

North Farmington Boys Baseball Program Was Organized in 1955

With the rapid residential growth in the North Farmington area, the need for a separate Baseball for Boys Program for that community was deemed necessary.

Therefore, early in 1955 Bill Tilder, Tim McArt, Jim Cate, Jack Sheridan and other interested parties set about the task of organizing such a program. They received surplus equipment from the Farmington Baseball for Boys organization and set up two leagues of four teams each with games being played at Bond School as well as Eagle School. Considerable help was rendered the organizers of the North Farmington Baseball program by Harvey Lapham, official of Farmington Baseball for Boys Inc.

In 1956 the North Farmington group continued to operate two leagues of four teams each with uniforms and caps as well as the equipment being supplied by the Farmington Baseball for Boys organization.

It was in 1957 that a Little League franchise was taken out for North Farmington Little League, Inc. The boundaries of the new league were set from 11 Mile to 15 Mile Roads, from Haggerty Road on the west and Inkster Road on the east.

A four team major league and six team Farm League was formed. Bill Tilder was named first president of the league. With the generous contribution of material for dugouts, a flagpole and backstops made by Bill Weighman of Franklin Products Co., plus several man hours of work by those interested in the league, a new playing field was set up at the Bond School.

In 1958 the League was expanded with six major league teams being formed as well as eight Farm League teams under the direction of President Bill Tilder. A "C" League was also formed to serve those boys not learning the fundamentals of baseball.

In the fall of 1958 a Woman's Auxiliary was started to assist the men in the operation of the league. Last year, 1959, a four team Babe Ruth League was formed with two more Little League Farm teams being added. The name of the organization was officially changed to North Farmington Baseball for Boys Inc.

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:

(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.

(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.

(c.) PLAYER SELECTION for both Little League and Babe Ruth League Major League Teams shall be made under a set code of rules and not via word of mouth. Player selection for all Farm League teams shall be left to the discretion of the responsible Farm League Directors.

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

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

Objectives of Baseball-Boys

The objectives of Farmington Baseball for Boys as spelled out in the constitution are:

(a.) To implant firmly in the boys of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence so that they may be finer, stronger and happier boys and grow to be good, clean, healthy men.

(b.) The objective will be achieved by providing supervised competitive baseball games. The supervisors shall bear in mind that the attainment of exceptional athletic skill or the winning of games is secondary and that the moulding of future men is of prime importance.

RULES FOR MINORS

(1.) All games will be no longer than five innings in duration and no inning will be started after 7:45 p.m.

(2.) Pitchers will be limited to throwing only five innings per week.

(3.) Only one base is allowed on an overthrow but base runners may steal any base except home.

(4.) The coach of each team may coach first and third base but may not set foot on the diamond proper.

(5.) No 12-year-old is eligible to pitch on farm teams.

(6.) Starting time for games is 6:15 p.m. with 6:30 as the time for forfeit.

Television of regular season Little League games or special games is prohibited. The appearance of Little League players in uniform on commercial television programs, without the expressed approval of National Headquarters is also forbidden.

Require Certain LL Equipment

Official Little League rules specify certain playing equipment which each team must use. According to these rules each Major team must have at least 12 conventional baseball uniforms. These uniforms, however, remain the property of the league and are only loaned to the players for such a time as the league specifies.

It is also required that each league provide in each of the dugouts at least five protective helmets approved by national Little League headquarters. The rule further specifies that each batter and all batters must wear a protective helmet.

Shoes with metal cleats are prohibited but shoes with molded rubber cleats are allowed. All catchers must wear metal, fibre or plastic cup-type supporters. It is suggested by headquarters that athletic supporters be worn by all players.

Here Are Officials Of S. Farmington LL

Officials of the South Farmington Little League are as follows: Commissioner, Ross Peterson; vice president, Norm White; secretary, Frank Richardson; treasurer, Dick Theisen; players agent, John Urbain, and equipment manager, Szymorski.

S. Farmington Farm League

AMERICAN LEAGUE		
Team	Manager	Sponsor
Falcons	Don Gramer	Statewide Storm and Sash
Jawks	Tony Zacheretti	Springbrook Gardens
Knobers	George Coudron	Metals
Beavers	Bill Bliss	Primm Realty
Lions	Art Schuster	Farmington J.C. Stars
Indians	Tony Garrick	American Screw Products
Eagles	Clarence Roth	Farmington J.C. Preps
Pirates	Jack Laib	Farmington Lanes
Ted Legs	Harold Green	Mays' Mower Shop
Beers	William Penn	Cranston Paint Shop
NATIONAL LEAGUE		
Team	Manager	Sponsor
Dodgers	Jack Shelton	Mustangs
Blue Jays	Fabian Wayne	Clayton's Sinclair Service
Phillies	Virgil Rankin	Hinkle of Farmington
Ted Sox	James Stiles	Farmington Enterprise
White Sox	Ronald Kries	Oak Pharmacy
Senators	Robert Allen	Bel-Aire Drugs
Bob Cats	Sam Hawkins	National Bank of Detroit
Abethies	Robert Snyder	Farmington J.C. Rockets
Lancers	Ed Whaley	Daisy Lou Party Store
	Carl Williams	Dan Lowe

The international headquarters for the Babe Ruth League baseball organization is located in Trenton, New Jersey.

The playing of Little League games on Sunday is contrary to League principles. Where necessity exists, permission must be first obtained from the district representative for the League.



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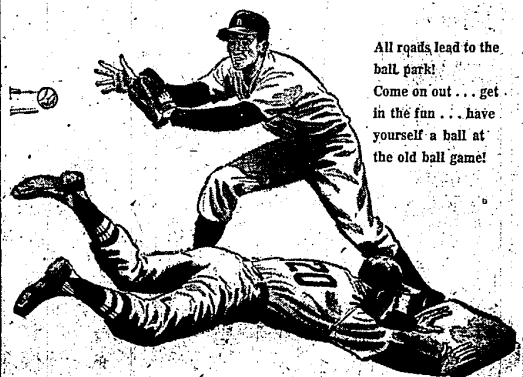
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AND
LITTLE LEAGUE**

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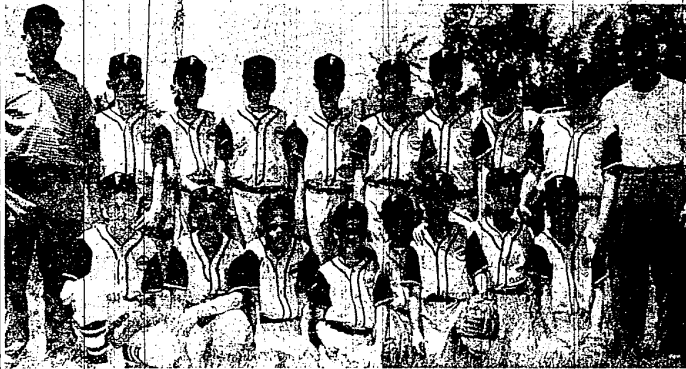
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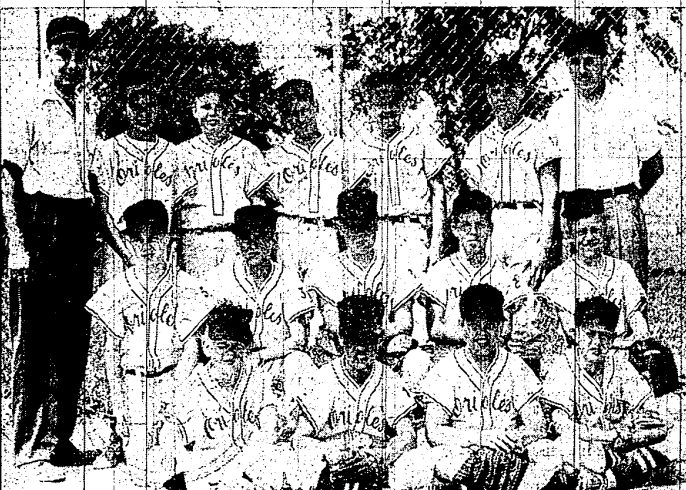


SOUTH FARMINGTON'S Little League Cubs are sponsored by the Star Cutter Company. Front row, left to right, are: Glen Caudron, Mark Donoghue, Paul Misch, Steve Theisen, Chuck Halfey, Jim McGrath and Dave DiPonio. In the second row, left to right, are: Chuck Conn, Jerry Turner, Tom Donoghue, Bruce Patterson, Barry Auer, Bob Urbain, Art Woehler and Don Nipoth. The team is being coached and managed by Ed Donoghue and Dick Theisen. Missing when this picture was taken was Ron Ray.



THE TIGERS of the North Farmington Little League are sponsored by Harris Homestead House. Front row, left to right, are: Randall Kendrick, Jim Silway, Ted Stey, Edward Schotten, Ben Niemiec, Don Mayberger, Terry Goyt and Jim McFarland. In the back row, left to right, are: Manager Carl Hunt, Tom Huss, Fred Niemiec, Carl Hunt, Tim Boyle, David Misener, Dave Cornwell, Tim Spencer, Mike Snerly and Coach Jabe Bacon.

North Farmington Little League



THE ORIOLES of the North Farmington Little League are sponsored by the Farmington Township Police Department. Front row, left to right: M. Glenn, J. Heyn, T. Snyder, J. Mette. Second row, left to right: T. Czubik, J. Kirk, J. Collins, W. Huber and S. Wolan. Back row, left to right: Coach L. Martini, B. Dale, S. Clogg, J. Bond, R. Martini, C. Viane and Manager J. Kirk.



THE WHITE SOX of North Farmington Little League are sponsored by the Farmington Township Police Department. Front row, left to right: B. Sobott, S. Sager, C. Walby, B. Johnson. Second row, left to right: B. Fletcher, J. Hargrove, G. Scherer, S. Abele, B. McCullough, W. Willoughby, B. Fletcher, W. Bowles, E. Kennegrew, B. Grussner.