

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

Cardinals Strengthen Hold On First, Down Tigers 10-5

Wednesday, June 19, the Curt Hall Cardinals defeated the Farmington State Bank Tigers 10-5 to tighten their grip on first place by two games.

The Tigers took a 2-0 lead in the top half of the first inning on a single by Junior Calahan and Jeff Barth's seventh home run of the year. The Cardinals came right back however to score one run on two errors and no hits in the bottom of the inning.

In the third inning the Cardinals added another tally on doubles by Don McElvey, Junior Calahan, walks to Jeff Barth and George Becker scored Dan McElvey for the one run on two hits. This gave the Tigers a lead of 3-1.

The Cardinals jumped on starting pitcher Jeff Barth in the bottom of the third scoring five runs on three hits. Tom Thomas singled and Ken Houghten was safe on a fielders choice which scored Tom Thomas. Bob Byrnes hit his fourth home run of the season scoring three throwing errors. Mike Giller and Mike Wall both struck out. Rally Lord was hit by a pitched ball and scored on two throwing errors. Don Davis struck out to end the inning. This put the Cardinals out front 6-3.

Dan McElvey, pitcher for the Tigers let the Cardinals score four more runs in the fourth. Rick Manross, walked two Tom Thomas

Tigers Take Over Lead In North Farm. League

The Tigers moved into first place in the North Farmington Little League on Saturday by downing the Indians, 7-2, behind the brilliant no-hit pitching of John "Skip" Allen.

Turning in a stellar pitching performance for Coach Jim McEarty, Allen struck out 12 of the heavy swinging Indians to face him. Four of the top ten batters in the league are on the Indian team.

The Tigers collected 7 hits with Jim Gale belting out the big blow a double with the bases loaded. Catcher Armstrong also turned in a fine performance by not only turning in a good job behind the plate but by also hammering out two of his team's seven hits.

Another fine pitching performance by Ed Borczyk gave Coach Clyde Graham's Red Sox a 3-1 victory over the powerful Yankees. The win, Borczyk's fourth of the season, enabled the low running Sox to move all the way up into second place in the league. Borczyk allowed only two hits in going the distance for the Red Sox. The top eleven batters in the league as of the end of Saturday's play were:

	AB	Hits	Avg.
Ellis (Yankees)	23	14	.609
Pitcock (Indians)	26	13	.500
Thomas (Yankees)	24	12	.500
Allen (Tigers)	22	12	.500
Palmer (Yankees)	22	11	.500
VanStee (Indians)	25	11	.440
Armstrong (Tigers)	21	9	.423
Cyika (Indians)	26	11	.423
Borczyk (Red Sox)	24	9	.375
Cole (Red Sox)	19	7	.368
Cate (Tigers)	19	7	.368

Becker Shuts Out Yankees, 5-0

On Tuesday, July 9, the Farmington State Bank Tigers defeated the Farmington Dairy Yankees 5-0 on George Becker's three hit shut out pitching.

George Becker allowed a lone single to Tom Sherlock in the first inning, a double to Allen Clark in the third and another double to Allen Clark in the sixth for the only three hits of the ball game. Becker struck out 12 Yankee batters in the six innings that he pitched.

The Tigers jumped on Yankee pitcher Joe Jentzer in the bottom half of the first inning for four runs. Dan McElvey walked, Junior Calahan struck out, Jeff Barth singled and George Becker walked to load the bases. Tom Cuffman doubled scoring three, Craig Nelson hit scoring Cuffman but was out trying to stretch the single into a two base hit. Ben Clayton struck out to end the inning.

The Tigers picked up their other run unearned, in the third inning on an error and a walk and a fielders choice. Joe Jentzer pitched the superb ballgame for the Yankees, allowing the Tigers only one hit after their big first inning and that was a lone hit to Jeff Barth in the fifth. This victory enabled the Tigers to take sole possession of second place.

This was winning pitcher George Becker's third win against one lost Yankee pitcher Joe Jentzer has yet to win a game and has lost two.

Tigers Shellac Cubs Sat., 17-1

The Farmington State Bank Tigers jumped on Star Cutter Cubs starting pitcher, Jim Stevenson, in the first inning Saturday, scoring five runs on five walks, a single and a fielders choice for a 5-0 lead.

Relief Tiger pitcher Gary Heist was nicked for three runs in the second inning on a double by George Becker, a single by Craig Nelson, a single by Dave Ormsby and a single by Tom Cuffman. This gave them an 8-0 lead. They scored four more runs in the third inning on Craig Nelson's first Little League home run with the bases loaded.

Jeff Barth started for the Tigers and allowed only one hit in the three innings he worked.

Dan McElvey relieved Jeff Barth in the fourth inning and allowed only three singles in the three innings pitched. He gave up a single to Cameron Ault in the fourth and a single to Larry Clayton in the fifth. The other hit came in the sixth inning after Dennis Heineman had walked and scored on Walter Gmaliya's two base hit which enabled the Cubs from being shut out.

The Tigers scored one more run in the fourth inning on a single by Dan McElvey, a walk to Ben Clayton, a walk to Jeff Barth and a base on balls to George Becker scoring Dan McElvey, Ben Clayton and Jeff Barth scored on Craig Nelson's fourth hit of the ballgame. The final score was Farmington State Bank Tigers, 17, - Star Cutter Cubs, 1.

Catcher Craig Nelson of the Tigers had a perfect record at bat with four hits in four times at the plate driving in seven of the Tigers 17 runs and hitting his first home run of the season. The Cubs had one run on three hits and the Tigers 17 runs on 11 hits.

Winning pitcher was Jeff Barth, his fourth win of the season against two losses. Losing pitcher was Jim Stevenson, his second loss of the season.

Babe Ruth League All-Stars Picked

A total of 15 boys from the four major League teams in the Babe Ruth Circuit have been selected by the managers as All-Stars to represent Farmington in the Babe Ruth State Play-off starting July 19, at either Berkeley, Southfield or Walled Lake diamonds.

The All-Star Tournament will run for three days and will conclude Sunday, July 21. The winning team goes to Wisconsin for regional play-offs. The All-Star team is composed of: Darryl Allen, Harvey Chapman, Ronald Errair, John Tice, George Hahn, Joseph Hamilton, Julius Kovary, Dennis La Valley, Gary Mac Lean, Kirt Nathan, Jim Poyma, Merton Roberts, Chuck Thompson, Cliff Simons and Jerry Knox.

The Babe Ruth World Series is to be held in Ann Arbor at Perry Field Tuesday, August 20, through Saturday, August 24. The Farmington Babe Ruth organization has pledged to sell 300 tickets to support this worth-while boys program, officials said. They asked that all plans to take family or friends to Ann Arbor to see one of these World Series games.

Statistics

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Gambie's Hardware	7 3
Lily's Infant Wear	7 5
Clark & Pet's Barber	7 7
Twin Pines	1 8

Babe Ruth LEADING BATTERS
Keith Moore .391 - Dodgers
Darryl Allen .391 - Indians
Harvey Chapman .387 - Red Sox
Chuck Thompson .370 - Red Sox

LEADING PITCHERS
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Harvey Chapman 4 - 1 Red Sox
Chuck Thompson 3 - 0 Red Sox
Julius Kovary 2 - 1 Dodgers
Kirt Nathan 2 - 1 Indians

Little League GAMES NEXT WEEK
Thurs., July 18-Tigers vs. Cards
Sat., July 20-Cards vs. Cubs
Sun., July 21-Tigers vs. Tigers
Mon., July 22-Cubs vs. Cards
Tues., July 23-Tigers vs. Yankees
Wed., July 24-Cards vs. Tigers

Dodgers Score Upset Victory

Last Tuesday, the Babe Ruth League Mather Inc. Dodgers scored a major upset victory by downing the previously undefeated Trim Trends Red Sox, 3-2.

The big inning for the Dodgers was the third. With one out, Joe Hannon pounded out a single and was followed by Ron Errair who reached base on an error. Keith Moore then singled to score Hannon and Gary Noble belted out another single to right field to score both Errair and Moore. Harvey Chapman was responsible for both Red Sox runs. A hard smashing double in the first inning pushed over Jim Poyma with the first Red Sox run. In the fourth inning Chapman smashed out a homer over the left fielders head to come across himself with the second tally.

Cliff Simons turned in his best pitching performance of the year in chalking up the win. He allowed only three hits while fanning ten of the batters to face him and allowed no bases-on-balls. Chapman, the losing pitcher, was clipped for six hits and gave up three walks. He struck out three.

SCHEDULE CONTEST

Watch for further details next week on a Miss Babe Ruth Contest in Farmington. The contest will be open to girls 13 through 15. Baseball for Boys Officials indicated. The girl winning the contest will go with a Babe Ruth League scout in August.

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