

The Farmington Enterprise

SPORTS

Pitching Counts As Birmingham Stars Defeat Farmington Little League 4-3

Defeated 4 to 3 in the first round of the Little League playoffs in Birmingham on Friday, the Farmington All-Stars had the satisfaction of being eliminated by the team that won the sub-area tournament, the Birmingham American League. Birmingham defeated Livonia 7 to 5 on Saturday to move into the area finals scheduled for Hamtramck this week end.

A crowd of more than 100 local fans journeyed to Birmingham for Friday's game and were treated to a real thriller down to the final out. Bob Utley was on the mound for Farmington and while he allowed ten hits, including four doubles, he pitched effectively in the clutch and might have won had it not been for misplays by his jittery mates in the early innings.

John Dixon went all the way for Birmingham and doled out a total of five hits, none after the third out. Dixon pitched his first one base on balls while striking out five. Utley fanned six and walked two.

Birmingham started with a run in the opening inning when, with two out, Phil Isbell's drive to center went for a double, allowing little Mike Jackson to score from second base. Farmington came back in the bottom of the first as Al LeSage struck out Dixon with a double. Greenville grounded out, but Utley singled LeSage home. Bob Hug forced Utley, and took second in the play as the throw attempting to double him was high. Hug moved to third on a passed ball and scored on a wild pitch to give Farmington a 2 to 1 lead.

Birmingham made it 3 to 2 in the top of the second, picking up a pair of runs on a double, two scratch singles, a sacrifice and a friendly misplay. They increased their lead to 4 to 2 in the third when successive infield errors put the first two runners on base. They got the next two batters and forced Bill Hicks to dribble one down the first base line. John Clark fielded the ball, but failed to tag the runner and Birmingham had its fourth and decisive run.

The local lads got a single marker in their half of the third on singles by LeSage and Hug to close the gap to 4 to 3. In the fifth, Chuck Greenville, leading off, was safe on the shortstop's error and immediately stole second, but

Tigers Take Two To Tighten Hold On League Lead

Thomson Pitches Well To Defeat Cubs Twice

Bob Hug allowed only one hit on July 13, a single by Al LeSage, but his team mates committed six errors as the State Bank Tigers squeezed out a 5-4 victory over the Star Cutter Cubs. Chuck Thomson went all the way for the winners and showed real pitching courage as he chalked up the victory. The win gave the Tigers undisputed possession of first place with a season record of seven wins and four defeats.

The Cubs started off with a bang in the opening inning when Charlie Greenville singled, stole second and third and scored on Hug's infield hit. Bob promptly stole second and came home on Johnny Lapham's drive over second base. The Tigers got a run back in their half of the first on LeSage's single, a wild pitch and a fielding error.

The Tigers went ahead in the bottom of the fourth, 3-2, as they came up with two runs. The Cubs counted twice in the fifth to lead 4-3 as Greenville singled and Hug doubled him home and then scored himself on an overthrow. The Tigers tied it up in their half of the fifth. Curt Natch walked, advanced on a passed ball and came in on Hug's overthrow of first base. Reps Byron scored the winning run in the last of the sixth on an infield error, a stolen base and a passed ball. Thomson struck out twelve and walked two, while yielding seven hits. Hug fanned eleven and walked three.

The Farmington State Bank Tigers tightened their hold on first place in the Little League on Monday night, July 24, as they won their eighth victory in twelve starts, dropping the Star Cutter Cubs 4-2. Chuck Thomson won his second straight victory over John Bacon's club, once again

The 1953 Star Cutter Cub Team



... poses on the steps of the dugout for a team picture. Shown left to right, first row, are: Darryl Allen, Harold Taylor, Billie Smith, Myron Hug and Tim Curtin. In the second row are: Charles Greenville, Richard Wiley, John Fleck and Russ Wright. Richard Byrne, Frank Clappison, John Lapham, Robert Hug and Manager John Bacon are in back. At the present time Bob Hug tops the league in hitting with a .485 average. At the time the picture was taken Cub players Tom Wade and Cameron Auld were absent.

Dairy Punks Win Over Cards, 3-2 Bigger League

The Yanks and the Cards, each battling to keep pace with Farley Thomson's Tigers, tangled in a tight game on Tuesday, July 14, with the Yanks the victors, 3-2. Bernie Chaisson was the winning pitcher for Ted Smith's nine and Cliff Simons opposed him on the mound. Simons, the loser, allowed only three hits and saved no bases on balls. The Cards collected eight hits and four free passes off Chaisson, but failed to hit men on base, leaving nine runners stranded.

The Yanks countered twice in the first frame. Grimshaw, safe on Clark's error, promptly stole second. He took third on Inhaber's infield-out and scored on Utley's groundout to shift when Dave Wood laced a long single to center and when the ball got away, Utley, who had taken second on the previous play, came in to score the second run of the inning.

The Cards closed the gap to 2-1 in the bottom of the second as Bert Roberts got his first of three hits and scored on singles by Pat McDonald and Harvey Clappison. The Cards wasted two more hits in the third when John Clark and Roberts singled after two were out, but were left as Grimshaw, the fielding star of the day, threw out Tom Pockhand. Arch McDonald's club finally tied it up in the fifth. Fred Buesser walked, but was forced at second by Simons. Clark stunted for his second successive hit and when Bert Roberts batted out his third straight single, Simons came in with the tying marker.

Bob Utley counted the winning run in the last of the sixth as he lined a hit over short and won one loss record.

More Legion Players Sign

Year by Year, the number of American Legion Junior baseball graduates rising to major league ranks increases, says Franklin J. Adams in the Junior Baseball section of "The Sporting News".

Of the more than 400 players in the major leagues today, 133 are former Legion stars. In the National there are 62; in the American 76.

And the scramble for more Legion grads continues, and there have been some outstanding signees along the dotted lines.

Take the Cincinnati Redlegs and the Pittsburgh Pirates, for instance. While Cincinnati grabbed some local talent in pitchers Howard Whitson and Ed Schaefer and catcher Jack Gannon, they missed on a couple of prizes in twins Russ and Roy Nixon. Russ, a catcher, was named the outstanding Legion player last year.

The Detroit Tigers made headlines by paying a reported \$65,000 for the services of the Redlegs' pitcher, Al Leshage.

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Set For July 27

Final plans have been mapped for the first round of the state playoffs in the Little-Bigger League. An all-star aggregation from Farmington will meet their Berkeley counterparts at Birmingham on Monday, July 27.

Tournament procedure will run the same as Little League tournaments. Farmington drew a bye in the second round and the winner of the July 27 contest will meet the Birmingham-Milford Escanaba victor for the state championship.

The championship game will be (Continued on Page Seven)

HOW THEY STAND IN LITTLE LEAGUE

MONDAY, JULY 20

Team	W	L	SA
Tigers	8	4	.676
Yanks	7	6	.583
Cards	6	5	.545
Cubs	3	10	.231

Line Score: C R H E
 Birmingham 4 10 2
 Farmington 3 10 2
 Batters: Birmingham, John Dixon and Mike Jackson; Farmington, Bob Utley and Fred Buesser.

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MONDAY, JULY 20

Team	W	L
Cards	7	2
Dodgers	6	5
Red Sox	4	5
Indians	3	6

FARC COMPLETES FINAL SUMMER FIELD EXCURSIONS

A number of special activities are being planned to close out the Farmington Area Summer Recreation Program.

First of these is the weekly field trip, this week to the Ford Motor Company's Rouse plant for children ten years of age and older on Friday, July 24. Buses will leave the various playgrounds at 8:30 a.m., on this trip and will return at approximately 2:30 p.m.

On Wednesday and Thursday, July 23 and 24, of the closing week, a picnic and field day program will replace the usual lunch and activities period. Swimming will be continued as usual on these days. Relays and contests will be included in the program and prizes will be awarded.

The summer program will be brought to a conclusion on Friday, July 31, with the annual trip to Bob-Lo. Tickets are now available at the various playgrounds. Transportation will be provided as to how the best as it leaves the pier at 10:00 a.m., and to return in the late afternoon.

John Clappison Sells Insurance

LEADING AVERAGES IN LITTLE LEAGUE

Bob Hug	.477
Tom Grimshaw	.257
Ed Fulton	.268
Bob Utley	.268
Mert Roberts	.252
John Clark	.226
Cliff Simons	.222
Jim Chahners	.208
Al LeSage	.208
Chuck Greenville	.202

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