

Decatur Little League Elects Officers; Will Revive Farm System

Newly elected officers of the Decatur Little League and representatives from the six league baseball teams drafted plans Wednesday night to re-establish the farm system for the 1960 season, allowing more youths the opportunity to play baseball.

The election of officers also took place with Lawrence Beal reelected as president. Others who were reelected are Ed Kauffman, first vice president; Al Beavers, second vice president; Norm Steury, treasurer; Pete Reynolds, publicity; Bob Worthman and Bill McColl, player agents; and David Macklin, legal advisor. Elmer

Winteregg, Jr., third vice president, and Bob Wall, secretary, were the new officers chosen by the group.

Crowded Agenda

Primary topics on the agenda were the lack of two team managers; worn out equipment for several teams; the number of boys being turned away each year; and the possible changing of playing dates.

Beal contacted one of last year's coaches to take the reigns of the Senators ball club, and has an answer pending on the management of the pennant winning Yan-

kees.

Rollie Ladd, who managed the Yanks since their inception in Decatur Little League, bowed out last year. The Senators manager was transferred out of town as were two of his coaches. Beal said that both posts would be filled by Feb. 10.

R. O. Wynn, president of the Pony League, told the group that most of the money in the league's account would have to be expended for needed equipment, especially catching gear, for several teams this season. He also agreed with the farm system plan and said that about \$450 would be needed to furnish the boys with hats and shirts.

Major League Style

The farm system, as outlined at last night's meeting, would be styled after the major league system. Any boy trying out for the parent club will be given an opportunity to play with the farm club. The farm team will carry the same name as the parent club, but will play its games in the mornings, probably with the same schedule as the parent team. In effect, fans would be treated to a triple header on playing dates with one game in the morning and two in the evening.

While all plans are tentative, Bob Worthman and Bill McColl will actually supervise this farm system and will be assisted by older high school boys with a desire to coach a team. Perhaps two boys could handle one team, including naming the starting line-ups, the batting orders, etc. These details remain to be worked out with Worthman and McColl, who conduct the summer recreational program at Worthman field.

Another major change in Little League proceedings will be an attempt to have the games played on Tuesday and Thursday nights. In the past, the games were on Tuesday and Friday nights, but the Friday games conflicted with ideas of some parents who liked to enjoy a long weekend at the lake. This also met with approval of the managers at the opening session.

The "hot stove league" really got glowing after the meeting with talks of trades and line-up changes filling the air. Most of

Three Games Remaining In EWV League

Only three games remain to be played in the Eastern Wabash Valley conference, with the Adams Central Greyhounds having already clinched at least a tie for the conference championship.

The Greyhounds have completed their loop schedule with four victories and one defeat. The Berne Bears have a chance to tie for the title Saturday afternoon, when they meet the Ossian Bears in the annual homecoming feature at the Berne gym. Berne has a 3-1 record in the league, Ossian a 2-1 mark.

The Geneva Cardinals, who also have a chance to tie for the crown, meet Ossian at Ossian Feb. 12 in the final EWV game.

The league's cellar dwellers will be determined Friday night, when Lancaster Central plays at Monmouth. Both teams are 0-4 in the loop.

Phil Springer, of Berne, is the conference's leading scorer with 83 points in four games. Jim Brown, of Adams Central, is second with 67, and Larry Foreman, Adams Central, third with 64.

Standings of the league teams and top scorers for each team, follow:

	Con.	All Gms.	W	L	W	L
Adams Central	4	1	11	4	1	11
Berne	3	1	12	3	1	12
Geneva	3	1	11	4	1	11
Ossian	2	1	12	3	1	12
Lancaster Central	0	4	3	8	0	4
Monmouth	0	4	2	11	0	4
Adams Central — Steiner, 38; Brown, 67; Foreman, 64; Jerry Funk, 38; Striker, 35; Hirsch, 23.						
Berne — Springer, 83; Schwartz, 60; Smith, 30; Hill, 24; Graber, 17; Von Gunten, 18.						
Geneva — Long, 35; Laux, 47; Larry Baumer, 45; Dynes, 20; Springer, 13; Jim Baumer, 17.						
Lancaster Central — Kruetzman, 35; Stuff, 49; Isch, 32; Fox, 24; M. Macon, 21; S. Macon, 19.						
Monmouth — Bultemeier, 49; Dick Bulmahn, 28; Brown, 23; Singleton, 23; E. Bulmahn, 12; L. Bieberich, 9.						
Ossian — Archbold, 43; Geisel, 40; D. Gemmer, 37; Kreigh, 31; Smith, 23; Woodward, 11.						

Bowling Scores

Women's Minor League	W	L	Pts.
Petrie Oil	5	1	7
Pastime Music	5	1	6
Burke Insurance	4	2	5
Treon's	4	2	5
Krick-Tyndall	4	2	5
Kent Realty	2	4	4
Arnold Lumber	2	4	2
First State Bank	2	4	2
Citizens Telephone	1	5	1
Girardot Standard	0	6	0
High games: M. Mills, 179; M. Koos, 175; J. Voglewede, 170; E. Fleming, 168; J. Hoffman, 165; D. Affolder, 161.			
Note: M. Ladd converted the 3-10 split.			

the teams face a rebuilding process, as usual, as the 12-year-olds have graduated to the Pony League competition.

More Boys To Play

Commenting on the farm system idea, Beal said the plan should allow more boys to play under organized supervision and promote the league a little better in Decatur. He also hoped that a few more parents would volunteer their services to assist with the morning games. He said that any parent team who loses a boy through illness or vacation could then dip into the farm team for a replacement, which is something that couldn't be done in the past and provided the basis for a great many arguments when a manager did seek a substitute.

Beal said that a meeting would be called for mid-February at which time all the managers would be announced, and plans cemented for the farm system and other details, including setting up the 1960 playing schedule.

Week's Schedules For Adams County Basketball Teams

Friday
Berne at Commodores.
Yellow Jackets at Angola.
Pennville at Adams Central.
Lancaster Central at Monmouth.
Pleasant Mills at Willshire.
Hartford vs South Whitley at Berne.

Saturday
Huntington at Yellow Jackets.
Ossian at Berne (2 p.m.).
Hartford vs South Whitley at Berne.

High School Basketball

Huntington Catholic 64, Indianapolis Sacred Heart 58.
Indianapolis Manual 89, Indianapolis Washington 62.
East Chicago Washington 95, Gary Froebel 75.
Valparaiso 61, Gary Mann 55.
Wabash Valley Tourney Quarter Finals
At Brazil

Brazil 52, North Salem 48.
Plainfield 64, Glenn 55.
At Clinton

Covington 66, Rockville 65.
Hutsonville, Ill. 57, Clinton 47.

At Sullivan

Honey Creek 53, Decker Chapel 52.
Carlisle 35, Sandborn 34.

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