

Legion baseballers split

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Sunday's skies looked unseasonably pallid. And the American Legion's Birmingham-Troy amateur baseball team recoiled from the dreary weather conditions.
Coach Tom Lakos' hosting sandlotters lost a twin-bill to Farmington, 5-4 and 5-1.
During the opener, Dave Jones absorbed the defeat. The righthander surrendered four hits while whiffing eight and walking five.
Altogether, Birmingham-Troy sprayed 10 hits.
ANCHORING THE losers were Jones and Bob Cleary, each of whom knocked across two runs. Jones homered and singled; Cleary singled twice.

Teammate Paul Quesada contributed a couple of non run-producing one-baggers.
During the nightcap, Jim Kazanski suffered the setback. The southpaw yielded nine hits, while fanning four and walking one.
Quesada saved Birmingham-Troy from going hitless when he uncorked a roundtripper.
UNDER SIMILARLY dark skies Saturday, Lakos' hosting sandlotters experienced happier times.
They swept a twinbill from Berkley in Detroit Suburban Amateur Baseball Federation play, 5-1 and 8-1.
During the opener, Carey Braha

went the distance on the mound for the winners. The southpaw scattered two hits while striking out six and walking three.
Collectively, Birmingham-Troy logged six hits. Don Henderson sparked Birmingham-Troy's attack at the plate, singling twice to bring home one run.
DURING THE nightcap, Sabin Papp took the victory. The southpaw fooled five opponents on strikes and issued five free passes in five innings of work.
Cleary finished up in relief of Papp. The righthander whiffed one and walked none.
Berkley totaled considerably fewer team hits, 9-4.

Henderson again emerged as Birmingham-Troy's big gun with the bat. He slapped two homers, including a grand slam, to drive around six runs.
IN SUPPORTIVE parts for Birmingham-Troy, Gary Zuzga clubbed a solo homer and Quesada punched a pair of singles.
The 500 weekend on the sandlots marked this summer's kickoff competition for Lakos' stickmen.
Members of the American Legion Michigan Division's 18th district, they continued their legion bid Wednesday.
That's when they encountered Auburn Heights at Auburn Heights Avondale High.
AT 6 P.M., Friday, they will host Auburn Heights. At 2 p.m. Sunday, they will host Troy-Clawson for a doubleheader.
At 1 p.m. Saturday, Birmingham-Troy will try to stay unbeaten on the federation trail. Visiting Rochester will furnish the opposition.
Birmingham-Troy is co-sponsored by Birmingham American Legion Post #14 and the Troy Baseball Boosters.
Its home field is diamond number one at Boutan Park, located off Crooks Road, between Big Beaver and Wattle roads, in Troy.
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