

Babe Ruth League Formed in '53; Baseball For Boys Set Up in 1955

In 1953 the second season of a summer baseball program in Farmington saw an increasing number of boys answer the call for spring practice. The Little League Farm System was enlarged to eight teams playing regularly scheduled games. Each team had its own manager and the league its own umpires. The objective was to let every boy play ball that wanted to, regardless of ability. The year was again highlighted by a banquet at the end of the season.

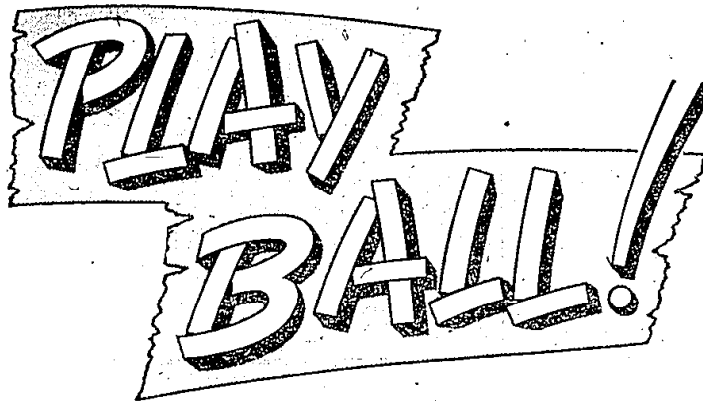
This same year saw the Babe Ruth League, which involved boys from 13 years of age through 15 years, formed. The League was headed by James Warner and supported by members of Jaycees. It consisted of four teams and followed the same pattern of Little League. The 1954 season saw approximately 500 boys turn out for spring practice. In 1954 the Babe Ruth League enjoyed another very successful season and the Jaycees organization sponsored their annual banquet.

The 1955 season saw the founding of Farmington Baseball for Boys. To promote harmony between the Babe Ruth League and Little League and avoid overlapping of interest, personnel and competition for funds, it was felt in the best interest of the community, all baseball should come under one governing body.

At a meeting held at Bill Parsons, the outline was drafted for the new organization. The post of Commissioner was established with John Clappison elected. Three vice president posts were established, with each vice president to head a division to be known as Little League Division, Babe Ruth League Division and the Farm League Division. The vice president's elected were: Bill Parsons, Little League; Farley Thomson, Babe Ruth League, and Harry Brown, Farm League. The secretary was Wilbur Wood and the treasurer, Harry Lapham.

The managing personnel which was the governing body, consisted of the above officers plus two managers from each division, umpire in chief of each division, the players agent, the equipment manager, the finance chairman and the publicity director.

This proved to be an excellent decision, as the season progressed smoothly and efficiently and planted its roots deeply into the community. All annual functions such as the Spring Rally, the Tag Day, the Opening Day Parade and Banquet at the season's end included all divisions as one organization.



PLAY BALL!! Yes, that's what you will hear every Saturday at the Farmington City Park as the BASEBALL FOR BOYS 1958 season gets under way. These boys will be playing their hearts out for us. So, let's all be there and give them a cheer!

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Farmington L. L. Season Schedule

(Numbers in parenthesis behind each listing indicate the field the game will be played on. No. 1 indicates the game will be played on the east diamond at City Park and No. 2 at the west diamond or new diamond.)

JUNE 11
Tigers vs. Braves (1)
Orioles vs. Cubs (1)
Yanks vs. Cards (2)

JUNE 16
Cards vs. Cubs (1)
Tigers vs. Orioles (2)

JUNE 17
Yanks vs. Braves (1)

JUNE 18
Cubs vs. Tigers (1)
Braves vs. Cards (2)

JUNE 19
Orioles vs. Yanks (1)

JUNE 21
Cubs vs. Braves (1)
Orioles vs. Cards (1)
Yanks vs. Tigers (2)

POSITION NIGHTS
JUNE 23
Team 1 vs. 2 (1)
Team 3 vs. 4 (2)

JUNE 24
Team 5 vs. 6 (1)

JUNE 25
Yanks vs. Cubs (1)
Cards vs. Tigers (2)

JUNE 26
Braves vs. Orioles (1)

JUNE 28
Tigers vs. Braves (1)
Orioles vs. Cubs (1)
Cards vs. Yanks (2)

JUNE 30
Cubs vs. Cards (1)
Tigers vs. Orioles (2)

JULY 1
Braves vs. Yanks (1)

JULY 7
Yanks vs. Orioles
Braves vs. Cubs (2)

JULY 8
Orioles vs. Cards (1)

JULY 9
Cubs vs. Braves (1)
Tigers vs. Yanks (2)

JULY 10
Cards vs. Tigers (1)

POSITION DAY
JULY 12

Team 5 vs. 6 (1)
Team 3 vs. 4 (1)
Team 1 vs. 2 (2)

JULY 14
Cubs vs. Yanks (1)
Braves vs. Orioles (2)

JULY 15
Yanks vs. Cards (1)

JULY 16
Tigers vs. Braves (1)
Orioles vs. Cubs (2)

JULY 17
Cards vs. Tigers (1)

JULY 19
Cards vs. Cubs (1)
Yanks vs. Braves (1)
Tigers vs. Orioles (2)

JULY 21
Cubs vs. Tigers (1)
Braves vs. Cards (2)

JULY 22
Orioles vs. Yanks (1)

JULY 24
Orioles vs. Cards (1)
Braves vs. Cubs (2)

JULY 24
Tigers vs. Yanks (1)

POSITION DAY
JULY 26

Team 1 vs. 2 (1)
Team 3 vs. 4 (1)

Team 5 vs. 6 (1)
Team 3 vs. 4 (2)

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