



The Farmington Enterprise

SPORTS



Clarenceville Trojans Down Northville To Win Second Straight Wayne-Oakland League Title

Behind the brilliant pitching of Jim Merians, the Clarenceville Trojans racked up their ninth victory of the season by downing the Northville Mustangs 5-1 on Monday, June 8, at Cass Benton Park in Northville.

Merians again led the Trojans as he gave up only two hits to the Farmington Falcons 9-1. Then it was a struggle and bad luck hit the Trojans. They lost a closest to Holly 15-11, a game with last place Northville was unplayed because of rain and then the Trojans lost to Clarkston 7-2. One loss was charged to Pat Killeen and the other to Glen Evans.

Coach Harry McKittrick then decided to make a pitcher out of first baseman Jim Merians. As the records show, the results were good. In Jim's first game, he shut out Brighton 4-0 on the Trojan diamond. After this spectacular performance, Jim pitched five straight games, stretching his winning streak to six victories.

Then came time for the second Farmington game. Farmington gave up only 13 runs on 12 hits to defeat the Trojans 13-4. Clarenceville gathered 16 hits, but couldn't seem to score the runners.

After this setback, the Trojans went on to win their second league championship by defeating Holly 1-0 and Northville 5-1.

The Trojans have won the title two years in a row. For their effort Clarenceville gets a small trophy and can have possession of the large trophy for another year.

The Trojans' big weapon this year was the brilliant pitching of Jim Merians and the powerful hitting of the entire Trojan team. Tom Ruttell led the Trojans in home runs by hitting two circuit clouts.

Jim Merians was elected captain of the Trojan 1954 team. M. K.

To Lead Trojans



JIM MERIANS

Jim Merians, pictured in the locker room at Clarenceville, proved to be outstanding on the mound for the Trojans this season as they won their second straight Wayne-Oakland League baseball championship. Jim gave up eight wins against no losses for the season. His teammates have elected Jim to captain next year's team.

Trout Planting May Save Money

An important dollar-saving conservation measure may have been made at Section Four lake in the Pigeon River state forest, the conservation department reports.

The lake is one of seven in the forest being used for controlled fisheries experiments under supervision of the department's institute for fisheries research.

Anglers, who may fish in the lakes by permit, took about 500 brook trout averaging 10 inches length from the lake during the first week of the season this year. The fish apparently all come from an original planting of 3,000 fingerlings planted in the lake only a year ago.

In the past, survival was believed possible only when legal-sized fish or large fingerlings, three to four inches in length, were planted.

The planting made in Section Four lake consisted of fingerlings of about 1/4 inches in length.

If the experiment proves adaptable to other lakes, savings will be made in hatchery time and food costs by planting the much smaller fish.

Work is also going forward on plants of fry-size trout and of eyed eggs.

The seven-lake area was set up in 1948 for experimental work and is known as the Pigeon River trout research area. All the lakes are small and well suited for the work.

LITTLE-BIGGER LEAGUE STANDING

(As Of June 15)

	W	L	Pct.
Red Sox	2	0	.1000
Giants	2	0	.1000
Indians	1	2	.333
Dodgers	0	3	.000

In The Nick Of Time . . .



Larry Lynch, Dodger baserunner, makes a quick trip back to first base as Red Sox first baseman Mike Connolly takes the catcher's pick-off throw. (P.S. Larry made it but his team didn't.) The Dodgers were on the short end of a 3-1 game which allowed the Red Sox to tie for first place in the Little-Bigger League race. Red Sox pitcher Curt Love won his second straight victory in pitching seven-hit ball. Dodger team George Schukla was the loser.

Red Sox, Giants Win LBL Game

The Red Sox and Giants both won their Little-Bigger League games scheduled during the week of June 8. The Red Sox went against the Dodgers and came out on the top of a 3-1 score. On June 10 the Giants defeated the Indians a 6-2 score.

Don Keeley gave up six hits, two bases on balls and struck out two for the Giants while his teammates were collecting eight hits off losing pitcher Tom Whalen.

Added by a base on balls, a costly error and three hits, the Giants jumped to a two-run lead in the second inning and led all the way to beat the Indians six to two in six innings.

Merrow singled to start the second and Temple walked. After Dailey popped out to left field, Keeley was safe on the third baseman's error and Merrow scored, only to force Temple at third but Lindhart singled to score Keeley. Nutten then singled but Tuipip was out to score from second to end the inning.

The Giants pushed two more runs across the plate in both the fifth and sixth innings, again aided by walks and errors.

The Indians scored their runs in the fifth inning when they put together an error, a walk and a tremendous two-base hit by Jones.

Jones and Merrow's double to right fielding were the only other base hits in a game which featured fine pitching, with Keeley getting the win due to better control and almost flawless support.

The line score: Giants, six runs, two runs, six hits and six errors.

In the other game of the week, the Red Sox's Curt Love turned in a solid effort for the Indians.

Love, who was 275 feet from the Dodger's home plate, was a 275 foot long run. The old record, held by Charles Edmunds, was 57.7.

The old medley relay record of 2:54.2 was broken by Don Douglas, Bill Meyers, Paul Vandenberg and Ralph Gault with a time of 2:47.1.

M. K.

MILLION DOLLAR WILDLIFE REFUGE PLANNED BY STATE

The Migratory Bird Conservation Commission, a federal government board, recently gave the green light to a proposal of the Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge southwest of Saginaw.

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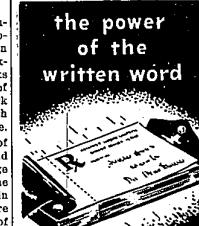
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INDIANS WIN

The Indians of the Little-Big- League defeated the Dodgers on June 15 by a 4-3 score. Jones was the winning pitcher for the Indians while the Dodgers' Harrison took the loss.

Sixteen fires damaged 28 acres of Michigan forest and grass land during the last week. To date 671 fires have damaged about 4,800 acres in the state, according to the conservation department.

Harrison Radiator Division of General Motors tests radiators in cars under varying engine loads in a tunnel in which heat up to 100 miles per hour and heat up to 100 degrees Fahrenheit can be created.

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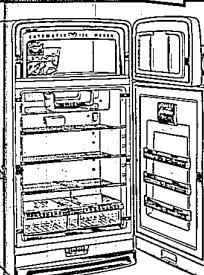
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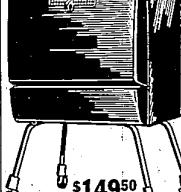


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