

Senators Take County Little League Title

Defeat Red Sox 1-0 In Pitcher's Duel Saturday Night

The smallest guy in the league won the biggest game of the season for the Senators of the Decatur Little League Saturday night. Dave Knittle, who just turned nine and doesn't quite reach four feet in height, cracked out a line drive single right field in the second inning of the championship game to give the Senators a 1-0 victory over the Red Sox.

Not many of the people who filled the bleachers at Worthman Field Saturday night even dreamed of seeing such a thrilling show put on by a bunch of kids between the ages of nine and twelve, but most of them went away stunned.

Only Run

The only run of the game was scored by the Senators in the second inning when Gary Pettibone led off with a single between short and third. Tony Kohn, after trying twice to lay down a bunt, finally struck out, but John Meeks hit a line drive over second. Steve Catt ran the count to full, but then struck out on a half-swing third strike. Up came little Dave Knittle, son of Carey Knittle, and most everyone thought the inning was over. Dave, the ninth man in the batting order, hit the first ball Red Sox pitcher Paul Mankey threw to him like a rifle shot over the second baseman's head into right field to score Pettibone. No one knew it at the time, but little Dave, with one mighty swing of his bat, had won the county championship for the Senators.

Senators Threaten

The Senators threatened in the first inning when shortstop Slimmy Hain walked after two were out and continued on to second when the pitch that was the fourth ball got away. Denny Baker, Senator hurler, made his only out of the night when he grounded out to Red Sox shortstop Pat Werst, to end the inning. In the third inning, after Don Feasel led off by popping out to Werst, Hain ran the count to three and two and then walked for the second straight time, one the next pitch. Baker then laced one between short and third and the Senators had runners on first and second with only one out. Gary Pettibone worked Mankey for a 3-2 count.

On Mankey's next pitch Pettibone hit a long drive to right field that was found by inches, but then he struck out on the next pitch. Tony Kohn popped out to Werst to end the inning.

The Senators almost added an insurance run in the fifth inning when Don Feasel, Friday night's pitching victor, hit a slow roller into left field with one out. After Hain flied out to Lon Hawkins in right field, Baker smacked his second hit of the night into center field with Feasel advancing to third. When the throw to third got away, Feasel took off for home, but was nabbed at the plate in a close play.

Two Scoring Chances

The Sox had only two real scoring threats, one in the third inning and another in the fifth. Steve Smith led off the third inning with the first hit for the Sox. Hawkins then laid down a beautiful sacrifice bunt to move Smith to second. The inning ended though when Cass struck out and Mankey grounded out.

In the fifth inning, Dave Baughn reached second on a base error, the only error of the game. Bill Borrow was sent in to run for Baughn, but was thrown out on the next pitch while trying to steal third. Mike McGill, pinchhitter,

Junior High's Football Fund

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Decatur Daily Democrat	50.00
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Kohne Window & Awning Co	5.00
TOTAL	\$287.00

ting for Cass, led off the last inning for the Sox, but Baker promptly struck out the side to nail down the victory.

Pitchers Superb

Both pitchers were superb, with Mankey allowing six hits and Baker only two. Mankey struck out six and walked three while Baker walked one, hit a batter and struck out nine.

Neither Loser

Although the Senators are the county tourney champions, neither the Senators or Red Sox lost Saturday. The Sox finished the season in third place in the league with a 7-10, 8-10 record, and the Senators finished in a tie for fourth with a 6-9 and 9-9 count. No one expected these two teams to be in the final game, but through hustle and determination, plus a little bit of that something extra that makes a team great, both teams battled their way into the final game and won the heart of the crowd that filled Worthman Field Saturday night by playing one of the finest little league games, or any game for that matter, that was ever played at Saturday, and Sunday.

State Inspected

The tenth annual exhibition of the old time threshers and saw mill operators will be held at the James Whitley farm on the Carroll road near Fort Wayne. The exhibition will open Thursday, August 18 and run through Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Old Time Threshers Exhibit August 18

The show is for the young and old and will include the famous makes of the steam engines, steam powered saw mills, a portable saw mill, an old country store, old time gas tractors, a steam popcorn wagon, andique automobiles, a stone grist mill, model engines, model threshers, model balers, a clint boom special, and many other famous and interesting attractions.

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All the engines are state inspected and pure drinking water with complete meals will be served on the grounds.

North Of Fort Wayne

The show grounds are located on the Carroll road, midway between U. S. 33 and State road 3, about 10 miles north of Fort Wayne. Directional signs will be posted on both highways directing the public to the fairgrounds. The admission price is 50¢ for adults and children will be admitted free.

Senators

The Senator's coaches, Bill Baker, Bob Mendez, Carey Knittle, Dave Baker, and Gene Pettibone are to be complimented for the fine job they did with their team. The Senators won their last three regular season games and four in the tourney. It took them most of the season to find a winning combination, but when it was found the Senators couldn't be stopped.

So congratulations go to Bill, Bob, Carey, Dave, and Gene and the Senators, the county little league champions.

SENIATORS AB R H E

	AB	R	H	E
August, c	3	0	0	0
Feasel, 2b	3	0	1	0
Hain, ss	1	0	0	0
Baker, p	3	0	2	0
G. Pettibone, cf	3	1	0	0
Kohne, 3b	2	0	0	0
Meeks, 1b	3	0	1	0
Dan Pettibone, If	1	0	0	0
Catt, If	2	0	0	0
Knittle, rf	2	0	1	1

RED SOX AB R H E

	AB	R	H	E
P. Mankey, p	3	0	0	0
Pierce, 2b	3	0	0	0
Werst, ss	3	0	0	0
Burger, c	1	0	1	0
Meyers, cf	2	0	0	0
Baughn, If	2	0	0	0

Totals 23 1 6 1

Pittsburgh AB R H E

	AB	R	H	E
St. Louis	63	49	563	6
Mankey, p	3	0	0	0
Pierce, 2b	3	0	0	0
Werst, ss	3	0	0	0
Burger, c	1	0	1	0
Meyers, cf	2	0	0	0
Baughn, If	2	0	0	0

St. Louis AB R H E

	AB	R	H	E
P. Mankey, p	3	0	0	0
Pierce, 2b	3	0	0	0
Werst, ss	3	0	0	0
Burger, c	1	0	1	0
Meyers, cf	2	0	0	0
Baughn, If	2	0	0	0

Los Angeles AB R H E

	AB	R	H	E
St. Louis	60	47	561	6½
Mankey, p	3	0	0	0
Pierce, 2b	3	0	0	0
Werst, ss	3	0	0	0
Burger, c	1	0	1	0
Meyers, cf	2	0	0	0
Baughn, If	2	0	0	0

San Francisco AB R H E

	AB	R	H	E
St. Louis	52	55	486	14½
Mankey, p	3	0	0	0
Pierce, 2b	3	0	0	0
Werst, ss	3	0	0	0
Burger, c	1	0	1	0
Meyers, cf	2	0	0	0
Baughn, If	2	0	0	0

Chicago AB R H E

	AB	R	H	E
St. Louis	42	66	389	25
Mankey, p	3	0	0	0
Pierce, 2b	3	0	0	0
Werst, ss	3	0	0	0
Burger, c	1	0	1	0
Meyers, cf	2	0	0	0
Baughn, If	2	0	0	0

Philadelphia AB R H E

	AB	R	H	E
St. Louis	43	68	387	25½
Mankey, p	3	0	0	0
Pierce, 2b	3	0	0	0
Werst, ss	3	0	0	0
Burger, c	1	0	1	0
Meyers, cf	2	0	0	0
Baughn, If	2	0	0	0

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