

The Farmington Enterprise

SPORTS

State Bank Tigers Win Championship In Little League Pennant Race

The Farmington State Bank Tigers clinched first place and the Little League championship on Tuesday, July 28, when they scored seven runs in the fourth inning to defeat the Star Cutter Cubs 13 to 4. Chuck Thomson was the winning pitcher, chalking up his sixth victory of the season as he scattered seven hits, walked five and struck out ten.

Bob Hug, charged with the defeat, was relieved by Dick Wiley in the fourth stanza. Dick Byrne, who led the Cub hitters with three safeties, hurled the final inning for Babe Bacon's squad. The Tigers collected a total of only seven hits, but combined them with nine bases on balls, accounting for their margin of victory. At LeSage and Thomson each had two hits for the champions, who last year tied for the pennant with the Yankees.

The champion State Bank Tigers rang down the curtain on the 1953 Little League season Monday evening as they edged the Blakeslee Cards 3-2. The defeat dropped the Cards into a tie for second place with the Yankees, both four games behind the pennant winner, with identical records of nine wins and the same number of losses.

Chuck Thomson became the league's leading pitcher when he set the Cards down with four hits while striking out eleven for his seventh victory of the season, one more than the Yanks' Bob Utley. John Clark allowed four safeties, walked one and hit one in the four innings he toiled on the mound, but weak infield support cost him the ball game. Cliff Simmons finished on the hill for Arch McDaniel's team.

The Cards scored first in the opening inning when Harvey Chapman doubled and came all the way home on Fred Buesser's infield single. The Tigers counted twice in the second without benefit of a hit on a walk, a mental lapse, a hit batsman and a fielder's choice. In the fourth Ross Byron was safe on an infield bobbie. Attempting

Yankees, Tigers Play Thriller On Thursday

Utley, Chalmers Duel Results In 1-0 Game

Bob Utley and Jim Chalmers hooked up in a thrilling pitcher's duel on Thursday as the Dairy Yanks squeaked out a 1-0 win over the Tigers. Utley held the Bankers to a pair of singles by Al LeSage and Joe Hamilton, while Chalmers gave up only one hit, a fourth inning single to Tom Grimshaw.

The Yanks pushed across the solitary run of the game in the fourth as a direct result of their lone hit. Chuck Habermehl forced Grimshaw, but went all the way to third when the Tigers bobbled Utley's grounder. Ross Byron, attempting to pick Habermehl off third, threw wide, and the runner scored as the ball rolled into short left field. Utley struck out twelve and walked none, while Chalmers fanned nine, hit one man, and issued a single base on balls.

The same two teams met again on Saturday and for five innings it looked like the Yanks would make it two in a row. The Milkmen jumped off to a four run lead in the opening stanza at the expense of Tiger starter Gary McLean, and added single runs in the second and third. The Tigers could manage only one run in the first five innings and trailed 6-1 going into the final frame. At this point Manager Farley Thomson, who had benched five of his regulars to give his rookies a chance, called his power hitters out of the dugout, and before the

Cards Send Cubs To League Cellar

The Blakeslee Cards won a pair of games from the Star Cutter Cubs last week end, downing them 13-2 on Friday and 4-0 on Saturday.

Harvey Chapman, who allowed three hits and issued the same number of bases on balls, was the winning pitcher on Friday, getting his third victory as against two defeats. Charlie Grenville was the loser, yielding twelve hits, walking three and hitting four. Chapman and Fred Buesser each had three for three for the Cards, who put the game on ice early with nine runs in the first two innings.

The Saturday contest was a much closer game that saw the Cubs outlast the Cards, 4-3, while bowing for the second successive day. Chapman scored from third on a fly to right in the first inning to get the Blakeslee team off to a one run lead. The Cubs came within an ace of tying it up in their half of the same inning when Bob Hug attempted to score second on Mike LeMieux's single, but the throw to Buesser at the plate just nipped big Robert as he slid in. The Cards scored three in the fourth when Tom Guy singled home Simmons and Tom Peckham, then tallied himself on Chapman's single.

John Clark and Simmons pitched three innings each for the winners, with the official victory going to Clark. Darryl Allen, who

inching was over 17 men had gone to bat and 13 runs had crossed the plate. The Yanks came back with three markers in their half of the sixth to make the final score, Tigers 3, Yankees 9.

McLean, who allowed ten hits and two bases on balls, got credit for the win. Bernie Chaisson, who was relieved in the 6th by Habermehl, was charged with the loss. Ed Fulton, with three hits and Curt Nathan, Ross Byron and Jim Chalmers with two each, were the big guns for the Tigers. Chaisson had three for four and Grimshaw and Jim Wood a pair of safeties each for the Yanks.

1953 Little-Bigger League Titlists



Title winners in the first year of competition of the Farmington Little-Bigger League are the Enterprise Giants, managed by Ray Temple. Left to right in the first row are George Mullin, Gary Best, Jim Hansen, Bruce Salow, Ray Porter and Ray Temple. In the second row: Manager Temple, David Tulp, Tom Calkins, Bill Morrow, Don Kogley, Ben Ridings and George Bailey. Team members Lindbert and McElhan were missing when the picture was taken.

DEFINITION

Dr. Tibor Payes, chairman of the University of Detroit political science department defines a good college professor as "a man who looks like a foreigner in any country".

allowed only one hit and one run in the two frames he pitched, was charged with the loss. Dick Wiley worked the third and fourth innings and yielded two hits and three runs. Bob Hug, who finished for the Cubs, walked two and fanned five while holding the Cards hitless and scoreless in the final two frames.

The double defeat left the Cubs in fourth place in the league race with a season record of five wins and thirteen losses.

Good Manners Rate Thanks Of Manager

A first class conservationist was observed in action at Brighton recreation area recently. Area manager Leonard Bierlein reports watching a camper from Clawson remove his tent after a campout at the area.

The camper then produced a rake and gave his entire site a thorough going-over.

The final touch was grass seed, which the camper brought from his car and scattered around the area.

Bierlein commended the camper for his efforts.

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1953 Little League Champions



The State Bank Tigers took sole possession of the Little League title this year. They shared the honor with the Farmington Dairy Yanks last year. Pictured left to right are: row one: Dan Kreeves, Al Oldfield, Gary McLean, Kurt Nathan and Joe Hamilton. In the second row are Gary Bartsch, Phil Parsons, Amos Devans and Chuck Thomson. Al LeSage, Ed Fulton, Ross Byron, Jim Chalmers and Glen Chaisson are in row three. The Tigers are managed by Farley Thomson.

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