

LOCALS GAIN 4TH STRAIGHT

Merchants Win Seesaw Tilt From Pontiac Ramblers Here Sunday

In a seesaw battle marked by heavy clotting on both sides, the Birmingham Merchants finally downed the powerful Ramblers A. C. club of Pontiac, 11 to 9, Sunday afternoon at Springdale Park. It was the fourth straight win for the locals and gave them a season's average of five victories and four defeats.

Kelly, ace hurler for the Merchants, was decidedly off form and retired after allowing 11 hits and eight runs in six innings. Seth Cox, veteran right-hander, turned in a brilliant exhibition of relief pitching, permitting the opponents only one base blow and an unearned run in the remaining three innings. He did not receive credit for the win, however. Kelly led the game with the home club in the lead.

For six rounds the lead changed hands, the locals finally forging to the front with a two run lead in the opening stanza and then adding three in the third round. The Ramblers threatened in the balance of the contest, although the Merchants threatened in the ninth when they scored their final tally as the result of a single, sacrifice and error.

The Merchants hopped on Gibson, visiting hurler, for two markers in the opening stanza and then added three in the third round. The Ramblers got to Kelly for a brace of runs in the second inning and tied it up at 4-4 in the third when the local pitcher grooved a

fast one and a Rambler promptly knocked it out of the park with a runner on the initial bag. The visitors went to the front in the fourth when Kelly allowed another home run but the Merchants slug-gers got busy and pounded Gibson hard, chasing three tallies across the plate. Cox went in to relieve Kelly in the first half of the sixth when another Rambler raly tied a trio of runs and from then on the bats of the Pontiac team were silenced. Two runs in the latter part of the sixth gave the locals a lead that was never relinquished, the home club adding their final tally in the seventh frame off of Liveris, youthful portlander who relieved Gibson. Liveris, a product of Pontiac High School, tossed good ball the remainder of the game, giving up two hits and no runs during the last two frames.

W. Kieley, Moore and Forester led the locals with the speck. Kieley poled out two bingles and a triple in five trips to the plate. Moore collected a three-bagger and homer in five attempts and Forester drove out a double and triple in four trips at the plate. Kelly also hit well, grabbing off two one-bag blows in three times at bat.

Fisher Body of Pontiac, the leading pitcher of the league there, will cross bats with the local aviators next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The game will be played at Springdale Park and in view of the splendid showing of the home team, the Merchants and their supporters to turn out to watch this feature contest of the year. A huge and well-balanced team, Fisher Body should offer the locals their strongest opposition of the season.

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REGISTRATION NOTICE
for
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
Tuesday, Sept. 15, 1936

To vote at this Primary Election all persons must be registered in the Township Office by Saturday, Sept. 5, 1936. The office will be open on August 26, 1936, from 8:00 A. M. until 8:00 P. M., and all other days from 8:00 A. M. until 5:00 P. M. up to and including the last day of registration which is Sept. 5, 1936. Those already registered since the permanent registration do not have to register.

JAMES V. BAYLEY,
Bloomfield Township Clerk.

REGISTRATION NOTICE
for
CITY OF BLOOMFIELD HILLS
GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION
September 15, 1936

Notice is hereby given that any person wishing to vote at this election must be registered on or before SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1936, at 5:00 P. M.

Any person who is a Citizen of the United States, 21 years of age, has resided in the City of Bloomfield Hills 20 days prior to the date of registration, may register by calling at the City Clerk's Office on East Long Lake Road on or before SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1936, between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. The City Clerk's Office will be open to receive registrations on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26, between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

Those persons who have already registered under the permanent registration system do not have to re-register. Any person who has not voted since November, 1932, and whose registration has not been reinstated must re-register for this election.

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Around The Circuit

— AMERICAN LEAGUE —

Not all American League batters take toe-holds and swing with all their power at the offering of opposing pitchers. In fact, there are several good batters who grasp their bats two inches from the end of the handle and are satisfied with merely punching at the ball, thus being content with a few doubles. But, such is the power of some of those "soft" hitters that often a home run is the result. It must be admitted, however, that those who try to kill the ball are the leaders in hitting and total bases.

The "chuke" or "punch" hitters, frapper, can boast of one of the "White Sox" who is batting for the 300 mark. There, there is Joe Vossik of Cleveland, 300, Bill Knickerbocker, of the same team, 285. New York has four, Bob Rolfe, 300, Tony Lazzeri, 297, Frank Crosetti, 296 and Jake Powell, 275.

The Boston Red Sox have six chieftains. Sam Rice, 300, Rick Ferrell, 316, Bill Werber, 294, Joe Cronin, 287 and Roger Connor, 286. Washington has a pair in Studly Meyer, the 1935 batting champion, who is hitting 282, and Travis Jackson, who is hitting 280. Gehring, who swings and chokes, according to what pitcher he faces. Sam Rice, who is the Browns has compiled a batting average of 300 during his ten years in the league. He is another who both swings and punches.

Lee Ross, Connie Mack's rookie right hander, stopped Earl Averill of the Cleveland Indians after seven days when he safely in twenty consecutive games. Three days later, Syd Campbell, a catcher, who was brought up from Chattanooga by Washington, stopped Roy Johnson of the Athletics. The latter had hit safely in a score of contests. Weatherly, who is remembered that it was Cohen who broke his arm with a pitched ball in a Southern league, two months ago.

When Russ Van Atta was credited the victory over Boston, July 27, it was his first win since April 20.

Connie Mack appears to be an exceedingly happy man these days and actually looks younger than he did five years ago when he won his last pennant. His associates say the reason is that he has a new pitcher, never it as happy as when developing young players.

Connie, himself, has the opinion the Athletics will start clinching in 1937, saying the greatest improvement will be in the pitching staff. Of this year's pitchers, Kelley and Rhoads have been winners while Ross and Fink have looked good even when losing. Doyle, out of the game until a few weeks ago, has the stuff to be a winning pitcher. Almon Wood, of Atlanta, on whom Philadelphia has an option, is going great while one of the leading Pacific Coast league pitchers is Bill Carter, pitched out by the Athletics to Portland. He has won eighteen and lost seven. Catcher Conroy, optioned to Houston, is among the leading batsmen of the Texas league.

Marshall Mauldin, optioned to Knoxville by the White Sox, is hitting close to the 320 mark. He was an infielder when he first joined the Sox in '34 but is playing outfield now.

Bob Feller, the seventeen-year old pitcher with Cleveland, has pitched most games when in high school in Iowa.

Harry Kelley, veteran rookie of the Athletics, has pitched some hard luck games this year. Lost to Washington 2 to 3, to New York 2 to 3, Chicago 2 to 1, fourteen innings, Detroit 4 to 5 and 0 to 2, St. Louis 3 to 5 and Cleveland 1 to 3.

Vernon Kennedy of the White Sox is the first American league pitcher to win ten straight games this season. In compiling his record, he beat the Athletics four times, Washington three times and one each from New York, Cleveland and Boston.

The St. Louis Browns may have won only thirty-three games on July 31 but six of those victories were gathered in the ninth inning while four more were won in the eighth when they were playing at home, thus eliminating any necessity of going to bat in the ninth.

Despite the fact that Buckey Harris is shifting his lineup so as to send seven right hand bats into the field, facing southpaws, the left hand pitchers of the American league have made plenty of trouble for Washington this year, winning nineteen out of thirty-one games from the Mats. Lloyd Brown of Cleveland has beaten them four times out of five, while also the Indians, has won three out of four from them. Incidentally, those three games were all he has won this year. Three of Ostermiller's, seven victories have been at Washington's expense. Gomez has taken two out of three from that club. Little Leo owns the same record.

What a comeback Tommy Thomas established during the last home stay of the St. Louis Browns. Downed New York, 8 to 4 with six hits, July 21, and followed that feat by vanquishing Washington, 9 to 1 with six hits and the Boston Red Sox, July 30,

LEGION '9' POUNDS OUT WIN AGAINST SUPERIOR METAL

Locals Collect Eleven Hits In 14-3 Victory At Park Sunday

Tramping roughshod over the Superior Metal Company team of Auburn Heights, the local Junior American Legion baseball squad raked up its sixth victory in six contests and the local players are looking forward to a hard-fought match, although confident of victory.

Fisher, Superior's pitcher, and Krue, third sacker, collected four of their sides five hits, each getting two safe blows in four trips to the plate. In addition, Krue played a good game afield, handling several difficult chances without a bobble.

The Legion team takes on the long Pontiac Red Wings at Springdale Park this Sunday, game time being set at one o'clock. The Red Wings are leading all Class C teams in their city's circuit. "Lefty" Elwood is slated to start this contest and the local players are looking forward to a hard-fought match, although confident of victory.

Eleven solid blows rattled off the bats of the locals; two of the safeties victory for extra base clouts. Al Jones, the Legion ace hurler, was in perfect form for the contest, limiting the opponents to five hits and striking out nine sticks.

The local nine fired the first shot, chalking up two tallies in the first round without the aid of a base hit. A walk, two errors and two infield outs accounted for the runs. Two hits, one a shooting triple by George Thompson with two mates aboard the sacks, resulted in the Legion team adding three more markers in the second inning. They duplicated this feat in the following round, making the score 8 to 1. The Superior Metal batsmen putting over a brace in the third.

The locals added a brace of tallies in the fifth while the opponents were scoring two in their half of the inning to end their run making Three hits netted two more runs for the Legionnaires in the eighth and they tossed in their final two markers in the ninth for good measure.

Porteus led the locals with the stick, collecting a double and single in three official trips to the plate. Potere, Orr, Cronin and Oramba grabbed off two hits apiece while George Thompson's only blow was a three base smash that drove in two runs. Several changes in the lineup were made. Bob Thompson replacing Helard at third while Porteus replaced Crawshaw at second, the latter going to the right field. Bounds, shifting for the ailing "Tux" Foster.

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