

Expansion Of Baseball For Boys Of City And County Revealed Today

By Pete Reynolds

(Sports Editor)

An expanded program of baseball opportunities for the boys of Decatur and Adams county was revealed today in an interview with R. O. Wynn, president of the Adams county Pony League, and for years one of Decatur's most ardent supporters of recreational activities for youth.

Rube, as he is affectionately known by boys and men alike for his unceasing devotion to better recreational facilities and programs for our youngsters, has been one of the spearheads of the baseball program for boys, from the ages of nine right on up through and beyond their high school careers.

Rube, along with the writer, and many other youth-minded men of the community, has been in on the ground floor of the baseball program for youngsters since the inception of the fine Little League program some eight years ago.

So it is only fitting that Rube should be the man happy to announce the program expansion today.

Expand Pony League

The Adams county Pony League will be expanded to eight teams for the 1961 season, with the addition of a third team in Decatur and the inclusion of Pleasant Mills in the county program.

The city's third Pony League team will enable 16 more 13 and 14-year-old boys of the city to continue play after they have exceeded the Little League age limit. These three teams should well take care of the boys who really love to play the national pastime.

Addition of Pleasant Mills will make the county league a well-balanced, eight-team loop, along with the three Decatur teams, Monroe, Monmouth, Berne and Geneva.

Further plans for this league, along with other matters, will be discussed at a meeting of the Decatur Little League, called by L. E. Beal, Little League president, for next Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the city hall. Decatur's Little League and Pony League teams are operated under joint supervision, and all financed through the generosity of Decatur business men, industries and indi-

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viduals, who all view the program as a great investment for the city's future.

High School League

Wynn, while busily working on details to expand the Pony League program, has also been highly instrumental in working with school officials throughout the county in recent weeks, and today was able to announce formation of a High School league which will begin operation during the summer of 1961.

The seven high schools in the county which field baseball teams during the regular school year, will be represented in next summer's league. These seven schools are Decatur, Decatur Catholic, Adams Central, Monmouth, Pleasant Mills, Berne and Geneva. Hartford Center high does not compete in baseball.

This league also may be expanded, as Bryant, Lancaster Central and Willshire, O., have shown definite interest in joining such a league next year. Other area schools which have also indicated interest include Hoagland, Monroe and Conroy, O. Details will be worked out at a meeting early this fall.

Morning League Teams

Continuation of the Morning League at Worthman field, started again last June after a lapse of several years, is also planned next year. The Morning league is made up of so-called farm teams of the Little League, and is made up principally of nine and 10-year-old boys who just failed to make the six parent teams.

The Morning league is supervised by Bob Worthman and Bill McColl, Decatur high school coaches and summer recreation supervisors at Worthman field under the Decatur public school system.

Kohne Batting Champ

Along with the plans for expansion, Wynn also found time to announce that Edward Kohne, a member of the league champion Decatur Braves during the past season, won the county Pony League batting championship with a terrific average of .600 for the 1960 season.

Kohne, a member of the Decatur Commodores varsity team this fall, will be awarded a certificate for the batting championship by the Louisville Slugger Co.

The Braves won the league title with an 11-4 season mark. The final standings:

	W	L	Pct.
Decatur Braves	11	4	.733
Berne	9	6	.600
Decatur Cardinals	8	7	.533
Monmouth	8	7	.533
Geneva	7	8	.467
Monroe	6	9	.400

Commodores Close Season With Victory

The Decatur Commodores closed out their 1960 baseball season Thursday afternoon with a 5-4 victory over the Adams Central Greyhounds at the new Decatur Catholic baseball field.

It was the fourth victory in five games for the Commodores, who lost only to Berne, the county champions.

Both teams scored three runs in the first inning, Adams Central on one hit and the Commodores on the fifth on a walk, a pair of stolen bases and an error.

Each team picked up single runs in the fourth inning and the Commodores tallied the winning run in the fifth on a walk, a pair of stolen bases and an error.

Adams Central AB R H
Strickler, p 5 0 0
Rowden, c 4 1 0
Mactlin, If 3 1 0
Hirsch, rf 1 0 0
Striker, ss 3 1 1
Parish, 3b 2 0 1
Knittle, 1b 2 1 0
McMillen, cf 2 0 0
Ehram, 2b 1 0 0
Mann, 2b 1 0 1
Hyer, 2b 0 0 0

TOTALS 24 4 3
Commodores AB R H
E. Kohne, rf 2 1 1
J. Kohne, 2b 2 1 1
S. Blythe, ss 3 1 0
T. Kohne, 1b 1 0 0
Omori, cf 4 0 2
Cancino, lf 2 0 0
Rumschlag, If 2 0 0
Baker, p 3 0 1
Kauffman, c 4 0 1
P. Lose, 3b 2 2 1

TOTALS 25 5 8
Score by innings:
Adams Central 300 100 0-4
Commodores 300 110 0-5

Berne Winner Of Conference, County Titles

The Berne-French Bears won the Eastern Wabash Valley conference and Adams county league baseball championships Thursday afternoon, defeating the Monmouth Eagles, 7-2, at Monmouth, as the fall season was brought to a close.

The Bears were undefeated during the season to capture both titles.

Baumgartner, Berne catcher, was the hitting star for the champions, pounding out two home runs, one with a mate on base in the first inning and the other a solo blast in the fifth. Berne added a pair of unearned runs in the third frame, and wound up the scoring with another pair in the seventh.

Monmouth scored both its runs in the fourth inning, but a double play on a sharp line drive with two men aboard halted the rally.

Berne-French AB R H
Herman, 3b 4 0 0
Inniger, p 4 2 2
Baumgartner, c 4 3 2
Schwartz, 1b 4 1 1
Smith, If 4 1 2
Augsburger, 2b 3 0 2
K. Habegger, rf 3 0 1
Bieberstein, rf 4 0 0
G. Habegger, cf 4 0 0
Stahly, ss 3 0 0

TOTALS 34 7 10
Monmouth AB R H
Spencer, 3b 2 1 1
Brown, ss 3 1 2
L. Bieberich, p 3 0 0
Kolter, c 3 0 1
Miller, cf 3 0 1

TOTALS 25 2 5
Score by innings:
Berne 200 010 2-7
Monmouth 000 200 0-2

Big Ten Teams Turn To Loop Play Saturday

CHICAGO (UPI)—Big Ten football teams, after the second most successful opening day in history—six wins and two ties—turn to conference warfare Saturday with two league contests and a third pseudo-league game slated.

Minnesota, a surprise victor over Nebraska in its opener, entertains Indiana in the "no count" game which could be one of the closest clashes of the day. It does not rate in Big Ten standings due to a conference penalty imposed on the Hoosiers for recruiting violations.

The legitimate conference matches move Iowa to Northwestern and Michigan to Michigan State. All three of the games involving conference clubs were close to even in odds. Minnesota was a touchdown favorite.

WILDEBEESTS SLIGHT FAVORITES

Northwestern opened as a 4-point choice over Iowa but, due to the loss of quarterback Dick Thornton, the game probably will be even by the kickoff. Coach Ara Parseghian plans to start little Bob Eickhoff to replace his No. 1 signal calling star. Eickhoff can run the same versatile offense that Parseghian planned to use with Thornton.

After Iowa's 22-12 opening day win over Oregon State, there was no question of the strength of the Hawkeye offense, sparked by junior quarterback Wilburn Hollis. But Coach Forest Evashevski was not pleased with his defense, and said inexperience might be harmful against Northwestern.

Michigan, though relying upon many sophomores, was a one-touchdown favorite to trim Michigan State, largely because the Wolverines downed Oregon easily in the opening game while Michigan State earned only a tie against Pittsburgh.

SOPHOMORES UNDER PRESSURE

But Coach Bump Elliott of the Wolverines will have to depend on sophomores for his offense again and they could be susceptible to pressure in a conference contest.

Michigan State boasts experienced hands at nearly every position and Coach Duffy Daugherty hoped they could cure the mistakes they made in the Pitt opener.

Purdue visits a neighborhood rival, Notre Dame, and the Irish, winners over California in the home opener, were a 2-point favorite over the Boilermakers, who tied with UCLA in the first game. But in the past 10 years, the home team has won only twice in the annual series, a psychological edge for Purdue.

Other non-conference games are Southern California, beaten twice in as many starts, at Ohio State with the Buckeyes an 11-point choice; West Virginia at Illinois with the Illini favored by 26 points, and Marquette at Wisconsin, with the Badgers a two-touchdown choice.

The Jackets learned a lesson last week in how to block and tackle and tonight will be the night to determine whether or not they learned their lesson well.

MAJOR League Results

National League

	W	L	Pct.	G.B.
x-Pittsburgh	93	58	.619	—
Milwaukee	87	64	.576	6
S. Louis	86	65	.570	7
Los Angeles	80	71	.530	13
San Francisco	76	75	.503	17
Cincinnati	67	84	.444	26
Chicago	59	92	.391	34
Philadelphia	56	95	.371	37

	W	L	Pct.	G.B.
x-New York	94	57	.623	—
Baltimore	87	65	.572	7 1/2
Chicago	86	65	.570	8
Cleveland	74	77	.490	20
Washington	73	79	.480	21 1/2
Detroit	69	82	.457	25
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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THURSDAY'S RESULTS

National League

S. Louis 4, Los Angeles 3 (10-innings).

Only game scheduled.

American League

No games scheduled.

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