

# LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

## North Farmington Little League Dedicates Two New Playing Fields

The North Farmington Little League organization held an impressive dedication ceremony last Saturday afternoon in opening two new playing fields at the Boy Scout, Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mile Road.

Township Supervisor Frank Stephenson, League officials, sponsors, managers, coaches and many others took part in the dedication ceremony. League President Bill Tildner thanked the managers, coaches and team fathers for their support in the development of the Little League program in the North Farmington area.

Supervisor Stephenson pointed out the need for programs of this type to help build for the future of our Township and our Country. Following his remarks, Stephenson tossed the first ball to Tildner, officially opening the dedication day doubleheader.

In the first game, the Gordon Williamson Indians beat the Russell's Stock House Yankees 5 to 3. Ace Indian hurler Gary Cyka won his fifth game allowing six hits while striking out 10 Yankee batters. In the third inning, Cyka helped his cause considerably by belting his sixth home run of the season with two men on base which proved to be the margin of victory. The homer, first to be hit in the new ball field, went well over the centerfield fence, a distance of about 225 feet. The Yankees threatened in the sixth inning scoring one run on a double by Carpenter but the tying run was left on base when Cyka struck out the final batter.

In the second game of the doubleheader the Tigers and Red Sox sent their ace pitchers Allen and Borey at each other in a real pitching duel. The Tigers came out on top by a score of 2 to 1.

### STEPHENSON TOSSES OUT FIRST BALL

As a result of Armstrong's double and Cole's single.

Allen, in winning his fifth game, struck out 13 batters and allowed only four hits. The Red Sox threatened in the last inning by leading the bases but were unable to push across any runs. Borey brought his strike out record to 58 in six games by blanking 11 batters.

## Cards Beat Yanks With 17-Hit Attack

On Tuesday, July 16, the League Leading Card Hall Cardinals overcame the cellar dwelling Farmington Dairy Yankees with a lopsided victory, 15 to 2 on 17 hits.

In previous meetings of these two clubs, the Yankees had won three while losing only one game and the Cardinals were really up for the contest. They jumped off to a quick 4 to 0 lead on Bob Byrnes sixth home run of the season with the bases loaded in the first inning. All 17 Cardinals hits came off the pitching of Yankee starter Joe Jentzer who hurled the distance. Don Davis was on the mound for the Cardinals and allowed the Yankees five hits, three of them coming in the first inning.

The two Yankee runs were scored in the first and third innings. Don Eliola, catcher for the Cardinals, blasted his fifth home run of the season in the third inning. Cardinal power hitters Bobby Byrnes, Dan Eliola, Mike Gilder, Ken Houghton and Tom Thomas had the total of 16 of the Cardinals 17 hits.

As of July 16, the Cardinals had a record of eight wins against five losses and held a two game margin over the second place Farmington State Bank Tigers.

A man who is contented with what he has done will never become famous for what he will do.

## Urge State Travelers To Leave Bears Alone

Summer can be a time of trouble with bears in northern Michigan and travelers are advised to keep their distance from all bears in the wild.

Tourists trying to feed semi-wild bears at northern garbage dumps often brush with trouble when they get too close.

Bears are not trustworthy and have prodigious strength, a combination that can easily lead to tragedy.

Recently, two men from Ironwood went fishing in the nearby Carp River and hung their packs in a tree.

When they returned, a bear or bears had stolen one sack and the other was torn open and the contents scattered.

## Small Game Back Tags Required At All Times

Small game hunters will have to wear back tags at any time they are hunting wild birds or animals in Michigan, the Conservation Commission decided at its July meeting at Higgins Lake.

Previously, Commission policy required a hunter to wear a back tag through December 31 in the upper and northern lower peninsulas and through January 31 in the southern lower peninsula.

Now, however, hunting for varmints, predators and other types of off-season targets fall under this rule.

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## N. Farm. League Teams Maintain Narrow Margins

Al Borgnessers Yankees maintained their position in the pennant race this week by beating the Tigers, managed by Tim McArt, 11 to 0. The Yankees combined eight hits with eight bases on balls to coast to an easy victory. The Tigers collected three hits but five defensive plays by the Yankees stopped potential rallies. Pitcher was the winning pitcher while Armstrong was credited with the loss.

Manager Mike Loria's Indians continued in first place by defeating Clyde Grahams' Red Sox team 8 to 6. The Indians scored six runs in the first inning against starting pitcher Otto. Fox relieved Otto and pitched good ball the rest of the way but his team couldn't overcome the lead built up in the first inning by the Indians. Dale Pitcock, starting pitcher for the Indians was injured when he pulled a muscle during the first inning. He was relieved by Ricky Siler who did an excellent job for the balance of the contest.

The Cubs coming into the final week of the season finds the Indians in first place with a 6 to 5 record. They close out the season against the Tigers this week. The Tigers have a 5-4 record and must play the Red Sox and Yankees following their games with the Indians. The Yankees boast a 5-5 record and must play a game with the Red Sox and Tigers. The Red Sox are in fourth place with a 4-6 record. Victories over the Yankees and Tigers would give them a 6-6 record and possibly a share of the title.

The standings indicate unusually good team balance and the championship will not be assured until the final game. The Indians can sew up a first place tie with a victory over the Tigers this week.

The top batters in the League are as follows:

	AB	Hits	Avg.
Ellis (Yankees)	29	17	.586
Pitcock (Indians)	26	13	.500
Thomas (Yankees)	23	12	.480
Stan Sles (Indians)	21	14	.452
Palmer (Yankees)	27	12	.444
Allen (Tigers)	26	11	.423
Armstrong (Tigers)	26	11	.423
Cyka (Indians)	30	12	.400
Carpenter (Yankees)	27	10	.370
Borey (Red Sox)	30	11	.367

## Tigers Outit Cub To Win Contest

The Farmington State Bank Tigers defeated the Star Cutter Cubs in a Little League contest Monday evening, July 15.

George Becker pitched for the Tigers to rack up his third win of the season against one loss while George Giffin, pitching for the Cubs suffered his second defeat against one victory.

The Tigers took an early lead in the second inning and steadily increased it throughout the game. The Tigers had 10 runs on eight hits, one of them being Jeff Barth's eighth home run of the season. George Becker had a perfect night at the plate with two hits in two times at bat.

The Cubs staged a strong rally in the fifth inning, scoring three runs on three hits, a walk and a hit batter. The key blow of the inning was Cameron Auld's two base hit that scored two runs. Nine batters went to the plate in the fifth inning but it was not enough to overcome the 10 to 2 lead which the Tigers held going into the bottom half of the fifth inning. This is the Cubs seventh loss against six wins while the Tigers have seven victories against six defeats.

## Statistics

Farmington Little League STANDINGS			
	W	L	
Card Hall Cardinals	10	5	
Farm. State Bank Tigers	8	7	
Star Cutter Cubs	6	8	
Farm. Dairy Yankees	6	8	
HOME RUNS			
Jeff Barth, Tigers	8		
Bob Byrnes, Cardinals	6		
Dan Eliola, Cardinals	5		
Cameron Auld, Cubs	4		
George Becker, Tigers	3		
Walter Gamalie, Cubs	3		
LEAGUE LEADING HITTERS			
Jeff Barth, Tigers	675		
Bob Byrnes, Cardinals	620		
George Becker, Tigers	515		
Tom Thomas, Cardinals	538		
Allen Clark, Yankees	500		
Gary Armstrong, Yankees	455		
Dan Eliola, Cardinals	440		
Joe Jentzer, Yankees	395		
Cameron Auld, Cubs	379		
Larry Clayton, Cubs	378		
GAMES NEXT WEEK			
Thursday, July 25	Yanks vs. Cubs		
Saturday, July 27	Tigers vs. Cubs		
	Yanks vs. Cards		

### Babe Ruth League

Leading Batters  
Harvey Chapman (Red Sox) 395  
Chuck Thompson (Red Sox) 394  
Keith Moore (Dodgers) 384  
Darryl Allen (Indians) 379

Leading Pitchers  
H. Chapman (Red Sox) 3  
Thomas (Red Sox) 3  
Julius Kovary (Dodgers) 3  
Kirt Nathan (Indians) 2

PICHE (RIGHT) PRESENTS BALL TO PAT REID

## Playgrounds Hold Joint Field Day

On Friday, July 19 youngsters from the Shiawassee playground traveled to Bond School for a challenge day of baseball and checkers, as a special activity of the Farmington Area Recreation Commission Summer Program. Some 150 boys and girls watched or participated in the ball game. The youngsters from Shiawassee brought along paper mache trophies for their Bond School opponents and each playground group sang their own "fight songs". It turned out that the Bond playground had the most powerful as they blanked the Shiawassee team 13 to 0. The trophy for the game was a new baseball which was presented to Pat Reid, captain of the Bond team. The presentation was made by Warren Piche, Director of the F.A.R.C. Summer Program.

## Dodgers Score Double Victory

Last week the E.S. Mather Dodgers chalked up two important victories as they downed the Trim Trends Red Sox on Monday and then came back to defeat the Arrowsmith Tool and Die Indians on Tuesday.

In the contest against the Red Sox, Cliff Simons turned in brilliant pitching performance for the Dodgers. He faced a total of thirty batters, striking out seven, walking four and allowing only four hits. The Dodgers took the contest 4 to 3.

Chuck Thomson, Red Sox's hurler also turned in a fine performance as he faced thirty batters, striking out twelve and walking only one. However, the Dodgers succeeded in getting four runs on five hits to seal the victory.

On Tuesday, the Dodgers defeated the Indians 2 to 1 behind the excellent pitching of Julius Kovary.

The Dodger hurler turned in his best performance of the year as he struck out 14 batters 7 while walking four and allowing one run on two hits. Darryl Allen, the losing pitcher, faced 31 batters, striking out eight, walking five and allowing two runs on two hits.

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Arnold Bennett

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## Irish Setter Club Plans 'Doggie Day' Program Sunday

The Irish Setter Club of Michigan will hold a special "Doggie Day" program on Sunday, July 28 starting at 7:00 a.m. on grounds north of Eight Mile Road and west of Telegraph Road.

An educational program demonstrating the correct way to show your dog as well as train it for obedience and field, will be presented. A mock field trial will start at 7:00 a.m. with trophies for all first places and prizes for third places. Other features of the program will include, field exhibitions, obedience demonstrations, confirmation classes, children's handling classes for ages one to nine and nine through 16 and ladies novice and amateur handling classes.

There will be no charge for entries and free pop and refreshments will be available for the children.



"CORKY" owned by Charles Benton of Farmington, shown at the extreme left, will be on hand for the "Doggie Day" program to be held on Sunday, July 28, on the grounds near Eight

Mile and Telegraph Road. The program is being sponsored by the Irish Setter Club of Michigan. "Corky" was recently awarded a field trophy in competition in pointing and obedience.