

The Farmington Enterprise

SPORTS

Final Game Sees Red Sox Defeat Giants

Curt Love Wins Finale In Little-Bigger League

The Red Sox and the Farmington Little-Bigger League tangled in the final game of the current season on Monday evening, August 10, and the Red Sox drubbed the league leaders by a 7-1 score.

Curt Love was on the mound for the third-place Sox and he secured his team of third place in the final standings by allowing but five hits.

Ray Porter made his first start on the mound for the Giants but was relieved after two innings after giving up five runs. He was replaced by Coule McEllan.

The game ended regular season play in the league and left only the annual award banquet to look forward to in the baseball activities for this year.

Final plans are under way for the banquet, which will be held after the start of school this fall. Well known sports personalities are expected to be on hand for the festivity and both individual and team awards will be made.

Announcement as to time and place of the banquet will be made by league officials at a later date.

FARMINGTON MAN TO PLAY FOOTBALL AT HOUGHTON

Mellard Roberts of 28325 Hasted Road, Farmington, is one of sixty Michigan Tech students who have been invited to the college for early football practice, according to head coach Al Howard.

Early practice will begin September 1st, and the Huskies will play their first game with Wisconsin State at Stevens Point on September 19th.

The remainder of the Michigan Tech schedule is as follows:

Sept. 26, Northland at Houghton.

Oct. 3, Wheaton College at

Resigns



WILLIAM NUSE

This week the Farmington School Board regretfully accepted the resignation of William Nuse, who has accepted the position of Superintendent of the Sumpter Township School at Belleville, Michigan.

In his letter to the Board Nuse stated that his relationships with the administration and staff during his five year stay at Farmington were very cordial and that it is with some regret that he leaves.

Nuse served as an instructor and coach at the high school and served as the first director of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission.

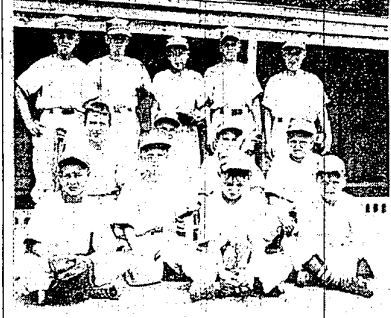
He was always popular with the students and his team and, according to his letter, it is the memory of these boys that will stick with the coach for many years.

LEADING AVERAGES IN LITTLE LEAGUE

Bob Hux	491
Bob Utley	375
Bern Chalmers	372
Proff Buesser	365
Mark Pryce	350
Ed Fulton	358
Al LeSage	357
Tom Grimshaw	352
Cliff Simons	333
Tom Guy	332
Chuck Greenville	316
John Clark	313
Jim Chalmers	308
Harvey Chapman	298
Dave Wood	280
Merl Roberts	276
Boys Byron	269
Butch Hahn	250
Chuck Thomson	234
Pat McDonald	222
Carl Fax	222
John Layman	220
Mike LeMieux	203
Chuck Habermehl	189
Tom Peckham	179
Harvey Taylor	170
Cammeron Auld	167
Al Oldstreet	159
Joe Hamilton	158
Jim Wood	150
John Fleck	143
Kirk Nathan	139
Black Wiley	139
Bill Smith (Cubs)	138
Gary MacLean	132
Darryl Allan	129
Jim Caris	129
Don Hendrix	103
Amos Deaven	100
Bill Smith (Yanks)	100
Julius Kovary	97
Tim Curtain	97
Jim Larson	97
Ed Place	97
John Johansson	95
Frank Clappison	90
Jerry Kuey	94
Jim Newburg	90
Tom Lashbrook	90
Stuart Cook	90
Bryan Harg	90
Mike Zanich	90
Bob Baron	90
Harry Westfall	90
John Allan	90
Glen Peterson	90
Dan Kneives	90
Russ Wright	90
Larry Hartsch	90
Jim Anderson	90
Phil Parson	90

John Clappison Sells Insurance

The Farmington Dairy Yankees...



... wound up in third place in Little League competition at the end of the 1953 season. Pictured left to right are, first row: Bob Bacon, Larry Smith, Jerry Kuey and Jim Anderson. Kneel in row two are Jim Woods, Tom Grimshaw, Chuck Habermehl and Mike Zanich. Dave Wood, Bernard Chalmers, Jim Larson, Ed Place and Julius Kovary are in the last row. Players Bob Utley and Bill Smith were missing when the photo was taken.

Pitching Records In Little League

Pitcher	W	L	IP
C. Thomson	7	2	49
B. Utley	6	2	47
G. MacLean	2	0	15 2/3
J. Caris	2	0	11
H. Wiley	2	1	20
J. Chalmers	2	2	24 1/3
E. Chapman	2	2	24 1/3
R. Myron	1	1	16 2/3
J. Clark	1	1	23
G. Simons	2	4	41
C. Greenville	2	4	34
J. Newburg	1	2	11
H. Chalmers	1	2	24
C. Habermehl	1	2	19
J. Kovary	1	2	15 2/3
H. Hux	1	7	43 1/3
D. Allen	0	1	2
E. Place	0	1	7
D. Myron	0	0	1
R. Wright	0	0	1 1/3

Bear Season In UP Opens On August 15

Interest in the August 15-September 15 upper peninsula bear season is mounting and officers report a number of inquiries from the field, the conservation department notes.

Hunters may take a bear in the UP during the August - September season under a small game license; the use of dogs for tracking is permitted.

Huff, Puff

'Veteran Team' Ties All-Stars

A baseball game between Little-Bigger League all-stars and the coaches and managers was held on the Farmington diamond on Sunday, August 9, but was called off after four innings because of rain. Various opinions were forthcoming from both sides but it was rumored that the managers and coaches were quite happy to end up with the 5-5 tie.

Another nine inning contest has been scheduled for the same two teams for Sunday, August 16, at 1:00 p.m.

One of the highlights of last Sunday's game was the batting prowess and fleetness of Sam Graham, manager of the Little-Bigger League Red Sox.

According to Umpire Jim Warner, Sam was "really runnin' the bases!"

Yankee Owner Looks Far West

When Del Webb, co-owner of the New York Yankees, contended at the American League meeting that the major leagues should look to the West, instead of approving transfer of the St. Louis Browns to Baltimore, it was generally believed that he had in mind a switch of the franchise to the Pacific Coast, writes J. G. Taylor Spink in a copyrighted story in The Sporting News.

However, it develops that the City Council of Kansas City, which had been working on plans to purchase and enlarge Blues Stadium to major league seating proportions, stepped up its preparations immediately after Webb expressed his views. The Council summoned a representative of a nationally-known stadium construction firm to map plans for increasing the seating capacity of the Kansas City baseball plant from 17,500 to 35,000.

The Sporting News story points out that since Webb is co-owner of the New York Yankees and the Browns own the Kansas City Blues, it would be comparatively easy to move the St. Louis American League club into that American Association territory. Spink feels the move would open the way for several good baseball towns, particularly Denver, to apply for the Blues' franchise and thus advance to Triple-A ball.

Vernon Nears 2000 Marker With Big Bat

Vies For American League Championship

Mickey Vernon, at 35, is rapping for attention this season with his 34-ounce bat. He's in the thick of the fight for the American League batting championship and also making tracks toward the 2,000-Hit Club, points out The Sporting News.

Oddly enough, Vernon had batted better than 300 runs before. That was in 1946, when he came out of the Navy to beat Ted Williams for the batting crown on a 353 mark. Since that brief brush with fame, he has plodded through more than 250, which is his lifetime average listed in The Baseball Register.

Casey Stengel, Yankee Manager, told Mickey before the All-Star game: "I took you all these years to learn again that all you have to do is meet the ball where it's pitched, hit it to left if it's out-side, to right if it's inside. You don't have to murder it, just meet it."

Old Case may have hit the nail right on the head.

Back in his batting championship season, the lefthanded-swinging Vernon had a classic, easy, level stroke, getting as many hits to left field as to right.

However, the next year he started on in a terrific slump. And when he missed a pitch or popped it up with that easy swing, he looked lousy and ineffectual, recalls The Sporting News.

The Washington fans got "on" him and President Clark Griffith suggested that he concentrate on swinging, bunt and pulling the ball. Since Griff was paying the



IT'S A BOY!—Ralph Kiner, star Chicago Cubs outfielder, holds up seven cigars signifying the weight of his son, born recently at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, Ill. Mrs. Kiner is the former Nancy Chaffee, a top tennis star.

tab and had been around long enough to know how baseball, Mickey took his advice—but with no improvement in his shrunken average.

Why the sudden return to form? Vernon is inclined to credit to his pretty blonde, curly-haired daughter, Gay Anne, and an off-season operation. An afterthought in The Sporting News quotes Mickey as saying with a laugh: "I guess I must be getting stronger in my old 35."

The professor points out that the fastest swimmer of all Michigan's turtles is the soft-shell, marked by its rubbery, smooth top shell. It is found only in lakes and rivers in the southern half of the lower peninsula.

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