

North Farmington Little League Formed in '56, 270 Boys Now Play

The North Farmington Little League major baseball season got underway last Saturday with four of the six teams meeting. From a modest beginning in 1956 as an off-shoot of Farmington Baseball for Boys, the North Farmington Little League has grown from a farm league comprised of about 100 boys to the 1958 version of six major league teams, eight farm league teams, and four Class "C" teams. At present there are approximately 270 boys participating.

At the outset in 1956, equipment was supplied by Farmington Baseball for Boys. The next year, with about 180 boys in action, four major league teams, eight farm league teams, and two Class "C" teams were organized, playing a full schedule. Not only were the major league teams uniformed and sponsored by private concerns, but individuals and enterprises interested in the healthy development of these young future leaders contributed time, effort, and financial support.

After receiving permission from the School Board to use the playgrounds at Eagle and Bond Schools, work began to improve playing conditions. By the end of the season last year, two diamonds had been cleared by Dick Telford. Material donated by Franklin Products, put together by the boys' parents, resulted in dugouts, backstops, and a fenced-in playing area, complete with flagpole.

This year the field has been sodded and fresh paint has everything looking ship-shape.

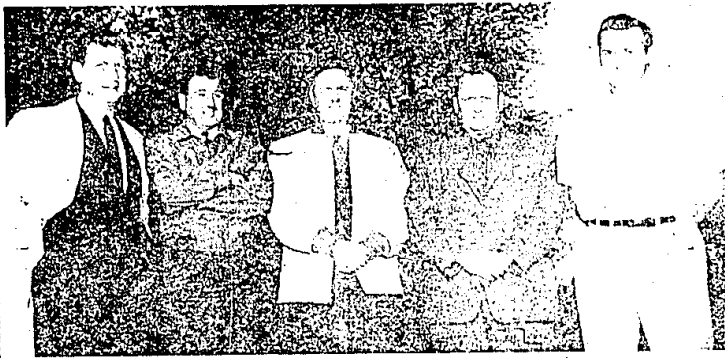
However, more money is needed to put the second diamond in the same condition as the first. Fathers of the boys playing in the league are asked to contribute time and effort toward making playing conditions as good as possible.

With respect to the need for money, it is expected that costs will amount to approximately \$2,500.00 before the season ends on July 31. A fund-raising program will be inaugurated shortly to provide for competent umpires, balls, and bats, and all the other equipment necessary for successful league play.

In accordance with Little League regulations, every boy aged 8 through 12 who has asked for a chance to play baseball will get an opportunity to do so. Sufficient teams have been formed to accomplish this, even to the extent of there being a Class "C" league of four teams. The Class "C" league is comprised of youngsters with little or no experience. As they become proficient they become eligible for farm league play and thence to the major league.

The Babe Ruth League was incorporated nationally in 1952 and there are now many hundreds of leagues and thousands of teams in 46 states and seven Canadian provinces.

State, Regional, and World Series Babe Ruth Championship All-Star teams shall be presented with Coca-Cola Bottler Awards.



TOP PERSONNEL in the Babe Ruth League this year are (left to right): Bud Kaufman, George Truckner, Jack Tabb, Don Heininen and Don Kuick. Heininen will be managing the Arrowsmith Tool & Die Industries this season and Kaufman will be players' agent. Managers of the other teams in the Babe Ruth League have not yet been selected.

Babe Ruth League Schedule

All games will be played at the Farmington High School athletic field.

JUNE 14
Red Sox vs. Indians
Dodgers vs. Giants

JUNE 16
Giants vs. Red Sox

JUNE 17
Indians vs. Dodgers

JUNE 18
Red Sox vs. Dodgers

JUNE 19
Indians vs. Giants

JUNE 23
Giants vs. Dodgers

JUNE 24
Indians vs. Red Sox

JUNE 25
Red Sox vs. Giants

JUNE 26
Dodgers vs. Indians
Dodgers vs. Indians

JUNE 30
Dodgers vs. Red Sox

JULY 1
Giants vs. Indians

JULY 2
Dodgers vs. Giants

JULY 7
Red Sox vs. Indians

JULY 8
Indians vs. Dodgers

JULY 9
Giants vs. Red Sox

JULY 10
Red Sox vs. Dodgers

JULY 14
Indians vs. Giants

JULY 15
Red Sox vs. Giants

JULY 16
Giants vs. Dodgers

JULY 17
Indians vs. Red Sox

JULY 21
Dodgers vs. Indians

JULY 22
Giants vs. Indians

JULY 23
Dodgers vs. Red Sox

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Major League Games

JUNE 12
Tigers vs. Yankees

JUNE 14
Indians vs. Yankees
Orioles vs. Tigers

JUNE 17
White Sox vs. Indians

JUNE 19
Tigers vs. Red Sox

JUNE 21
Red Sox vs. Yankees
Orioles vs. White Sox

JUNE 24
White Sox vs. Tigers

JUNE 26
Yankees vs. Orioles

JUNE 28
Indians vs. Tigers
Red Sox vs. White Sox

JULY 1
Orioles vs. Indians

JULY 3
White Sox vs. Yankees

JULY 5
Open

JULY 8
Tigers vs. Orioles

JULY 10
Indians vs. Red Sox

JULY 12
Tigers vs. White Sox
Orioles vs. Yankees

JULY 15
Yankees vs. Red Sox

JULY 17
Tigers vs. Indians

JULY 19
Indians vs. White Sox
Red Sox vs. Tigers

JULY 22
White Sox vs. Orioles

JULY 24
Yankees vs. Indians

JULY 26
Yankees vs. Tigers
Indians vs. Orioles

JULY 29
White Sox vs. Red Sox

JULY 31
Red Sox vs. Orioles

Week-day games commence at 6:30 p.m. and the first game of the Saturday doubleheaders is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m., with the second game starting at 3:00 p.m.

Farm League Contests

JUNE 16
Braves vs. Giants
Dodgers vs. Cubs

JUNE 18
Red Legs vs. Phillies
Cardinals vs. Pirates

JUNE 23
Giants vs. Red Legs
Braves vs. Cardinals

JUNE 25
Dodgers vs. Pirates
Cubs vs. Phillies

JUNE 30
Cardinals vs. Giants
Red Legs vs. Braves

JULY 2
Phillies vs. Dodgers
Pirates vs. Cubs

JULY 7
Giants vs. Pirates
Phillies vs. Braves

JULY 9
Red Legs vs. Cubs
Cardinals vs. Dodgers

JULY 11
Phillies vs. Giants
Pirates vs. Braves

JULY 16
Dodgers vs. Red Legs
Cardinals vs. Cubs

JULY 21
Open

JULY 23
Playoffs — 2 games

JULY 28
Playoffs — 2 games

JULY 30
Playoffs — Final game.

All farm league games will commence at 6:15 p.m. with both diamonds being used simultaneously.

Class "C" games will all be played on Fridays, commencing at 6:15 p.m.

ALL GAMES, OF ALL THREE CLASSIFICATIONS, WILL BE PLAYED AT BOND SCHOOL, Orchard Lake Road at Thirteen Mile Road.



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