

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 defeating 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 Mustangs. This victory made Jim's record 8 wins against no losses. It also enabled Clarenceville to break the tie with Holly for the Wayne-Oakland League championship. This is the second year in succession that the Trojans have taken the baseball trophy.

Clarenceville started off the championship season by defeating the Farmington Falcons 9-4 on the Trojan diamond. The victory went to Pat Killean. Then a streak of bad luck hit the Trojans. They lost a slugfest to Holly 15-11, a game with last place Northville was unplayed because of rain and then the Trojans lost to Clarkson 7-2. One loss was charged to Pat Killean and the other to Glen Evans.

Coach Harry McKittick 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 got together 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 fine pitching of Jim Merians and the powerful hitting of the entire Trojan team. Tom Rutilla led the Trojans in home runs by hitting two circuit clouts.

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

Conservation Laboratory Offers College Credit

Enrollment has started for the annual Muniscon Conservation Laboratory sponsored by the Northern Michigan College of Education, the conservation department notes.

The nature workshop is located 25 miles south of Sault Ste. Marie where, each year, two conservation sessions are held. Last year, a class of about 30 teachers and college students interested in the out-of-doors earned college credits at the camp.

Staff and lecturers are professional conservationists from the department, the U. S. Soil Conservation Service and from Northern Michigan College.

Graduate credit may be earned for work at the camp for the first time this year.

LITTLE-BIGGER LEAGUE STANDING

(As Of June 15)

| Team | W | L | Pct. |
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| 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 won the short end of a 3-1 score 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 pitcher George Schunk was the loser.

Trojan Thinclads Set New Records

The Clarenceville Thinclads set eight new school records and tied one during the 1953 season. The records that were broken are the broad jump, the high jump, the pole vault, the 120 yard high hurdles, the 880 yard run, the 440 yard run, the 220 yard dash and the medley relay. The 180 yard low hurdle record was tied.

Don Knapp set three school records. He broke Bill Myers' broad jump record of 17' 2" by jumping 19' 0 1/2". He also broke the \$80 yard run record, formerly held by Kenneth Jacobson and Dick Woods at 2:20.7, by speeding past the timer at 2:20.7. Don also broke the 220 yard dash record of 25.9, formerly held by Gordon Mills at 25.5.

Paul Vandenberg's time of 17.6 seconds in the 120 yard high hurdles broke Joe Whyte's record of 18.0 seconds. Paul was also on the record-breaking medley relay team.

Bill Myers tied his own record in the 180 yard low hurdles. His time was 22.6 seconds. Bill was on the medley relay team also.

Pat Killean broke his own high jump record of 5' 4" by leaping over the bar at 5' 5".

Dick Robenault broke his own pole vault record 8' 9" with a vault of 10' 0".

Gene Garbin, a freshman, set a new record of 57.2 in the 440 yard run. The old record, held by Charles Edmonds, 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 development of the Shawassaw National Wildlife Refuge southwest of Saginaw.

The refuge and hunting area, to be known as the Shawassaw Flats Wildlife Management Area, will be jointly developed by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the state conservation department. The state and federal agencies will share the costs of purchase and development in the cooperative project.

Long awaited by Michigan conservationists, the project will provide 26,000 acres of upland, open water and marshland for an expected quarter of a million ducks and 200,000 geese at the peak of migration, according to J. Clark Sawyer, chief of the refuge branch of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Located at the confluence of the Cass, Flint, Shawassaw and Tittabawassee Rivers, the huge marshland is near the end of the largest river drainage system in Michigan. Covering 2,500 square miles and draining part or all of 21 counties, the rivers come together in a natural storage basin southwest of Saginaw.

The Saginaw Valley Regional Planning Commission, sponsor of the Saginaw valley flood control program, has accepted the plan for the wildlife refuge and the Corps of U. S. Army Engineers has approved aspects of the project.

More than \$1 million will be spent to purchase and develop the area. Michigan will use federal Pittman-Robertson funds to pay most of its expenses in the area.

The project will develop over a period of years. Lands will be purchased within the area boundaries as they become available at a fair price.

Red Sox, Giants Win LBL Game

The Red Sox and Giants both won their Little-Bigger League games scheduled during the week of June 3. 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 by a 6-2 score.

Don Kegel 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 Whelan.

Aided 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.

Morrow singled to start the second and Temple walked. After Dalley popped out to Christensen, Kegel was safe on the third base. Morrow and Kegel scored, but then forced Temple at third but Lindberg singled to score Kegel. Mullen then singled but Tulip was out trying to score from second and the inning ended.

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' hit and Morrow's double in the third inning were the only extra base hits in a game which featured fine pitching, with Kegel getting the win due to better control and almost flawless support.

The line score: Giants, six runs, eight hits and one error; Indians, two runs, six hits and six errors.

In the other game of the week, the Red Sox's Curt Love turned in his second win against no defeats as he allowed but seven hits and struck out eight.

Highlight of the game for the losing Dodgers was a 275 foot homer which was poked in the sixth inning by shortstop Don Nichols. Losing pitcher was George Schunk. The allowed five hits, walked four and struck out two. It was the second straight win for the Red Sox.

Although touched for seven hits, Love, with fine support, managed to hold the Dodgers in all innings except the sixth when Nichols, the Dodger shortstop, blasted a shoulder high pitch over the center field fence, a distance of 275 feet, for a home run.

In the meantime, hits by Smith, Landreale and Warriner gave the Red Sox a run in each the second, fourth and sixth innings, which proved enough for victory and a tie for first place in the Little-Bigger League.

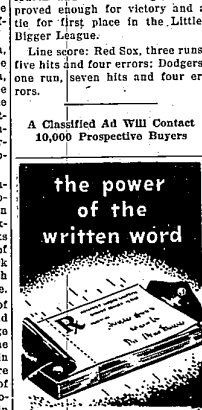
Line score: Red Sox, three runs, five hits and four errors; Dodgers, one run, seven hits and four errors.

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