

Decatur's Major Leaguer? Harley Has The Chance

By JACK HELLER

It's a long way from the Decatur Little League to the world series, but that's the road Harley Wolfe wants to take. And the big, strong right-hander is over one of the big obstacles on that road. There are a lot of other blocks still in the way, but with a contract from the Cleveland Indians baseball club already signed, and a lot of determination, Harley plans to give it a "whale of a try."

Nine years ago, Harley started playing organized baseball in Decatur with the local Little League during its first year. It wasn't the first baseball for the soft-spoken Decatur high graduate, though. Brother Joe Wolfe, also a pitcher for the Yellow Jackets later, had already taken Harley under his wing and started his pitching education. Additional help along the way came from Rollie Ladd, Al and John Gilling, and Bill McColly.

From Little League, the path led through two years of Pony League, three years of American Legion ball, and four years of varsity high school baseball. At present, Harley is pitching for the W and W Gravel team in the Fort Wayne Junior Federation League. It was here that Nap Rose, scout supervisor for the Indians, saw the local pitcher.

The scout, tipped off by Bernie Coch, of New Haven, came to Fort Wayne to watch Harley. Getting to finish up the game, Wolfe struck out seven of the eight batters he



He also blasted a 400-foot triple. The scout watched one more performance by Wolfe, and was at his home in Decatur the next day with a bonus and a contract.

Long Time Dream

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wolfe, Harley has been planning on playing baseball all his life. For many years, he was a New York Yankee fan, but Harley states with a grin that he recently changed the team he was rooting for.

All of his baseball career has been spent on the mound and around the shortstop slot. The shortstop came when Harley wasn't pitching, and the coach

wanted to take advantage of his very potent bat.

Scout Ross has already told Harley that if he doesn't make the big time as a pitcher, he has a good chance to play somewhere else because of his big bat. This spring, with the Decatur high school team, besides being the pitching mainstay, Wolfe led the team in batting, made the all-conference team and was elected team captain. A .316 batting average strengthens the fact that he has always been a good hitter.

Standing six foot three inches, Harley has the size to make the grade in the major leagues. Also, a rarity for a pitcher, he has never been troubled with a sore arm. Besides the four years of high school baseball, Wolfe played two seasons of football. He is presently employed by Decatur Industries.

While he could not disclose the amount of the bonus, Wolfe's contract, beginning next May, will pay him \$350 per month, plus expenses. He will fly to Daytona Beach, Fla., next spring for the spring training camp. From there he will either stick with the top team or be sent to one of the Indians minor league teams for more experience.

Pitching Coach

To help groom him for the potent major league bats, the Indians will send a pitching coach to Decatur this summer to help Wolfe develop some different pitches. Right now, he has three different tosses

—fast, faster, and don't get in the way or it may kill you. While the fast ball will probably always be his best pitch, the Indians want him to develop the curves, sliders and screwballs that upset the batters' rhythm and make a good pitcher great.

When asked what he would do with the bonus, Harley displayed his practical side. He has a car to pay off, and the rest goes in the bank.

His life's desire has been to make the big time. When asked what his goal is now, he says, "first of all, to be good enough to stick. Then can come a no-hitter, a 20-win season and a world series—in any order."

It is still a long way away. But Harley has his foot in the door, and a lot of friends around Decatur will be rooting for him. Rooting for a modest young man with a strong right arm to pitch his way to the top.

Fairway Par Fives Defeated At Wabash

The Fairway Par Fives of Decatur lost their first game in the Wabash net tourney to strong County's of Fort Wayne Saturday, 60-43. Although Gouty's started 7-1 Mike McCoy, 6-9 Bob Blackledge, and 6-5 Tom Bolyard, Decatur held its own on the backboards. Norb Witte took care of McCoy under the basket, and he rebounded well with assistance from John Frey and Larry Foreman.

The second quarter was the Decatur team's downfall. Tom "The Bomb" Bolyard and Jimmy Rayl, the thin man from Kokomo, started firing and Gouty's stretched a first quarter lead of 14-11 to 34-17. Decatur played the Fort Wayne team even the rest of the way but they couldn't cut down on the 17 point lead.

Gouty's	FG	FT	TP
Bolyard	7	2	16
Barrett	1	2	4
Blackledge	0	2	2
McCoy	7	0	14
Scott	3	0	6
Rayl	8	0	16
Stavetti	1	0	2
Totals	27	6	60
Fairway	FG	FT	TP
Frey	2	0	4
A. Conrad	0	0	0
Foreman	3	0	6
Witte	4	4	12
Walls	2	1	5
W. Conrad	0	0	0
Jim Price	2	2	6
Baxter	0	0	0
Jerry Price	1	3	5
Butler	0	0	0
Shraluka	2	1	5
Totals	16	11	43

Results Are Listed In Morning League

The White Sox defeated the Senators, 11-3, and the Yankees whipped the Tigers, 20-6, in Morning league games today at Worthman field. Wednesday's schedule: 8:30, Indians vs Red Sox; 10, White Sox vs Yankees. Today's line scores:

	R	H	E
Senators	300	0	3
White Sox	434	x	11
Baxter and Azbell; Fisher and Birch.			
	R	H	E
Tigers	112	2	6
Yankees	380	3	20
D. Williams, H. Hutker, Magamen and Raudenbush, S. Magamen; Hilyard and Noack.			

SPORTS

McMillen Leading In Softball League

McMillen has a one-half game lead in the City Softball league over Klenk's, according to standings released today:

	W	L	Pct.
McMillen	6	1	.857
Klenk	5	1	.833
Tonys	4	1	.800
Preble	1	6	.143
Merchants	1	6	.143

This week's schedule finds Klenk's playing Preble at 8:15 to night, with a doubleheader Friday pitting Tonys' against Klenk's and McMillen against the Merchants. The first game Friday starts at 7 o'clock.

In league play last week, Tony's Tap won two games and the Merchants won their first game of the season.

Tuesday, Tony's defeated the Merchants, 13-5. Lehrman and Busse were the battery for Tony's and Worden and West hurred for the Merchants, with John McAhren catching.

Wednesday, McMillen defeated Preble Spouting by 8-3. Stevens did the pitching for McMillen, with Grafton catching and Mentor, Bulterier and Wefel were the battery for Preble.

Tony's won their second game of the week defeating the Merchants, 12-1 Thursday. Lehrman and Busse did the catching. Andrews and McAhren did the honors for the Merchants.

In the Friday doubleheader, the Merchants defeated Preble 10-7, to win their first game of the season, and Klenk's edged McMillen, 7-6 in 10 innings. Worden pitched and McAhren caught for the Merchants and Bulterier and Mentor hurred for Preble with Wefel catching.

In the nightcap, Hoopengardner and Rowden were the Klenk battery. Stevens and Canales hurred for McMillen with Bluhm doing the backstopping.

MAJOR League Results

	W	L	Pct.	G.B.
New York	43	26	.623	—
Cleveland	42	28	.600	1½
Baltimore	44	33	.571	3
Chicago	39	34	.534	6
Detroit	34	37	.479	10
Washington	31	38	.449	12
Kansas City	27	45	.375	17½
Boston	26	45	.366	18

	W	L	Pct.	G.B.
Pittsburgh	44	28	.611	—
Milwaukee	40	31	.563	3½
San Francisco	39	33	.542	5
St. Louis	37	37	.500	8
Los Angeles	36	37	.493	8½
Cincinnati	35	37	.486	9
Philadelphia	30	44	.405	15
Chicago	28	42	.400	15

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

National League
Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh 1.
Philadelphia 3, San Francisco 2 (11 innings).
Cincinnati 13, Chicago 8.
St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 1.
American League
Kansas City 10, Boston 6.
Cleveland 12, Washington 2.
New York 7, Detroit 6.
Chicago 8, Baltimore 7.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

National League
Los Angeles 6, Pittsburgh 2.
Milwaukee 4, St. Louis 3 (14 innings).
Chicago 7, Cincinnati 5.
San Francisco 11, Philadelphia 5.
American League
New York 7-6, Detroit 6-2.
Cleveland 5-11, Washington 2-5.
Chicago 2, Baltimore 1 (11 innings).
Boston 13, Kansas City 2.

MONDAY'S RESULTS

National League
Cincinnati 5-2, Philadelphia 0-5.
Milwaukee 7-2, Pittsburgh 6-7 (1st game 10 innings).
St. Louis 6-4, Los Angeles 2-5.
San Francisco 4-1, Chicago 0-1 (2nd game tie, called after 14 innings, darkness).
American League
Boston 10-6, Baltimore 7-8.
Detroit 3-3, Chicago 0-3.
Cleveland 4-7, Kansas City 0-4.
Washington 9, New York 8.

All-Star Pony Candidates Are Listed Today

Managers of the six Adams county Pony League teams have announced their candidates for the league's all-star team, which will again be entered in the state playoffs.

The first practice session for these all-star candidates will be held at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Worthman field, and all candidates are requested to be present.

From this group, a team of 15 players will be selected, plus three alternates.

Candidates, as selected by their managers, are as follows:

Monmouth — Don Brown, Gene Bouck, Kenny Scherer and Terry Battenberg.

Berne — P. Habegger, Fred Clauser, R. Lautzenheiser and Daniel.

Decatur Cardinals — Greg Ladd, Danny Lose, Jim McGill and Dave Anspaugh.

Monroe — Tony Ehrsmann and Jim Hill.

Geneva — M. Newcomer and J. Walker.

Decatur Braves — Ed Kohne, Max Elliott, Ron Rowland, Denny Cookson, Dick Omlor and Len Corral.

Baseball Schedule

LITTLE LEAGUE
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m.—Senators vs White Sox, Tigers vs Yankees.
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.—Red Sox vs Indians, Yankees vs White Sox.

Farm Teams
Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.—Senators vs White Sox, Tigers vs Yankees.
Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.—Indians vs Red Sox, White Sox vs Yankees.
Thursday, 8:30 a.m.—Red Sox vs Indians, Yankees vs White Sox.

PONY LEAGUE
Tuesday—Braves at Monmouth, Berne at Monroe.

Thursday—Braves at Berne, Friday — Cardinals at Monroe, Geneva at Monmouth.

**New National Record
On \$2 Bet Payoff**
SALEM, N.H. (UPI) — The New Hampshire Jockey Club today claimed a new national record for a payoff on a \$2 bet.

The club reported that a better Monday collected \$33,149.40 under the "pic-six" type of wagering. The winner picked six winners out of six races at Rockingham Park.

Main League Leaders

By United Press International
American League
Player & Club G. AB R H Pct.
Runnels, Bos. 69 274 48 92 336
Gentile, Balt. 70 174 37 57 328
Minoza, Chi. 73 276 43 90 326
Lopez, N. Y. 55 177 31 57 322
Maris, N. Y. 66 249 51 80 321
Kuenn, Clev. 66 253 42 81 320
Skwrn, N. Y. 63 243 24 77 317
Smith, Chi. 72 277 40 87 314
Power, Clev. 64 251 31 76 303
Piersal, Clev. 61 214 37 63 294

National League
Mays, S. F. 73 280 66 104 371
Larker, L. A. 58 173 25 59 341
Groat, Pitts. 73 318 49 105 330
Ashburn, Chi. 71 268 54 87 325
Climke, Pitts. 70 287 46 93 324
White, St. L. 73 290 42 92 317
Wills, L. A. 70 192 28 60 313
Skeiner, Pitts. 72 275 55 85 309
Walters, Phi. 65 233 29 72 309
Kirkland, S. F. 73 269 33 82 305
Adcock, Mil. 59 220 24 67 305

American League—Maris, Yankees 64; Gentile, Orioles 55; Skowron, Yankees 51; Minoza, White Sox 50.

National League—Banks, Cubs 69; Mays, Giants 64; Aaron, Braves 62; Cepeda, Giants 56; Clemente, Pirates 53.

Home Runs
American League—Maris, Yankees 25; Lemon, Senators 20; Mantle, Yankees 20; Held, Indians 14; Williams, Red Sox 14; Colavito, Tigers 14.

National League—Banks, Cubs 23; Aaron, Braves 22; Boyer, Cards 19; Mays, Giants 18; Mathews, Braves 16; Cepeda, Giants 16.

Pitching
American League—Coates, Yankees 9-0; Brown, Orioles 7-2; Perry, Indians 9-3; Grant, Indians 6-2; Daley, Athletics 11-4.

National League—Roebuck, 6-1; Law, Pirates 11-3; Williams, Dodgers 7-2; Farrell, Phils 6-2; Buhl, Braves 8-3; Purkey, Reds 8-3.

Winners Are Listed For Archery Shoot

Winners in the American round shoot held by the Lumberlost archery and conservation club Sunday at Worthman field were awarded medals in the first, second and third places in each class.

In the men's instinctive division, class A, winners were Jack Householder, Fort Wayne; Larry Stevens, Decatur, and Al Huston, Decatur. Winners in class B were Dick Rambo, Decatur; Ed Kime, Fort Wayne, and Harold Nash, Decatur. Winners in class C were Bob LaBrun, Rockford, O.; Bob Beatrice of Redkey, and Bob Wendel of New Corydon.

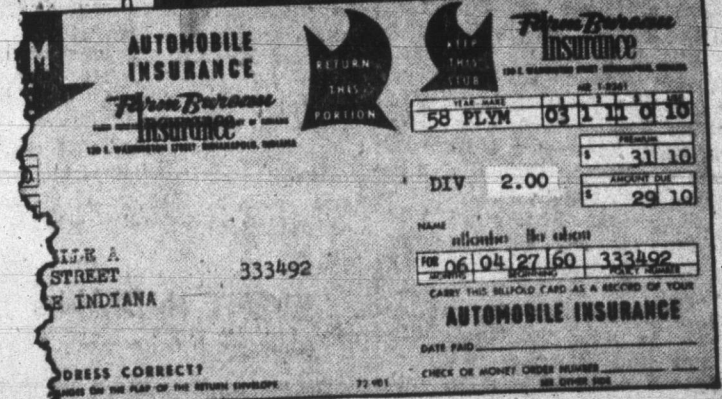
In the women's instinctive division, Mrs. Ed Kime, Fort Wayne, was the class A winner and Mrs. Bob Beatrice, Redkey, the class B winner. In the junior boys' instinctive division, Ervin Lengerich, Decatur, was the class A winner, and Phillip Lengerich, Decatur, the class B winner. Frank Sardella, Bluffton, was the winner in the men's free style (low sight) division.

The club's next shoot will be held Sunday, July 24, at the outdoor range west of Decatur. Further details will be announced later.

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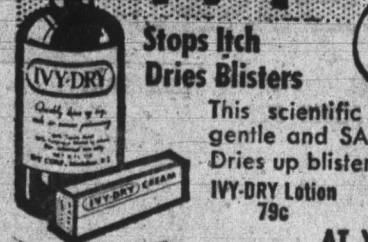
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