

LOCALS WIN ON CIRCUIT DRIVE IN 9TH FRAME

Moore's Smash Is Winning
Tally For Merchants
In Pontiac Game

A ninth inning circuit swat by Tom Moore, veteran shortstop, enabled the Birmingham Merchants to break a tie score and humble the Pontiac Motor-team, 4 to 3, in Sunday's encounter played at Springfield Park. Kelly, the local's star hurler, was invincible in the pinches, scattering the opponents' ten hits while his mates were connecting safely nine times.

Twice the experienced Kelly turned back the Pontiac clutch challenge without a run. In both the sixth and seventh innings Pontiac loaded the bases but failed to tally, the local moundman forcing the batters to pop up or strike out each time.

Moore, who committed both errors made by the locals, one of them permitting a run to cross the platter, redeemed himself in Frank Meriwell fashion when he eluded a pitch out of the park after two were away in the final frame. Zagar, however, was the leading slugger for the home club, driving out a triple and two singles to take the honors. For the visitors, Moreback and Zuclic were the hitting stars, each player banging out two singles in four trips to the plate.

The Pontiac team scored one run in the first inning when Cheslik, the first man up, hit a sharp double, and then scored on Barkham's hit. Birmingham tied the score in the second frame when Kelly hit safely, and scored on Zagar's triple. Both teams went scoreless until the eighth inning when the Pontiac team scored two runs and the Merchants duplicated the feat on hits by Cox, Schack and Zagar.

Pontiac went scoreless in the first half of the ninth frame, and the first two batters for Birmingham were retired in order. Moore found a pitch to his liking and

broke up the ball game with a long home run.
Zuclic, Cheslik and Casper formed the battery for the Pontiac team while Kelly and Bill Kelly did the mound duty for the locals. The locals touched Zuclic for four hits and one run in six innings and got to Cheslik for five hits and three runs in the last three frames.

It was announced that the Merchants will play Utica at Springfield Park this coming Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Manager Joe LeFave is greatly encouraged over the winning spirit and teamwork shown by the squad recently and predicts that the club will win games of its remaining games. To date the Merchants have won three and lost four.

STROUP'S LEAD IN SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Fellowship Club Must Win
Final Game To Gain
1st Place Tie

Completing their schedule in the local YMCA softball league, Stroup's Team defeated Hi-Y 6 to 3 Monday night at Barnum Field and took the lead among the five outfits competing in the circuit here. They are one-half game ahead of the Fellowship squad, who must cap their final encounter to gain a tie with Stroups.

Fellowship will terminate its schedule this week, playing De Molay. A win will give them a season mark of nine won and one lost, identical with the standing of the Stroup contingent. Should they win, Fellowship must play a play-off series with Stroup's to determine the league championship.

The other three clubs in the circuit, Peck's, DeMolay, and Hi-Y will also complete their schedules this week. At present, the Peck team is in third place.

With the closing of the regular league schedule here, an all-star team, representing the last players on the five clubs will play a series of five games with out of town competitors. It was disclosed that two games with Rochester, one with Harvester of Detroit, and two with undisclosed teams from Pontiac have been scheduled.

Around The Circuit — AMERICAN LEAGUE —

How many of the seventy-two teams placed in the minor leagues on option this year will be recalled by American League clubs this fall?

Only two clubs, Detroit and Washington, exercised their right to go the limit by optioning fifteen players each. Detroit has several out who may aid the Tigers next year or the season following. First baseman Rudy York is hitting .332 for Milwaukee, having driven in 83 runs. Outfielder Chet Laabs, also with Milwaukee, has made 25 home runs and driven in 83 runs, although batting but .309. Outfielder Bates, recently transferred from Montreal to Indianapolis, is hitting .333. Infielder English is batting .347 for Toledo. Shortstop Wilburn 306 for Milwaukee. Of the Tiger pitchers farmed out, Clyde Hatter and McLaughlin are doing the best, each winning eight and losing five, the former for Milwaukee, the latter for Beaumont.

Pitchers Lananhan and the veteran Alex McCall each has won eleven and lost eight for Chattanooga. Lananhan probably will be recalled by Washington. Petrolia, another Nat, has won four and lost none for the Lookouts. Infielder Mahle is batting .317 for Chattanooga. Edalila, the Cuban, is hitting .299 for Albany. Pitcher Orin Rogers has won only three while losing eight games for York but also plays in the outfield, hitting .292.

Boston, with twelve men out on option, finds four going well in either Class A or Double-A leagues. Outfielder Deal is hitting .317 and Outfielder Graham is batting .325. Both are with Little Rock. First baseman Dahlgron is the owner of a .312 mark at Syracuse, and don't be surprised if Boston recalls him soon. Pitcher Manuel Salvo has won twelve and lost six for San Diego.

Half of Chicago's farm hands are making good. Ira Hutchinson has won eight and lost but two for St. Paul. John Salveson has won eleven and lost four for Los Angeles and has batted .317. He always could hit. Marshall Mauldin, outfielder, is batting .305 for Knoxville while Vernon Washington is hitting .381 for St. Paul.

Cleveland has only four players out on option. Outfielder Gleason is compiling an average of .323 with New Orleans. Carson is hitting .303 with Toledo and Catcher George 277 with Minneapolis.

Connie Mack has three farm hands making good in the minors — Pitcher Cather of Portland who has won sixteen and lost seven, Catcher Conroy, who has batted .339 for Houston and Outfielder Malihu who is hitting .329 for Atlanta. Connie also has an option on Pitcher Almon Williams, who has won nine and lost three for Atlanta.

New York's best prospect appears to be Pitcher James Tobin who has been victorious in ten games while losing five for Oakland. First baseman McQuinn is hitting .312 at Toronto but the Yankees have a fair sacker in Lou Gehrig. Pitcher Sandra is likely to receive a trial next Spring. He has won five and lost three with Newark. Of course, Vito Tamulis will be back from Newark but, because of illness, he does little for Newark this season.

St. Louis optioned players are in danger as well. Catcher Heath is batting .269 for Toronto. Outfielder Maxera 253 for San Antonio and Pitcher Wainup has won four and lost six for the Santones.

Umpire Cal Hubbard of the American League never has seen two of his colleagues, Clarence (Brick) Owens and John Quinn.

Bump Hadley of the Yankees has tied the American League record for 1936 by winning his eighth game in a row.

Bruce Campbell of Cleveland and Rip Radcliff of Chicago are the only American League batters to make six hits in a game this year. Lou Gehrig is the only one to score five runs in a single contest while those grabbing five hits in a game are Cliff, Larry and Solters of St. Louis, Crossetti and Fred Walker of the Yankees, Mowbray of Athletics and Trosky and Sullivan of the Indians.

Ed Coleman of the Browns has walked six times when sent up as a pinch hitter this season. Looks as if the opposing pitchers gave him no chance to hit.

Jim Bottomley, the veteran St. Louis first sacker, leads the American League with five unassisted double plays.

Jack Saltzger, Yankee utility infielder, has been sent in twice as a pinch hitter, this season. Each time he drew a pass.

DID YOU KNOW

THAT Allen Cooke of Boston and Carl Reynolds of Washington are the only American League pinch hitters to come through with home runs?

THAT Estalila, recently of Washington, and Al Bejma of St. Louis are the only pinch batters this year to hit two triples.

THAT Tommy Bridges of Detroit had won five straight when beaten by New York, July 16. But then, the Yankees never were "cousins" for Tommy.

THAT Cliff and Solters have made eleven of the eighteen home runs made by the St. Louis Browns at home.

THAT Gordon Rhodes of the Athletics had beaten the Cleveland Indians three straight this season before losing to Mel Harder, last week.

THAT Jack Knott was charged with two defeats by Boston on successive days and Jimmy DeShong had the same fate when tackling Chicago White Sox the same two days. Each started on July 15 and each acted as a relief pitcher on the following day. No luck either afternoon.

THAT Lou Finney, outfielder and first baseman, is the only survivor of Connie Mack's last pennant winning team. And, he played in only nine games with the Athletics that year.

THAT Billy Sullivan of the Indians has caught and played first and third bases, left and center fields this season.

That Bill Dickey has made four home runs off Vic Sorrell of Detroit this season; that Lou Gehrig has made the same number off Lloyd Brown of Cleveland and Jimmy Fox has made three off Cain of the White Sox.

THAT Elton Hoesett has registered three victories over the pace-setting Yankees this season, losing the first time he tallied them.

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THAT the White Sox have a fondness for players whose name is Vernon. For instance, Vernon Kennedy, Vernon Washington and now Vernon Wilshire.

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