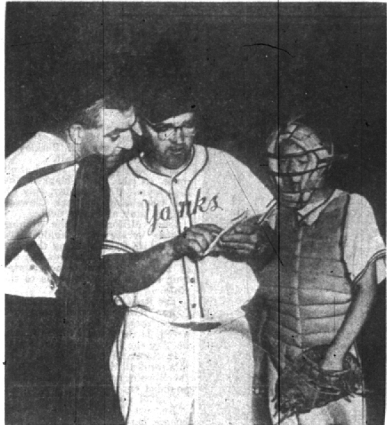


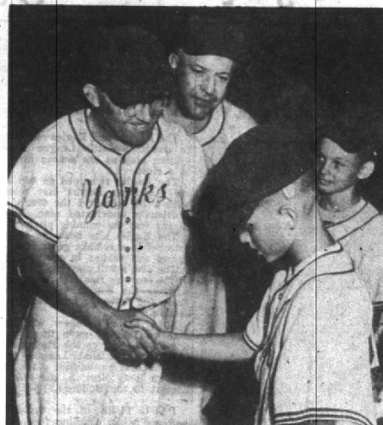
There's Nothing Small About Little League!



YANKEE MANAGER ROLLIE WALTON CHECKS RULES
Umpire, Yankee Catcher Dave McManus ponder point



MIKE JACKSON'S INJURY BRINGS CONCERN
Manager Paul Jackson, Phil Isbell give first aid



MANAGER, COACH CONGRATULATE KENT RATHBURN
Play rewarded by Walton, Harry Muenchinger



BENCH WARMERS WAIT FOR THEIR TURN TO SHOW STUFF

Left to right, John Wischman, Bill Coffin, Fred Coffin and Doug Walton
(Photos by Dean Coffin)

Back to Normal Living For League Parents

By DEAN COFFIN

Move over, Mom, and give your old man a little more space on the glider. My, it does seem pleasant to sit out here at six o'clock. Yes ma'am, the Little League season is over. The closing games on the regular schedule have all been played. Our hero has swung his last at the elusive pill. The final run has crossed the plate. The terminal tear has dropped from the eye of the last disappointed young man. There remains only the echo of the cheers of winner and loser for one another.

It was a remarkable season indeed. But where do they get this "little" stuff? There was nothing "little" about it. Those kids! They bunted and swatted, pitched and caught, fielded and ran like Big time. They were every inch a Tiger, an Indian, a Giant. We saw one ball hawk make a diving catch over second that tumbled fathers of bleachers and brought mothers to their feet with a scream.

ONE HOUSEFRA! We know went from a tiny wispy meek little voice to a regular train raler's cry. She now has a beautiful big baritone, with the overtones of a maddened moose. Night after night in those bleachers this lovely little lady built up to a

voice that today can crack china.

And the laundry got bigger as the season went by. In the average home of the average Little League star, the bath water used to remove the dust of the diamond would float the USS MISSOURI.

The only thing that did any shrinking was Pop. There wasn't a crumb of dimer served on the day of a game until junior returned dusty and wet with dirt and sweat. Only then did the old man get his oats. One father we know lost twelve pounds during the season. Oh, those nine o'clock noddies.

IT WAS A spectacular season, wasn't it, Mom? Remember how consistently little Oscar sat on

the bench, the first part of the season? You took enough splinters out of his pants to keep a restaurant in toothpicks for a year. You wanted to write that coach a letter, but grimly sat it out. Then that glorious evening when he finally connected. That was a big evening. There were many like that, and dozens of fathers who lost that stoop shouldered, office look.

The monthly statement from the drug store got bigger, too. Tape and liniment, and other things, too... not for the little boy but the big one, who just had to help Willie work out before the game. We know another father who can't lift a feather with his right arm anymore. His son tried out for catcher, and made it, too. Unfortunately, Pop is a salesman. Haven't shaken anyone's hand since June.

WELL, MOM, this Little League is a big idea all right. Haven't seen so much exciting baseball in one season since I pitched for the Seward A. C. Say—here's a big idea: next year we can improve little Manfred's batting eye if we use our heads. Sure, Mom—I'll pitch to him, and we'll get you a catcher's mask. We've got this thing made!

Let's write our boy's manager and coaches a note: "Thanks for a big job well done."

LEAGUE LEADERS

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Player	Team	Games	Runs	Hits	RBIs	Home Runs	Stolen Bases	Errors	Fielding %
F. Coffin, cf	Pirates	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
McManus, c	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Walton, m	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Muenchinger, 2b	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Isbell, 1b	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Laake, cf	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
R. Coffin, cf	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
F. Coffin, cf	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Jackson, c	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Dunham, ss	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Sherrill, p	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Isbell, 1b	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Morse, of	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Ward, cf	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Smith, 2b	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Hengeman, cf	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Clare, cf	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Yankees	Yankees	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

ALLSTARS

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Player	Team	Games	Runs	Hits	RBIs	Home Runs	Stolen Bases	Errors	Fielding %
Stanton, cf	Pirates	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Jacobson, cf	Pirates	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Moore, p	Pirates	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Schaefer, p	Pirates	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Walker, cf	Pirates	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Harner, cf	Pirates	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
LaRose, 2b	Pirates	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Harner, cf	Pirates	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Devine, cf	Pirates	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

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