

FINTEX WILL MEET VARSITY

Championship Round To Begin Monday In 'Y' Soft-Ball League

By DEAN REIER

Patex-Fellowship and Varsity No. 1 advanced to the final round of the 'Y' Soft-Ball League playoffs this week by winning both of their semi-final round games. The Patex team will meet Monday in the first of a three-out-of-five game series for the championship. The second and third games will be played Tuesday and next Thursday nights.

The Varsity team, which wound up in second place in the regular season, will play the Patex team Monday and Tuesday, while the underdog Fintex outfit won its weekly series in two straight games from Van's Pharmacy, third position team, on Monday and Wednesday.

Class Games
Both Varsity-Patex games were close and in neither did the Varsity win a point of ball in either of the two games. In Monday's game, Varsity secured an early lead, but the top end of the 'Y' team came up for its turn at bat in the seventh. Under first man up for the Varsity, topped an easy fly to the infield. Captain Hank Whalen started a rally with a double, bringing in later on Nippy Wilson's single.

Patex, Varsity mountaineer, selected a poor line to issue his first and only walk of the game when he gave Lawler a free trip to first. Both Wilson and Lawler scored. Freeman's single, being the count up to 4 to 0. Ken Wilson tapped out a one-bagger receiving Freeman and placing the Precinct within one run of a tie score. But there the rally stopped. Harry Whalen was caught at first as he bounded a slow grounder to short.

On Tuesday, the Precinct seemed determined to make up for Monday's defeat and grabbed a healthy lead of 2 to 1 in the first three innings. The Varsity, however, asserted two counters in the fifth and went into the lead with a four-run rally in the sixth. Neither team scored during the rest of the tilt and the final count stood 6 to 5.

Brown Out
With Red Brown, Van's regular pitcher of the game with an injury arm, the Precinct recruited George Shave in the pitcher's chair against Fintex. Shave, making his first appearance in a league game, walked seven men and allowed 10 hits. Ladd, Fintex hurler, was in top form and permitted only four men to reach first in seven innings, and issued walks to the same number. Johnson led the Fintex swatters with four hits in a busy trip to the plate. Fintex had little trouble in overcoming the Precinct again in the second game on Wednesday, the final count being 26 to 2.

The success of Varsity winning the championship is as scarce as icebergs have been in the past week. In both games played by the two teams during the regular season, Fellowship has been the easy winner. With the poor showing Varsity gave against the First Precinct nine, it is quite probable that the best ball games were played at the semi-final round, between the handicapped Van's team and the Fintex nine.

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that a 100 per cent collection is out of the question, but that, therefore, the length of the school year will depend directly on the percentage actually paid. John H. Ross, treasurer, said he believed that with the 10.86 mill rate, which is the lowest in several years, a collection of 90 per cent might possibly be received, but by no means a certain thing.

Over the Seven Months
"The only thing we can do is to run on what we have left and then hold up," said Ray Palmer, president.

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Deficit Ignored As State Officials Boost Own Pay

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It stated before the "new deal" took hold. At one time the commission reported that the reduction from their \$7,000 salary scale. Now they are back and have to go to the state to get their own pay at top notch figures.

Exceeds Budget
Patex's deficit was a serious matter, and it was possible to have a "new deal." Even at the inaugural ceremony a speech on its possible benign influence upon the happiness of the people of Michigan. His was the first of the departments to go 100 per cent Democratic.

Even the old messenger who had worked faithfully during all previous regimes and whose pitance was too small to permit him to accumulate a competence, was thrown out on his ear in his old age. As a matter of fact, he said that about the first official act of the new incumbent was to cut the payroll and order all salaries of his chief assistants as well as his own back to the original \$2,000. He demanded \$5,000 while his son was jotted down in second place at \$4,500.

A year ago it cost Michigan taxpayers close to \$1,000 a year to pay the salaries of the state officials. Today the schedule calls for an annual expenditure of \$11,000,000 in salaries. The budget can be accomplished on a budget of \$7,500,000 provided for salaries.

Of course, being the attorney general, Mr. O'Brien has the chance to make his own rulings and already he has employed a master hand in sending legal opinions to suit the occasion. Samuel Metzger is another gentleman who is not in paying his own pay. He was elevated from a small town farm produce shipper to become director of agriculture. His predecessor was voluntarily submitted to a cut of 25 per cent from his statutory salary of \$5,000, but the new comer ignored this and demanded that his checks be drawn at the rate set when farmers receive something for what they produced.

In order to accomplish something to boost the salaries of the original incumbent, he promptly cut the salaries of the technical employees, who, after all, are the backbone of any department, to starvation wages. Metzger excused his own raise by arguing before the committee that the "chief" had to have a certain amount of money to transact business with his department. Any farmer who as yet has not received the free market of the hands of the hospitable Mr. Metzger should take him up at once.

Not NIRA Policy
Most of the state officials who have filed the salaries of the state officials are about 10,000 ordinary employees—clerks, stenographers, accountants, bookkeepers, janitors and watchmen, nurses, sweepers and highway workers—who still continue to get along on the low wages set by the economy commission.

Certainly none of these officials are led to believe the distress of the state has been cured. Certainly they do not know and cannot claim ignorance of the fact that, in order to pay the salaries and running expenses provided for in the primary fund, the state treasurer was forced to dip into trust funds and special purpose revenues.

Some Savings
In all justice, it should be stated here that Murray D. Van Wageningen, state highway commissioner, has been the beneficiary of the administrative board to reduce his salary in his own salary amounting to \$750 a year, which puts his pay at \$6,750. He has received \$750 less than he received last year by Grove C. Dillman, and that in the case of two other state officials, while their own salaries have been litigated, the total cost for their departments has been lowered.

All above \$7,000 are being cut one-third, while all employees below \$7,000 are being cut one-fourth. Above \$1,500, the first \$2,000 is given an eight per cent cut, the second \$2,000 is clipped to the tune of 12 per cent and the third \$2,000 is reduced by 15 per cent.

At least it can be said that the regents of the University of Michigan have done a fair job of adjusting salaries that the department heads at Lansing have done for themselves. The budget of that institution was subjected to the most drastic cut of any state branch. It was the largest of any and presented the largest salaries, paid anywhere in the state. Naturally it was able to stand a more severe cut, with less danger to its continued existence than any of the smaller colleges.

Hard Task Ahead
Other institution heads have as much to do as the state administrator. They have to stand a more severe cut, with less danger to its continued existence than any of the smaller colleges.

They attacked the problem from the other end. In order to keep their budget into balance, and keep their faculty force intact, the higher paid were asked to accept a slash of 20 per cent while others were asked to take a half of other institution heads.



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