



ACORNS AGAIN WHIP LOCALS

Loss Eliminates Legion Team Chance To Compete In Playoffs

Despite the excellent pitching efforts of Lefty Elwood, the Birmingham Junior American Legion Team met defeat at the hands of the Royal Oak Legion nine by a 5 to 1 score at Cass Field in Royal Oak Saturday. Ten costly errors resulted in Royal Oak's five runs, none of which were earned tallies.

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LOCAL AMERICAN LEGION TEAM



Shown above are members of the Birmingham American Legion baseball team. The team has played several games to date, winning three and losing three. Their final game of the season will be played Sunday at Northville.

Around The Circuit — AMERICAN LEAGUE —

Let's talk about the American League home run hitters, three of whom, at least, seem to be in a battle to try to approach Babe Ruth's record. Up to July 13, Jimmy Fox was in the lead with twenty-two, eleven of which he made in his home park in Boston.

He had collected three apiece in Chicago, Cleveland and St. Louis, one in Detroit and one in his old Philadelphia stomping ground. He gathered eighteen of his twenty-two off right-hand pitchers, the only southpaws to suffer being Lloyd Brown, Russ Van Atta and Elton Huggott.

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Lou Gehrig made eight of his twenty off southpaws, two each of Bob Grove, Lloyd Brown and Ostermiller and one each of Whitehill and Lee. He also made two off Blackhealer, right hander. Lou made the most of his four-suckers in two parks, eleven at the Yankee Stadium and five in Cleveland. The others were one in Boston, two in Chicago and one in St. Louis.

Hal Trosky, the Cleveland first-sacker, also credited with twenty homers, made all but six in his own park with two in Philadelphia, two in St. Louis, one in Chicago and one in Washington. Hal has made only three off southpaws, Van Atta, Whitehill and Walberg being the unfortunate.

Bill Dickey, like Trosky and Gehrig, a left hand batsman, has made eleven of his fifteen homers off right hand pitchers. Like Gehrig, he piled up his total in New York and Cleveland, seven at the Stadium, three in the home of the Indians, Dickey, by the way, has made his fifteen off Vic Sorrell of Detroit.

Bob Johnson of the Athletics had made six of his twelve at home, six on the road. Earl Averill of Cleveland made nine of his twelve in Cleveland, Joe Maggno, the Yankee rookie sensation, with ten to his credit, scattered them through six parks, making only two at home. Each was made off a different pitcher.

The Yankees and Indians are the two clubs to make the most of their home parks in the manufacture of four-sackers. Prior to July 3, the Yankees had made thirty-seven of the 52 homers made at the Stadium while the Indians had made thirty of the fifty-two in Cleveland. Boston led its opponents at home, nineteen to seventeen.

Sixty-five home runs had been made at Philadelphia with the Athletics gathering only seventeen, only two more than had been made by the Yankees at Shibe Park. In Detroit, the Tigers had made twenty-five homers with twenty-eight for the opposition. The White Sox had made only fourteen at home with their adversaries making thirty. The Browns had collected only seventeen of the forty-one made in St. Louis while Washington had come through with almost an even break at home, eleven as compared with fourteen.

Baseball fans through the country probably rejoiced when Bruce Campbell of the Cleveland Indians, who recently recovered from his third attack of spinal meningitis, made six hits in six times at bat at St. Louis in the first game of the double-header, July 2 and then went on to make another safe hit in his first game at bat in the second game, then being taken out because of being hurt slightly sliding into third base.

After making his first hit, Bruce turned to his team mates on the bench and said: "I feel as if I were going to make six out of six today."

Once before, Campbell almost made six straight hits in a game. He had made five in a game against Philadelphia but was purposely passed the last time up.

Leon Goslin, veteran Tiger outfielder, says his famous 118 year old mansion down in New Jersey is known as the "House of the Seven Chimneys," that many being necessary because of the thirteen fire places.

The two biggest batting plagues in the American League this year have been at the expense of the White Sox hurlers. New York making twenty-four hits for forty-five bases while Detroit gathered

RELIEF HURLER FAILS TO HALT PLAINS TEAM

Merchants Lose 4th Game Of Season, 10 to 3, In Listless Game

The Birmingham Merchants lost a slow, listless, ball game to the Drayton Plains team by the score of 10 to 3 last Sunday afternoon at Springdale Park. The locals collected seven hits off the Plains pitcher and made three errors in the field. Drayton Plains tagged nine safely hit balls and batted only one during the game.

Birmingham's ace pitcher, Kelly, started the game and pitched shutout ball until the fifth frame when a poor hit and some untimely errors, plus the hot sun, caused his removal from the mound after three runs came in. W. Kiley relieved him, and was hit hard, eight hits which turned into seven runs in the last four frames being charged against him.

Brown of Drayton Plains, turned in a new game in spite of the hot weather, leading the locals to seven hits, all singles.

Although both teams played sluggish ball, and there were no exceptionally long hits, the Drayton Plains' homer, did pile up an impressive total of seven runs. Their attack was led by Bales and Roubal who batted out two double tickets each. Neither team had an outstanding performer in the field. W. Kiley and Kelly paced the locals in hitting with two out of four each, and Demer tagged two in five attempts.

Birmingham		AB	R	H	E
Dwyer, cf		2	0	2	0
Jewell, ss		5	0	1	1
Moore, 3b		4	0	0	0
W. Kiley, 2b		4	0	1	0
Kelly, p		2	1	0	2
Forrester, 1b		4	0	0	1
J. Kiley, cf		4	1	0	0
Hunt, lf		2	1	0	0
Rumball, c		2	0	0	0
Schubert, c		1	0	0	0
Lincoln, rf		1	0	0	0
Total		31	3	7	3

Drayton Plains		AB	R	H	E
Hudson, cf		3	2	2	0
Bales, ss		5	2	3	0
Roehl, 3b		5	1	2	0
Waters, 2b		4	1	0	0
Johnson, 1b		4	1	1	0
Carl, cf		4	1	1	0
Kelly, p		2	1	0	0
Goyette, lf		3	1	0	0
Brown, p		4	1	1	0
Total		35	10	9	1

Hal Trosky never has made a home run in Detroit but has home of making at least one in three other August or September into the new field pavilion. St. Louis made only one in Boston and that was before Fenway Park was remodeled.

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