

Ruth League In Farmington Formed in 1952

In 1953 the second season of a summer baseball program in Farmington saw an increasing number of boys answer the call for spring practice.

The Little League Farm System was enlarged to eight teams playing regularly scheduled games. Each team had its own manager and the league its own umpires. The objective was to let every boy play ball that wanted to, regardless of ability.

This same year saw the Babe Ruth League, which involved boys from 13 years of age through 15 years, formed. The League was headed by James Warner and supported by members of the Jaycees. It consisted of four teams and followed the same pattern of Little League.

The 1954 season saw approximately 500 boys turn out for spring practice.

In 1954 the Babe Ruth League enjoyed another very successful season and the Jaycees organization sponsored their annual banquet.

The 1955 season saw the founding of Farmington Baseball for Boys. To promote harmony between the Babe Ruth League and Little League and avoid overlapping of interest, personnel and competition for funds, it was felt in the best interest of the community, all baseball should come under one governing body.

At a meeting held at Bill Parsons', the outline was drafted for the new organization. The post of Commissioner was established with John Clappison elected. Three vice president posts were established, with each vice president to head a division to be known as Little League Division, Babe Ruth League Division and the Farm League Division. The vice presidents elected were: Bill Parsons, Little League; Farley Thomson, Babe Ruth League, and Harry Brown, Farm League. The secretary was Wilbur Wood and the treasurer, Harry Lapham.

The managing personnel which was the governing body, consisted of the above officers plus two managers from each division, umpire in chief of each division, the players agent, the equipment manager, the finance chairman and the publicity director.

This proved to be an excellent decision, as the season progressed smoothly and efficiently and planted its roots deeply into the community.

The Babe Ruth organization is divided into eight International regions.



THE OROLES of Farmington Little League are sponsored by American Screw Products. Front row, left to right: Steve Schuler, Ernie McArvey, Larry Ray, Chris Norton, Mike McArvey. Second row, left to right: Dave Ridding,

Jeff Dernberger, Dick Rutherford, Tim Patrick, Danny Dustin, Larry Brock. Back row, left to right: Manager Burt Heist, Greg Nowak, Patt Curtain, Gerald Tinkle, Ron Riggio, Gary Brock, Coach Harry Tinkle.

Firm Set of Rules Govern Baseball for Boys, Inc.

Organizational rules governing the Baseball for Boys program are clearly spelled out in the constitution. Generally they provide as follows:

NUMBER OF TEAMS

(a) The number of uniformed Major League teams in both the Little League and Babe Ruth organizations shall be firmly set. They shall not be changed except as a duly constituted constitutional amendment.

The number of teams in Minor or Farm League may be revised as conditions demand at the discretion of Management Personnel.

SCHEDULE FOR GAMES

(b) Game schedules for all teams shall be the responsibility of the respective vice presidents or farm league directors. Care shall be taken to live up to the minimum game requirements of Little League or Babe Ruth League. Consideration shall be given to logical calendar timing to serve community and organizational interest.

SELECTION FOR TEAMS

(c) Player selection for both Little League and Babe Ruth Major League teams shall be

made under a set code of rules and not deviated from.

Player selection for all Farm League teams shall be left to the discretion of the responsible Farm League Directors.

"ALL STAR" SELECTION

(d) "All-Star" Player, Manager and Coach. (1) Selection for both Little League and Babe Ruth League shall be made under a set code of rules.

INSURANCE

(e) Insurance, both liability and personal injury, shall be required for both Little League and Babe Ruth League personnel.

Farmington Still Needs More Babe Ruth League Players

The Farmington Baseball for Boys organization reports its season well under way and that it has hundreds of boys enthusiastically participating in the baseball program under the coaching of capable, unselfish volunteers.

However, for the first time in years it lacks a considerable number of boys in the 13 to 15 year old group, which

According to Bill Thomas, the head of this league, they can readily accommodate a lot more boys in this age bracket. Any boy whose 16th birthday is not reached before August 1, 1959, and whose 13th

birthday occurs before that date, is eligible to participate. Only boys who reside in the Farmington area bounded by Eleven Mile Road, Halsted Rd, Inkster Road and Eight Mile Road are eligible.

The league assembles on the baseball field of the Farmington Senior High School on Shiawassee near Lakeway.

Interested boys may contact Thomas or any of the team managers or coaches at the field on any week night except Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Schedule of Little League Games in N. Farmington

	DIAMOND I	DIAMOND II
THURSDAY, June 18	Orioles-Yankees	Red Sox-Tigers
SATURDAY, June 20	Red Sox-White Sox	Orioles-Indians
TUESDAY, June 23	Tigers-Yankees	White Sox-Indians
THURSDAY, June 25	Red Sox-Yankees	Tigers-Orioles
SATURDAY, June 27	Yankees-Orioles	White Sox-Tigers
TUESDAY, June 30	Orioles-Red Sox	Indians-Tigers
THURSDAY, July 2	Red Sox-Indians	Yankees-Orioles
TUESDAY, July 7	White Sox-Red Sox	Indians-Yankees
THURSDAY, July 9	Orioles-White Sox	Tigers-Red Sox
SATURDAY, July 11	Indians-Orioles	Yankees-Tigers
TUESDAY, July 14	Orioles-Tigers	White Sox-Yankees
THURSDAY, July 16	Indians-White Sox	Red Sox-Orioles
SATURDAY, July 18	Yankees-Red Sox	Tigers-Indians
TUESDAY, July 21	Orioles-Yankees	Red Sox-Tigers
THURSDAY, July 23	Tigers-White Sox	Yankees-Indians
SATURDAY, July 25	Indians-Red Sox	White Sox-Orioles
TUESDAY, July 28	Tigers-Yankees	Orioles-Indians
THURSDAY, July 30	Red Sox-White Sox	

PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

We salute the organization of men and women who have built up such a wonderful baseball program for the youngsters of Farmington. We admire such initiative and vision, because we like to feel we are working along the same lines for Farmington, in this and various other community projects.

Thus, we want to thank all the fine merchants and citizens throughout the Farmington territory who have supported through the years our own efforts to better our community — and we want to commend those who have supported Farmington Baseball for Boys in the past, and ask your wholehearted support for this and the coming seasons.

As Our Youth Grows - - So Will Farmington!

FARMINGTON JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE