Visitor

(Editor's Note: This is a reprint of a front page story which appeared in the July 29 issue of "The Mellen Weekly - Record", Mellen, Wisconsin. Keith, Wisconsin, involved in the "fish catches man" episode, lives at 22635 Brookdale.

The "man biting dog" gas which makes news now and then, had to take a back seat this week for a "fish catches man" story which is actually true.

This happened Tuesday morning to Keith Willoughby, Farmington, Michigan, who is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Willoughby at Lone Lake.

It seems Keith was musky fishing and sun bathing at the same time. Clad only in bathing trunks, he hooked on to a musky which was determined to be "the one that got away". After the usual gymnastics, the fish tried a new angle and this was to jump in the boat and argue with the guy at the other end. One terrific leap and he landed at Keith's bare feet.

In the fracas that followed, one of the hooks on the plug attached to the fish buried itself firmly in the bottom of the unlucky nimrod's foot. After the fish was disposed of, Keith was taken to Mellen, where Dr. E. L. Gilman performed a minor operation to remove the hook.

P. S. - It was a legal musky measuring 31 inches.

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STUDY CONTINUES TO DETERMINE YEARLY DUCK KILL

Throughout the continent, wildlife workers would like to know how much of the annual duck population is harvested each year by hunters.

It has long been known that nature provides more wild youngsters each year than can possibly live on available food supplies and habitat.

Section regulations and bag limits are set each year so hunters can harvest the surplus.

But each year the problem of determining how many is surplus and how much is necessary parent stock continues to plague conservationists.

Leg hands have given many of the answers; biologists learn much from them about migration routes.

This summer, workers from each of the north-central states, from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and from Canada are busy banding ducks on the important Canadian prairie nesting grounds.



The Tigers - Little League Runners-Up

The Little League Tigers had to settle for runner-up spot in the league, but not before putting up a stiff fight and battling the champions until the last man was out. Top row, (left to right) Gary Macken, Henry Berdick, Carl Fox, Chuck Thomson, Phil Parsons and Jim Young. Bottom row, (left to right) Glenn Chabson, Louis Mesurages, Joe Hamilton, Curt Nathan and George Bartsch.

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Local All-Stars Lose On Errors

The Farmington Babe Ruth League All-Stars went down in defeat in the opening round of state journey play-offs at Milford last Friday, losing to the Kalamazoo All-Stars 6 - 0.

Though the Farmington boys equaled their foes in hits, misuses on the diamond cost them the ball game. A total of nine errors were committed by the local All-Stars while the Kalamazoo boys played almost flawless ball.

Kurt Love went the distance on the mound for Farmington and held his opponents to seven scattered hits.

Northwestern, Team No. 2, of Detroit, went on to win the state play-offs and will represent Michigan in the national tournament in Illinois starting this Friday.

Local play in the Babe Ruth League was resumed Monday as the four teams battle it out for first place honors. A tight fight of the finish between the Red-Nut Tool Red Sox, Arrowsmith Indians, and the Enterprise Giants is being waged for the championship.

In action Monday night the Indians edged out the R. L. Poik Dodgers 3 - 2, with Bruce Richards hurling his teammates to victory. Brian Hug suffered the loss.

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New Deer Seal To Be Used In State This Year

New deer seals — "easier to sit down on" — will be used in Michigan's deer season this year, conservation department workers report.

The old half-shaped seals were notorious for their sharp edges but the new style is flat and compact.

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Top Ten Hitters In Little League

Season Averages

Cliff Simons, Cards	544
Carl Fox, Tigers	463
Joe Hamilton, Tigers	332
Harvey Chapman, Cards	327
Tom Lashbrook, Cards	327
Darryl Allen, Cubs	326
Jon Nelson, Cubs	302
Tom Thomas, Cards	302
John Fleck, Cubs	300
Brian Hug, Cubs	300

Leading Pitchers In Little League

Season Averages

Garry MacLean, Tigers	4	0
Merl Roberts, Cards	2	0
Harvey Chapman, Cards	5	1
Carl Fox, Tigers	5	1
Cliff Simons, Cards	5	1

Deer, Small Game Licenses Being Mailed To Dealers

Conservation department workers began mailing about 1,000,000 deer and small game hunting licenses to Michigan's 400 license dealers this week.

The chore of sorting and distributing the permits will take about six weeks.

Included in the total will be \$90,000 resident and 21,000 non-resident small game licenses; 130,000 resident and 20,000 non-resident deer licenses; 70,000 resident and 10,000 non-resident archery deer licenses and 4500 camp permits.

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