

# LEGION BOWS TO RED WINGS

### Local Club Whitewashed By Undeclared Pontiac League Leaders

Undeclared in two years of baseball competition, the Pontiac Red Wings, leaders in that city's Class C league, swamped the local Junior American Legion nine at Springdale Park Sunday afternoon by the score of 10 to 0. The whitewash victory was the victor's 20th successive win.

Holler, Pontiac pitcher, allowed the home team only five scattered blows and fanned eight. He walked two men and was never in danger of being knocked off the hill save for the initial frame when the Legion boys loaded the sacks with nobody out. He steadied them and retired the side without a marker being scored against him, whiffing two of the local club's heaviest hitters.

Despite the lopsided score, "Lefty" Elwood hurled superb ball throughout the game, allowing only two earned runs. He struck out eight, walked four and gave up nine sacrifices. Except for the seventh inning when the Pontiac clouters got to him for four solid runs, he did not allow more than one safety in any round. Ragsdale's support contributed to his downfall, the Legion infield being guilty of six glaring errors.

After pushing over two tallies in the first inning on one hit, and picking up another unearned run in the third, the Pontiac batters put the contest on ice in the sixth frame. With one away, Kelly, local third sack, fumbled a fly ball, allowing an infield out, single, another error by Kelly, a hit batsman and an infield out, permitted three opponents to cross the rubber. In the seventh and final round the Red Wings added four more counters to run their total to ten markers. Again, two errors figured prominently in the score but four solid whiffs were delivered by the Pontiac hit-ter.

This Sunday afternoon the Legion team will again play at Springdale Park in a contest preceding the Merchant's scheduled game. The opponents have not as yet been picked.

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# IN THE WORLD OF SPORTS

### Martin Sees Chance for Giants, Clicking in Every Department and With Schedule Break, to Crash Through in National League

BY PHILIP MARTIN

THE New York Giants, after weathering a protracted slump, are closing in fast and giving their followers plenty of reason to cheer.

For many weeks the Giants drifted aimlessly in the second division. The wagering gentlemen at that time would have taken almost any amount of currency offered on the pennant chances of the Gothamites and at very fancy odds.

Very few sport scribes picked the Giants to win the flag, but most of them had conceded the club a first division berth. Injuries, however, put the New Yorkers on the skids.

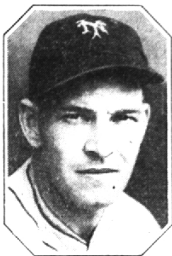
Manager Terry's knee went back on him and Memphis Bill was forced to do his masterminding from the bench for a time. Things didn't get well under this arrangement, however. The Giants just don't seem to click as smoothly with Terry bossing from the sidelines as when he is right on the scene of action. Terry, despite his age, still packs a lusty punch at the platter.

But with Terry back the victory march is in full swing.

THE hurling staff is functioning in a very creditable manner. Frank Gabler, who came up from the bullpen to win himself a regular job, is collaborating with Freddie Fitzsimmons, whose ailing arm had given Frank steady work. Hal Schumacher, Carl Hubbell, Harry Gumbert and Al Smith fill out a well-balanced bill corps.

Mel Ott has furnished the big pole, however, in pounding in runs and hammering out four-base swats with regularity. Incidentally, he has hung up a National League batting record, being the first individual to drive in 100 or more markers for eight consecutive years.

Jimmy Ripple, Joe Moore and



Two features of the Giant drive have been the consistently fine pitching of Al Smith, right, and the hitting of Mel Ott, above, which has brought the youthful veteran the record of being the first National leaguer to drive in more than 100 runs for eight consecutive seasons.



Sam Leslie are doing their share of work at the plate, and Hank Leiber and Gus Mancuso, if they don't boast such spectacular batting averages, are holding up their ends of the burden.

Mancuso has been especially valuable. The Italian receiver's handling of the pitchers is smooth and efficient. And base runners don't take many liberties with his powerful and accurate throwing arm.

B'RESS WHITEHEAD, at the keystone sock, has an admirable work mate for Dick Bartell at short and Stoney Jackson, the old fellow who still holds down the third base job.

The remainder of the Giants' schedule is comparatively soft; they will be pitted against the not-so-tough eastern teams. And

please bear in mind that the front-running Cubs and Cards will be lamassing each other during the same period.

If these two outfits battle each other to a standstill and the Giants come through with colors flying against their less fortunate eastern brethren, it might open the way for an all-New York series—assuming, of course, that the Yankees bag the bunting in the jump circuit.

And so, fans, in case you are contemplating attendance at the big show in October, don't buy your railroad duets yet. A five-cent subway fare may be all that is necessary to transport you between the two battlegrounds, after you get to New York.

As alternates while Fox was relating duty for the victors. A good sized crowd was on hand to watch the affair.

The "Smiles" team from Flint called the "Engies," reputed to be a stronger trio than the Beavers, will come here to engage the Beavers. The match has been solidified from an outlook that afternoon and pipe-enthusiasts are promised one of the best games of the year as the local contingent will be strengthened by the addition of several new players.

To date, the Beavers have engaged the Detroit Gold Hats, The Detroit Polo Club, the Grosse Pointe Reds and the Flint Broncos. It was announced that the local club will play a Saturday game here early in September.

Experience The teacher was trying to impress the class with the danger of bad habits. She asked, "What is it we need so much to get into and so hard to get out of?" "Bob," came the answer.

Crying Need Another two-thirds rule that needs repeal is the one that provides one-third for the people and two-thirds for the politicians.

### Ex-Girl Athlete Now a Husband



Shown left above in his former role as Mary Edith Weston, England's best woman shot-putter, Miss Weston, right, is now a husband after being changed into a man by a sex operation two months ago. Miss Alberta D. is a galloping friend of Weston's, was the bride. They were married in Plymouth, England.

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