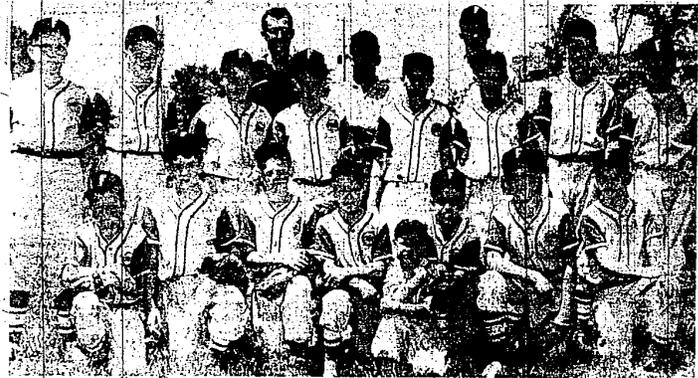


BASEBALL FOR BOYS PROGRAMS IN HIGH GEAR

South Farmington Little League



THE SANDERSON HEATLY Cardinals of South Farmington Little League are shown above. Front row, left to right: Don Wright, Charles Brown, Mark Patterson, Mike Lashbrook, Ted Himmelsbach, Tom Mayberger, Ron Sandets and Joe Himmelsbach. Back row, left to right:

Dave Brown, Joe Granston, Ken Whiteford, Tom Wall, Bob Svoboda, Mark Williams, John Winder and Mike Turpin. Tony Himmelsbach and Bob Svoboda are coaches and Bob Brown the team manager.



FARMINGTON DAIRY is sponsoring business establishment for the Yankees of the South Farmington Little League. Front row, left to right, are: Dan Richardson, Harold Criches, Art Leland, John Barth, Rick Joseph, Don Hawkins, Doug MacDonald, Davey MacDonald and Paul

Richardson. In the back row, left to right, are: Coach Max Hawkins, Jack Silva, Wayne Johnston, Dave Sutton, George Habicht, Stan Cook, Mike Fleck, Jim Harvey, Bob Morgan and Coach Bill MacDonald.



THE BRAVES of the South Farmington Little League are sponsored by Barthello's Carry-Out. Front row, left to right, are: Dick Bazzard, Jim Beckwith, Paul McLaughlin, Jim McGarvey, Chp Terry, Chuck Theisen, Dick

Jones and Bob Brown. Back row, left to right, are: Coach Ernie McGarvey, Bill Pell, Myles Kearney, Carl Misch, Gary Yockey, Dennis Mullen, Mike Wilson, John Overton and Manager Cliff Terry.



SPONSORING THE OROLES in the South Farmington Little League again this year is American Screw Products. Members of the team and their managers are: Front row, left to right: Steve Schuler, Gregg King, Dave Rouse, Ralph Zadrozny, Chris Norton, Tom Szymorski and Dan Styes. Second row, left to right: Larry Buck, Martin

Mathes, Jeff Dernburger, Dave Ridling, Tim Patrick, Frank Curcio, Jerry Tinkle and Ernie McGarvey. Coaches standing directly in back of them are Royce Norton and Harry Schuler. Manager Burt Heist was absent when the picture was snapped.

N. Farmington Ruth Schedule

- 6/23 Giants vs. Cubs
 - 6/25 Cubs vs. Pirates
 - 6/26 Cubs vs. Cards
 - 6/30 Giants vs. Pirates
 - Open
 - 7/8 Cubs vs. Giants
 - 7/7 Pirates vs. Cards
 - 7/9 Cubs vs. Pirates
 - Giants vs. Cards
 - 7/13 Pirates vs. Giants
 - 7/14 Cubs vs. Cubs
 - 7/16 Giants vs. Cubs
 - Cards vs. Pirates
 - 7/20 Pirates vs. Cubs
 - 7/21 Cards vs. Giants
 - 7/23 Giants vs. Pirates
 - Cubs vs. Cards
- Home team is the second team.
Game Time:
Weekdays: 6:15 P.M.
Sats.: First Game: 10:00 A.M.
Second Game: 1:00 P.M.

Little League Rules for Umps

Little League rules specify that at least one staff umpire must be available to work before a game can be started. If a staff umpire is not available, then one other than a member of the staff can be used only by mutual agreement of the managers of the two competing teams.

It is the recommendation of Little League headquarters that two umpires be provided for each game if at all possible. Even the umpires have at least one restricting rule in Little League. They are not permitted to wear shoes with metal cleats on them.

Although no admission may be charged at any Little League game, Little League headquarters does permit the taking of voluntary contributions.

Baseball Program Got Started Here in 1952

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 who wanted to play, do so regardless of ability.

This same year saw the Babe Ruth League, including boys 13 to 15 years of age, formed. The league was headed by James Warner and supported by members of the Jaycees. It consisted of four teams and followed the same pattern as Little League.

THE 1954 season saw approximately 500 boys turn out for spring practice. This year was a highly successful one capped by a banquet sponsored by the Jaycees.

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

Little League Began Here Nine Years Ago

It was back in 1951 that Ted Chapman, Ray Fendt, Bob Smith, Jim Warner, Farley Thompson, Jabe Bacon, Ted Smith, Gerald Grace, Joe Castlow, Harry Lapham, Don Hossler, Dan Guy, Gene Hynes, and Arch McDonald met to discuss the possibility of starting Little League in Farmington.

The enthusiastic response at this meeting prompted Ted Chapman to sit in on a meeting in October, 1951, at Birmingham where Cliff Stutz, organizer of the National Little League program went into details as to organization and promotion of local Little Leagues.

Farmington Little League baseball was founded soon after and the first officers elected were Chapman, president; Gadaway, vice president; Grace, secretary and Lapham, treasurer.

THE PROGRAM was under way when Farmington State Bank Star Cutter, Blakeslee Chevrolet, and Farmington Dairy volunteered as sponsors. Managers were soon appointed. Don Hossler was named play agent. Jim Warner headed the umpires and Don Guy went to work as equipment manager.

The first baseball practice brought out more than 400 boys to the City Park.

The real work started with the building of the baseball diamonds. Many hours were spent by young and old in this endeavor. The first baseball diamond for major Little League activities was built with the exception of home plate where the present first base bag is located.

This was changed the next year. THE IDEAS AND objectives of Little League are many, but to quote a few: "Little League

Baseball is designed for the local community. It must never be commercialized. It is completely amateur and non-profit. It's first objective is for the good of the boys who play as Little League regular teams or farm teams.

While good players may and will come out of the ranks of the league, this is no part of the main objective. It is to build good citizens and to teach the boys lessons of fair play, discipline and team work.

He finds that the other boy, regardless of race, creed or color, is a pretty nice guy after all and this kind of thinking spreads from the boys to their families and thus to the community.

LITTLE LEAGUE Baseball in Farmington is trying to adhere to these ideals and objectives. The sponsors have been wonderful in their support of this program.

Volunteers have cooperated wholeheartedly in many projects. Ralph Banfield and his crew assisted in the construction of the dugouts. The American Legion Groves-Walker Post donated the flag and flagpole. Soon after the 1952 program got underway, 4 major teams were organized and farm teams designated. It wasn't long before had a complete baseball for boys program going in the Farmington area.

On June 14, 1952, the big parade of youngsters in full baseball uniforms with the Farmington High School Band leading marched from the Township Hall to City Park. Ken Loosen, the mayor, managed to throw the first pitch somewhere near home plate for Jim Tennant to catch and the Little League baseball program was underway in Farmington.

LATER THAT summer Farmington participated in the All-Star game of 1952, playing Birmingham and losing a well pitched and hard fought ball game.

To complete the season the mothers of the various boys pitched in for the first banquet and they welcomed a couple of newcomers to Detroit Tiger Baseball as their first banquet guests — Harvey Kuenen, Billy Hoff and Manager Freddie Hutchinson.



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Indians	Tony Garrick
Eagles	Clarence Roth
Pirates	Jack Tadd
Red Legs	Harold Green
Bears	William Penn
NATIONAL LEAGUE	
Dodgers	Jack Shelton
Blue Jays	Fabian Wayne
Phillies	Virgil Rankin
Red Sox	James Surin
Giants	Ronald Kriss
White Sox	Robert Allen
Senators	Sam Hawkins
Bob Cats	Robert Snyder
Athletics	Ed Donoghue
Lancers	Carl Williams
"C" LEAGUE (8 Year Olds)	
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Bears	Dick Hart
Lions	Cass Misiak
Cubs	Roy Mecham

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