

Local Area Sports – Baseball

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**1922 Union High School Baseball Team
Won 13 - Lost 3.**



1922 UHS Baseball

Top Row, L-R: Spankle, Coach, "Mac" McCormick-L-F, "Al" Martin-SS, "Chuck" Hamilton, Captain-3B, Bob Sanders-1B,C, "Deb" D. Malone-C, "Doc" Suica-2B, "Dutch" Hill-1B, P, "How" H. Malone-Mgr.

Bottom Row, L-R: "Pete" W. Malone-RF, "Pylsie" Pyle-2B, "Tip" Richey-C, Cuzie" McCue-CF, "Jim" Butler-3B, "Pinky" Dickson-OF, "Sandy" Bole-1B.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



Francis Mine team

Three members of the 1934 Francis Mine baseball team survive today. They are Sam Muscaro, Joe Patsolic and Joe Roberts. From left, team members were, first row, Harry Mendak, Mike Andrikanich, Sam Pasqualini, Joe Patsolic, batboy Charlie Melnyk, Geno Borio, Moe Dowler, Dom Cipranic and water boy Willie Slavic; second row, John Skryp, Pete Muscaro, Joe Verbanic, Tuck Couch, Jack Delprato, Mopey Bober and Joe Durko; back row, George Andrikanich, manager Sam "Dutch" Muscaro, Deb Clair, unknown, scorekeeper Joe Roberts and assistant manager Al Couch. Photo courtesy of Lou Pradetto.

Francis Mine Team
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1946 BATTING AVERAGES FOR SECTION 2 OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY BASEBALL LOOP

(Below are listed the averages of players on the 4 district teams only, and their positions in the standings among 119 contestants in the league. These figures, although official, being released by John W. Murray, aren't complete because of the scorekeepers failing to report ALL games played.)

Player and Team	G.	AB	R.	H.	PCT.
1—J. Lukon; Burgettstown	6	18	6	9	.500
6—Dubich; Raccoon	25	88	26	36	.409
11—S. Danek; Raccoon	26	83	15	32	.386
12—P. Dellapina; Bulger	27	76	16	29	.382
16—Mayer; Cherry Valley	19	61	10	21	.344
17—P. Secco; Raccoon	24	73	14	25	.342
18—Skinner; Bulger	21	66	15	22	.333
19—J. Danek; Raccoon	24	85	18	28	.329
21—Hanlin; Burgettstown	12	28	2	9	.321
23—Guyo; Cherry Valley	20	63	8	20	.317
24—Nixon; Bulger	13	38	5	12	.316
25—Gelestor; Burgettstown	20	54	9	17	.315
29—Harrington; Burgettstown	6	20	4	6	.300
30—P. Muscaro; Burgettstown	26	75	14	22	.293
32—M. Kuzior; Raccoon	27	83	14	24	.289
33—Kaezyk; Bulger	24	66	9	19	.288
34—Gecoma; Cherry Valley	8	14	2	4	.286
40—LaRocka; Bulger	24	69	13	19	.275
41—Elias; Raccoon	10	26	1	7	.269
45—Moreau; Bulger	23	68	17	18	.265
46—Spada; Cherry Valley	16	54	7	14	.259
49—A. Stanish; Cherry Valley	20	55	11	14	.255
51—Costa; Cherry Valley	16	55	11	14	.255
57—Illik; Cherry Valley	24	83	14	20	.241
60—Demo; Raccoon	27	96	18	22	.235
61—Andrikanich; Burgettstown	7	17	5	4	.235
62—Florio; Raccoon	15	30	5	7	.233
63—C. Dowler; Burgettstown	10	30	1	7	.233
65—Mazzocco; Cherry Valley	19	53	7	12	.226
66—Little; Bulger	28	81	15	18	.222
74—Fernandez; Burgettstown	18	56	9	12	.214
75—Navoski; Cherry Valley	7	14	0	3	.214
78—I. Toth; Cherry Valley	10	29	3	6	.207
79—Mullin; Bulger	16	34	5	7	.206
80—A. Gratchen; Raccoon	24	83	17	17	.205
82—Scruppi; Bulger	26	75	5	15	.200
83—Scariot; Raccoon	18	40	6	8	.200
85—Maropis; Burgettstown	5	15	1	3	.200
87—Mendak; Burgettstown	18	48	8	9	.188
89—Fuller; Cherry Valley	11	27	2	5	.185
92—Evans; Raccoon	15	45	5	8	.178
94—Samloff; Cherry Valley	15	47	11	8	.170
96—Leo Dellapina; Bulger	13	30	4	5	.167
97—G. Toth; Cherry Valley	11	30	3	5	.167
99—Martinez; Burgettstown	8	19	3	3	.158
100—Lou Dellapina; Bulger	14	32	4	5	.156
105—J. DeSantis; Cherry Valley	19	54	3	7	.130
106—Brown; Burgettstown	6	16	0	2	.125
107—Darras; Bulger	5	8	2	1	.125
110—Shearson; Bulger	8	10	0	1	.100
111—H. Dowler; Burgettstown	7	10	3	1	.100
113—Dinino; Bulger	20	56	4	5	.089
114—Alouise; Raccoon	6	13	3	1	.077
117—Gatus; Bulger	11	18	2	1	.056

**1946 Batting Averages for Section 2
of the Washington County Baseball Loop
Burgettstown Enterprise-December 5, 1946 Edition**

Remember When?



This was the Junior American Legion baseball team from Harmon Creek in 1946.

Back row, left to right, Gus Diamond, manager; Carl Russell, "Bugsie" Kosovec, "Pecky" Wisnosky, "Bucky" Buckwalter, Jim Tobin and Bill Proudfit, assistant manager.

Front row, left to right, Jim Gilson, Glenn Holland, Bill Lee, Joe Castellino, Donnie Cunningham and Donnie Bable.

**1946 Junior American Legion Baseball-Harmon Creek
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 30, 1972 Edition**

1947 SHAUGHNESSEY AND LEAGUE CHAMPS OF COUNTY SECTION 2



Front Row: left to right—Zdybicki, Merinda, Vernillo, Garritano, J. Andrikanich, A. Taverne, Hanlin.
Second Row—P. Maropis, M. Martinez, G. Farner, Y. Dubich, Muscaro, L. Barney, Mooris, J. Fernandez.
Back Row—C. Dowler, H. Dowler, Clair, J. Luk on, Scorekeep, J. Pradetto, Manager Jake Schnieder.

1947 Shaughnessey and League Chaps of County Section 2
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 11, 1947 Edition

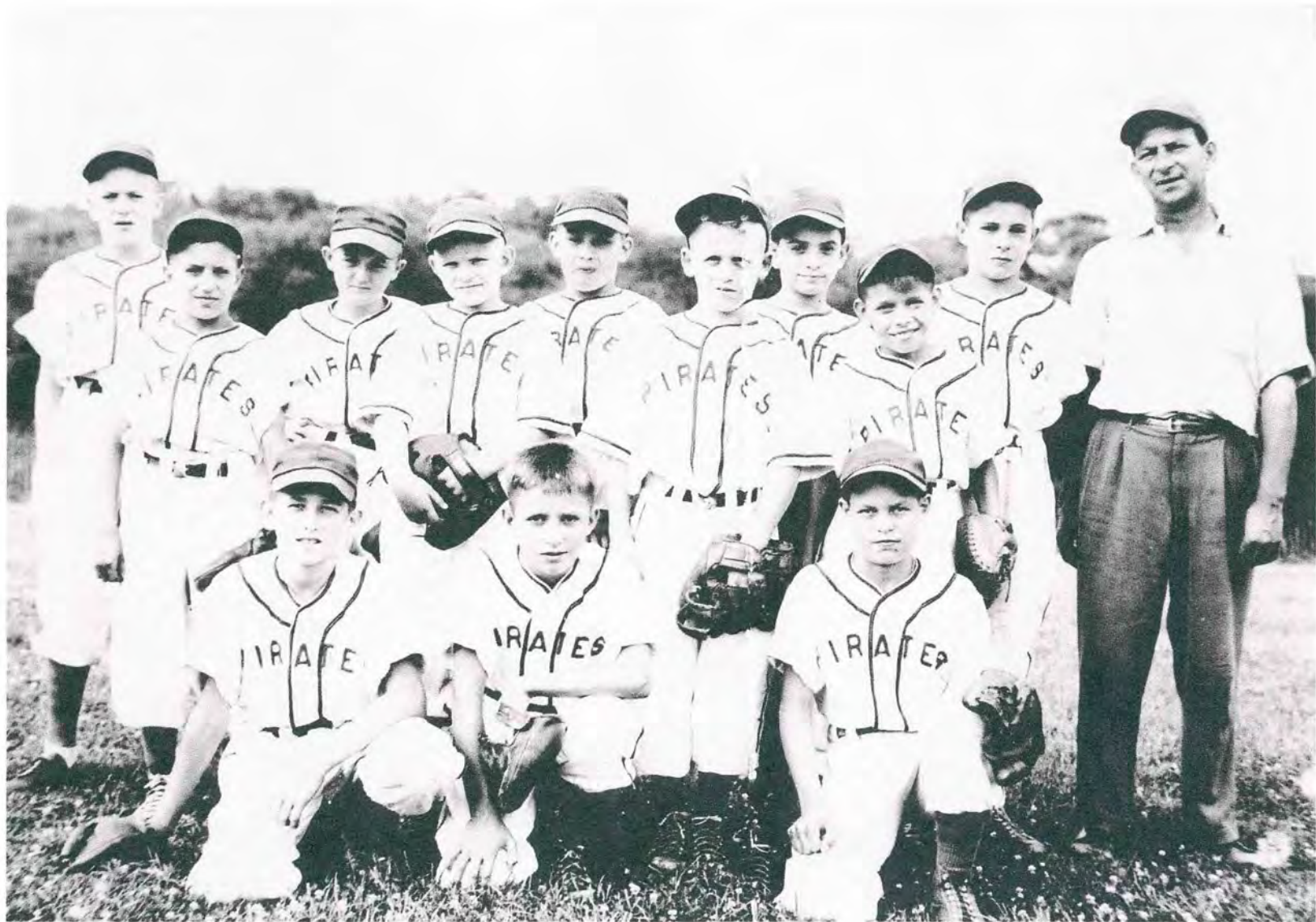
1948 PENNANT WINNERS



Personnel of Scott's Service Ball Club of Burgettstown pictured above, front row, left to right: Bat-boy Robert Hampton, John Lukon, G. Gellestor, Babe Vernillt, Charles Zdybicki, Moe Dowler, and George Johnson

Second row; left to right: Manager Jake Schneider, Paul Tropeck, Romeo Garritano, Charles Standish, Charles Dowler, Bernard Lis, Steve Vukas and Paul Demnyan. Team members not in picture Pete Muscaro and Charles Havelka.

1948 Pennant Winners
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 2, 1948 Edition



1951 "Pirates" World Series Champion of the Local Little League

Coached by Pete Dellapina, Leon Testas, and Sam LaRocka. The National League champions defeated the Tigers, American League titlists, in three games for the championship. Players pictured are: Knelling, L-R, Chuck Testas, Bud Scruppi, and Bud Dalverny. Second row: Bob Dellapina, Jim Lander, Ed Wojcik, and Mickey LaRocka. Third Row: Bob Motte, Tom Culley, Merwin Holland, Marius Dalverny, Kenny Kavensky and manager, Pete Dellapina.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society



1993 Burgettstown School Baseball

Row 1: Chad Williams, Chris Butcher, Jeremy Minich, Randy Petricca, Mike Aller, Chris Cooke

Row 2: Steve Sweeney, Kevin Kuzior, Bryan Barto, Ryan Brazill, Luke Snatchko, Jon Malone, Mark Phillips, Bob Dalfol, Coach Matalik.

Row 3: Coach Matalik, Mike McClure, Derek Huey, Paul Bianchini, Mike Shoup, Scott Russell, J.J. Schilinski, Brad Maltony, Chris, Halyak, Brian Matijevich, Eric Haines, Coach J. Matalik

MAN WITH A TALL ORDER



A BUG ON A STICK? No. This was the scene Sunday afternoon when a group of volunteer workers completed a repainting job on the Hillman baseball field. This is Jess Alonso, manager of the Reds' PONY League team, who took it upon himself to climb the big flagpole at the field and paint it. Old Glory will be flying soon at Hillman Field when baseball games are held there.

Jess Alonso-Man with a Tall Order
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 12, 1965 Edition



THE SPORTS DESK

Alumni baseball game slated here on July 17

Burgettstown's annual alumni baseball game will be played at the high school field on Saturday, July 17.

This year, two contests will be held. The first game at 10 a.m. will alumni who played in the years 1984-92 against 1983 and later players. At 11 a.m., all alumni will take on next year's varsity team.

Mark Martin and Jim Smith will coach the 1983 team, while Frank Taucher and Chris Matalik will coach the 1984-92 team. The varsity team will be coached by Jim Matalik, Pete Blue and Larry McClure.

All alumni are asked to wear white tops.

Between games, special recognition will be presented for the David Aller Memorial Award.

"It would be great if many alumni participate in this game," Matalik, the veteran Blue Devil coach, said. "Any graduate who has played high school at Burgettstown is eligible."

Matalik has devised a point system for outstanding scholastic performances at Burgettstown during the years he has coached here. Previous records have either been burned or destroyed.

According to his point system, the top two players for each year have been recognized. Their names

will go on a plaque to be placed in the high school trophy case. They are:

1976, Terry Gilles and Jim Thornburg; 1977, Bill Tunno and Rudy Filipponi; 1978, Gary Havelka and Lou Comis; 1979, Mike Bradley and Rick Martini; 1980, Wes Harrington and Pete Gianfrancesco; 1981, Pete Gianfrancesco and Steve Gavatorra; 1982, Wes Harrington and Chris Maropis; 1983, Jim Smith and Mark Martin; 1984, Brian Bradley and Mike Sutherin.

1985, Forrest Kiger and Mike McCurdy; 1986, Jason Mason and Mike McCurdy; 1987, Ron Crowley and Eric Halling; 1988, Eric Halling and Dave Evantz; 1989, Eric Halling and Tim Trimarki; 1990, Eric Santek and Mike Phillips; 1991, Troy Hilliard and Kevin Maltony; 1992, Dave Aller and Colin Gratchen; 1993, Ryan Brazill and Kevin Kuzior.

Matalik is hoping that many of the above-named players will participate in the alumni game on July 17.

Umpires will be Bernie Ramsey, Joe Garritano and Ed "Whip" DiNino.

Pop and hot dogs will be available.

Dave Vallina of Langeloth fired

a round of 58 for nine holes to win the eight-year-old title last week in the third tournament sponsored by the Washington County Junior Golf Association.

The event was held Tuesday at Chippewa Golf Course.

Scott Vallina, with a round of 47, finished second in the age 12 competition.

The next tournament will be held tomorrow at Village Green Golf Course.

Fort Cherry High School wrestling coach Tom Diamond, seeking more time with his family, said last week he plans to resign his position for the upcoming season and then reapply for it in 1994-95.

Coaches at the school are hired on a yearly basis.

"We just had our second child, and I want to spend more time with my family," Diamond said. "Wrestling is a very time-consuming sport."

Diamond asked the school board for a one-year leave of absence, but his request was denied last week.

Varsity assistant Buzz Benard and volunteer assistant Terry Bennett, both of whom Diamond said would have taken the position on a one-year basis had the leave been granted, are expected to ap-

ply for the vacant job.

A 5K run / walk will be held on Thursday, July 15, at 7 p.m. during the community of Lawrence's firemen's festival, Hills Station, Cecil Township, in conjunction with the Civic Association.

If you pre-register before Thursday, July 15, a T-shirt is guaranteed. The fee to pre-register is \$8. For race day registrations or late arrivals, the fee will be \$10.

To pre-register, send your check payable to Firemen's Festival, along with your name and phone number, to Firemen's Festival, c/o Blaine Volovich, 220 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Medals and random prizes will be awarded.

Alumni Baseball Game Slated for July 17
The Enterprise-July 7, 1993

AMER. DIVISION NOTES

Pre-season indications are that this league should be one of the strongest sandlot loops in this section of the tri-state area. Competition will be razor sharp, as all of the clubs are loaded down with well seasoned talent. The pennant race looks red hot right down to the wire.

Scott's Service is managed by the well versed Jake Schneider. Koze Styperk, former ace hurler in the County loops, heads Meadowlands. Chester Cerbe, former Minor League pitcher, pilots Strabane, last year's Chartiers Valley champions. Mike Gomba manages Muse. John Smittle, well known for his diamond abilities throughout the district, and former Minor League pitcher, is at the helm of Canonsburg. Louis Veydt, former sandlot star and umpire, pilots the Cecil club. Bud Heatly and Joe Manfredi will again handle the S. A. Myers reins. Stanley Kazarich heads the PNA entry.

Muse, last year's league winner, is reported to be a little weak this season, but is always regarded as a dangerous contender. Cecil has one of its strongest teams in years, and will make plenty of trouble for all clubs seeking that top berth. Burgettstown, last seasons' champions of Section 2, has one of the best clubs that ever represented the borough and should have a lot to say in deciding the championship. Meadowlands is looking forward to a brilliant season and will be plenty tough. Canonsburg is a young club, but should go a long ways with the experienced Smittle at their tutor. PNA is another young club and is the kind of outfit never to be regarded lightly. Strabane has another very strong club this season, and are pegged to be right in the thick of the race all the way.

McGlock reports that the following teams are the roughest and will be battling for the first division berths; Scott's Service, S. A. Myers, Cecil, and Strabane. Muse and Meadowlands are regarded as dark horses.

Legion Beats Carnegie, 5-3

The Burgettstown American Legion baseball team warmed up for its league opener this week by defeating Carnegie, 5 to 3, in a jon-league contest at Hillman Field Sunday afternoon.

Steve Bresnay, who was the starting pitcher for the locals, worked three innings and received credit for the win. Chris Malick also pitched three innings for Burgettstown and Jess Alonso hurled the final three outs.

Jerry Stiffler's locals sewed up the game with a three-run outburst in the third inning.

Bob Haley, Waldo Dvorsak, Jim Hanlin and Jay Toth each had a triple to feature a seven-hit Burgettstown attack.

American Legion Baseball Team Beats Carnegie, 5-3
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 9, 1965 Edition

POST 698 JUNIOR LEGION AVERAGES

The Burgettstown American Legion Post 698 junior baseball club, under the management of Don Hall, wound up the 1950 season in second place. With a slate of 10 wins and five losses, the locals finished behind Washington in the Panhandle section of the 25th district competition.

BATTING AVERAGES

Name	AB	H	Pct.
Vuksanovich	19	7	.370
Delprato	43	15	.349
S. Kortyna	15	5	.333
Maropis	9	3	.333
Visnich	6	2	.333
Haspel	30	9	.300
Clair	37	10	.270
Cowden	35	9	.257
R. Kortyna	40	10	.250
Matalik	4	1	.250
Sarracino	22	5	.227
Strongosky	14	3	.214
Maltony	30	6	.200
Dellapina	30	5	.167
Q. Capozzoli	10	1	.100
Pienkosky	6	0	.000
Campa	2	0	.000
D. Capozzoli	2	0	.000
Wagner	1	0	.000

PITCHING RECORDS

Name	Won	Lost
Cowden	5	2
Strongosky	3	1
Pienkosky	2	2
Sarracino	0	0

FINAL SMITH TWP. PROGRAM STANDINGS

Senior Baseball	Won	Lost
Francis Mine*	8	1
Bulger	8	3
Cherry Valley	7	4
Langeloth	4	5
Slovan	4	5
Atlasburg	3	9
Raccoon	2	9
Junior Baseball		
Cherry Valley*	11	0
Bulger	8	3
Atlasburg	6	5
Slovan	4	7
Francis Mine	3	5
Raccoon	3	8
Langeloth	2	9
Girls Softball		
Bulger*	11	0
Atlasburg	10	2
Francis Mine	6	4
Slovan	6	6
Raccoon	5	6
Langeloth	0	10
Cherry Valley	0	10
Senior Basketball		
Langeloth**	5	1
Cherry Valley**	5	1
Slovan	3	2
Atlasburg	3	3
Francis Mine	3	3
Bulger	0	5
Raccoon	0	6
Junior Basketball		
Langeloth*	6	0
Cherry Valley	5	1
Slovan	3	2
Francis Mine	2	4
Raccoon	2	4
Atlasburg	2	4
Bulger	0	5

Note—* denotes Section Championship winner. **denotes co-champions of section.



Contributed

Lou Pradetto award

Anthony Gobleck, right, was this year's recipient of the Lou Pradetto award. This award is presented by Lou Pradetto, left, in memory of his wife, Irene. Lou is a lifetime board member of Burgettstown Area Youth Baseball. This award is presented each year to a 14-year-old pony league player who displays team leadership, a positive attitude and good sportsmanship on and off the field. Gobleck was chosen in a secret ballot by his teammates. The son of Domenick and Dayna Gobleck, he is a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes School and is attending Burgettstown High School.

Lou Pradetto Award
PA Focus-September 25, 2004 Edition

ATLASBURG SWAMPED

Champion Hill of Sturgeon swatted Atlasburg, 15-3 behind the one hit pitching of Ernie Buck. With Lonski spoiling the no-hitter with a single, Atlasburg committed seven errors to pave the way for the Hiller's win.

McGraw was on the mound for the Atlasburg nine and was behind 7-3 up to the fourth when their building crashed. A 14 hit barrage coupled with the miscues, and Champion Hill was in, 15-3.

Atlasburg Swamped
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 5, 1948 Edition

Figured In County League Section 2 Championship



AVELLA—Front row, left to right, Mike Lis, Frank France, William Debelack, Bernie Lis, Charles Curtis, William Tonini, John Bodonsky, Andy Chuchiak, Pete Knish, Cecil F. Altanos. Back row, left to right, Ambros Kolycheck, John Chuchiak, Steve Hlavac, Bert Long, Floyd Stollar, Steve Barwidi, Eddie Orisko, Manager Joe Stefka. Sitting, John Kubachka.



BULGER—Front row, left to right, Paul Moreau, Stanley Gatus, Louis Dellapina, Jr., Charles Shearson, Gerald Mullin, Samuel LaRocka, William Dinino, Charles Scruppi, Batboy Jackie Pinderville and John Shearson, president and secretary-treasurer. Back row, left to right, Scorekeeper George Bun, Louis Dellapina, Nick Little, John Darras, Robert Skinner, Pete Dellapina, Mike Nixon and Manager Leo Dellapina.

AVELLA COPS FIRST IN NATIONAL OPENER

Avella got off to a flying start by racking up Imperial, 4-3, in the first game of their playoff for the Shaughnessey championship of the National Division.

Imperial took a one run lead in the first, but Avella knotted the count in the third. A three run rally in the fourth gave Avella enough lead to win. Imperial came back with single runs in the fifth and sixth.

Tonini paced the Stefkamen at the platter with a brilliant four for four. Pitcher Kostival check-

ed in with 3 for 4 including a double. Barwedi, Kubachka, Scarlot, and Ilik each singled, to culminate their 11 hit swatting.

Kostival permitted Imperial 8 hits while fanning nine, for the win. A late bulletin comes thru with the information that Imperial is protesting the game on the eligibility of one of Avella's players. They are questioning whether Kostival has appeared in enough regular season games to be eligible for the playoffs.

Avella Cops First in National Opener
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition

AVELLA TAKES SECOND PLACE IN NAT'L RACE

Avella took over undisputed possession of second place in the National race by edging Atlasburg 4-2.

Hits were even-stein at eight all, but three miscues by the youthful Atlasburg aggregation gave the margin of victory to Avella. The winners raced to a 4-0 lead behind the hurling of Bianchi before Atlasburg broke into the scoring column with a pair of tallies in the fifth. McGraw hurled the distance for the losers.

While Bianchi was fanning six, Buckoske rapped out two for three, and Bodnar, Quader, Gecoma, Bumbera, Golblosky and Warchol each punched out a single.

Illik and Tonini paced the hitting off McGraw with two bingles apiece, and were followed by singles by Sunyog, Moska, Stone and Bianchi.

AVELLA IS UPSET

Imperial climbed into a two way tie with Avella in the National Division when they eked by the Stefka men, 2-1 in an 11 inning battle.

Imperial scored the winning tally in the lower half of the 11th when two were out, after overcoming an Avella lead of 1-0.

Scariot did the twirling for Avella, and gave up 7 hits while fanning 8. His teammates clouted out 6 singles and a triple off two Imperial hurlers. Illik got the triple, while Kovalcheck got 2 for 0, and Ertle, Tonini, Kubachka, and Mofko each singled.

ATLASBURG WINS 7-3

Atlasburg snapped a four game losing streak by reversing Cedar Grove, 7-3, and hung up their first victory of the season. Exploding in the first frame, Atlasburg scored 4 tallies for a lead which they never relinquished. They padded it with 2 more in the third, and added an insurance marker in the sixth. Cherokee and Globosky paced a 10 hit parade for the winners, each getting a pair. Adding one apiece was: Marshall, Lonski, Churpak, Helkevich, Florio, and Buckoski. Duke Florio allowed 6 hits and 3 runs in twirling Atlasburg to their first win.

RACCOON OWLS WIN; SANTIAGO 7-3 VICTORY

The Raccoon Owls continued to roll along in the victory lane by handing Santiago a 7-3 whipping. Coupling 10 hits, Raccoon plated 3 in the third to overcome a 2-0 Santiago lead, and added a pair each in the 4th and 5th, for the win. Matt Kuzior chalked up the decision in allowing 3 runs on six hits. Zig Danek continued his bid for County slugging honors by blasting out a 3 for 4. Evans added a pair of singles, and Cuervo, G. Danek, Gratchen, Sydlowski, and Kuzior, added one hit apiece in the victory.

RACCOON UPSET, 8-5

Cedar Grove dumped the favored Raccoon Owls, 8-5, on the winner's grounds last Friday. Cedar Grove hopped on starter McBee for five runs in the first three frames before Kranak was rushed in to take over. Raccoon came back with 2 in the 4th and 3 in the 6th. Cedar Grove shoved across 3 of their own in the fifth to pull the upset, 8-5. The hits were even-Stephen, at nine apiece. Zig Danek singled and doubled in 4 trips. Sherockman tripped and singled in his 3 trips. Kranak, Cuervo, George Danek, singled; Kuzior doubled and Ray DePaul continued his long distance clouting by pitching in with a round tripper.

BULGER-SANTIAGO IN 14-1 TILT

Bulger turned 14 hits into 14 runs to thoroughly smash Santiago, 14-1 on the Bulger grounds last Wednesday. Pacing the Bulgerites in their lopsided win was Mihalich with a blistering 4 for 4. Little came in with a 3 for 5, and Mullen posted a 2 for 4, as Bulger shelled two hurlers off the mound. Barring around in the third frame, Bulger sent eight runs across the platter before the Santiago firemen could halt the inferno. Mullen twirled for the winners and fanned 5 in copping the verdict. Allowing seven safeties over the route, Mullen reached for the only run, in the third.

Baseball

Burgettstown Enterprise-May 27, 1948 Edition

All Stars Named

Supervisors Don Hall, Nick Mervosh, Jimmy Kimberland and Bob Canning of the highly successful Community Park sports program which recently closed a banner season, have named an all star aggregation of outstanding talent which participated in the baseball campaign.

Selected to the 1949 Burgettstown-Smith township Recreation program's All-Star squad were Burgettstown-Bob Cowden, Nick Lombardi, Freddie Sarracino, and Dan Capozzoli. Langeloth-Ralph Clair, Paul Campa, and Joe Bender. Bulger-Dellapina, Romanstan, and Testa. Francis Mine - Cliff Haspel Pienkosky, Joe Zambertain, and Leroy Bennett. Raccoon-Charles Chappell and John Barish. Cherry Valley-Ralph Kortyna, Delprato, and Stanish. Slovan-Quentin Capozzoli, Rudy Visnich, and Vukanovich. Atlasburg-Cher-enko and Federoff.

Because of the above All-Stars playing various positions and equally outstanding at any spot on the diamond, the naming of particular defensive positions was eliminated.

**Community Park Baseball Program-All Stars Named
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 1, 1949 Edition**

Baseball Clinic To Be Conducted Here

Coach Pat McGraw and members of his Union high school team will conduct a baseball clinic for area sports fans at Hillman Field this Saturday, May 20, as a project of the Burgettstown Area Boosters club.

McGraw and his Section 3 champions will go through the fundamentals of the game, explaining basic moves and procedures for each position on the diamond. From here, they will advance to the more technical points of baseball, with all types of drills and manouvers to be displayed.

All sports fans in the Raccoon Valley area, particularly Little and PONY Leaguers, desirous of learning more about baseball, are invited to attend the clinic. Joe Bird, a scout for the Philadelphia Phillies, will be present.

The clinic will begin at 1:30 p.m.

**Baseball Clinic to be Held
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 18, 1961 Edition**

BASEBALL CLUB TO ORGANIZE NEXT SUNDAY

Fans Are Invited To Take
Part In Plans For
Season's Games

First call to action by the Burgettstown Baseball club was made this week with the announcement of a public meeting to be held Sunday afternoon, March 27, at two o'clock in the Clair Theatre. Jake Schneider and Al Rossy, manager and assistant of last year's champs are making arrangements for the Sunday meeting, which all baseball fans are urged to attend. The local club will be organized for the 1938 season and the following officers will be elected: manager, business manager, secretary, treasurer and positions for three committee men.

The local Diamond league carried off the crown in the County Contest last season and the men were named champs of the Burgettstown-Observer League. They lost only one game in the second half to Raccoon on a one point margin. Baseball enthusiasts in this community believe that by hard work and cooperation of all fans in Burgettstown that the local boys can retain their title and crown in the 1938 schedule.

**Baseball Club to Organize next Sunday
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 24, 1938 Edition**

All-Day Program to Mark Local 'Fourth' Celebration

People of Community to Unite in General Observance of the Nation's Birthday-- Two Baseball Games--Band Concerts and Many Sport Stunts

The Fourth of July is going to be an exceptionally big day for the people of Burgettstown, with plenty of activity, amusement and excitement to keep everybody at home all day. Through the efforts of a large committee of prominent citizens, an elaborate program has been prepared, and by the generosity of merchants and professional men of the town, as well as many private citizens, a valuable prize list is made available for sports of all kinds which will be held at the fair grounds in the afternoon.

Starting the day out, the Burgettstown Community baseball team will meet the Charleroi Whippets in what is expected to be a fast contest on the fair ground diamond. The game will be called at 10 o'clock and will take up the major part of the forenoon. There probably will be other activities of the morning hours. It is expected that a large crowd will be out for the morning game and help "root" for the home team and encourage the boys to pull down two victories during the day.

The afternoon sports at the fair grounds will start promptly at 1 o'clock and will continue until all programmed events are completed and all prizes awarded. This will require some time, as there are many events which include races of various descriptions for young and old, horse-shoe pitching, pie eating contests, track and field sports, novelty races and stunts. A special feature of the day's entertainment will be concerts by the Union high school band under the direction of J. J. Charlier. The band has been hard at work preparing

for this occasion and will present a program of snappy music which will add greatly to the celebration.

The committee in charge is made up as follows: Chairman, Dr. G. L. McKee; secretary, J. C. Wolfe, treasurer, L. Caplan; publicity, Austin Studa; solicitation, Glenn Nicholls; music, R. M. Boyd; program, Dr. W. S. Clark. Chairmen in charge of events, stunts and contests are Wm. J. Pyle, Ernest Williams, Glenn Nicholls, W. G. Cramer and W. M. Culley. All persons who expect to enter any of the contests are requested to register with the chairman in charge of the particular event in which entry is desired. This should be done immediately, as there will be little time to register latecomers after the contests begin.

The small admission charge asked has been made necessary on account of the committee having been called upon to pay a large sum to secure a baseball team for the day and other expenses which could not be met with the amount of cash donated. The tickets will be 25 cents for adults, 10 cents for children under 16 and children under six will be admitted free. There will be no charge for automobiles entering the grounds and no parking charge. Any money left over after the expenses have been taken care of is to be used in local charitable work.

During the week the following mercantile firms have made donations to the prize fund: Earl Farner, cash; Langeloth Mercantile Co., Atlasburg Mercantile Co. and Henry Povero, merchandise.

BASEBALL SLATE

Hillman Field

Friday-N.Y. Black Yankees vs
Scott's Service
Sunday-Lawrenceville Tigers
vs Scott's Service
Monday-P.N.A. vs Scott's Ser-
vice

District Games

Wednesday-Scott's Service at
S.A. Myers
Thursday - Scott's Service at
Muse; Avella at Midway
Friday-Champion Hill at Rac-
coon; Bulger at Oakdale; Imperial
at Atlasburg
Sunday-Avella at Champion
Hill; Santiago at Raccoon; Bulger
at Cedar Grove; Atlasburg at
Oakdale.
Monday-Imperial at Bulger
Tuesday-Santiago at Bulger
Wednesday-Scott's Service at
Strabane; Raccoon at Avella; Ced-
ar Grove at Atlasburg.

COUNTY LEAGUE BASEBALL TRADES BREWING

Greenie Scopel, manager of the Raccoon Owls, is already getting his squad lined up for what looks like a banner baseball year, by casting trade feelers. His first shot was fired at Jake Schneider of the Burgettstown Merchants. "I'll trade you Joe Gratchen, one of my pitchers for Pete Muscaro", was Scopel's opening line. And ol' Jake just threw up his hands at this one. "We got a lot of trading material, but Muscaro is definitely not on the block" was Schneider's reply. Jake reminded Greenie that Gratchen is now a resident of Burgettstown, and the Merchants have first call on him anyway, according to the unwritten rule, that teams use as much of their own local talent as possible. Then Jake continued, "Keep talkin' Greenie, and we may do some business, but leave Pete Muscaro out of it, cause he ain't for sale or trade." Muscaro, the Merchant's outfielder proved to be one of the most consistent sluggers of the league last year, and his heads-up hustling type of play all year was a definite asset to the club.

Burgettstown man dies at 76

By Jason Togyer

for The Record-Enterprise

Though he spent parts of just four seasons in the major leagues,

Cincinnati Reds' fans still sent letters to Eddie (Mongoose) Lukon, said his granddaughter, Shelly.

"He got them pretty often," said Ms. Lukon of her grandfather, who died Nov. 7, 1996, at the age of 76. "He was pretty proud of (his days in baseball), and we were proud of him."

Lukon, whose full name was Edward P. Lukon, was born Aug. 5, 1920, in Cherry Valley, was the son of the late Joseph and Mary Delprato Lukon.

His first sports successes came at the old Union High School in Burgettstown, where he lettered in baseball, football and basketball.

Ms. Lukon said the trophies with his name on them were still on display when she attended Burgettstown High School 50 years later.

Upon graduation, Lukon was signed by the Valdosta, Ga., minor league team, where he spent the 1939 season before moving onto Knoxville, Tenn., and Columbus, Ohio, both Cincinnati Reds farm clubs.

In 1941, he was called up to

the big leagues for part of the season.

That was also the year he married his wife, Mary Ellen Goldbach on Valentine's Day. Mrs. Lukon was happy with her role as a baseball wife, said their son, Edward.

"She loved it," said Lukon. "She got to travel. They were from Burgettstown, so neither one of them had ever travelled."

In 1943, Lukon was drafted into the U.S. Army as an infantryman, and served in the Battle of the Bulge before being discharged in 1945.

He resumed his career with the Reds, playing with the major league team in 1946 and 1947 before being traded to the Chicago Cubs in 1948.

His granddaughter said

Lukon's best season was 1946 when he played in 102 games, hit 12 home runs and had a .250 average in 312 at-bats.

"I think he really would have gone on to become something (had he continued in baseball)," said Shelly Lukon. "He had these powerful arms, like Popeye, and a really good attitude."

But in 1948, while playing for the Cubs' farm team in Los Angeles, Lukon got word that his father was sick, and he returned to Cherry Valley to take over the family business, Lukon Meats.

He operated the business until his retirement in 1990.

"I guess that's just the way he was raised, with family values," Ms. Lukon said. "I think,

between his wife and (having played) baseball, he was a pretty happy guy."

And he never lost his love for sports, whether teaching his granddaughters to play softball or showing his sons where he had hit a home run over a light standard at Forbes Field in Pittsburgh.

"He'd take me in these dressing rooms, and a lot of the guys he had played with were managers ... or umpires by then," said Ed Lukon. "Once I shook hands with Stan Musial. I told everybody I'd never wash my hand again."

Lukon was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 1988.

He was a member of St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in

Bulger.

In addition, he belonged to American Legion Post 698 in Burgettstown and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post in Bulger.

He was preceded in death by a brother, John.

In addition to his wife and son, he is survived by a daughter, Janet Quiroz of San Diego, Calif.; another son, Phillip G. of Cherry Valley; 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Friends were received Nov. 8 in the Hayden-Taucher Funeral Home, Burgettstown.

A blessing service was held Nov. 9 in the funeral home, the Rev. Philip Farrell officiating. Interment was in Our Lady of Lourdes Cemetery, Burgettstown.

Eddie (Mongoose) Lukon
August 5, 1920-November 7, 1996

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

National Division Sandlot Games

Bulger lost its exclusive grip on first place when its defense crumpled to allow Imperial to grab a 6-3 decision and with it a tie for the National Division lead. Imperial tallied five runs in the fifth frame for the winning margin, the runs coming on one hit and five Bulger errors. All told they only collected six hits over the route, but Bulger miscues made things easy for them. Bulger pounded out five safeties including a double by Sammy LaRocka, a pair of singles by Senator Nixon and bingles by Scruppi and Ilik. Navoski was relieved by Johnny Darras in the fifth, but was still tabbed with the loss. J. Perko went all the way for the winners.

Cedar Grove's early lead was enough to stave off an Atlasburg four run rally, and the Bernie Lis club went on to win, 7-4. Fritz put Cedar Grove on the victory road by featuring in a three run first inning. Fritz powdered one out of the park for a round tripper with one on. They built up a six run lead in the first three frames to take the tilt. Atlasburg sent Florio, Sarnicki and McBee to the mound and they gave up a combined total of 10 hits. A. Ezarik, Fritz and M. Kubachka tied for slugging honors with a pair apiece. Pascuzzi, Barwidi, Scariot Fuscarelli each banged out one. Scariot went the route for the winners and was tabbed for eight hits. Lipnicki, Bodnar, and Dominski each getting a pair. Warchol and Fuller each collected one.

The Raccoon Owls went on a 21 hit rampage to steam, clean and press Champion Hill, 18-2. Backing up the six hit pitching of Matt Kuzior, the Owls snapped a four game losing streak with the season's heaviest barrage of base hits to rack up the loop's scoring record to date. Slapping out base hits like a machine gun, Raccoon really got on the merry-go-round, plating 11 men in the third frame before they were retired. Evans led the artillery with a perfect five for five. Elias smashed out 4 for 5, Demo, DePaul, and Zig Danek each banged out three hits, while George Danek, Gratchen and Kuzior banged out one apiece. Greenie Scopel kept his nine starters in the game, and only Kaezyk failed to hit. Zig and George Danek, Elias and DePaul each were credited with a double. Forty-seven men went to the platter for the Owls in the seven inning tilt.

With George McBee checking in with a brilliant four hit performance, the Andy Fulled Atlasburg nine clouted Cedar Grove, 10-1. The win was McBee's third in a row and is undefeated for the season. Atlasburg backed his beauti-

ful pitching display with a 12 hit barrage featured by a two run homer off the bat of Dominski. DeSantis, Checcoma, and McBee each added a double in the win. Hlavac and Fuscereilli shared the hurling for the losers. The victory gave Atlasburg a season record of 4 and 4.

National Division Sandlot Games
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 2, 1949 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

**BLUE DEVILS WIN;
CHARTIERS, 8 to 2**

Exploding with a six run barrage in the second, Burgettstown coasted to an easy 8-2 win over Chartiers last Thursday on Hillman Field.

Don Hall's Blue Devil nine went on the six run rampage after two were gone. They loaded the sacks, then Cunningham and Fulmer drew walks to force in a pair of tallies. Art Taverne rapped out a sharp single to send two more across the happy gum for a 4-0 lead. And on the overthrow to the plate, another run scored. Then Stankovich lined out a bingle to plate Taverne and put Union out front of a 6-0 count.

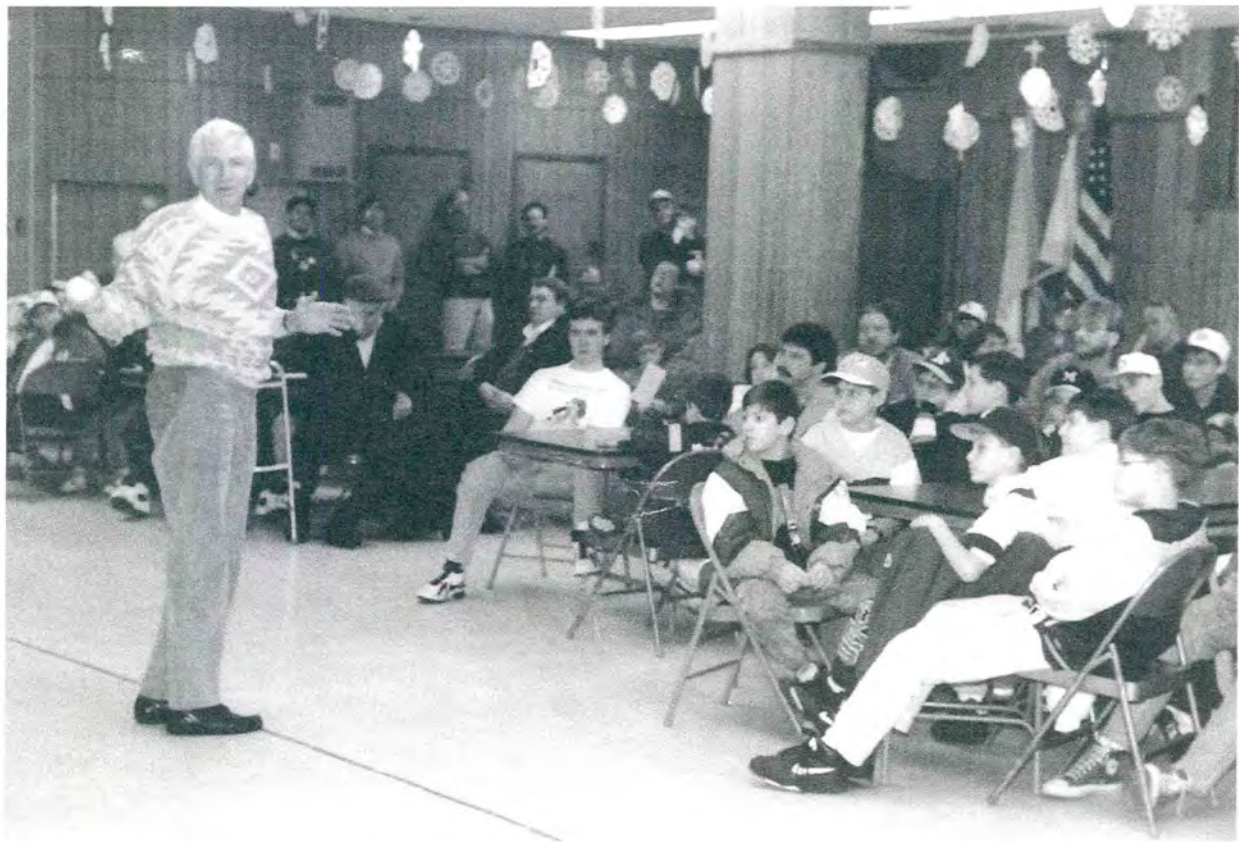
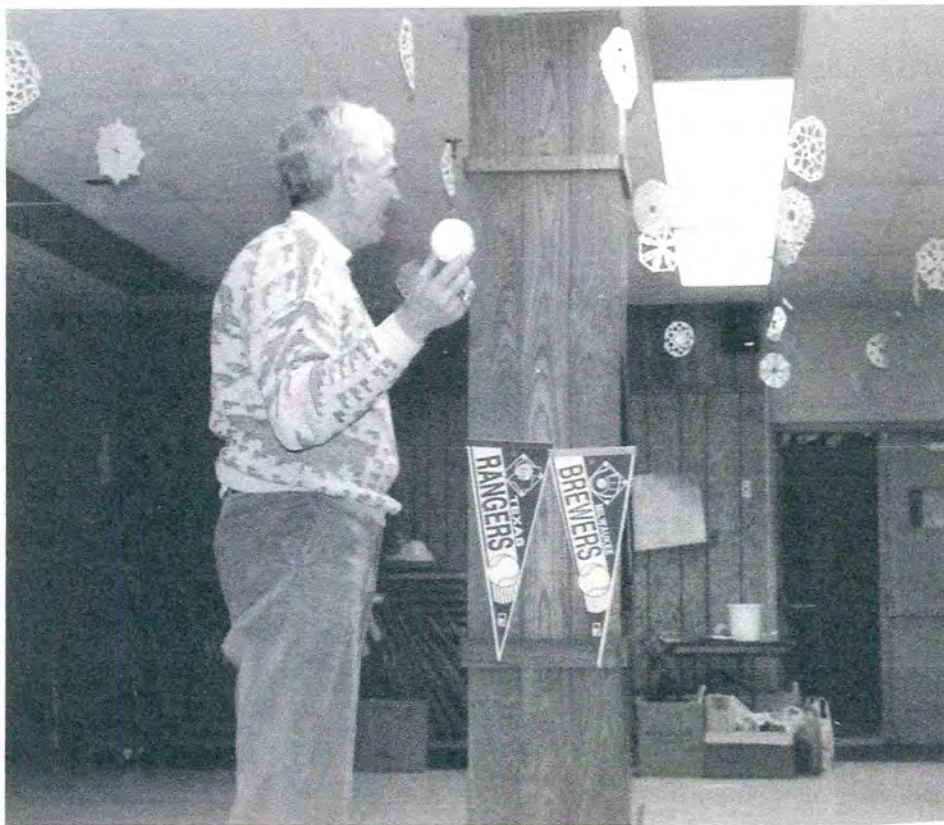
Chartiers came back with one in the third, but Union got it back in their half of the frame. Chartiers again scored in the fifth, but again Union retaliated with one in the sixth to wrap up the verdict, 8-2.

Lineup	AB	R	H	PO	A
Cunningham, lf	1	1	0	2	0
Fulmer, 2b	2	2	1	1	2
Taverne, cf	4	1	1	0	0
Stankovich, c	4	0	1	8	0
Strongosky, ss	4	0	0	0	3
Ulrich, 3b	2	1	1	0	0
Robertson, 3b	2	0	0	0	0
Maropis, rf	2	1	1	1	1
Kosevec, lb	2	2	2	6	0
Downer, p	3	0	1	2	1
Total	26	8	8	21	7

RBI-Taverne 2; Cunningham, Fulmer, Stankovich, Downer. Winning pitcher, Kenny Downer, fanned eight and walked two in giving up five hits and two runs.

Union errors-Ulrich, 2. Chartiers errors, 3.

Sports



**Bruce Dal Canton-Knights of Columbus Baseball Clinic
Unknown Date**

Dal Canton went from teacher to major leaguer

Bruce Dal Canton was a California guy. He played his high school baseball at California. He played his college baseball at California State and, as its ace pitcher, helped lead the Vulcans' 1962 team to the NAIA District 30 title.

Not bad for a walk-on.

Dal Canton didn't get a offer from the pros after graduating from Cal in 1963. A few scouts, including Elmer Gray of the Pittsburgh Pirates, did watch Dal Canton pitch.

Dal Canton finally got a break in 1965. The Pirates, who were in desperate need for pitching, signed two players who were bypassed by scouts when they were younger. One was the 24-year-old Dal Canton, who was working as a science teacher at Burgettstown High School, and a future all-star in left-handed pitcher Woody Fryman.

It was too late in the 1965 season to send Dal Canton to a farm team, so the Pirates had him to throw batting practice at Forbes Field. A hefty 265 pounds, Dal Canton started to lose weight during the winter of 1965.

Dal Canton met with then-Pirates general manager Joe Brown and the two agreed on a \$500 a month contract if the young pitcher made the team.

After a season at Class AA Macon (Ga.), a slimmer, 205-pound Dal Canton got called up to the Pirates in September of 1966.

A couple of years later, Dal Canton was in the majors for good. He had a 3.34 ERA in 86 innings in relief in 1969, when the Pirates were building the foundation for a 1970s dynasty.

Primarily a relief pitcher, Dal Canton had a 20-8 record for the Bucs from 1967 to 1970. He went without a loss (7-0) from June 29, 1969, until July 20, 1970.

Dal Canton's luck changed in December of 1970 when he was traded to Kansas City along with shortstop Fred Patek and catcher Jerry May



BILL DiFABIO

in exchange for Bob Johnson, Jackie Hernandez and Jim Campanis.

After spending four years with the Royals, Dal Canton was signed by the Atlanta Braves. He spent two years in Atlanta and ended his career in 1977 with the Chicago White Sox. After his release by the White Sox, Dal Canton remained with Chicago as the team's pitching coach.

Over his 12-year major league career, Dal Canton had a 51-49 record with an ERA of 3.68.

Working as a pitching coach for the Braves in the minors, Dal Canton provided a foundation for great pitchers like Tom Glavine, John Smoltz and many others who made their way to the major leagues.

"He was an easy-going guy and a gentleman in every way," Smoltz told mlb.com. "He didn't approach it (pitching) like it was rocket science. He made it simple."

Smoltz even mentioned Dal Canton during his Hall of Fame induction speech last month.

Dal Canton died in 2008 at the age of 66.

The California University baseball team has a pitching award named after Dal Canton. It is given annually to the Vulcans' most successful individual on and off the playing field.

Dal Canton was inducted into the Washington-Greene County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in 2004.

Bill DiFabio writes a bi-weekly Sunday column about local sports history for the Observer-Reporter.

**Bruce Dal Canton went from Teacher to Major League
Observer-Reporter-August 2, 2015 Edition**



Contributed

ENJOYS SPORT – Tom Evantz, left, and Don “Mouse” Bywaters talk to Bruce Dal Canton before a Myrtle Beach Pelicans game.

Area man enjoys baseball career

From staff reports

This past August, an entourage of eight families from the Burgettstown Area drove to Myrtle Beach for week of vacation. During their stay, some went to a Myrtle Beach Pelicans baseball game. There, they were reunited with former Burgettstown High School teacher and coach, Bruce Dal Canton.

Those who attended the game were Don “Mouse” Bywaters, Tom Evantz, Laura Evantz, Jim Roner, AJ

Roner, Tom Restanio, Lisa Restanio, Anthony Restanio, Josh Louder, Dave Dugas, Stacey Dugas, and John Dugas.

Dal Canton remembered all of his former students and was happy to see them again. He even addressed Bywaters with the nickname that he called him during high school science class, “B.Y. H2O.”

Dal Canton has enjoyed a distinguished major league career as a player and a coach. Over an 11-year major league career beginning in 1967, he compiled a 51-49 log as a spot starter with the Pirates, Royals, Braves and White Sox. He was primarily a reliever with Pittsburgh, and went 20-8 for the Pirates between 1967 and 1970. He pitched over a year without a

loss, recording a 7-0 mark from June 29, 1969, to July 20, 1970. With Kansas City, he set a Royals’ club record — later broken by Steve Busby in 1974 — when he retired 23 consecutive batters against the Yankees on Aug. 14, 1972. Signed by the Braves after his release by Kansas City in 1975, Dal Canton pitched in Atlanta through 1976. The White Sox signed him as a free agent in April of 1977.

After his release in June of 1978, he served as the White Sox’s pitching coach for the remainder of the season. For the past five years, he has been a pitching coach for the Atlanta Braves’ Class A team, the Myrtle Beach Pelicans.

Dal Canton and his wife, Helene, live in Carnegie, Pa.

Bruce Dal Canton Enjoys Baseball Career
PA Focus-February 7, 2004 Edition



THE ENTERPRISE

Advice from an expert

Atlanta Braves pitching coach Bruce DalCanton, who lived and taught in Burgettstown before landing a pitching spot with the Pirates, returned home on Wednesday, Jan. 22, as the guest speaker at a Father and Son Baseball Night sponsored by the Burgettstown Knights of Columbus. DalCanton held the audience spellbound for 45 minutes, presenting numerous tips on the art of pitching and other baseball elements.

Bruce DalCanton-Advice from an Expert
The Enterprise-February 5, 1992 Edition

DalCanton to guest at local event

Bruce DalCanton, a former teacher at Burgettstown and major league pitcher with the Pirates, will be the guest speaker at a Father and Son Night planned for Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. in McCashin Hall, South Main Street, Burgettstown.

DalCanton is now a pitching coach for the Atlanta Braves.

He was a biology teacher at Burgettstown before changing his career to professional baseball.

Also scheduled to conduct a mini-clinic for youths attending the event are high school baseball coaches Jim Matalik of Burgettstown and Bob Sawhill of Fort Cherry.

Fathers and youths residing in the Avella, Burgettstown and Fort Cherry school districts are invited. There are no district or religious ties associated with the event, sponsored by Burgettstown Knights of Columbus Council # 3440.

No admission fee will be charged, but non-perishable canned food items will be accepted for donation to the local food bank.

Refreshments will be served.

**Bruce DalCanton guest speaker Father and Son Event
The Enterprise-January 22, 1992 Edition**

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Held To 3 Hits By Gillis**

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BROKEN ARM**

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Burgettstown Enterprise-June 5, 1947 Edition**

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Burgettstown Enterprise-June 5, 1947 Edition

Bulger Drubbed; 13-3

Steamrolling over the crippled Bulger nine for a 13-3 win, Avella went into the National Division finals after their third victory in as many starts.

Mullen started for Bulger and was sent to the showers in the third after giving up seven runs to the Stefkamen. Navoski relieved and when unable to stamp the Avella hitters, Guyo was rushed in from his third base berth. Avella smashed out a total of 17 safties off these pitchers. Kubachka, Hlavac, and Kovalchick each poled out three hits, while Tonini, and Ilik got two apiece, and Barwedi, Moten, Gardner and O. Hlavac each got one. Tonini and Kubachka each tripled, while Steve Hlavac doubled.

Steve Hlavac went the route for Avella and was reached for nine bingles, having a shutout up to the sixth when Bulger scored once, then plated two more in the ninth. Little and J. Shearson got two apiece, while Moreau, LaRocka, Guyo, Novoski and Biggie Dellapina, in a pinch hitting role, garnered one.

Bulger Drubbed; 13-3
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition

BULGER IS WINNER

Led by the Dellapina boys, Bulger belted Francis Mine down, 6-3, in their Burgettstown Community League tilt Tuesday. Each of the boys got two hits, with L. Dellapina clouting a homer and P. Dellapina a double. Patsolic homered for the Miners.

BULGER WINS 14th

Exhibiting one of the greatest stretch drives ever put on in these parts, Bulger notched its fourteenth straight victory, clubbing Raccoon 13-8, to virtually sack up the

National Division pennant.

The Owls commanded a 5-1 lead at the end of the first frame, but a 6 run rally by Bulger in the second was the turning point of the game. The tussle was another one of those slugfests which seems to prevail when these two great traditional rivals meet on the same grounds. The winners outhit Raccoon, 17-14.

Femovich racked up the win, with P. Dellapina, Guyo, A. Mihalic, and Fuller leading the hitting parade with 3 hits apiece. Andrikanich was losing pitcher, with Kuzior slapping out a 4 for 5 and G. Danek a 3 for 5 pacing the losers.

BULGER WIDENS LEAD

The torrid Bulger nine padded its National Division Loop by eking past Santiago, 5-4 and increased the daylight between them and the rest of the pack, to pull further away as the teams go into the final week of the regular schedule.

Trailing 1-0 up to the fourth, Bulger exploded with a four run rally to take the lead, then added the clincheroo in the fifth.

Jerry Mullen went the route for the winners and gave up seven hits while fanning five. Johnny Perko hurled for Santiago and was also reached for seven hits, paced by Nick Little who garnered two for four. Pete Dellapina doubled, while Sandri, Moreau, Mihalic and Mullen each singled.



Carmichaels senior pitcher Erica Burns is hoping to build upon a junior season in which she went 14-4 with 166 strikeouts in 108 innings last spring.

KATE ROLLEY / OBSERVER-REPORTER

Carmichaels, Burgettstown stepping up in classification

Editor's note: This is the sixth story in a series profiling the area's high school baseball and softball teams.

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While the moves are based on enrollment, it would be hard to look at the WPIAL's decisions on realignment in Class AA softball this season and not think it was some kind of cruel joke.

Of the five teams that won or tied for one of the four

Class A section titles in 2014, three were bumped up to Class AA this season. Another program that moved up, South Side Beaver, finished third in Section 4-A but advanced to the WPIAL title game, where it lost to section rival Neshannock, which also is now in Class AA.

"That was a bit of a surprise to me," said Carmichaels' head softball coach Dave Briggs, whose team

moved up after finishing in a tie with Jefferson-Morgan for the Section 2-A championship last season.

"We've never even really been close (to a Class AA enrollment). It hurts us because we lose a lot of good rivalries that we've built up over the years with teams like Frazier, West Greene and Jefferson-Morgan. But you also have

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CLASS AA SOFTBALL PREVIEW

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four of the teams that were the better teams in Class A moving up this year. When you add them to the teams that already were in Class AA, it's going to be a buzzsaw."

In addition to Carmichaels, Neshannock and South Side Beaver, Burgettstown, which reached the PIAA Class A semifinals last season, is back in Class AA.

The Mikes, who are coming off a 14-4 season and have won or tied for a section title in eight consecutive years, will compete in Section 2-AA, while the Blue Devils are now in Section 1-AA.

Both have enough returning players to battle for playoff spots again this season.

While Class AA might well be stacked this season, Briggs has a buzzsaw of his own in senior pitcher Erica Burns, arguably one of the WPIAL's top pitchers this season regardless of classification.

Burns, who according to Briggs has lost just eight games in her career, is coming off a season in which she went 14-4 with 166 strikeouts in 108 innings while earning all-district honors. She also batted .508 last season, scoring 20 runs.

"She's been pretty consistent," said Briggs. "We're looking for more leadership from her this year. But she's batted between .400 and .500 in each of her first three years.

"The other thing is that people don't realize how good of a fielder she is. I've never seen a girl so good coming off the mound as she is."

Burns is one of six returning starters for the Mikes, who also have catcher Katie Mays, infielders Caroline Cree and Natalie McNett and outfielders Laura Walker and Emma Lowry back.

Mark Deer has even more returning at Burgettstown, which went 18-6 last season.

The Blue Devils lost just one player to graduation, pitcher-infielder Bry Lonick, and return a strong nucleus that includes a pair of all-district

players in pitcher Katie Tarr and catcher Caley Ritts.

Tarr, a junior, compiled a 10-4 record with 104 strikeouts splitting time with Lonick and Morgan Elleck in the circle. She also drove in 32 runs.

Ritts, who moves to shortstop this season, batted .446 and struck out just one time in 24 games.

Junior Shania Winters, who took last season off after earning a letter as a freshman, starts at catcher. Her sister Cheyanne Winters is at first base. Elleck is at second base and Sam Scopel third.

"Out junior class is really our strength," said Deer. "We have eight juniors and seven of them start. We have our starting outfield back as well. The experience we got last year, playing so many games and playing at State College, I'm hoping that pays off. These girls have played together the past two summers as well, so they've gotten a lot of experience."

But will it be enough to compete in Class AA?

"It's not like we haven't played (in Class AA) before," said Deer,

whose team moved down to Class A in the last enrollment change three seasons ago. "We're used to it. The teams will have a little bigger rosters, but there were a lot of good teams we played in Class A as well."

Charleroi also was moved into Section 2-AA, giving that section three returning section champions from 2014. The Cougars, who return pitcher Jen Tighlman, won Section 4-AA last season with an 11-4 record. Waynesburg returns a strong nucleus that includes senior Hannah Gibbons, a Penn recruit, and junior Tiffany Ross to the defending section champ.

The Blue Devils, meanwhile, must figure out a way to get past South Side Beaver, which also is in the section.

Neither Class AA newcomer figures to have an easy road to the postseason.

"We had a nice little run with eight section titles in a row," said Briggs. "It's going to be a whole new world. We've got to hit the ball better this year if we want to compete.

Last year, I wasn't too pleased with our hitting."

Burgettstown, Carmichaels Stepping Up in Classification
Observer-Reporter-March 24, 2015 Edition

BURGETTSTOWN POST 698 JUNIOR LEGION BASEBALL CLUB



Front row, left to right: B. Burns, batboy; C. O'Shanka, L. Lombardi, J. Pienkosky, C. Haspel, Q. Capozzoli, E. Matalik, and Dallara mascot.

Second row, R. Kortyna, S. Kortyna, C. Dellapina, H. Fulmer, E. Maltony, R. Cowden, and Don Hall, coach and manager of this 1949 team.

Third row: J. Pradetto, Director of Post 698 athletics; J. McConnaughey, F. Delprato, H. Strongosky, P. Maropis, R. Clair, and L. Johnson.

Burgettstown American Legion Post 698-Junior Legion Baseball Club
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 30, 1949 Edition

Burgettstown Area Baseball Association New Organization

The Burgettstown Area Baseball Association, BABA for short, is a new organization of individuals who are interested in promoting baseball for the youth of this area. The first year of operation for the BABA was a success. Over 60 children from 7-12 years of age participated in the baseball program this season. There was one 7-8 year old team, two 9 and 10 year old teams, and two 11 and 12 year old teams. Games were played with teams from Hickory, Midway and McDonald. Each player received a trophy to commemorate the first year of operation. The organization sponsored a picnic for all players and family members at the end of the season. All star games were played where each child was an all-star for a day.

The BABA finished the year with no outstanding bills. Money was raised from sign-up fees and a coke sale. The following local businesses made contributions to the new organization:

Dellaria Ford-Lincoln Mercury, Hartman's Flower and Gift Shoppe, Sutherland Lumber Company, Burgettstown Auto Parts, Robert J. Lawrence State Farm Insurance, Mellon Bank Burgettstown Office, Slovenian Home Association, Panhandle Food Sales, Inc., R. L. Stein and Sons, Scoreboard, Kucher-Saska VFW Post 6955, Burgettstown Pharmacy, Climax Molybdenum Company and Fuller Distributing.

Major expenses for the year included league fees, insurance, hats, baseballs, trophies, equipment lease fee and the year-end picnic.

The BABA has big plans for the next baseball season. They hope to field more teams and extend the program to 13- and 14-year-olds. Several projects are planned for the fall and winter to raise operating funds for next season. Anyone interested in both baseball and children are invited to help and to join the organization. There is no membership fee. Look for meeting announcements in the newspaper. You can get more details by calling George Herbert at 947-3841, Barry Phillips at 947-4124 or Bob Fuller at 947-9559.

The Association will hold a meeting on Oct. 10 at 8 p.m. at the Hilltop Tavern, Langeloth.

BURGS CHAMPS AND OVERBROOK PLAY SUNDAY

Wins Continue As League Games Are Scheduled For Season

Sandlot activities loom as the season's most important sport this week with two stellar attractions scheduled. The Pittsburgh Crawfords, crack colored baseball team will play at Raccoon field on Friday afternoon and their appearance here is expected to bring out one of the season's biggest crowds. On Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. at McCormick field the Burg's champs will play an exhibition game with the Overbrook team, champions of the South Hills section last year.

The Burg's champs came through in traditional style at the league's opener on Tuesday afternoon when they downed Cherry Valley, 8 to 1 in the first league game of the season at Cherry Valley, before 400 enthusiastic rooters. The game was featured with the fancy hitting of Muscara who chalked up five hits, and by Vukas, the Burg's pitcher who passed only one man at bat and struck out 13.

Burgettstown appears to be taking everything in sight this season. They scored a third victory on May 8 when they handed Slovan a defeat in an exhibition game with a score of 12-7.

Tuesday's game follows:

BURGETTSTOWN	AB.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Malone, lf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Muscara, 2b	4	1	4	0	0	0
Vernillo, cf	4	1	1	0	0	0
Evans, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Kuzior, ss	4	1	2	0	1	0
Sovyak, 3b	4	2	2	0	1	0
Wade, c	3	0	1	13	0	0
Tizik, 1b	3	1	1	3	0	0

Totals 33 8 14 18 3 0

CHERRY VALLEY	AB.	R.	H.	P.	A.	E.
Mazzocco, 2b	3	0	0	0	2	2
Spado, 3b	3	1	2	2	1	0
Gulo, cf	3	0	1	0	1	1
Dellapina, c	3	0	0	2	0	0
C. Stanish, lf	2	0	0	1	1	0
Jancart, rf	3	0	0	2	0	0
Fuller, 1b	2	0	0	3	0	0
Koraido, c	2	0	1	8	0	0
A. Stanish, p	1	0	1	0	0	0
Darras, p	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals 23 1 5 18 5 3

Burgettstown	002	150-8
Cherry Valley	000	100-1

Two-base hits—Muscara, Kuzior, Sovyak 2, Pizik. Three-base hit—Malone. Base on balls—Off Stanish 2, Vukas 1. Hits—Off Stanish, 12 in 4 2-3; Darras, 2 in 1 1-3. Struck out—By Vukas 13, Stanish 4, Darras 3. Stolen bases—Malone, Spado. Losing pitcher—Stanish. Umpire — Mansfield.

Burg Champs and Overbrook Play Sunday
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 12, 1938 Edition

Ball Games Scheduled.

The big event of the B. I. C. picnic to be held at the picnic grounds on the Bavington road on July 4th will be double-header baseball game between the Burgettstown A. A. team and the Slovan semi-professionals. Many other features will mark the day, including an ox roast and excellent refreshments. Dancing afternoon and evenings, beginning evening of July 3rd. Good music and good order. Everybody is invited.

**Ball Game Scheduled Burgettstown Italian Club Picnic
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 19, 1935 Edition**

BURGETTSTOWN MERCHANTS MAKE CLEAN SWEEP OF SECTION HONORS

Plastering Avella with three straight defeats, the Burgettstown Merchants Baseball Club copped everything in sight, when they added the Shaughnessey Championship crown to their already won League Champions of Section Two of the Washington County Baseball League title.

The Merchants are now marking time until the series is over in Section One, (probably by Wednesday or Thursday) so they can go after the winner in quest of the Shaughnessey Championship of Washington County.

Taking over the Raccoon Owls in three straight sets, then giving Avella the same medicine, the Merchants showed their superiority over their opponents by remaining undefeated throughout the Championship playoffs. By an odd coincidence, each set that they won was marred by a tie game. Raccoon tilt was a 6-6 fray, and Avella game was a 4-4 tie. And each time, Burgettstown had to come from behind to knot the count. Proving the old saying that, a ball game isn't over until the last man is out.

Burgettstown has proved to be a good first inning ball club, getting the jump on their opponents right from the start. They won about ten of their games, getting two runs everytime in the opening stanza. That number proved to be a good omen thruout the season for them.

Now that Jake Schnieder, the crafty pilot, who has directed the fine and talented group of boys which represented Burgettstown in the diamond campaign, has brought home the meat of this section's baseball play, plans to shoot the works in bringing home the County league cake. In appreciation for the swell backing given them by the Merchants, and the continued patronage of their fans, the ball club has pledged every effort and to give nothing but their best in going after the County honor.

Burgettstown Nine Is Clouted, 12 To 9

The Burgettstown Merchants, desperately seeking a winning combination, were slapped with their fifth straight loss in bowing to Santiago on Hillman Field, 13-9.

Deb Clair toed the rubber in his first start for the locals and wasn't faring too badly until the third frame when Santiago lowered the boom on him. It was 2-1 Santiago, going into the third, and before the Merchants were finally able to halt the merry-go-round, Santiago runners stomped the plate ten times for a 12-1 lead. Cunningham was rushed in to quench the inferno, and succeeded after getting a little scorched himself.

The Merchants with a rally of their own in the sixth, but fell short. Trailing 12-2 at this point, they opened the dikes on Maxomovich and flowed six runs in before he could get the gates locked again. Each club scored once in the seventh, and it ended, Santiago, 13-9.

The winners hammered out 13 base hits including two doubles and a triple. Maxomovich allowed the losers nine hits paced by Vernillo, Art Taverne and Alouise. Babe Vernillo singled and doubled, as did Mario Alouise, while Taverne collected two singles. Muscaro, Gelestor, and Slopek each came thru with a single apiece.

Juggling the lineup with every game in order to climb out of the rut and onto the winning trail, the Merchants fielded the following: O'Shanka and Tobin at ss, Vernillo in lf, Taverne in cf, Muscare at 1b, Gelestor in rf, Slopek-catch, Alouise at 3b, Latella and Diamond at 2b, Clair and Cunningham-pitch.

Burgettstown Nine is Clouted, 12-9
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 1, 1950 Edition

UNION BASEBALL TEAM ON CHAMPIONSHIP WAY

Local High School Players Defeat
Midland High in Elimination
Game With 23 to 7 Score

Four pitchers were unable to stem the avalanche of base hits that rattled off the bats of Union high school players as the Section B champions trounced Midland high, of Section F with a score of 23 to 7, in the opening elimination game of the W. P. I. A. L. championship at Aliquippa Friday.

J. W. Welch's Union high players bombarded the Midland mound corps for a total of 25 safeties, including doubles by Davis and Donnick, triples by Kopacz and Davis and home runs by Ed Lukon and Steve Vugas.

Lukon got his four-base wallop in the third with two mates on and Vukas clouted his in the seventh inning with the stations empty. Union staged an eight-run rally in the third inning to put the game on ice. Twelve men batted during the frame.

Midland lost heart in the first inning when great defensive work by Union checked a threatening uprising. With the bases full, McFadden cracked a liner that seemed tabbed for a triple. Vukas leaped into the air and speared it with one hand and doubled a runner off third. Union missed a triple play by an eye lash. Again in the fifth, Steele made a beautiful running catch off a line drive and then threw to first for a double play.

The next game probably will be with Turtle Creek high school, but the date has not as yet been scheduled.

Burgettstown's Stretch Drive Defeats Raccoon Owls 9-7

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DECIDING TALLIES

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CHERRY VALLEY JUNIOR BASEBALL CHAMPIONS



1st row: left to right-Taborski, Bianchi, Samloff, R. Delprato, McGivern, D. Scruppi, D. Delprato.

2nd row: left to right- Clemens, Bertovich, Stanish, P. Scruppi, J. Kortyna, Guyo, Runtas

Cherry Valley Junior Baseball Champions
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1950 Edition

Climax Moly's Ball Team of 1944



Top Row: Captain Pete Muscaro-outfielder, Catcher-Dewey Russell, Shortstop-Matt Kuzior, Catcher-P. Martinez, 3rd Base-Guio, 1st Base-Peg Williams, Pitcher-Tony Pappas, Pitcher-Moe Dowler, Manager-M. Mooney
Bottom Row: Treasurer-M. Garcia, Pitcher-Blink Donley, Outfielder-Joe Tepsic, 2nd Base-Joe Fernandez, Pitcher-Mopey Bober, Outfielder-Babe Vernillo, Catcher-Jim Repole.
Sport writer-Mike Bihium.

Courtesy-Jerry Yacoviello

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COUNTY LEAGUE BASEBALL TRADES BREWING

Greenie Scopel, manager of the Raccoon Owls, is already getting his squad lined up for what looks like a banner baseball year, by casting trade feelers. His first shot was fired at Jake Schneider of the Burgettstown Merchants. "I'll trade you Joe Gratchen, one of my pitchers for Pete Muscaro", was Scopel's opening line. And ol' Jake just threw up his hands at this one. "We got a lot of trading material, but Muscaro is definitely not on the block"! was Schneider's reply. Jake reminded Greenie that Gratchen is now a resident of Burgettstown, and the Merchants have first call on him anyway, according to the unwritten rule, that teams use as much of their own local talent as possible. Then Jake continued, "Keep talkin' Greenie, and we may do some business, but leave Pete Muscaro out of it, cause he ain't for sale or trade." Muscaro, the Merchant's outfielder proved to be one of the most consistent sluggers of the league last year, and his heads-up hustling type of play all year was a definite asset to the club.

**ROBERT S. COWDEN LEAVES
FOR VERO BEACH, FLA.**

Robert S. Cowden, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Cowden of Center ave., left Tuesday morning for spring training with the Brooklyn Dodger Pony league, Vero Beach, Florida. "Bob" left-hand pitcher, made a fine showing last season with a record of 10 wins out of 12 games pitched for the league, while stationed at Hornell, New York.

DalCanton To Leave For Florida



Bruce DalCanton, Union High biology teacher, will be leaving next Tuesday, February 20, for spring training with the Pittsburgh Pirates at Fort Myers, Florida.

DalCanton posted a 2-1 record in eight late-season games last year.

The big right-hander has been given an excellent chance by manager Larry Shepard and general manager Joe Brown to make the Pirate varsity squad this season.

Bruce DalCanton to leave for Florida
Burgettstown Enterprise-February 14, 1968 Edition

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

Dr. G. L. McKee To Be Honored

For many years the friends of Dr. George L. McKee have wished to honor him for the service which he has rendered to this community. At a meeting Monday evening, May 24, representatives of civic organizations from the entire area met at the Veterans' Hall in Burgettstown to make plans for a "Dr. McKee Day" which will be observed Sunday, June 13.

The day will be heralded with a preliminary event Wednesday, June 9, when a dance will be held at Langeloth Hall in honor of Dr. McKee. Russ Romeo and his 12 piece orchestra will furnish music for this occasion and proceeds will go toward the great Dr. McKee event the following Sunday.

A program, scheduled to begin at 2 p.m., Sunday, June 13 will be held at Hillman Baseball Field to pay homage to Dr. McKee. A baseball game between Scott's Service team and an All Star Smith township team will follow the program.

At least twenty-five organizations have joined in planning the activities.

"DOC" McKEE POSES WITH SOME OF HIS "BABIES" AT SUNDAY BALL GAME



**"Doc" McKee with some of his "babies" at Sunday Ball Game
Burgettstown Enterprise- June 17, 1948 Edition**

"Dr. McKee Day" Closes With Dinner

Hundreds of people who joined in honoring Dr. George L. McKee last Sunday at Hillman Field, and many who were unable to attend the celebration, are eager to know details of the day which will remain one of the memorable events in the community's history.

The gift presented to "Doc" was a beautiful gold pocket watch, inscribed on the back with the words, "From those whom you have served so faithfully", and a sum of approximately \$300 in money.

Following the Hillman Field celebration, dinner was held at the Farm Restaurant for Dr. McKee, his family, a few relatives and friends. The McKee's had planned the party themselves, but were told upon leaving that everything had been taken care of by the "Dr. McKee Day" committee. Present at the dinner besides Dr. and Mrs. McKee were Att'y., and Mrs. Maurice Hussey, of Waban, Wass., Mrs. Mary E. McKee and daughter Miss Margaret McKee of McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. George McFarland and daughter Helen Louise of Carnegie, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Locke and sons Richard and Bobby of Bellview, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hoelzel of Penn Township, Mrs. Glenna Nicholls, and Mrs. Robert Hemphill.

"Doc" received telegrams from Dr. Lee Martin of Arlington, Va., and John Vernillo of Augusta, Ga.

He was especially honored by the presence of Dr. Leo D. O'Donnell of the Surgical Staff of Mercy Hospital. Dr. O'Donnell has been a friend of Dr. McKee for many years.

The Halkas Bakery sent a huge cake inscribed "With Best Wishes, Doc", and several letters were received from friends who were unable to attend.

Organizations and their respective chairmen in charge of arrangements were: Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 6955, William Craig and Charles Pappas; American Legion Post 698, Nick Hallahan; Burgettstown Council, Wayne Culley; Friday Club, Mrs. Frederick Pope; P.T.A. of Langeloth, Mrs. Manuel Garcy; Burgettstown Junior Woman's Club; Mrs. William Craig; Burgettstown Girl Scouts, Mrs. Edwin Wagner; Slovan Fire Department, Carl Filipponi; Slovan Italian Club, Dante Filipponi; Langeloth Sportsmen, "Red" Shiminsky; Langeloth Soccer Club, J. T. Davis; Burgettstown Baseball, Charles Scott, Jake Schneider; Burgettstown Italian Club, James Eannace; Owls Club, Jack Gilbert; Raccoon Sportsman, Albert Rossy; Bulger Veterans, Michael Nixon; Bulger Sportsman, George Martin; Bulger Baseball, John Shearson; Burgettstown Fireman, Edwin Wagner; Smith Township Schools, Pete Secco; Boy Scouts, J. M. Cunningham; Lions, Monte Scott; Granish Club, Frank Laurich, Alex Stetar.

In The Mailbox

The following reminiscence was received this week by Katherine Pyle, staff writer, after publication of an article on "Doc McKee" in last week's issue of the Enterprise:

Dear Miss Pyle:-

I was much interested in your sketch on "Doc" McKee, especially that autopsy. When "Doc" was in Bulger he became one of the gang in fact his matrimonial venture had its inception in that village.

I remember very distinctly an operation which he and our own Dr. J. C. Nesbit performed.

My aunt Cynthia had to have an amputation below the knee. McKee gave the anesthetic; Dr. Nesbit operated and my mother was the attending nurse. The tools were boiled in a dishpan on the kitchen stove, and the operation was performed on the dining table. My aunt was 73 years old. The leg healed, Aunt got a cork leg and lived to the ripe age of 83. How is that when compared with the meticulous sanitary procedure of today?

Aunt's leg was buried in the garden on Highland avenue, while her body was interred at Candor. I well remember she was worried as to how she and her leg would get together on resurrection day.

Hoping this will add to the reminiscences of the day, I close with greetings to "Doc" and a real tear for Dr. Nesbit.

Yours truly,

C. H. Russell,
Washington, Pa.



Dream game

Ronnie Kotouch (left) of Eldersville and Louie Vigliotti of Burgettstown participated in an all-star youth tournament at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. Kotouch played shortstop and pitched, was a pinch runner and hit a home run. Vigliotti was a catcher for four consecutive days, playing two games each day. He had the third highest batting average in the event and received an inscribed baseball with plaque. Both local players received American Youth Baseball Hall of Fame Little Majors rings. Their team picture will be inducted into the Little League Hall of Fame. The youths were sponsored by several businesses and individuals.

Dream Game-Ronnie Kotouch and Louie Vigliotti
The Record Enterprise-October 2, 1996 Edition

Eddie Lukon, 20-year-old outfielder from Burgettstown, who has been playing for Knoxville in the Southern association, has been purchased by the 1940 world champion Cincinnati Reds for delivery on Thursday of this week. Terms of the purchase were not disclosed, but it is understood cash and players to be delivered to Knoxville next March were involved in the deal. Lukon has been hitting at a .326 clip and has belted 23 home runs. He throws and bats left-handed. A star in baseball, basketball, and football at Union high school, he played his first sandlot ball with Cherry Valley in the Washington County League in 1934 when he was only 14. The club was managed that season by Al Rossy. He also played two seasons with Burgettstown, one under Rossy and one under Jake Schneider.

Lukon later signed with the Valdosta club in the Class D Georgia-Florida league and played there a season and a half before being signed by the Knoxville club, where he has played a season and a half. He is a speedy ball hawk and a good hitter.

Manager Bill McKechnie of the Reds looked Lukon over about two years ago and was impressed with his possibilities.

He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lukon of Burgettstown and is the first Washington County league player to reach the major leagues and his host of friends are pulling for him to "stick."

Eddie Lukon Playing for Cincinnati Reds Burgettstown Enterprise-August 14, 1941 Edition

Enterprise League Reorganizes

It was an enthusiastic gathering that met at Burgettstown recently to reorganize the Enterprise league and to elect officers for the coming season. There were seven teams represented at the meeting and each spokesman voiced the sentiment of making the league one of the strongest amateur organizations on the diamond this year. An effort will be made to make this an eight-team league and it is expected that last year's Cherry Valley team will step in line to bring this about.

B. F. Ashe, of Langeloth, brother of W. F. Ashe, director of the bureau of recreation of Pittsburg, presided at the meeting as temporary chairman and conducted the affairs and outlined the plans until the newly elected president took the chair. W. B. Culley was elected president, J. D. Pollock vice president and J. Smith secretary and treasurer. All have had wide baseball experience and the affairs of the league will be well taken care of under their guidance.

A committee was appointed to draft the constitution and playing rules to govern the league. The members of this committee are J. Smith, G. F. Work and T. Hermes. The league will be composed of teams representing Burgettstown, Langeloth, Raccoon, Bulger, Erie, Bertha, Colliers and probably Cherry Valley.

O. C. Seikel, secretary of the Pittsburg Baseball commission, outlined the plans of the commission and explained the objects and benefits derived by holding membership in this organization. This league will, undoubtedly, follow in line with the number of other leagues in this district and play under the commissioner's jurisdiction in order to be represented in the elimination series conducted by and under the control of the National Baseball Federation. At the next meeting the official adoption of the name of the league and the constitution will be acted upon.

RALPH FELTON AT ALL-STAR GAME



BASEBALL STARS—Sylvan Lucas of Pittsburgh and Ralph Felton of Midway talk with baseball's "Old Pro" Joe DiMaggio and New York's Mayor O'Dwyer before start of the fourth annual Hearst All-Star Sandlot Classic played in the Polo Grounds, New York. DiMaggio's 'good luck boys' certainly paid off, for Lucas played an outstanding game in the field, and Ralph Felton produced the game winning blow when he singled sharply to drive in two runs to give victory to his teammates, the United States All-Stars over the New York All-Stars.

Sylvan Lucas and Ralph Felton talk Baseball with Joe DiMaggio and Mayor O'Dwyer
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 1, 1949 Edition



Florence Baseball Team-May 30, 1922

"Taken at Midway, PA May 30, 1922"

Edith May Karch is standing in the top row, fifth from the left.



Florence Baseball Team-1930's

Pinto champions



Fort Cherry, champions of the Greater Route 50 8 & Under Pinto Gold bracket with a 13-12 win over Chartiers-Houston, includes front row, from left, John Nice, Brody Krah, Tyler Wolfe, Nathan Wolfe, Alex Graff, Alexa Atchison, AJ Wudkwyck, Ryan Huey, Colton Temple and Shawn Webb. Second row, coaches Heath Graff, Brian Temple, Demick Huey and Mike Turk. Missing from photo: Coach Kurt Nice and Teammate Caleb Turk.

Fort Cherry Pinto Champions
Observer-Reporter-July 21, 2016 Edition



Francis Mine Ball Team 1939

First Row, L-R: Unknown Melnyk and Unknown water boy. **Second row, L-R:** Eileen Mendak, Harry Mendak, Farmer Andrikanrich, Sam Pasqualini, Joe Patsolic, Geno Borio, Harry "Moe" Dower, and Dominick Cipranic. **Third Row, L-R:** John Scruppi, Pete Muscaro, Joe Urbanik, Lawrence "Tuck" Couch, Jack Delprate, Mopey Bober, and Joe Durko. **Fourth Row, L-R:** George Andrikanich, Sam "Dutch" Muscaro, Manager, Deb Clair, Unknown, Joe Roberts, and Al Couch.

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

FRANCIS MINE SENIOR BASEBALL CHAMPIONS



1st row: left to right-Strongosky, L. Bennett, F. Senczyszyn, C. Senczyszyn, J. Zamberlan, O'Shanka.

2nd row: left to right-C. Haspel, D. Bennett, K. Haspel, Witcher, Smith, A. Zamberlan.

**Francis Mine Senior Baseball Champions
Smith Twp. Recreation Program
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 17, 1950 Edition**



Giants-1955

Front Row- R. Bednarzik, D. Sella, T. James, G. Gavazzi, D. Martin, S. Bundy, K. Gavazzi, C. Viloski.
Second Row- T. Dubich, J. Guna, O. Gavazzi, W. Nice, R. Smith, J. Pienkosky, P. Pienkosky, R. Sczerba, T. Bednarzik.

Ten Years Back...In The Little League World Series



These were the Giants of 1955, who were runnersup in the local Little League World Series, having bowed to the Red Sox in three games. First row, left to right, Gerry Gavazzi, Dennis Sella, Thomas Dubich, Howard James, batboy Darrell Martin, Charles Viloski and Kenny Gavazzi. Second row, left to right, Thomas Bednarzik, Robert Szczerba, Roy Smith, Skip Bundy, Ozzie Gavazzi, Paul Pienkosky, Wayne Nice, John Guna,

Robert Bednarzik and John Pienkosky. Back row, left to right, manager Eddie Viloski, and coaches Mike Lipnicky and John Cherenko.

**Giants-1955 Runners-up Little League World Series
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 21, 1965 Edition**



**Dave Vallina and Gary Havelka
Langeloth Baseball Field-Unknown Year**

Fort Vance Historical Society

Haviland bests Fraudin, Wild Things

By CHRIS DUGAN
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Dillon Haviland's family and friends arrived early Sunday at Consol Energy Park, enjoyed quite the tailgate party in the parking lot and then cheered wildly – one person even brought a cowbell to ring – as the former South Fayette High School standout played against the Wild Things.

Haviland, a starting pitcher for the Gateway Grizzlies, made sure all those people had plenty to cheer about and went home happy.

Pitching for the first time as a starter in Western Penn-

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**DILLON HAVILAND,
GATEWAY PITCHER**

sylvania since his high school days, Haviland threw six shutout innings and Gateway hit three solo homers en route

to a 5-0 victory in the finale of a three-game series.

Haviland (2-2), who recently concluded his college eligibility at Duke, was making only his sixth professional start and it was his best. He scattered five hits and three walks but allowed only one Wild Things baserunner to reach third base. He left the game with a 3-0 lead.

“Pitching at Duke, you know the parents and family of your teammates, and they seem like your own family,” Haviland said. “But pitching here is different. There wasn't a pressure to do well with everybody here, but there was

more of an excitement. ... it seemed like a home game.”

It was a better experience than the last time he pitched in the area. That was last year as a relief pitcher for Duke. On a cold March day at Pitt, Haviland gave up four runs in two innings.

Against the Wild Things, Haviland didn't overpower hitters – he had only one strikeout – but was able to get outs when needed. The biggest came in the sixth with Gateway leading 2-0. The Wild Things loaded the bases with on a single by Sam Mende and two walks, but

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Haviland got Matt Peters to fly out to left field to end the threat and Haviland's outing.

“I couldn't have gone another inning,” Haviland admitted. “This was the first time since high school that I had two starts in a week. In my first few starts, I was questioning if I belonged here. I had to get adjusted to the atmosphere of pro baseball and the speed of the game, but I'm getting more comfortable.”

Haviland also gained bragging rights over a former teammate. Haviland and Washington starter Matt Fraudin (2-2), an Upper St. Clair native, were teammates on a travel baseball team when they were teenagers. The team was called the Little Wild Things and played at Consol Energy Park.

Fraudin also pitched well but gave up the solo homers to Tyler Tewell, the Grizzlies' catcher. Tewell homered down both foul lines. He gave Gateway a 1-0 lead in the fifth with an opposite-field shot that just missed hitting the screen on the left-field foul pole. Tewell homered again leading off the seventh, hitting Fraudin's last pitch of the game down the right-field line for a 3-0 Grizzlies lead.

Gateway scored again in the seventh, and former West Virginia University third baseman Grant Bucker hit his second solo homer of the series in the eighth.

Haviland's performance came on the heels of another Pennsylvania native beating the Wild Things. Vince Molesky of Montoursville in central Pennsylvania pitched 7 2/3 innings in the Grizzlies' 3-2 win Saturday night.

The losses put a damper on what had been a good homestand for Washington. The Wild Things swept Windy City and won the series opener over Gateway.

“I couldn't wait for the last two games after winning the first four,” Washington manager Bob Bozzuto said. “Then we didn't hit the ball until the ninth inning Saturday and then not at all in this game.”

Bozzuto said the Wild Things' hitters swung at too many pitchews out of the strike zone Saturday, but that wasn't the case against Haviland.

“His ball was moving,” Bozzuto said. “For whatever reasons, we didn't hit anything hard.”

“Matt did a good job pitching for us. It has been characteristic of us not to score runs. It makes it tough when you have to throw a complete-game shutout. If you don't score, then you're not going to win.”

Notes

It was only the third road series win for Gateway. The other two were against Normal, the West Division leader. ... Washington is 1-8 in Sunday home games. ... Washington relief pitcher Tim Giel played on the Shady Side Academy team that eliminated Haviland's South Fayette team in the semifinals of the WPIAL Class AA playoffs in 2009.

**Dillon Haviland-Haviland bests Fraudin, Wild Things
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From South Fayette to the Frontier League

Gateway's Haviland to start against Wild Things

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Dillon Haviland's baseball career has gone full circle.

Haviland, a McDonald native and South Fayette graduate, is a pitcher for the Frontier League's Gateway Grizzlies. He will be start-

ing for Gateway today (2:30 p.m.) against the Wild Things at Consol Energy Park.

It has taken five years for Haviland, a 6-3, 210-pound lefty, to make the journey from the WPIAL to Duke University to professional baseball and then back to Western Pennsylvania. He's

looking forward to pitching again in Western Pennsylvania. It will be Haviland's sixth professional start.

"When I was moved into the starting rotation, I looked at the calendar—and so did my family—and we started counting the days. We realized that barring injuries, a rainout or any

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Gateway gets past Washington. PAGE C4

unforeseen circumstance, I would get the opportunity to pitch a game here in front of family and friends," Haviland said Friday prior to the series opener against the Wild Things.

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Haviland

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Haviland was a dominant pitcher at South Fayette, leading the Lions to the WPIAL Class AA semifinals and the PIAA championship game as a hard-throwing junior. He threw three no-hitters and four one-hitters for the Lions. Haviland had a 10-0 record, 0.96 ERA and 100 strikeouts in only 56 innings as a senior, when he was named the WPIAL Class AA Pitcher of the Year.

Following his senior year at South Fayette in 2010, Haviland was drafted in the 48th round by the Pittsburgh Pirates. Being a late-round pick, Haviland had no bargaining power, so he accepted a scholarship to pitch in the Atlantic Coast Conference at Duke.

His college career got off to a slow start because of two injuries. During the fall of his freshman season, Haviland slipped during a running drill and braced from hitting the ground with his left elbow.

"The next time I threw a curveball in the bullpen, I heard a pop," Haviland recalled.

It was a fractured elbow. The injury delayed Haviland's start to the spring season, though he pitched in 13 games (eight starts) as a freshman for the Blue Devils.

The next year, didn't go as well. A cranky shoulder was diagnosed as a torn labrum

“HE'S ADJUSTING. ... HE HAS SOME IMPROVEMENTS TO MAKE, BUT HIS SECONDARY PITCHES ARE DEFINITELY GOOD ENOUGH. HE'S CAPABLE, THAT'S THE BIGGEST THING WITH HIM.”

PHIL WARREN, GATEWAY MANAGER ON PITCHER AND FORMER SOUTH FAYETTE STANDOUT DILLON HAVILAND

that led to a redshirt season.

After 2½ seasons of pitching in relief to limit the workload on his surgically repaired shoulder and producing solid statistics, Haviland was moved to the starting rotation at midseason this spring.

"We had a starting pitcher, Mike Matuella, who was drafted in the third round by Texas this year, go down with an injury," Haviland said. "We had three relievers who could have become starters, but I guess the coach felt more comfortable with me doing it because I was older."

Haviland finished the year with a 3-1 record and 3.40 ERA in 17 outings (seven starts) against some of the best competition in the nation. Opponents batted only .231 against Haviland, but he wondered if it was enough to get drafted a second time.

There were talks with scouts and pre- and post-draft workouts, but Haviland's name wasn't called during the draft and no free-agent contracts were offered.

"It got to the point I just wanted to play baseball. I had to get back on the field," Haviland said.

That's what made Gate-

way and Haviland a match. The Grizzlies were in last place in the Frontier League's West Division and manager Phil Warren decided to overhaul his roster and plan for next season by going with 10 rookies fresh out of college. One of those is the 23-year-old Haviland, who signed in late-July.

Haviland has made five starts, going at least six innings in each of the last three outings. He earned his first professional win Tuesday in the Grizzlies' 5-4 victory over the Frontier Greys.

"He's getting better as we go," Warren said. "He's adjusting. Dillon pitched in college this year and will benefit from having an offseason. He has some improvements to make, but his secondary pitches are definitely good enough. He's capable, that's the biggest thing with him."

Today's outing will be the first time some family and friends have seen Haviland pitch since high school, before the injuries, when he was a different pitcher.

"My velocity is not the same as it was in high school," he admitted. "I've learned to be a better pitcher and work with what I have."

J-M's Broadwater, Bedilion combine to toss no-hitter

Jake Broadwater and Bryce Bedilion combined to pitch a no-hitter as Jefferson-Morgan defeated Avella 10-0 in six innings.

Broadwater, who started on the mound for the Rockets, struck out 10 in his four innings. Bedilion struck out three to get the final six outs. The two helped their cause on the mound, each hitting a double.

Noah Taylor struck out eight but suffered the loss for Avella.

Peters Township 6, Chartiers Valley 2: Peters Township had timely hitting and took advantage of wild pitching to defeat Chartiers Valley 6-2 in a non-section contest.

Tied 2-2 entering the final inning, the Indians scored two runs after drawing a pair of walks. Joe Ehland then hit a two-run single to complete the four-run seventh for the victory.

Ehland went 3-for-4 with two RBI. Matt Levy also had two hits for PT.

Andrew Mottola came in to pitch the final two innings for the Indians and didn't surrender a run to earn the victory.

Jason Orzechowski suffered the loss for Chartiers Valley.

Jeannette 5, Beth-Center 2: Jeannette used two walks and three hits to score four

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL ROUNDUP

runs in the first inning and defeat Beth-Center 5-2 in a non-section game.

The four runs held up for the remainder of the game for the Jayhawks.

Beth-Center (1-1) scored two runs in the fifth inning on a Ryan Ross single. Ross went 3-for-3 for the Bulldogs. David Morris also had two hits.

Trey Cunningham had two singles for Jeannette (2-0).

Burgettstown 12, Mapletown 10: Garrett Johns hit a two-run double in the sixth inning as Burgettstown defeated Mapletown 12-10 in a non-section game.

After scoring six runs in the first inning and another in the second to take a 7-2 lead, the Blue Devils allowed Mapletown to score six unanswered runs to take a one-run lead.

The teams traded runs until Johns' double gave Burgettstown the lead for good.

Dylan Rush had two hits and reached base five times for Mapletown.

Brownsville 7, Carmichaels 0: Three players had a multi-hit game as Brownsville defeated Carmichaels 7-0 in a non-section meeting.

Josh Davison, Brody

Bagwell and Trevor Stewart each had two hits for the Falcons to support starting pitcher Cameron Brosky, who struck out eight and didn't allow a run over his four innings.

Carmichaels scattered its four hits throughout the game and committed five errors.

Matt Barrish suffered the loss for the Mikes.

Central Valley 12, Washington 1: Matt Ramsey doubled and drove in three runs to help Central Valley to a 12-1 win over Washington in a non-section game.

Mike Sittig and Nico Hall each had a double for Central Valley (2-0). Washington fell to 0-2.

Charleroi 13, Bentworth 10: Charleroi took advantage of 12 walks and two hit-batsmen to win a 13-10 decision over Bentworth in a non-section game.

Charleroi had 6 singles and took advantage of 5 Bentworth errors.

Losing pitcher Jared Lingis had a double as did Braiden Pike and Jacob Kisner. Jacob Maimone had three singles and 3 RBI.

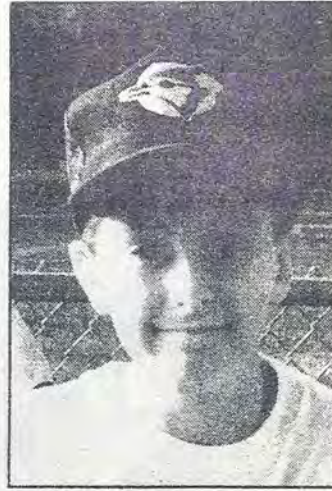
In other games, Ringgold defeated North Catholic 7-2. Bo Haines went 3-for-3 with two home runs.

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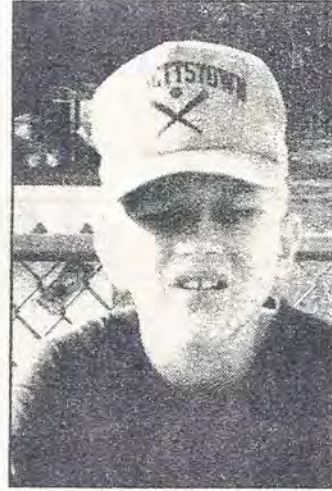
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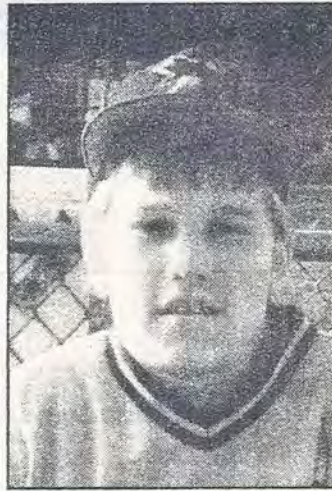
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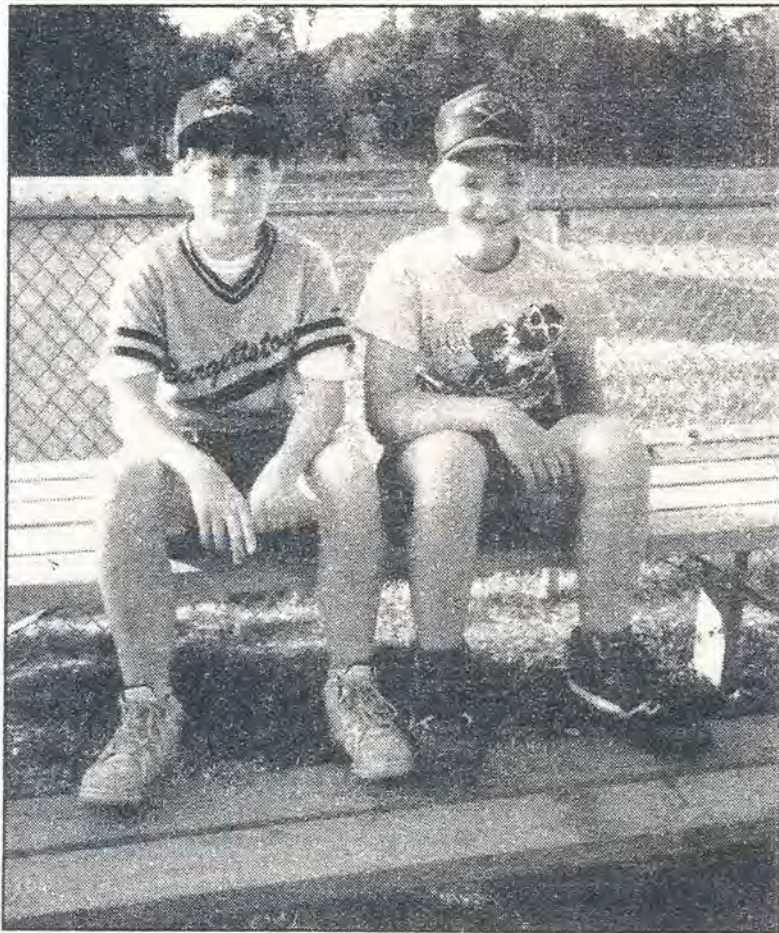
Home run derby termed success in area

According to Lou Pradetto of the Hillman Memorial Park committee, a home run derby recently held at the park for area youth baseball players was highly successful.

Chairman Pete Blue announced that next year's event will be open to all groups, including Pony League and high school. He extended his appreciation to all those who gave of their time and effort.

Lime and flowers were donated by Iannetti's Garden Center.

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DEREK SANDRIDGE AND Derek Ivanac, 12 years old.



IN CHARGE OF registration were Sheree Ivanac, Lou Vigliotti and Ron Sentipal.

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Old Honus Coming For Opening Game

Honus Wagner, old-time idol of baseball, will be at the Burgettstown fair grounds on Thursday afternoon, April 30th, for the first game at home of the local baseball team. The game will be called at 5:15 o'clock and will be between Burgettstown and Houston. At this game ladies will be admitted free of charge.

The fair grounds have been put in good order and seats are being installed to take care of a record crowd of rooters who will greet old Honus and the town players. The members of the team are in fine condition and promise snappy baseball.

The Burgettstown team will meet Washington at Washington next Tuesday afternoon for the opening game in the Washington county league. Full schedules will be given next week.

**Old Honus Coming for Opening Game
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 23, 1931 Edition**

After Dozen Years Out of the Game
Town is Coming Back
With Great Team
HONUS WAGNER MAY BE GUEST

Hope to Have Old Favorite Present
For Opening Game

Burgettstown will be represented in the great national game this year once more, after being shelved for about a dozen years. The town in old times was famous for crack ball players, but in recent years the sport has been abandoned altogether.

At a meeting of interested persons held on Monday evening a new organization was effected with the following officers: President, Dr. G. L. McKee; vice president, S. Glenn Nicholls; secretary-treasurer, R. M. Boyd. A franchise in the Washington county league has been taken out and the club will be known as the Burgettstown Community baseball team. The league is made up of eight teams in the district. Twilight games only will be scheduled, to be called at 5:45 o'clock, Eastern standard time. This evening hour will present the opportunity to practically all residents to attend the games.

Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and all home games will be played on the Burgettstown fair grounds. As soon as weather conditions permit the grounds will be put in order and seating facilities arranged.

The opening game is scheduled for Tuesday evening, April 28th. The first half will close June 20th. Winners of first and second halves will play a seven-game series to decide league championship status. The winner also will be eligible to the sandlot play-off to be held in Philadelphia. This league is under the supervision of the old time idol of baseball, Honus Wagner. An invitation has been given the "grand old man of baseball" to come to Burgettstown for the opening game on April 28th, and every effort will be made to have him present.

J. D. "Kut" Whalen has been delegated to the position of manager of the team and he announces the following player lineup now in contemplation: M. O. Mooney, pitcher formerly with the McConkeys of Wheeling. Mooney is employed in Burgettstown. Others are: Thomas Pyle, Gus Repole, James "Red" Riddle, "Greenie" Scopel, Leroy Malone, Steve Donek, Mike Nicksie, (Union High star), Joe Gilbert, John Demo, Willis Crawford, R. M. Boyd, A. J. Locke, Tommy Morrissy, Andy Samloff, Chuck Hamilton, Casey, Pete Scruppi and Al Martin.

Members of the team are now distributing season tickets. The support of all citizens is urged. The town can have a good team and the twilight games will be a source of pleasure. All should join in helping the team on to a brilliant success.

OPENING DATE IS SET FOR LOCAL BASEBALL

Opening Date is Set for Local Baseball
Honus Wagner may be Guest
Burgettstown Enterprise-March 19, 1931 Edition

Imperial Slaughtered In First Game Of World Series; 10 To 1

With Bernie Lis doling out only four hits, and Steve Vukas smashing out a perfect three for three to pace a ten hit barrage, Burgettstown got off to a flying start by racking up the first game of a best of seven series for the Washington County Baseball Championship.

Lis held the visitors in perfect check last night, hurling one of the best games of his career. Limiting them to two safeties over six frames, Lis eased up with a 10-0 lead in the final inning and Imperial tallied twice on two hits.

Possessing a 4-0 lead in the first four stanzas, Burgettstown busted out with four more in the fifth to cap the rout.

Lukon and Demnyan each plastered out two for four, and the extra base knocks, doubles, were garnered by Lis, Stanish, and Lukon. Lis got his with the bases loaded.

Adding to the sensational fielding of Burgettstown which turned in three two ply killings, was one of the outfield catching gems of the year. With Imperial runners on second and third, and two out with the score 4-0, Gelestor leaped high against the fence to snag what was sure an extra base clout, and a hit which may have turned the tide.

Pete Stanton, popular sportscaster of radio station WJPA reports that the station will broadcast over the air, one game of the World Series, directly from Hillman field.

Imperial Tie Series With Cedar Grove

Imperial sent its National Division semi-final playoffs into the fifth and deciding fray by whipping Cedar Grove in the fourth game, 7-1. The Imperial win tied the series play at two games a-piece.

Vic Pregal held the losers to three hits and one run over the distance while Bernie Lis was reached for four safeties, but three errors and four passes cost him the ball game.

Imperial played a pair in the third and Cedar Grove ate up one length by scoring its lone tally in the fourth. Adding one more in the sixth and exploding the Cedar Grovers in the seventh to plate four more. Imperial romped away.

Ed Kubachka, Tony Scariot and Bernie Lis each singled for Cedar Grove's only safeties.

Imperial Tie Series with Cedar Grove
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 1, 1949 Edition



Over 1,000 fans saw the Schneider Nats defeat Biggie Dellapina's Mets 15 to 9 at Hillman field last Sunday afternoon under sunny skies.

WINNERS first row, left to right, Willis Crawford, Joe Durko, Joe Patsolic, Bill Morris, Gashouse Glestor, Chuck Havelka and Babe Vernilio.

Second row, left to right,

Jeff McGraw, Tony Scariot, Harp Kowalski, Carl Lattella, Dewey Russell, Bob Cowden, Mike Lipnicky, Romeo Garritano, Duke Florio and Abe Toth.

Third row, left to right,

Took Muscaro, John Lukon, Ray Riddile, Frank Blank, Nick Maropis, Spike Malone, Sam Pasqualini, Pete Maropis, Gus Moran, Moe Dowler and Jake Schneider.

Jake Schneider's Team Wins Old Timers Baseball Game-Winners
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LOSERS

Pictured first row, left to right, Andy Mikula, Ted Pozniak, Ben Ozimek, Joe Sterkle, Lou Dellapina, Mario Alouise and Diz Zupanic.

Second row, left to right, Zig Danek, Lefty Monroe, John Demo. Gabbv Toth, Tootie Wade, Jim Gecoma, Sam LaRocka, Ray DePaul, John Navoski, George Danek, and Biggie Dellapina.

Third row, left to right, Dick Campbell, John Darras, Gump Stanish, Whitey Femovich, Al Mehalic, John Shearson, Chike Scruppi, Netto Guyo, Andy Fuller and Andy Gratchen.

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Jake Schneider's Team Wins Old Timers Baseball Game
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Injured at Ball Game.

James Mazzier, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. James Mazzier of Cherry Valley, is confined to the Washington Hospital suffering from a seriously injured nose received while watching a baseball game at Raccoon Sunday afternoon, when the bat flew out of the batter's hands as he struck at the ball and landed back among the crowd. The end of the bat struck James on the upper part of his nose shattering the little bones to splinters. 'Greenie' Scopel, the man at the bat was the first one to pick up the injured boy. After being attended to by Dr. A. O. Hindman he was taken to the hospital where he is now resting comfortably. Although the batter is not to be blamed, it was not fully the boy's fault either, as there is no fence or boards to act as back-stops back of the home plate.

James Mazzier
Injured at Ball Game
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 18, 1931 Edition

JOE TEPsic, FORMER U.H.S. STAR ATHLETE ENROLLS AS STUDENT AT STATE COLLEGE

As a pattern of what will very likely take place a thousand times and more in sports in the years just ahead, take the case of Joe Tepsic, of Penn State, a Guadalcanal veteran and a former all-around star at Union High School.

The story comes from Joe Bedenk, who coaches the baseball team for State's Nittany Lions.

Tepsic showed up one day last March at State College and enrolled. He was a stranger, but said he would come out for the baseball team and Bedenk made him welcome. 'I didn't know whether he could tell a baseball from a load of hay, but I soon found out,' the coach grinned.

Tepsic was no 17-year-old waiting for the draft board to gobble him up, nor was he 4-F at 21, he was beginning his college career under the GI bill of rights, a privilege Uncle Sam has made possible for all his service men.

Joe was a veteran Marine. He had gone ashore with the leathernecks at Guadalcanal, where a Jap Bayonet had wounded him grievously in the shoulder. It took almost a full year for the surgeons to finish their repair work on him and turn him loose.

'I didn't say much when Joe drove out a long home run in our first game,' Bedenk said, 'I had a hunch Tepsic was a natural, but I thought it would be a good idea to sit tight and see what happened. But by the middle of our season I knew he was not a morning glory. Tepsic hit three home runs, two triples and two doubles for us in 10 games. His average was .500, and around the school they were saying he was one of the best athletes to come to Penn State in years.'

JOE'S BACKGROUND

Meanwhile, Bednek and other athletic officials learned the boy's background—that his home was in Slovan, that he had been an all-around athlete at Burgettstown

High; that he entered Waynesburg College, where he played his Freshman year for the Yellow Jackets. He left Waynesburg to enlist in the Marines and served until they got him at Guadalcanal.

It was my fault, Bednek says, that Tepsic's reputation as a fielder wasn't on a par with his hitting prowess. He is an outfielder, not an infielder, but I needed a third baseman badly and he agreed to play there.

As an outfielder, Bedenk thinks Tepsic is sure fire. 'He starts faster than any player I ever coached and covers acres of ground. And he has a powerful throwing arm. He's a switch hitter, too, but is at his best when he bats right-handed.'

The scouts must agree with Bedenk, for they arrived in droves when the word got out, and showered Tepsic with honeyed offers, but he turned them all down.

'Come back after I get my degree,' he told them.

While Tepsic has made his name on the diamond at Penn State, he will also report for the football team. Football was his best sport in high school and baseball came second. It was not until he arrived at Penn State and got back into baseball that Tepsic realized that football was not impossible for him. It came about unexpectedly one day when, while rounding second base at full speed he ran head-on into a teammate. Joe picked himself up, brushed off his uniform, and announced to everybody, 'I think I am going to play football.' The collision convinced him that he was as fit as ever for contact sport.

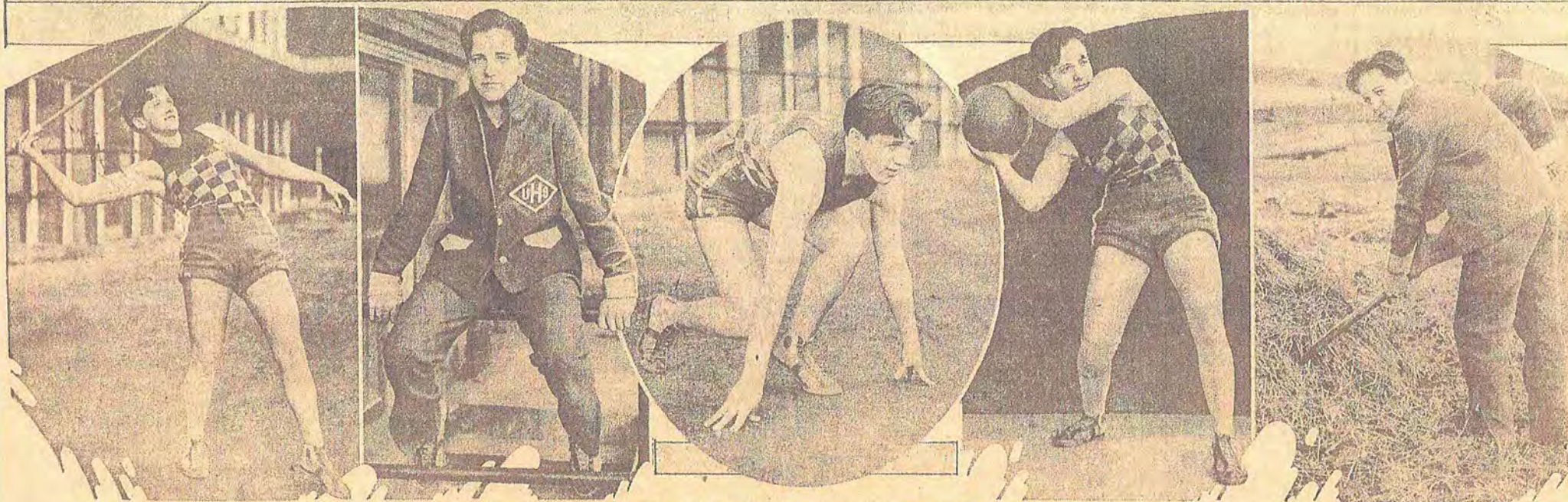
There are going to be young fellows like Tepsic on every campus in the land, Coach Bedenk declared. They are coming back in dribbles today, but they'll be streaming in by next fall and winter to give every branch of sport a tremendous impetus. It is important that we be ready for them.

Juniors Defeat Louise Mine.

In an interesting and well played baseball game Friday afternoon of last week the Burgettstown Juniors defeated the Louise Mine team by the score of six to nothing. Failure of the Louise youngsters to score was due to more hard luck than anything else. The score: Burgettstown 6 runs, 6 hits, 2 errors; Louise no runs, 3 hits, 1 error. Batteries, Power and Navoge; Barish and Trenary. The Burgettstown Juniors would like games with other teams of the district, players under 16 years of age. For games call 169-R, Burgettstown, and ask for "Bill."

Juniors Defeat Louise Mine
Burgettstown Enterprise- September 1931 Edition

Hay-Pitchin', Spud Hoein' Make a Second 'Babe' Didrikson Out of Burgettstown Farm Girl



By RUTH AYERS

BURGETTSTOWN, Pa., Jan. 18—She knew how to handle a hoe but a javelin was just another word in the sports pages to Frances Kanzius, 17—until a year ago. She could pitch a load of hay—but she was in the dark about a discus.

Yet today, the farm girl and high school sophomore is such a promising track and field star, according to her high school coach, that Burgettstown hails her as a second "Babe" Didrikson.

Inasmuch as Mildred "Babe" Didrikson has quit amateur athletics after being hailed as the greatest woman athlete of

Frances "Babe" Kanzius is shown above (left to right) in correct position for the javelin throw; in school sports togs; ready to hit the cinder trail; all set to make a basket and at work on the farm.

the country, Frances Kanzius hopes to be Olympic material four years from now.

Both the Burgettstown "Babe" and "Babe" Didrikson were at the Chicago try-outs for the Olympics, where Miss Kanzius watched the girl high jumping.

Although last summer was her first one in sports, Miss Kanzius came out fourth in the baseball throw when she competed in the Olympic tryouts. She was first in the basketball and baseball throw at the Allegheny Mountain Associa-

tion meet in Kennywood Park.

"I bought a javelin for her last spring," Coach Peter Fee said. "The first time she ever had it in her hand she threw it 100 feet."

And Frances adds, "Yes, and I didn't know a javelin grip from a jiu-jitsu throw. I hadn't an idea in the world what a discus looked like, either. The only sport I had ever known anything about before I came to high school was basketball, which I played in sixth year grade school."

"Babe" the second, is one of seven children. Her home is a farm in the hills of Langeloth, with her father, miner and a farmer by turn.

Farm work, she believes, has made her strong and agile. She can handle a team of horses, hoe corn, pitch hay—anytime when she's dressed in working clothes or in a gym suit, she looks so much like a stocky boy that more than one person has been surprised to learn she's a girl.

She weighs 121 pounds, and is five feet three. A four-mile walk a day, to and from Union High School, does much, she believes, to keep her in good trim.

Frances Kanzius

LATE SPORTS

Avella padded its American Division lead with a 10-3 victory over Bulger. Hlavac went the distance and aided his own win by smashing out 4 for 5. Illik came thru with 3 for 4 in the 14 hit pounding of Bulger's Femovich. The losers collected six hits with Pete Dellapina smashing out three of them in having a perfect day at the plate. Atlasburg made Midway step 10 frames before a decision was reached. Midway scored a pair in the tenth and went on to win, 5-3. The winners banged out 7 safties off McGraw. With Bodnor poling out a pair, Atlasburg got a total of 5 hits. Raccoon handed Imperial an 8-3 decision with their pitchers giving up 10 walks. Imperial garnered only 5 bingles, but the Owl hurlers forced in runs by their wildness. Andrikanich, starting his first game for the Owls, allowed 6 free tickets, and Kranak, his relief, gave up 4. Raccoon collected 8 hits with G. Danek and P. Secco getting two apiece. Avella put another hitch on their grip of first place with a 2-1 win over Sturgeon. J. Molten and Gardner paced the winners' 7 hit parade with a pair apiece, Scariot, on the hill for Avella gave up only 3 hits. Bulger kept in the pennant race with a 6-3 win over Cedar Grove. J. Shearson's 3 for 4 and L. Dellapina's 2 for 2 added to Nixon's double and home run paced the winner's 10 hit barrage. Navoski allowed the losers 8 hits while fanning 6. Atlasburg crumbled in the final frame permitting Oakdale 5 runs, to win 10-6, when they were trailing 6-5. Bumbera and Buckoske (7th) hurled for Atlasburg. DeSantis and Cherokee, with a pair each, led the 7 hit parade for Atlasburg. Scott Service increased their National Division lead to two and a half games with a 4-1 victory over Meadowlands, while S. A. Myer dropped a 2-1 verdict to Cecil. Scott was outhit, 7-4, but came thru with men on. Johnson homered with one on to feature. Tropek pitched and fanned 6 while walking 2. Meadowlands stranded 7 on the bases, while Scott left only 1 on. Lukon, Demnyan and Tropeck culminated the hitting for the winners.

Late Sports

Burgettstown Enterprise-July 1, 1948 Edition

LEAGUE GAME SUNDAY

Jake Schneider, manager of the Burgettstown Baseball Club announces the opening game of the Washington County league will be played on McCormick field on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Jake was unable to state the local's opponent for the Sunday game as the schedule is not completed.

Locals who will play in Sunday's game are: c, Tooke Marsako; p, Yap Dubich; 1b, Harry Day; 2b, Tony Spado; shortstop, Teddy Nicksick; 3b, Harry McCreathy; lf, Gashouse Gelestor; mf., Moppy Mader; rf, Joe Plate and Stanley Grabsky and reserve catcher, Ernie Lawson.

League Game Sunday
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 9, 1940 Edition

Legion Baseball

The Washington County section of the 25th district American Legion Junior Baseball program is all set to go after a final meeting last Friday. The county has been divided into two sections; with section 1 comprised of Burgettstown, Avella, Woodson-Asbury, Claysville and Washington. Section 2; McMurray, Muse, Meadowlands, McDonald and Canonsburg. Opening day is slated for June 7.

Gus Repole will again be at the helm of the Post 698 Burgettstown entry, with Don Hall, Union High baseball coach, assisting him. For the past two seasons, Post 698 has been successful in copping the championship of their section, only to lose out in the playoffs. This season, with the county divided into two sections, Burgettstown, with just about their strongest team of their history, are giving notice that they are out to sweep the line in the coming campaign. Mgr. Repole is rumored to be lining up talent which will make Post 698 the club to beat for the Junior Legion championship.

Gus Repole has been appointed athletic director of the Burgettstown Legion Post 698.

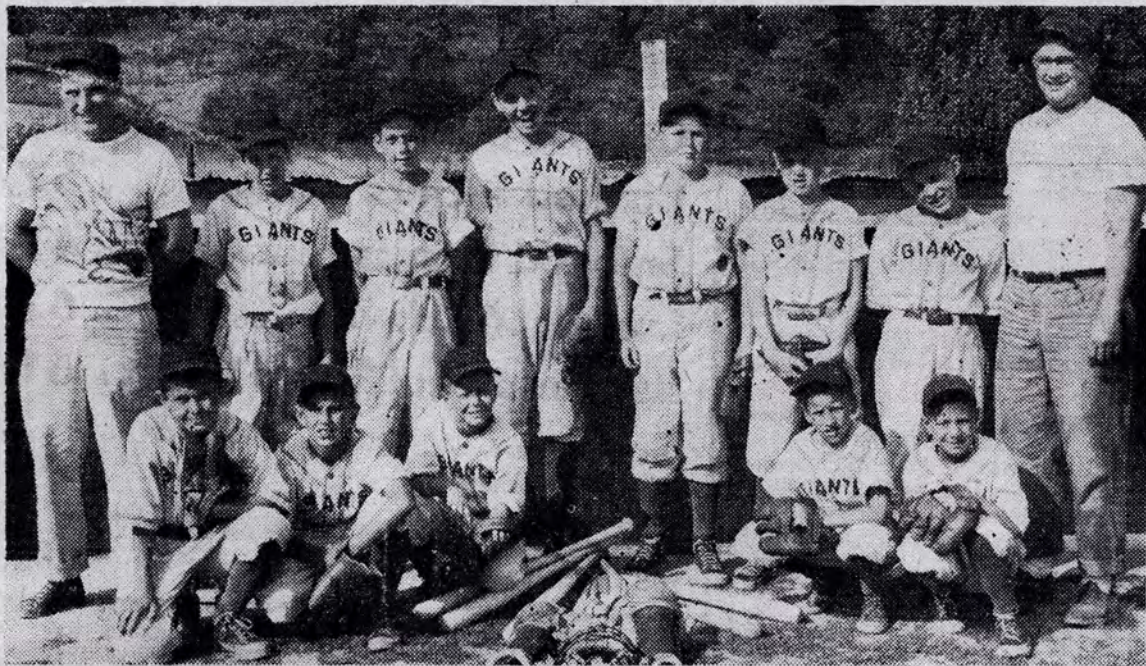
LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM FETED BY MANAGER

Twelve members of the Cardinals Little League baseball team were entertained at a corn and wiener roast at the home of their manager, Geno Bianchi of Bulger, Thursday evening, Aug. 13.

Present were: G. and W. Rankin, D. O'Donnell, J. Suica, J. Maroni, Joe Muscaro, R. Vigilotti, J. Onstott, G. Strongosky, JuJu Dallesandri and D. Bianchi. Members absent were: M. Zamberlan, J. Orrick and Jim Muscaro.

Also attending were 20 guests. Assisting manager Bianchi with the preparations were: Clayton Hill and Casey Rankin.

LITTLE LEAGUE GIANTS



BOTTOM ROW—Left to right: Jerome Staub, Jerome Murin, Ossie Gavazzi, Robert Bednarzik and Kenneth Gavazzi.

BACK ROW—Chester Warchol, coach; J. Thomas, Jim Mastic, Ben Mader, Ray Martin, Jim Grant, Jim Bernola and Walter Lipnicky, manager. Absent: Jim Durko, (infected leg), Thomas Bednarzik and Johnny Latella.

Climax News
Little League Giants
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 16, 1953 Edition

Little Leagues Hold Regular Meeting

A special meeting of the Burgettstown Area Little and PONY Leagues was held Friday night in the borough building. Jeff McGraw presided with 25 members in attendance.

Pat McGraw, Union high school baseball coach, invited managers and players to a clinic at Hillman field Saturday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. The group decided to hold their annual ticket sale on the same day beginning at 10 a.m.

In correspondence, a letter was received from E.S. Wheeler of the American-Climax Corporation, congratulating the league for its efforts over the past ten years and commending the managers for their work. A check for \$100 accompanied the letter.

**Little League Hold Regular Meeting
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 18, 1961 Edition**

Many Items Discussed At Little League Meet

Members of the Burgettstown-Smith Township Little and Pony Leagues had their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 16 in the borough building. President Jeff McGraw presided. Present were: Jim Dallara, Paul Ward, Vance Farulli, Andy Fuller, Biggie Dellapina, Mario Alouise, Skeet Martin, Eddie Viloski, and Chuck Mahoney.

Insurance was discussed for the year and it was decided to continue in the same plan as in the past. A report was received from the Follansbee Little League, in whose tournament the locals participated last year.

Many other items, including the possibilities of changing the boundaries and the formation of a Peanut League, were discussed, but no action was taken. It was decided to hold the next meeting on March 20.

Little League Meeting
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 24, 1957 Edition

Record Crowd For Little League Opener At Hillman Field. Ninety-Six Players In Debut

Approximately 1,000 cheering fans watched all eight teams in action on Monday night as the Community Little League staged its grand opening at Hillman Field.

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LITTLE LEAGUE PIRATES who have put away their gloves and balls for this season shown above, are: Bottom row, l to r-Terry Dalverny, John Gobleck, Charles Bernola, Pete Dellapina, Kenneth Bailey and Joe Verbanic; back row-Larry Remmert, James Lander, Merwin Holland, Phillip Brletich, Harry Stiffler, Mickey LaRocka, Bobby Dellapina, A. W. Holland, manager; absent-Robert Gaffoli, Dickey Schumaker and Red Bailey, coach.

Little League Pirates
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 9, 1953 Edition

Little League Roster

Listed below are the names of players selected by managers in the recent Little League auction for teams. The rosters are by no means the final and official ones as each list is subject to correction by trades, releases and additions. All changes will be published whenever made and approved by Player Agent, Don Hall.

GIANTS

Mike Lipnicky, manager; Edward Yandrich and James Schollaert, 12 year olds. Ronald Taboriski, Dale Carns, Louis Orison and Thomas Vujentic, 11 years olds; Andy Przenkop, James Mastic and James Durko, 10 year olds; Billy Sentipal, John Latella, Jerome Murin, Jerome Staub, Kenneth Bailey, Ben Mader and John Niedzielka, 9 year olds; Oswald Gavazzi and Gerald Bodnor, 8 year olds.

CARDINALS

John Gelestor, manager. John Clair, Ralph Gaffoli, Glen Brady, James Pace and Louis Stone, 12 year olds; Stanley Yukevich, William McCreight, Arthur Boni, Thomas Larue and Eugene Taucher, 11 year olds; Albert Esno, James Nardo, John Maroni, Ernest Getsinger, Joseph Muscaro and Donald Bianchi, 10 year olds; James Suica, 9 year old; Armando Dalessandri, 8 year old.

PIRATES

Pete Dellapina, manager. Charles Testas, Robert Motte, Walter Dalverny and Robert McGivern, 12 year olds; Kenneth Kavensky, Marius Dalverny, Charles Scruppi, Andrew Rommes and Thomas Cullley, 11 year olds; James Lander, Michael LaRocka and Eugene Holvin, 10 year olds; Bob Dellapina, Marco Davis and Ronald Ayres, 9 year olds; Mervin Holland, 8 year old.

PHILLIES

Charles Havelka, manager. Oliver Pearl, Billy McGivern and Larry Rodriguez, 12 year olds; John Riddle, Robert Slack, Kenneth Lantz, Gary Fowler and Bobby Owings, 11 year olds; Reno DiOrio, Jack McGivern, Richard Delprato, Joseph Bucek and James Barkley, 10 year olds; Payton Black, Dennis Delprato, James Trimarki and Dean Fowler, 9 year olds; Ronald Tasz, 8 year old.

TIGERS

Joe Toth, manager. Robert Al-

lison, Donald Nemeth, Jack McGivern, George Saxton, Leo Burchianti and Robert Friday, 12 year olds; John Bianchi, Joe Karas, John Byrd, David Scruppi, Andrew Bianchi, Donald Mike, Milan Vujanick and Thomas Kuritz, 11 year olds; Andrew Samloff, Jim McElhaney and Alfred Allison, 10 year olds; Larry Remmert, 9 year old.

INDIANS

Dushan Nicksick, manager. Floyd Thomas, Charles Cunningham, and Charles Hawkins, 12 year olds; Ralph Strobe, Tommy Noy, Richard Maltony, John Colpo, Robert Grabski, Richard Borio, George Elich, Donald Yazevac, Ray Strobe and Nick Iannetti, 11 year olds; Jerome Adams, Ronald Dellapina, Morris Harvey, Gregory Zamberlan, 10 year olds; Carl Iannetti, 9 year old.

YANKEES

Matt Kuzior, manager. Ben Diamond, Billy Brunner, Tom Schilinski, Marshall Bruce, Raymond Daniels and Charles Caleffie, 12 year olds; Andrew Smydo, John Danek, Ronald Lounder, William Whalen and William Ozimek, 11 year olds; Theodore Dudeck, John Michalski, Joe Antonetti and Tom Kuzior, 10 year olds; John Ozimek, Paul Scopel and Thomas Gilbert, 9 year olds.

RED SOX

Alex Stetar, manager. Donald Esno, Joseph Antonetti, Clyde Elliott and John Dunn, 12 year olds; Andy Esno, James Matalik, Tommy Hoover, Robert Pompe and Robert McClain, 11 year olds; Robert Pirih, Michael Andrikanich, Robert Dvorsak, Ronald Kovach and Gerald Mann, 10 year olds; Terrence Gavazzi, Edward Wojcik, Charles Frunner, and Walter Bendick, 9 year olds.

SUMMARY OF GAMES

LITTLE LEAGUE

Pirates 10-Red Sox 9. The Pirates won the League's opener, breaking a 6-6 tie with a four-run outburst in the fourth inning. Ron Foflygen was the winning pitcher. Bill Owens was the loser. Pete Dellapina hit a home run and double to pace the winners, while Foflygen had a single and triple. Owens smacked a single and triple and Eddie Shaffer tripled, to spark the Red Sox.

Yanks 10-Phils 5. Yanks won the game with three runs in each of the last two innings. Rich McClements and Jim Ozimek, each with a pair of singles and a triple, were Yank big guns. Bill Michalski helped out with a single and double. Frankie Malardie's triple, Art Delprato's double and Rich Lombardi's pair of singles were high spots for the Phils. Michalski was the winning pitcher, Delprato the loser.

Giants 6-Tigers 0. Bob Bednarzik won a sparkling mound duel with Carl Harris. Bobby Barish homered and singled to lead the Giant attack, along with Johnny

Guna, who whacked a pair of doubles. Denny Cowden hit a double and Bob Delprato and Dave Spontak each singled for the Tigers. Giants broke a scoreless tie with Barish's home run in the fourth inning.

Cards 3-Indians 2. Another close ball game which the Cards took thanks to a two-run rally in the sixth inning. Denny Bertoni was the winning pitcher and George Swanik the loser. Bertoni led his team in hitting with two doubles, although Jim O'Donnell singled twice and Richard Boni hit a triple. Gene Alvarez with a single and double, and Rich Amistadi a double, sparked the Indians. Losers out-hit the winners, 8-7.

Giants 3-Indians 2. Once again, the Indians lost by one run, but out-hit the winners, 6-3. Bobby Barish was the winning pitcher while Rich Amistadi was tagged with the loss. Barish, Ray Kokoskie and Johnny Dubich each doubled for the only Giant hits. Marshall Hanna conked three two-baggers to be high man for the losers. George Swanik also hit a double.

Tigers 6-Cards 3. Tigers won it with four runs in the last inning. Roy Louder was the winner, and Jim O'Donnell the loser. Leading the Tigers were Carl Harris, with a single and double, and Bob Delprato with a pair of singles. Ray Louder hit a double also. Denny Bertoni's single and double, and Lee Dowler's double, were offensive high spots for the Cards.

Summary of Little League

Burgettstown Enterprise-May 30, 1957 Edition

Little League Teams Complete Rosters

The Burgettstown-Smith Township Little League held its annual auction at Union high school Friday night, and managers of the eight teams completed their rosters for the coming season.

Managers decided before the meeting to drop the point system of selecting players and adopting the draft system.

The following rosters will be used and new players selected are:

CARDINALS-Mike Suica, manager: Edward Allison, 12; Ronald Cunningham, 12; Jerry Thompson, 12.

GIANTS-Skeets Martin, manager: Thomas Finley, 10; Marvin Strobe, 10; Jesse Alonzo, 9.

PHILLIES - Richard Zelenko, manager: Raymond Corrick, 12; Richard Hilliard, 12; Charles Homitz, 12; Roy Preston, 11; John Sabo, 11; Teddy Yaksic, 10; Robert Bailey, 9; Charles Pappas, 9; Randy Sabo, 9.

PIRATES-Jimmy Repole, manager: Joseph Yaworski, 11; James Petrucci, 10; Adelmo Rossi, 10; Ignatius Toth, 10; David Evantz, 9.

YANKEES - Charles Kaezyk, manager: Gary Kristoff, 11; John Alouise, 10; Joseph Michalski, 10; James Azzarello, 9; Henry Bruno, 9.

INDIANS-Jimmy Hall, manager: Terry Comly, 10; Gary Spatharos, 10; Jesse Davis, 9; Drew Hall, 9.

RED SOX-Alex Stetar, manager: Walter Baker, 12; Mark Eaton, 12; Perry Strobe, 12; Billy Merriner, 11; Raymond Alvarez, 10; Donald Giacomelli, 10; Billy Paniaha, 10; Mike Shuble, 10.

TIGERS-John Gelestor, manager: John Chastulik, 12; Charles Dellapina, 10; Raymond Gonzalez, 10; Stanley Stopenski, 10; Leo Corrick, 9.

Little Leaguers Win Tourney Game

The Burgettstown Area Li'l League all-star team got off to a flying start in the Robinson Township Little League tournament, beating the home club Robinson all-stars, 10 to 5, in a first round game Thursday night.

Dave Evantz and Chal Mahoney slugged home runs for the locals, Evantz belting his in the first inning with the bases empty and Mahoney connecting in the fifth frame with a man aboard.

Pitcher Jesse Alonso, kept into constant trouble with wildness, went the entire six innings for Burgettstown and had the necessary control when he needed it. However, all the losers' runs were triggered by bases on balls.

Burgettstown, managed by Jim Hall, wasted no time getting into the scoring column, tallying two scores in the first inning. Jim Repole drew a

walk to start the ball rolling and advanced to third base on two successive wild pitches. Eddie Slopek's long fly ball to right field brought Repole home. Evantz then hammered a home run over the fence in deep center field.

The hosts tied the score on a walk, three singles and a sacrifice fly.

The locals grabbed a 4-2 lead in the second stanza J. T. Davis doubled to right center field and Bob Thornburg was safe on a fielder's choice. Both runners advanced on a wild pitch and scored on a throwing error.

In the third inning, the locals had the bases jammed with none out, but muffed a golden opportunity. After Dave Boni struck out, Davis lined to left center and Evantz was doubled off third.

Robinson Township closed the score to 4-3 in the third on a walk, a wild pitch and a fielder's choice.

Evantz struck out with runners on second and third to end a fourth inning threat by Burgettstown. However, in the

fifth frame, the locals exploded for three runs. After Alonso walked, Manoney smashed a home run to deep center field. Boni walked, stole second and scored on an error.

Robinson, in their half of the inning, narrowed the gap to 7-5 on a walk and a pair of doubles.

In the sixth inning, Burgettstown ended the night's scoring with three runs. Slopek doubled, advanced to third on a wild pitch and scored on Evantz' single. After Mahoney reached base on an error, Thornburg doubled to left to drive home both runners.

Little Leaguers Win Tourney Game
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 23, 1962 Edition

Ten Years Back...In The Little League World Series



These were the Giants of 1955, who were runnersup in the local Little League World Series, having bowed to the Red Sox in three games. First row, left to right, Gerry Gavazzi, Dennis Sella, Thomas Dubich, Howard James, batboy Darrell Martin, Charles Viloski and Kenny Gavazzi. Second row, left to right, Thomas Bednarzik, Robert Szczerba, Roy Smith, Skip Bundy, Ozzie Gavazzi, Paul Pienkosky, Wayne Nice, John Guna,

Robert Bednarzik and John Pienkosky. Back row, left to right, manager Eddie Viloski, and coaches Mike Lipnicky and John Cherenko.

**Ten Years Back.....Little League World Series
Burgettstown Enterprise-Unknown 1965 Edition**

Mitchell's Pitching Guides All-Stars To 7-0 Victory

Kenny Mitchell pitched a neat three-hitter as the Burgettstown No. 1 Little League all-star team beat Peters Township, 7-0, in a first round tournament game before a large, but chilled, crowd at Robinson Township Friday night.

The small righthander had his breaking pitches working to perfection as he held Peters Township spellbound for the evening. The ace hurler of the Tigers had only one threatening move at him, that in the second inning when the opponents landed a runner on second base with no one out, but Mitchell was equal to the occasion and got out of the jam unscathed.

His teammates, meanwhile, supplied a lot of fireworks for "No. 87," scoring two runs in the second inning and five more in a big fourth frame.

Catcher Junior Elich and first baseman Pat Meneely paced the 11-hit blitz of Peters Township pitching. Elich cracked three singles and Meneely slammed a pair of doubles, one off the top of the right field fence that missed a home run by a matter of inches.

Burgettstown drew first blood in the second frame after Elich singled and went to second on a passed ball. Mitchell singled to move Elich to third base. A fly out by Jerome Hicks cashed the first run. Dave Gavazzi then reached first

base on an error, with Mitchell moving to second. George Gelestor's single chased Mitchell across home plate with another run.

In the fourth inning Hicks reached base on an error and moved to third on a pinch-hit single by Leslie Wasik. Gelestor squeezed Hicks home with a bunt. Dave Barto then singled, and Wasik scored when Tim Nicksick reached base on an error. Meneely's second double of the game plated Barto and Nicksick. Then Elich hit his third straight single and drove Meneely home with the final run of the game.

Burgettstown's No. 2 all-star team was the victim of a sixth-inning uprising by Sto-Ken-Rox A team and were eliminated by a 3-2 score Sunday evening.

With Bill Prata spinning a two-hitter and leading by a 2-0 count going into the final stanza, the locals appeared to be on their way to a win.

But Sto-Ken-Rox loaded the bases on two hits and an error, then tied the contest on a single. A two-base hit then brought home the winning run.

Burgettstown scored two runs in the second inning. Dennis Halulko reached first base on an error and Bob Panconi walked. Both batters then moved up on Prata's ground out. Halulko scored on a fielder's choice, and Panconi followed suit a few moments later.

Pirates Win 1966 L'il League World Series



CHAMPIONS - PIRATES
Kneeling, left to right, Tom Restanio, Bobby Slopek, Terry Havelka, Gary Havelka, Pete Maropis,

Tommy Cooper and Mike Maropis. Standing, left to right, Pete Maropis, Steve Slopek, Gary Waters, Chuck Havelka, Darrell

Thomas, John Quader, Bob Kidd, Joe Mendak, Lou Pradetto and manager Chuck Havelka.



RUNNERSUP--ORIOLES
Kneeling, left to right, Ricky O'Shanka, Rodney Maslyk, Mike McKee, Bruce Barr, Ronnie Mosocco, Johnny Williams and

Randy Cikovic. Standing, left to right, Ed Wonszewicz, Ed Wonszewicz, Jr., Eugene Barr, John Kinkela, Stephen Fish, Larry Capozzoli,

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LITTLE LEAGUE LINERS
by Jim Dallara

Action continued on Monday, July 27, when the Phillies topped the Red Sox, 7 to 2. It was the Phils' thirteenth win in 17 games. Denny Delprato was the winning pitcher, and Terry Gavazzi was the loser. Richie Delprato and Bucky Bucek each had two doubles to pace the winners' hitting; and Jimmy Trimarki and Pete Blue had a double apiece. For the Red Sox, Bobby Pompe had two doubles and Robert Dvorsak, a single.

Also on Monday, the Pirates held off a late rally by the Yankees to win by the tune of 6 to 4. Merwyn Holland was the victor over Paul Scopel. The Pirates collected nine hits—a single and double by Philip Brletich; two singles each by Joe Verbanic and Bobby Dellapina; and one single by each Kenney Bailey, Percy Gobleck and Dick Schumaker. The Yanks got five hits—a single and double by Johnny Ozimek, and a single by each, Paul Scopel, Ted Dudeck and Bobby Kuzior.

On Tuesday, July 28, the Giants whipped the Pirates, 8-1. Ray Martin hurled a one-hitter to win the decision over Joe Verbanic. Martin struck out 13 in giving up his lone single to Gaffoli. For the Giants, Ben Mader cracked a home run, his second of the season; Jimmy Mastic, Jim Grant, and Du-Du Murin each had two singles; Fritzie Staub also got two bingles; and John Latella and Martin singled.

In the nightcap of Tuesday's dual bill, the Phils' clinched a tie for first place by outlasting the Cards, 10 to 6. Richie Delprato was the winning pitcher, and JuJu

Dalessandri was the loser. Richie Delprato also led the Phils' 14-hit attack with 4 hits, two doubles and two singles; Bucky Bucek singled and tripled twice; Jimmy Trimarki singled and doubled. Reno DiOrio singled twice; Dean Fowler doubled; and Pete Blue and Pyle each singled. The Cards got six hits—two doubles by Gary Rankin; two singles by Joe Muscaro; and a double each by Jimmy Suica and Don Bianchi.

Wednesday's first game was a real thriller as Reno DiOrio pitched his third no-hitter of the year and slugged his fourth home run; Denny Delprato singled, doubled, and hit his sixth roundtripper; and the Phillies clinched the National League championship with an eleven to zero win over the Tigers. DiOrio fanned twelve in pitching his masterpiece. It was his eighth win of the season as against one defeat. In addition to the above mentioned hits, Bucky Bucek and Richie Delprato each doubled for the Phils; Pyle singled and tripled; and Jimmy Trimarki singled.

Also on Wednesday, the Yanks and the Indians fought to a 10-10 standstill, the game being called after seven innings of play because of darkness. For the Yankees, Tommy Kuzior tripled twice; Carl Yanek singled twice; John Ozimek doubled; and Teddy Dudeck singled. Yaco had a double for the Indians, and their other ten hits were all singles—three by Morris Harvey, two each by Chum Roberts and Frank Mika; and one each by Ronnie Dellapina, Dizzy Adams and Bill Sentipal.

On Thursday's first game, the Indians beat the Phillies, 5 to 3, in a prelude of the World Series. Dizzy Adams was the winner over Jimmy Trimarki. Chum Roberts led the winner's 6-hit attack with a single and double; Morris Harvey singled twice; and Bill Sentipal and McBee each singled. Denny Delprato led the Phils with a single and his seventh homer of the year; Reno DiOrio had two

singles and a double; and Bucky Bucek had a single and double.

In the second game on Thursday, in the last regular scheduled game of the year, the Red Sox smashed the Tigers, 5 to 2. Terry Gavazzi was the winning pitcher and Lesko was the loser. Bobby Pompe led the Red Sox 5-hit attack with two singles and a double; Jimmy Barkley doubled; and Robert Dvorsak singled. The Tigers got 5 hits, also—two singles by Joe Harvey; and a base hit by each Elliott, Taborski, and Iannetti.

Sidelights—The 1953 season in the Burgettstown Little League is over. The regular season is finished, and the Phils won the National League title, while the Indians were the American League champions. The All-Star games have finished, with our National League aggregation beating Cecil and Washington before finally being defeated by Canonsburg in the final of area "A". The American Leaguers didn't fare too well. They lost a heart-breaking 2-0 decision to Washington in the first round. The World Series is over, and we'll have information on that next week. Meanwhile, let's review this past season by hitting some of the top points. For instance, who can ever forget the thrill of seeing—Bobby Pompe smashing his eighth home run to tie the Little League record set last year?—Denny Delprato hitting those two home runs in one game?—the World Series games?—Dizzy Adams hurling another beautiful ball game?—Joe Harvey making those great catches at shortstop?—Teddy Dudeck and his tremendous speed?—Gary Rankin getting another double?—Jay Thomas throw a no-hitter in the first game of the year?—The National League All-Stars beating Cecil and Washington and giving it the good ol' try against Canonsburg?—Mickey LaRocka crying to the umpire?—the American League All-Stars in their valient effort against Washington?—each and every game?

Well, the final batting averages have been released and we see that Gary Rankin has won the crown with 27 hits in 46 trips to the plate for an average of .587. In the second half of the season, he had 16-for-22 for a blistering average of .727. Dizzy Adams finished second with .545, Teddy Dudeck is third with .537, Denny Delprato fourth, with .500, and Bobby Pompe is fifth with .452. Pompe had eight home runs to lead the league; Delprato was second with seven. Tommy Kuzior led in triples with three. Rankin had 17 doubles to lead the league. Dudeck was second with 12. Adams led the pitching department. He had eight wins and no defeats. Reno DiOrio had 8 and 1, including 3 no-hitters; Morris Harvey had 7 and 1; while Jay Thomas had 6 and 1—Well, that's about all for this week. And, since the Little League season is over,

why don't you come down to Hillman field every Friday to watch our Legion team play. They have a good squad and are still in the running for the league championship. I'll be back next week to tell you about the World Series and to sum up the season.

**CLUB BATTING
NATIONAL LEAGUE**

	AB	R	H	Ave.
Phillies	453	142	140	.309
Giants	459	111	145	.316
Cards	461	112	130	.282
Pirates	409	71	112	.274
Totals	1782	436	527	.296

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Indians	460	150	159	.346
Yanks	449	124	138	.307
Tigers	330	96	80	.242
Red Sox	448	82	106	.237
Totals	1687	452	483	.284

Home Runs—8; D. Delprato 7; DiOrio 4; Barkley, Adams 3; R. Dellapina, Martin, Mader 2; Emph, Vega, R. Delprato, Taborski, Durko 1.

Triples—T. Kuzior 3; G. Rankin, Martin, Dalessandri, M. Harvey, R. Dellapina, Scopel, J. Bucek, 2; Emph, Roberts, T. Gavazzi, Bianchi, Vega, Fowler, Taborski, Samloff, Dudeck, LaRocka, Barkley, Yanek, Murin, Maroni, DiOrio, Pyle, 1.

Doubles—G. Rankin, 17; Dudeck 12; R. Dellapina, Adams, Durko, Harvey, Martin, 10; Thomas, 9; Roberts, B. Dellapina, 8; Ozimek, Maroni, R. Delprato, 7; Holland, Michalski, DiOrio, J. Bucek, Trimarki, D. Delprato, Bianchi, Czarnecki, Pompe, 6; Mader, Kovach, Scopel, Samloff, T. Kuzior, 5; Sentipal, Taborski, LaRocka, Barkley, 4; Garcy, Vega, Mastic, F. Mika, Bongiorno, Emph, Dvorsak, Suica, 3; Yaco, Gobleck, Lawrence, Verbanic, Murin, Muscaro, Grant, Harvey, T. Gavazzi, O. Gavazzi, Latella, Brletich, 2; W. Rankin,

Zamberlan, Orrick, B. Mika, Yaksic, Yanek, Gilbert, Sella, Danek, Bianchini, Bailey, Fowler, Stiffler, Dalessandri, Phillips, B. Kuzior, Pirih, Blue, 1.

Pitching—Adams, 8-0; DiOrio, 8-1; M. Harvey, 7-1; Thomas, 6-1; Mader, 4-1; Vega, 2-1; Murin, 1-1; Czarnecki, 0-1 B. Kuzior, 0-1; D. Delprato, 2-0; Emph, 1-0; Taborski, 0-1; Brletich, 0-1; Maroni, 0-2; B. Dellapina, 0-1; Barkley, 1-2; R. Delprato, 5-2; Martin, 3-3; Dalessandri, 5-4; Verbanic, 3-5; Dvorsak, 0-9; Samloff, 2-6; T. Kuzior, 6-3; Holland, 3-5; G. Rankin, 2-6; Lesko, 2-6; Scopel, 2-3; T. Gavazzi 1-5; Trimarki, 0-2.

FINAL CLUB STANDINGS

	National	W.	L.
Phils	15	5	
Giants	14	6	
Cards	7	12	
Pirates	6	12	
American			
Indians	15	2	
Yanks	10	8	
Tigers	4	13	
Red Sox	3	16	

Guy B. Stough of Florence is receiving treatment in Pittsburgh hospital where he expects to remain for six weeks.



Midway champs

The 8 and younger Midway Blue Knights were crowned tournament champs at the 15th annual Midway Spring Classic at Midway. The Knights were undefeated. First row, from left, Chris Zalaznik, Cody Armstrong, Aaron Cooper, Josh Snatchko, Kenny Zierden, Robby Zalaznik, Lonnie Willis and Mike Loeffler. Second row, Scott Margerum, Rex Beyerbach, Matthew Gross, Marc Zeno, Mike Kropf, Jordan Boyd and Andrew Weber. Third row, coach Beyerbach, manager Carl Zeno and coach Weber.

Midway Champs
The Enterprise-May 20, 1998 Edition



Pirates

Kneeling, L-R: Tom Restanio, Bobby Slopek, Terry Havelka, Gary Havelka, Pete Maropis, Tommy Cooper, and Mike Maropis. Standing: Pete Maropis, Steve Slopek, Gary Waters, Chuck Havelka, Darrell Thomas, John Quader, Bob Kidd, Joe Mendak, Lou Pradetto, and Manager Chuck Havelka.

**Pirates Win 1966 Little League World Series
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Orioles

Kneeling, L_R: Ricky O'Shanka, Rodney Maslyk, Mike McKee, Bruce Barr, Ronnie Mosocco, Jimmy Williams, and Randy Cikovic. Standing: Ed Wonsevicz, Ed Wonsevicz Jr., Eugene Barr, John Kinkela, Stephen Fish, Larry Capozzoli, Jim Revay, Al Peterson, Jim Williams, George O'Shanka, Frank Testa, manager Keith Fish and Joe Cikovic.

**Runners Up 1966 Little League World Series
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Pirates Win 1966 L'il League World Series



CHAMPIONS - PIRATES
Kneeling, left to right, Tom Restanio, Bobby Slopek, Terry Havelka, Gary Havelka, Pete Maropis,

Tommy Cooper and Mike Maropis. Standing, left to right, Pete Maropis, Steve Slopek, Gary Waters, Chuck Havelka, Darrell

Thomas, John Quader, Bob Kidd, Joe Mendak, Lou Pradetto and manager Chuck Havelka.



RUNNERSUP—ORIOLES
Kneeling, left to right, Ricky O'Shanka, Rodney Maslyk, Mike McKee, Bruce Barr, Ronnie Mosocco, Johnny Williams and

Randy Cikovic. Standing, left to right, Ed Wonsevicz, Ed Wonsevicz, Jr., Eugene Barr, John Kinkela, Stephen Fish, Larry Capozzoli,

Jim Revay, Al Peterson, Jim Williams, George O'Shanka, Frank Testa, manager Keith Fish and Joe Cikovic.

Pirates Win 1966 Little League World Series Burgettstown Enterprise-Unknown 1966 Edition

Local Ball Players See Pirate Ball Game



Six Buses Filled For Oakland Trip

(McCrerey photo)

This was the scene on Saturday, July 30, at the former Center avenue railroad station, where 250 area Li'l and PONY Leaguers gathered to board six Gradison buses for a trip to Forbes Field and the game between the Pirates and the Phillies.

The entire cost of the trip was paid through the generosity of James F. Hillman, president of the Harmon Creek Coal Corporation.

Only two of the buses can be seen in the picture. The other four were parked in front of these two, and the bulk of the young ball players had already boarded them when the picture was taken.

Everything worked out well for the group except that the Pirates lost the game, 4 to 1.

Lukon and Danek Draw Suspensions

In retaliation for his beating a rat-tat-tat on umpire Veydt's chin during the Raccoon-Burgettstown feud last week, the Raccoon first baseman, Ziggy Danek, was fined ten bucks and suspended from participating in the next two Raccoon games. The Burgettstown shortstop, Johnny Lukon, was suspended for the next two Merchants games when he tossed everything out on the field but the other bucket in utter disgust of Veydt's sixth inning calls.

The plate officiating, we gotta admit, was pretty terrible! In fact, Veydt, and his ball and strike decisions, reeked out loud! But it certainly didn't give Ziggy the green light for his slugging exhibition. Veydt let the game get away from him right from the start, and had both clubs squawking at his calls. Then's when something should have been done, instead of letting the torrid blaze reach the inferno stage. The terrific friction between both teams and the umpire generated so much heat, that it blew off the top of the thermometer when Yap Dubich was called safe in stealing home in the fifth to put the Merchants out front, 5-1. It also rang the gong, and Ziggy came out with both fist flailing and bounced knuckles off Veydt's jaw. He was banished from the game, and a little order was restored.

When Raccoon came up for their tips in the sixth, Veydt was so scared that he dared not call a strike. He put six on via free tickets and that's when Johnny Lukon started a shower of bats, balls, and gloves. No one reprimanded Johnny for his actions, and he walked off the field of his own accord. As he was leaving he said, "Since you're giving Raccoon the game, might as well give them these balls, bats and gloves too, cause I'm quitting." And the ump never even saw Johnny shower them, or leave the game.

It was so dark midway in that sixth frame, that the game should have been halted in protection of the players. But the score would have reverted to the previous frame, which had the Merchants winning. Raccoon had the bases loaded constantly because of Veydt's gifts, so he didn't want anymore trouble, by calling the game.

Veydt was calling ball after ball, no matter what came across the plate in that sixth frame, and Jake Schneider sent in pitcher after pitcher in effort to get him to say strike. And it was only because of Yap Dubich, that he did call a couple of strikes. Yap went up to him and said, "You better call a strike pretty darn soon, or you might run into a bunch of bananas again." Veydt hurriedly called two quick strikes on Harry Elias.

Raccoon went ahead 6-5, thanks to Veydt, but good ole Babe Ver-nillo saved the day for the Merchants when he blasted a single to score Fernandez after two were gone.

ere able to rack up their third and deciding game of the preliminary playoffs. And the game's early break decided the outcome, giving Avella a 3-2 verdict.

Avella's Bernie Lis and Bulger's Whitey Femovich went the entire distance, with Lis winning his own game with a 15th inning single that broke up a 2-2 tie.

Avella drew first blood in the sixth after two were out, on three consecutive singles. Mike Kubachka, France and Knish. Knish scored Kubachka but was out when he tried to stretch his hit to a double. Bulger came thru with one in the seventh, Skinner doubled and scored on LaRocka's single to knot the count. Bulger broke the tie when Lou Dellapina singled out a single in the 14th. LaRocka sacrificed him to second, and Little scored him with a blistering single. In Avella's half of the 14th came the break of the game. Tonini singled, and Lis followed with a roller to Femovich on the mound. Femovich fielded the ball but stumbled and fell and tossed to first base while flat on the ground. The throw was wild and both runners took off. When the ball was recovered it was tossed in to Lou Dellapina who collided with Kaezyk. When they got untangled and the ball was recovered, Tonini scored the tying run.

Knish opened the home half of the 15th for Avella with a double, Fritz was intentionally passed with one gone, Tonini singled and Knish was out at the plate. Then with two away, Lis won his own ball game by dumping a single into center to score Fritz.

Avella blasted Femovich for 19 hits with Bernie Lis and Tonini leading the assault with four singles apiece. Mike Kubachka singled three times, France rapped out a double and a pair of singles, Knish singled and doubled, and Fritz singled twice, and Eddie Kubachka bingled, to account for the winner's safeties. Femovich fanned five and gave up three walks, two were intentional.

Bulger rapped Lis for 11 hits with Nick Little pacing the hitters by slashing out four singles. Pete and Lou Dellapina each banged out two singles apiece, Skinner and Mehalich got a double apiece, and LaRocka singled to culminate Bulger's offense. Lis fanned nine and walked two for the win.

EDDIE GETS HIS GUN!



It was Eddie's night at Forbes Field, Tuesday, August 13, when one thousand baseball fans filled the cheering section to show their appreciation for a former veteran, Eddie Lukon who is traveling the big time trail of the grand old American game with the Cincinnati Reds. Union high school band in uniform, led by Professor McGregor added color to the evening's fun.

Lukon is shown in the above picture with two of Burgettstown's baseball fans, Dr. G. L. McKee and Al Rossey. Dr. McKee in behalf of the Greater Burgettstown Community presented Eddie with: a 16 gauge Remington shotgun, a portable radio, an American Legion Diamond pin and a traveling bag. Eddie's wife and mother, who were in the cheering section, were presented with orchids.

In the reception committee was the Community's official baseball family-Mike Bihum, sports reporter of the BURGETTSTOWN ENTERPRISE, who promoted "Eddie Lukon" night, Dr. McKee, Al Rossey, Jake Schneider, Sam Muscaro, Ben Kobe and W. J. Whalen, Jr.

Eddie Lukon Gets His Gun
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 15, 1946 Edition



EDDIE LUKON

Eddie Lukon of the Cincinnati Reds has begun to really powder the 'ol horsehide. He has a total of four home runs to his credit at this writing (Monday). He polled one out of the park against Chicago, and three off of the Philly hurlers. Two of them came in one game. Eddie has recovered from his recent illness and is playing pretty steady. But we can't understand why he is held out when the opposition starts a southpaw. Bill McKeckne, former manager of the Reds, began the superstition that Eddie couldn't hit lefthanders, and it seems that the present manager, John Neun, is continuing it. And he of all persons should know better! Cause Eddie was the guy who consistently beat his club when both were in the Minors. Eddie won the pennant for Columbus hitting against all comers, and even in spring training, Eddie got five hits in two days, off of two lefties. We've seen Columbus papers that, during the playoffs for the pennant, carried headlines like this all during the series; Lukon 2, opposition 0, Lukon 3-opposition 1. Didn't they use lefties in order to stop him? But

still he rolled right along. Still they say he can't hit southpaws, oh well, I guess I'll stick to Climax instead of trying to understand it all.



Jim Matalik-Knights of Columbus Baseball Clinic
Unknown Date

Midway Alumni Wins

Leaping to a 17-2 first quarter lead and piling it on all the way, the Midway Alumni chewed up the Varsity, 45-23. Nifty sharpshooting on the part of Augie Leipold, who hit for 11 field goals to total 22 points, sparked the victory.

The Alumni registered on 20 two-pointers and five free throws with Leipold's performance topping all players. Ed Gillis hit for 8 points, Pyle and Lefevbre each made a 6, Holmes 2 and Alrutz 1. Campbell was held scoreless. John Lucarini's 8 points was tops for the varsity. Griffith dumped in a 6, Rupnik 5, Salmon 3, and Joey Lauff 2. Aiken and Clark were both stymied. The varsity tallied on 11 field goals and one free throw.

It was a different story in the preliminary. The Midway High girls opened the evening's festivities with a convincing 30-10 victory over the Alumni lassies. Sparked by a 10 point display of Pirrung, a 6 by Casciola, Homitz and Bable, and a 2 by Dawson, combined with brilliant guard play by Weber, Skinner, Schwab, Richey, Wigner and Baldgowski the varsity registered victory via 12 field goals and 6 free throws.

The Alumni was paced with a 6 by Robinson, and a 2 apiece by Clark and Cagnon. Alumni guards were Lander, Lepro and Maga.

Midway Alumni Wins

Burgettstown Enterprise-January 11, 1931 Edition

MIDWAY IS UPSET

Cedar Grove reared up in all its might, and pulled one of the surprises of the season to upset the Midway nine, 2-1, in an eight inning overtime battle.

With Midway's Poznak toeing the rubber, and Zick firing them in for Cedar Grove, it was a 1-1 ball game after the regulation time expired. Midway loaded the bases in both the seventh and eighth frames, but Zick got out of the hole both times with some fine fielding by his teammates, as the club played one of its best defensive games of the year.

In the bottom of the eighth, Al Ezarik doubled for the Cedar Grovers, and when Fritz rapped out a sizzling single, Ezarik carried in the winning tally.

For the winners, it was Al Ezarik leading their five hit attack with a double and single, while Mehalic, Lis, and Fritz each racked up a single.

Parkinson led the four hit sticking for Midway with a single and double. Lenore and Poznak garnered the other two safties.

MIDWAY WINS, 4-3

This was another one of those ding dong battles, but Midway atoned for their 2-1 loss when they scored in the final frame to decision Cedar Grove in a return tilt, 4-3. Deb Clair hurled the distance for Cedar Grove, and gave up single markers in each of the first three frames before he settled down. Behind 3-0, Cedar Grove began to eat up lost ground and knotted the count in the seventh off Lescovitz and Campbell. In their last tips, with one away Midway pushed across the winning run.

Clark had a perfect day at the platter for Midway, three singles and a round tripper in four trips, getting half of the winner's eight hits. Burns and R. Felton with two singles apiece wound up the platter chatter.

Cedar Grove also pounded out eight safties, with Morris pacing the parade, getting 2 for 4. Singles by Mahalic, Lis, Nagy, Clair and Donovall, and a double by Fritz culminated the hitting.

Mitchell's Pitching Guides All-Stars To 7-0 Victory

Kenny Mitchell pitched a neat three hitter as the Burgettstown No. 1 Little League all-star team beat Peters Township, 7-0, in a first round tournament game before a large, but chilled, crowd at Robinson Township Friday night.

The small righthander had his breaking pitches working to perfection as he held Peters Township spellbound for the evening. The ace hurler of the Tigers had only one threatening move at him, that in the second inning when the opponents landed a runner on second base with no one out, but Mitchell was equal to the occasion and got out of the jam unscathed.

His teammates, meanwhile, supplied a lot of fireworks for "No. 87," scoring two runs in the second inning and five more in a big fourth frame.

Catcher Junior Elich and first baseman Pat Meneely paced the 11-hit blitz of Peters Township pitching. Elich cracked three singles and Meneely slammed a pair of doubles, one off the top of the right field fence that missed a home run by a matter of inches.

Burgettstown drew first blood in the second frame after Elich singled and went to second on a passed ball. Mitchell singled to move Elich to third base. A fly out by Jerome Hicks cashed the first run. Dave Gavazzi then reached first

base on an error, with Mitchell moving to second. George Gelestor's single chased Mitchell across home plate with another run.

In the fourth inning Hicks reached base on an error and moved to third on a pinch-hit single by Leslie Wasik. Gelestor squeezed Hicks home with a bunt. Dave Barto then singled, and Wasik scored when Tim Nicksick reached base on an error. Meneely's second double of the game plated Barto and Nicksick. Then Elich hit his third straight single and drove Meneely home with the final run of the game.

Burgettstown's No. 2 all-star team was the victim of a sixth-inning uprising by Sto-Ken-Rox A team and were eliminated by a 3-2 score Sunday evening.

With Bill Prata spinning a two-hitter and leading by a 2-0 count going into the final stanza, the locals appeared to be on their way to a win.

But Sto-Ken-Rox loaded the bases on two hits and an error, then tied the contest on a single. A two-base hit then brought home the winning run.

Burgettstown scored two runs in the second inning. Dennis Halulko reached first base on an error and Bob Panconi walked. Both batters then moved up on Prata's ground out. Halulko scored on a fielder's choice, and Panconi followed suit a few moments later.

**Mitchell's Pitching Guides All Stars to 7-0 Victory
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 19, 1964**

MOE DOWLER FACES 23 MEN IN 14-0 WIN

With Moe Dowler contributing a blistering mound performance, Scott Service powerhoused over Imperial 14-0, and took a 2-1 lead in the county championship series.

Combining a World of "stuff" with blinding speed and sensational control, Dowler fogged 'em by the Imperial batters like bullets and retired the first 13 men that faced him, in order. With two away in the fifth, Moe eased up and served a 'fat' one that Tesla slapped out for a triple, and Imperial's only hit. Again, Moe bore down, retired the next five men. He lost the first man in the seventh via a walk, but downed the next three for a one hit, 14-0 masterpiece. Moe went around the course in two over par, facing 23 men, two over the par 21.

Backing up Dowler's near perfect mound chore, the Scott Service sluggers put on a blitzkrieg, exploding with 18 hits that plated runners in every inning, featured by a six run rally in the fourth.

Leading the salvo on Imperial was a perfect 3 for 3 by Muscaro. Lukon went 3 for 4, Johnson added a pair of singles and double in 4 trips, Gelestor and Demnyan each contributed a pair of bingles, a triple by Vukas, and singles by Vernillo and Zdybicki completed the mayhem.

Moe Dowler Faces 23 Men in 14-0 Win
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 9, 1948 Edition

N.Y. Black Yankees Appear Here Friday

In their zeal to provide the Burgettstown district with the best baseball entertainment possible, Scott's Service has contacted the New York Black Yankees, members of the professional Negro National League, for an exhibition classic on Hillman Field this Friday at 6:15 sharp.

The Yankees have been nationally known for outstanding feats on the diamond for the past 18 years, and have appeared in nearly every leading city in the country. They have garnered the reputation as being the outstanding club of their league, and are an outstanding attraction.

A note on their top deck talent—The team is managed by Marvin Barker, a veteran of 16 years in the Negro National League. Sporting a lifetime batting average of .325, he possesses remarkable ability in any position. John Hayes does the bulk of the catching, and is rated the top receiver of the League. Clouts a long ball and a marvel at working pitchers. Bud Barbee—One of the most colorful players in the game today. Coming in with a .300 average, Barbee is an all year round player. In the winter he performs in the Panama League. Robert Griffith is regarded as one of the better pitchers in the league, and figuratively speaking, can throw a ball thru a brick wall. Rufus Baker is the club's all around man whose hitting and fielding can be called phenomenal. John Stanley—Brilliant southpaw pitcher for the past 21 seasons and owns the best pitching record in the league. He has pitched 5 no-hitters in league play. John Smith—with a batting average of .339 is the slugger of the outfit and is the former batting champion of the Negro American League.

We don't have the space to continue the long list of stars which will make their appearance come Friday, as the club is filled with famed diamond artists who come here with a brilliant record. Mgr. Schneider of Scott's Service says that the Yankees will know that they are in a ball game, all the way.

**Baseball-N.Y. Black Yankees Appear Here Friday
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 13, 1948 Edition**

SPORTS SCHEDULE

NATIONAL DIVISION BASEBALL

Wednesday May 31: Bulger at Midway

Thursday, June 1: Raccoon at Santiago

Friday June 2: Imperial at Burgettstown

Sunday, June 4: National Division All Star game at Hillman Field, Burgettstown. Game time at 2:30 p.m. sharp.

Monday, June 5: Santiago at Imperial; Bulger at Raccoon

Tuesday June 6: Avella at Midway; Burgettstown at Cedar Grove.

Thursday, June 8: Raccoon at Avella; Burgettstown at Santiago.

WABASH SOFTBALL LEAGUE

Wednesday May 31-Burgettstown Cavaliers at Franklyn; Edersville at Westland; Hickory at Penowa

Friday June 2-Westland at Hickory; Penowa at Burgettstown Cavaliers (Langeloth Field); Hickory Union at Eldersville.

Monday, June 5-Westland at Hickory Union; Franklyn at Eldersville; Hickory at Penowa.

Wednesday, June 7-Eldersville at Hickory; Burgettstown Cavaliers at Westland; Hickory Union at Franklyn.

JUNIOR LEGION BASEBALL

Monday, June 5-Cokeburg at Burgettstown Post 698

Thursday, June 8-Burgettstown at Woodson - Asbury (Wash.)

Note-Burgettstown games hinge upon Union High's baseball club faring in WPIAL playoffs. Legion games will be postponed in favor of WPIAL tilts. Burgettstown home games are on Hillman Field.

NAT'L DIVISION NOTES

McGlook reports that this race will be a wide open one. All clubs are about evenly matched and a battle is predicted all down the line. The baseball fans are in for a very interesting season and will witness good ball played at a torrid pace.

Raccoon has the very popular Greenie Scopel at its helm. Greenie played a lot of sandlot ball in this district and carried a great rep as a timely and consistent hitter. He has placed himself on the active player roster and should get into quite a few games. His managerial talents also are well known and if his pitching holds up, his youthful aggregation should end up in the playoffs. Bulger again has the firey Biggie Dellapino as pilot. Biggie is the showman type of manager and is in there pitching for his club all the way. The well liked Biggie can still clout a long ball, and may break up many a game. He works afternoon shift, and if unable to rearrange his working schedule, may run into difficulties in carrying out his diamond duties. Duke Florio, former Raccoon hurler, will pilot the new Atlasburg club. McGlook reports that Atlasburg has several fine players and could make a lot of trouble. Joe Stefka is again at the helm of the Avella club, and is known to always come up with a strong club. Midway's Ray Nice has a well balanced team which will let it be known that they are in the race too. The Santiago club with Mitchell Zalnaski managing, has a team which will be hard to beat. Charles Patton's Imperial entry will be much improved over last season with that experience under their belts, and should have a very good year. Champion Hill (formerly Sturgeon) is piloted by George Snatchko and Louis Davis. Reported to have the best mound staff in the league, Champion Hill should end up with a very good record. Mike Lis, manager of Cedar Grove, has revamped the team which won only three games last season, and vows that they won't be the doormat this year. Too much isn't known about the new Oakdale club, but reports from co-managers, Charles Allman and George Boyd say that they are a well balanced team which will make rival clubs step.

McGlook sees, Bulger, Avella, Raccoon, Santiago and Champion Hill battling it out for the first four spots. Midway and Imperial are the dark horses for first division slots.

Bob Canning, football and basketball coach at Union High, is president of the league; Don Hall Union baseball coach, is vice-president; and Morris Weber is secretary-treasurer.

NATIONAL DIVISION'S 1950 GRAND SLAM BASEBALL CHAMPIONS



Pictured above is the personnel of the 1950 Raccoon Owls Baseball Club, winners of the regular National Division pennant and undefeated Shaughnessy playoff champions. Front row, left to right: Matt Kuzior, Andy Mikula, Andy Gratchen, Paulie Demnyan, Ray DePaul, Harry Elias, George Danek, and Tom Elias. Back row, left to right: R. Putkovich-publicity, Charles Rommes-business mgr., John Sydlowski, Judge Evans, Bob Cowden, Zig Danek, Ralph Kortyna, Duke Florio, Gumps Stanish and Manager Greenie Scopel. Not pictured is Paul Deliere.

National Division's 1950 Grand Slam Baseball
Burgettstown Enterprise-November 16, 1950 Edition

East Meets West In National League All Star Exhibition Slated For Hillman Field, Sunday

A top notch baseball attraction is on tap for local fans when the Washington County's National Baseball Division pits its star performers against each other in what should be a thriller-diller. The contest is slated for Hillman Field, Burgettstown Sunday, June 4 at 2:30 p.m.

The league has been divided into the East and West squads. Comprising the East are players from: Avella, Cedar Grove, Raccoon and Burgettstown. Making up the West roster will be players from: Imperial, Midway, Santiago and Bulger.

The league's session last week to select players, had only Raccoon, Burgettstown, Imperial and Midway represented. Other managers were unable to attend because of various activities at their district schools. As a result, a complete All Star roster is unavailable at press time.

District fans can rest assured that each club will have its outstanding stars on hand at game time. Many words have flowed in debate as to which section has the tougher ball players, and each will be striving to prove its argument in this Sunday battle. Any victory

is sweet to take, but this one will have an added flavor for the winning section. The game was arranged as a result of the challenge made each other, and local fans should see one of the best games of the 1950 season.

Probable East players: Bulger-Sammy LaRocka, Nick Little, Bucky Ilik, Netto 'Old Folks' Guyo, Ted Pozniak and Al Mihalic. From Midway: Ed Gillis, Corky Neal, Razz Felton, Joe Fernandez, and Elmer McGinnis. From Santiago; John Basteroli, Ed Barkowski, Billy Mihalic, Walter Gervas, and Walter Maxomovich. From Imperial: Vic Pregal, Dizzy Zupanic, Steve Tesla, Jack Symers, Ed Trusnovich and Francis Kosco.

The East All Stars will probably have from Raccoon: Gumps Stanish, Zig Danek, Paulie Demnyan, Ray DePaul, Harry Elias, Matt Kuzior, and Andy Mikula. From Cedar Grove: Tony Scariot, Al Ezarik, Bernie Lis, Hank Bodnor and Arch Nagy. From Avella: Frank France, Bob Scott, Tiny Tonini, Chuck Gordon and Sam Avetta. From the Burgettstown Merchants: Floyd Hanln, Art Taverne, Romeo Garritano, Pete Muscaro and Gus Diamond.

**East Meets West in National League All Star Exhibition
Slated for Hillman Field, Sunday
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 1, 1950 Edition**

STAR ATHLETE



STANLEY NAVAGE

A double no-hit no-run game pitched by young Stanley Navage for Union this spring has attracted talent scouts from the Pittsburgh Pirates to the local Diamond. Although he will graduate next month from Union with the record of out-standing athlete of his class, Stanley is taking his time to make up his mind about his future career and the tempting bits that are coming his way.

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Nine Regulars Form Nucleus; Avella Team

With nine regulars and three substitute lettermen from the 1948 squad battling for positions, Coach John Menoher of the Avella High Eagles hopes to come up with a winning club in the 1949 campaign. Running the squad single handed, Coach Menoher is driving the candidates hard in effort to select a starting team from a list of 30 aspirants.

Returning regulars are Ends: Jackie Carter and Elbie Bregar who was out the past season because of an appendectomy. Tackles: Phillip Checco. Guards: Buddy Myers and Beegs Ferrare. Backs: Ivan Carl, Kenny Page, Jimmy Kelly and Billy Cchubenski. Paul Margarri, Ray Brendenburg and Ronnie Pascuzzi earned letters as substitute players.

Checco, Ferrare and Page were selected on the All-County team last season for their outstanding grid play and are expected to be big guns on this 1949 club.

Nine Regulars Form Nucleus: Avella Team
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 1, 1949 Edition

OWLS REPEAT WIN OVER CLAYSVILLE

Slipping by the Claysville Merchants 2-1 last Sunday gave the Greenie Scopel managed Raccoon club a clean sweep of the colorful and thrilling two game series scheduled between these teams.

Raccoon got the scoring started in the second when three successive singles, Evans, Little and Kuzior, plated a tally. Claysville came right back with one to knot the count. It was 1-1 all the way up until the sixth, when the Owls broke the tie and scored what proved to be the winning run. Evans doubled and Kuzior drove him in with a single, for his second RBI. Singles by Zig Danek and Kranak culminated Raccoon's seven hit attack.

Kranak went the distance for the winners on the mound with Ellias receiving. In copping the win, Kranak gave up one run on four hits, and a walk. He fanned six. Kranak could have had a shutout but for the ball that Evans let go thru him in the second for a triple. A single followed which plated Claysville's only run.

Owls Repeat Win Over Claysville
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition

Palominos Bow To Elm Grove

Burgettstown's Palomino League baseball team dropped a 9-3 verdict in a game played at Elm Grove on Friday, June 29.

George Bamberger went the distance for the winners, 6-9 this season, allowing five hits, walking four batters and striking out nine.

Losing pitcher Andy Snyder, who went four innings on the mound, was touched for five runs, but only one was earned. He walked seven and struck out four.

Elm Grove scored a pair of runs in the bottom of the third inning when Bogitich tripled to right-center, Bamberger walked and both crossed home plate on back-to-back infield errors.

Ryan Miller doubled home Ashcroft, who had walked and stolen second base, for Burgettstown in the fourth.

Back came the home forces in their half of the inning with three runs on two hits, three walks and an error to make the score 5-1.

Burgettstown closed to 5-3 in the sixth as Ashcroft walked, Aller singled, Snyder flied to right and Miller singled, but Elm Grove put the issue out of doubt in the bottom of the sixth with four additional runs.

Woodling and Thompson had the other base hits for Burgettstown, 3-10 in league competition.

Palominos Take Doubleheader Victory Over Morgantown Nine

The Burgettstown Palomino League baseball team improved its season record to five wins and ten losses by defeating Morgantown Blue in both ends of a doubleheader played at Morgantown, W.Va., on Saturday, June 30.

The locals won the first game, 7-6, withstanding a six-run seventh inning by the home team.

John McVicker pitched the first three innings for Burgettstown, allowing no hits and striking out four batters. He was relieved by Ryan Miller, who went four frames and received credit for the win. Miller permitted six hits, all in the final inning. He walked two batters and struck out one.

Mayfield was charged with the loss.

Bill Spotti had a perfect 3-for-3 day for the locals.

Burgettstown broke the scoring ice in the first inning as Spotti singled, stole second, advanced to third on an infield out and crossed home plate on an error.

In the third inning, Spotti again singled and stole second. Snyder singled for an RBI. A double by Miller and a single by Brad Maltony upped the score to 3-0.

Two more runs were scored in the fourth inning. Aller walked and stole second. Two outs later, Spotti walked, and a double steal resulted in Aller scoring. Ashcroft singled to drive in Spotti.

Burgettstown increased its lead to 7-0 in the fifth when Miller singled, stole second and scored on Brad Maltony's grounder, and Santek followed by reaching base on an error

and later scoring on successive Morgantown miscues.

The second game resulted in a 14-4 Burgettstown victory. The game was called after five innings of play because of the 10-run rule.

Burgettstown, after scoring two runs in the first inning and one in the second, exploded for six runs in the fourth inning and five more in the fifth.

Winning pitcher Eric Santek gave up four hits, walked four batters and struck out two.

Andy Snyder led Burgettstown's 14-hit attack with four safeties. He drove in three runs.

Bill Spotti and Ryan Miller each had two hits for the locals, with McVicker, Aller and Santek accounting for the others.



These were the Phillies in 1951, the first year of organized Little League baseball in Burgettstown. First row, L-R: Coach Dewey Russell, Dennis Delprato, Ken Lantz, Gary Fowler, manager, Chuck Havelka. Second Row, L-R: Jim Trimarki, Joe Bucek, Bobby Owings, Dean Folwer, Rich Delprato, Bob Slack, Larry Rodriquez, Jack McGivern, John Riddle.

Phillies Little League Team 39 Years Ago
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 1, 1990 Edition

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Pirates Champions of Youth League

Youth League All-Stars to Play Under the Lights at Hill Stadium

The Pirates won the championship of the local 11 and 12 year Youth Baseball League with sparkling record of 12 wins and two loses.

Front Row L-R: Chuck Hampson, Joe Stracci, Jim Reedy, Dan Sabo, Mike Vigliotti, and John Marcucci.

Second Row L-R: Coach Bill Robertson, Billy Robertson, Jeff McGraw, Ed Schultz, Matt Harvey, Ralph Bartoletti, Bob Hernandez, Mike Hecht.

The Bat girl is Janet Robertson.

Fort Vance Historical Society

Pirates Win 1966 L'il League World Series



CHAMPIONS - PIRATES
Kneeling, left to right, Tom Restanio, Bobby Slopek, Terry Havelka, Gary Havelka, Pete Maropis,

Tommy Cooper and Mike Maropis. Standing, left to right, Pete Maropis, Steve Slopek, Gary Waters, Chuck Havelka, Darrell

Thomas, John Quader, Bob Kidd, Joe Mendak, Lou Pradetto and manager Chuck Havelka.



RUNNERSUP—ORIOLES
Kneeling, left to right, Ricky O'Shanka, Rodney Maslyk, Mike McKee, Bruce Barr, Ronnie Mosocco, Johnny Williams and

Randy Cikovic. Standing, left to right, Ed Wonsevicz, Ed Wonsevicz, Jr., Eugene Barr, John Kinkela, Stephen Fish, Larry Capozzoli,

Jim Revay, Al Peterson, Jim Williams, George O'Shanka, Frank Testa, manager Keith Fish and Joe Cikovic.

**Pirates Winn 1966 Little League World Series
Burgettstown Enterprise-1966 Edition**

Through The Years . .



THIS TEAM WAS THE World Series champion of the local Little League, which began here in the summer of 1951. These were the Pirates, who were coached by Pete Dellapina, Leon Testas, and Sam La-

Rocka. The National League champions, the Pirates defeated the Tigers, American League titlists, in three games for the championship. Players pictured above are: kneeling, left to right, Chuck Testas, Bud

Scruppi, and Bud Dalverny. Second row: Bob Dellapina, Jim Lander, Ed Wojcik and Mickey LaRocka. Third row: Bob Motte, Tom Culley, Merwin Holland, Marius Dalverny, Kenny Kavensky and manager Pete Dellapina.

**"Pirates" World Series Champions of the Local Little League
Burgettstown Enterprise-January 17, 1963 Edition**

**PLAN FAST BALL TEAM
FOR SANTIAGO DISTRICT**

Santiago has prospects for a great baseball team for 1931. They will choose from a new, young bunch of recruits, plus the services of the last year's veterans to make for them the greatest nine in the history of the town. The officers are: Gaston Valenti, president and manager; Julius Valenti, treasurer; Mitchell Zalnasky, secretary; Julius DeSantis, business manager.

The probable lineup for the year will be Mitchell Zalnasky, Jack Pavlic, Ed. Movlich, Casey Valenti, Joe Harrick, John Mehalic, H. Meyers, Steve Druga, C. Perring, Andy Mehalic, J. C. DeSantis, and a fast, young bunch of recruits to choose from.

The Santiago team will challenge any team from Ohio, Pennsylvania or West Virginia. For games write to J. C. DeSantis, Box 3, Tyre, Pa., or call Imperial, 95 ring 14.

Awards Given at First Pony League Dinner



(Enterprise Photo)

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From left to right, sitting, they are:

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a surprise gift by the players in recognition of his efforts in behalf of the league; and Mel Riddile, as the league's best batter in 1964.

Standing, left to right: Curt Diamond and Ed Slopek, coach and manager, respectively, with the trophy won by their Dodgers, team champions in 1964; and Raymond "Red" Riddile, who was given a

plaque and a wallet for his special effort, that of umpiring practically every game played during the past season.

The highly successful banquet was enthusiastically received by a large group of Pony Leaguers and parents present for the occasion. All arrangements for the affair were handled by Stiffler with complete cooperation sup-

Awards Given at First Pony League Dinner
The Burgettstown Enterprise-August 12, 1964 Edition



Pony League Champions

These are the Pony League champions, the Slovenian Home, in the 13- and 14-year-old 1990 baseball competition. Kneeling, left to right: Brian Petrucci, Chris Cook, Will Zickefoose. Standing: Kip Kuzior, Bryan Matijevich, Dave Batinich, Bobby Dalfol, Pete Strobe. Not pictured: Luke Snatchko, Greg Paqasky, Dave Wasco, Eric Kovach.

Pony League Champions
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 25, 1990 Edition

PONY LEAGUE

Cubs 2-Dodgers 0. Pete Blue was the winning pitcher in a tight ball game, with Bill Elliott absorbing the loss. Frank Lawrence tapped out a double for the winners.

Reds 5-Browns 2. Another close game in which Carl Yanek was the winning pitcher and Tom Bednarzik the loser. Conk Gavazzi smacked a double for the Browns, while Bobby Kuzior hit a two-bagger for the Reds.

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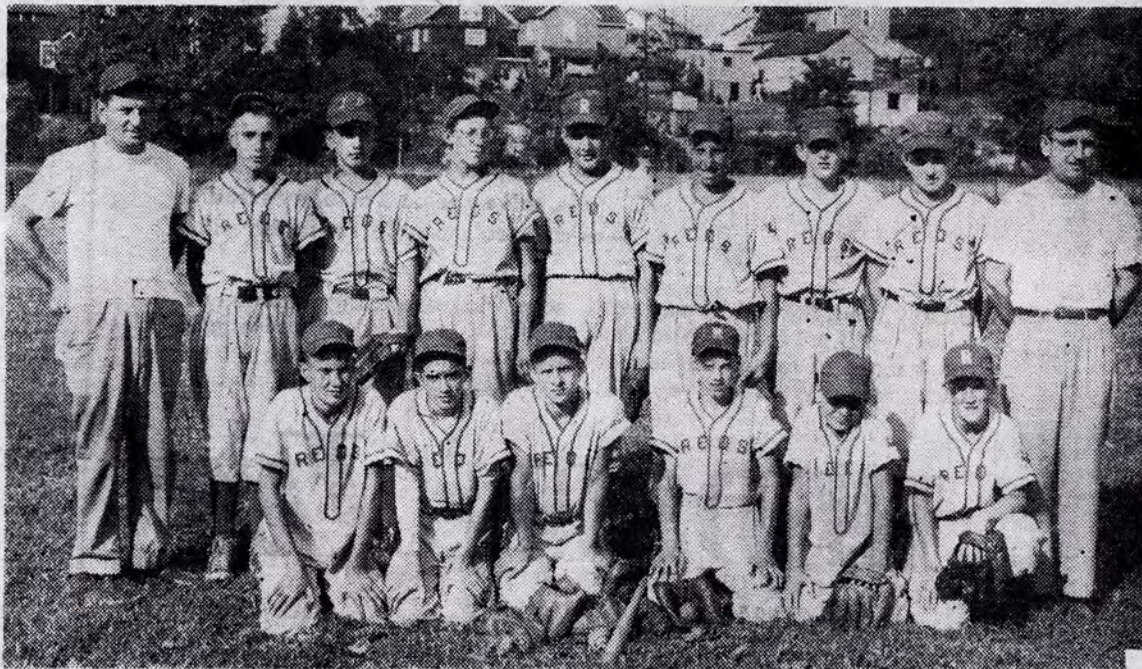
Dodgers Win 1964 Pony League Title



These are the Dodgers, 1964 champions of the Burgettstown Area PONY League, who swept through championships of both halves during regular season play this year. Manager Ed Slopek is not pictured. The Dodgers won the title behind the strong pitching of Jesse Alonso. The Browns finished as league runners-up, the Cubs were third and the Reds last.
(McCreary Photo)

Dodgers Win 1964 Pony League Title
The Burgettstown Enterprise-August 5, 1964 Edition

THE REDS PLAY IN PONY LEAGUE



BOTTOM—Left to Right: Bill McCreight, George Elich, Danny Stitsel, Johnny Clair, Jim Matalik and Charles Elliot.

BACK ROW—Vernon Scopel, coach; Kenneth Lantz, John Dunn, Dave Dhayer, Clyde Elliot, Bill Oznik, Bill Brunner, Gary Fowler and G. Danek, manager. Absent - Russell Payne and Lou Barish.

Climax News
The Reds Play in Pony League
Burgettstown Enterprise-July 16, 1953 Edition

Prata Pitches Union To Win Over Dons

Bill Prata pitched a superb six innings of baseball in leading the Union High baseball team to a 10-1 exhibition win over Madonna last Thursday at Hillman field.

The win was Union's first of the season, and it avenged an earlier non-league loss suffered at the hands of the Blue Dons.

Prata shut out the Dons in his six-inning stint, giving up but five hits and striking out nine.

Madonna scored its only run in the last inning off the pitching of John Markivich.

Pat McGraw's Blue Devils wrapped up the contest in the first inning, scoring five runs, sparked by a long triple by Chal Mahoney.

Prata slammed a double for the locals, while Jim Repole and Mel Riddle each checked in with a pair of hits.

**Bill Prata Pitches Union to Win over Dons
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 17, 1968 Edition**

Courtesy of Fort Vance Historical Society

1948 Burgettstown American Legion Post 698

All Star selection, ss & c JOHN A PUNOLA



In 1948, John Punola played baseball with the Burgettstown American Legion, Post 698. He was selected to participate in the All-Star Game and his manager declared him the Most Valuable Player for the 1948 season. John enjoyed a great season with Burgettstown. With regret, he was not eligible to play again in 1949.

John now lives in Madison, New Jersey. He still visits friends and family from the area

RACCOON CLOUTED, 12-6

With several of his key men missing from today's game, Manager Greenie Scopel was forced to use a patched up lineup which was humbled by Midway, 12-6.

Playing in unfamiliar positions, the Owls committed six miscues with men on to pave the way for the Midway win. Campbell was on the hill for the winners and was reached for eight safties, doubles by Kuxior and Evans, and singles by Harry and Tommy Elias, Mikula, Secco, Deliere and Sydlowski, while fanning six.

Kranak started for the Owls and was losing pitcher, with Andrikanich relieving in the third after Midway had blasted out a 9-3 lead. Pacing the victory parade was Burns and Lenore, each with three hits, including a double. Clark and Fernandez each doubled, while R. Felton clubbed out a pair of singles. Culminating their 13 hit attack were singles by Parkinson, T. Felton and Holder.

Raccoon Clouted, 12-6
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 5, 1948 Edition

Raccoon Shatters Burg. In First Frame To Win 12-9

Pumeling three Burgettstown hurlers off the hill, with an eight run merry-go-round, Raccoon evened the season series with the Merchants by driving to a 12-9 win.

Burgettstown opened the ball game by jumping to a brief two run lead. DePerna first up blasted out a double, then scored when Yap Dubich notched a two master. Pete Muscaro singled Yap home with the second run.

Raccoon came out for their half all wound up and their hitting clothes on. Demo singled, G. Danek doubled. Butch Danek got on via an error and Demo scored. Ziggie Danek singled to clean the sacks for two more. Stanish bingled and that was all for Hanlin. Gratchen relieved, DePaul greeted him with a single. Kuzior flied out and Ziggie scored. Secco was safe via an error, and Valeg-

don singled DePaul home. G Danek, up for the second time singled to clean the sacks. Donley rushed in to relieve Gratchen and he put out the fire without further damage. But Raccoon had the lead, 8 runs on 7 hits.

Burgettstown plated one in the fourth on a single by Yydbicki, walks by Palooka and Clair to load the bases with none gone. Maropis flied to center and Zyd-bicki scored. Vernillo bounced out and Palooka was caught napping at third.

Raccoon made 9-3 by adding another in their half; when Stanish poled one almost out to the Raccoon creek for a 4 ply blast. Clair pitching for Burgettstown.

Burgettstown in the fifth; Morris singled to plate Dubich from second after he walked and was forced to second when Muscaro walked.

Raccoon made it 12-4 in the sixth; Ziggie tripled to plate J. Danek who walked. Gumps Stanish was intentionally passed, stole second and scored behind Ziggie when DePaul singled. Andrikanich relieved Clair on the mound for Burgettstown.

Burgettstown added one in the 7th; Morris plated Muscaro via a FC. Muscaro had reached first on an error, then was advanced to third via another error.

Burgettstown started a rally in the ninth and might have come thru to a Frank Meriwell finish if their own awkward base running hadn't quenched the fire. As it was they plated 4 runs to draw up to Raccoon 9-12.

Muscaro and Garratano singled, Merinda walked to fill the bases. Zydbicki singled to drive in two but was caught at second. Dowler and Andrikanich walked to again load up the sacks. Florio went to the mound for Raccoon. Maropis drew a walk to force in Merinda. Vernillo was safe on a FC to score Dowler with the fourth run. Morris fanned and Andrikanich was nipped off third. Jake Schneider cleaned the bench of 17 players in order to pull this one out of the fire, but the locals fell asleep on the bases and their chance went down the drain.

Raccoon, Bulger, Avella National League Winners

Raccoon and Bulger racked up their National Division opening games with a victory, while Avella notched their second straight in games played Sunday.

Raccoon opened up at home and sacked up Oakdale in a slugfest, 14-10. Outhit, 14-11, the Owls spotted Oakdale a 7-1 lead going into the third before Mgr. Scopel's proteges began their assault on the visiting hurlers. Blasting away with rapid precision, the Owls shelled four pitchers off the mound in scoring 13 tallies in the next six frames. Durain started for the winners but was replaced with Kuzior in the third after giving up 7 runs. Kuzior spiked the visiting barrage and allowed only 3 tallies over the remaining distance. Ziggy Danek paced the Owls win with a double and triple in 4 trips. Evans added a tremendous home run, and double; DePaul came thru with a triple and single; and Durain doubled and singled; as everyone fattened up their batting averages. The winning lineup; Danek-ss, Kuzior-3b-p, Zig Danek-lb, Evans-cf, DePaul-rf, Secco-rf, Sherockman-2b, Elias-c, Durain-p-3b.

Atlasburg treked to Avella and were set down on three hits, losing 9 to 1. Avella hopped on McGraw in the first frame and before the inning was over, pushed across six tallies. Bumbera relieved, but Avella continued their pounding to rack up a total of 12 safties. With Atlasburg's pitching unable to get going, Avella's Bianchi was red hot. He had a shutout up to the final frame, but Bumbera walked, stole second, on Gobloeski's single. Dunkovich

and Bumbera got the other hits for the losers. Kubachka paced the winners with 3 for 5, including a triple. Scariot, Szynog, and Bianchi each with two hits, shared in the hitting honors. For Avella-Ertle-lf, Barwidi-c, Maliny-c, Hlavac-3b, Kubachka-ss, Scariot-2b, Mosko-2b, Curtis-cf, Szunyog-lb, Farrar-lb, Brandenburg-rf, Stone rf, and Bianchi-p. For Atlasburg-Gobloeski-3b, Warshol-2b, Quader-c, Lipnicki-cf-2b, Dunkovich-lb, Lonski-ss, Bodner-lf, Cherokee rf, McGraw-p, Bumbera-p, Rivutti-cf.

With two 4 run frames, and two 3 run frames, Bulger steamrolled over Champion Hill for a smashing 14-0 win on the loser's grounds. Scoring the shutout on 8 hits and 7 errors, Bulger's Navoski set the Hillers down with only 4 bingles. Sandri paced the Dellapina powerhouse with 3 for 5. LaRocka added a bingle and double and scored 4 runs in his 5 trips. Old Folks Guio doubled and P. Dellapina and Navoski singled to culminate the winning stick parade. Navoski fanned 7 in chalking up the win. Bulger lineup-Sandri-rf, LeRocka-lf, P. Dellapina-2b, Guio-3b, Mihalich-lb, L. Dellapina-cf, Little-ss, Fuller-c, Navoski-p.

RALPH FELTON AT ALL-STAR GAME



BASEBALL STARS—Sylvan Lucas of Pittsburgh and Ralph Felton of Midway talk with baseball's "Old Pro" Joe DiMaggio and New York's Mayor O'Dwyer before start of the fourth annual Hearst All-Star Sandlot Classic played in the Polo Grounds, New York. DiMaggio's 'good luck boys' certainly paid off, for Lucas played an outstanding game in the field, and Ralph Felton produced the game winning blow when he singled sharply to drive in two runs to give victory to his teammates, the United States All-Stars over the New York All-Stars.

Sylvan Lucas and Ralph Felton talk Baseball with Joe DiMaggio and Mayor O'Dwyer
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 1, 1949 Edition



Jerry Ramsey

Playing before an estimated 3500 baseball fans last night on Hillman field, the Scott Service nine smashed the classy Negro National League leaders, Homestead Grays, by a convincing 5-1 score.

Lefty Charley Merenda worked the entire distance off the hill for the locals, and completely baffled the powerful slugging visitors. He mixed up his pitches so effectively, and served them from so many angles that the elite, of Negro professional baseball, nicked him for only one run on seven scattered hits.

The visitors opened the scoring with one in their first tips. Scott's came back with one in the fifth to knot the count when Vukas flied to deep center, scoring Zdybicki from third. In the seventh, Scott's roared ahead when Lukon bashed a triple to plate Merenda and Vernillo, who were via singles. Lukon scored himself on Muscaro's two base knock, putting Scott's ahead, 4-1. And in the eighth, the winners added another run when Vernillo doubled Zdybicki home.

Merenda not only hogtied the Grays from the mound, but aided in his own win with a 3 for 4 from the plate. Vernillo slapped out a double and 2 singles in 4 trips, and Gelestor culminated the winner's 13 hit barrage. The opposing hurler, Smith, with a record of 8 straight wins, lost the Gray's first exhibition game this season.

The Grays were so impressed by the flashy play of the locals, they requested a return game. It will undoubtedly, be granted.

Waynesburg's Resnik is ECAC South Pitcher of Year

COLLEGE NOTEBOOK

Waynesburg University senior **Brian Resnik** capped four record-setting seasons for the Yellow Jackets' baseball team by being named the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Division III South Pitcher of the Year.

A Burgettstown native, Resnik received the honor after posting a 7-4 record with a 2.83 ERA and setting the Presidents' Athletic Conference record for career victories.

Resnik led the PAC this spring with 82 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings pitched and 86 strikeouts, including a conference season-high 15 strikeouts in a win March 5 against Gordon College. Resnik also was the PAC leader with nine complete games. Opponents batted only .233 against Resnik.

In Waynesburg's 7-0 victory over Westminster last month, Resnik became the PAC's all-time wins leader with 29. It also was his 29th career complete game in 47 starts.

Resnik had a 29-15 career record, a 2.97 ERA and 264 strikeouts.

In softball

After helping Bethany to a 22-win season and a second consecutive trip to the Presidents' Athletic Conference tournament, sophomore **Cassie Weiss** was named a third team All-Central Region by the National Fastpitch Coaches' Association and first team All-PAC.

Weiss, a McGuffey graduate, ranked among the PAC's best in multiple statistical categories while setting a new standard for Bison pitchers. She shattered the school record for strikeouts and led the conference with 172.



Brian Resnik

Weiss had eight or more strikeouts in nine games, including a season-high 15 against Geneva. She ranked 17th in Division III in strikeouts.

Opponents had a .249 batting average against Weiss in 164 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings. She finished the season with a career-high 15 wins with 20 complete games.

■ Point Park's **Ashley Iagnemma** was named the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Newcomer of the Year.

A freshman right-handed pitcher from Bridgeville and a South Fayette graduate, Iagnemma had a 2.16 ERA in 133 innings and 16 complete games in her rookie season for the Pioneers. She threw four shutouts and had 153 strikeouts, including two 12-strikeout games.

Iagnemma ranked first in the KIAC and 18th in the NAIA with 8.05 strikeouts per game, and ranked third in the conference with an opposing batting average of only .215. She also was named to the All-KIAC first team.



Abby Cunningham

■ Washington & Jefferson's **Abby Cunningham**, a junior shortstop from McMurray, repeated as an All-Presidents' Athletic Conference selection. After receiving second-team honors in 2014, Cunningham was named to the first team this spring after hitting .385, which was second-best for the Presidents and ranked seventh in the conference.

A terrific fielder, Cunningham had a .958 fielding percentage. She also had 42 hits, six doubles, a triple and home run, with 17 runs and 12 RBI. Cunningham had 10 multi-hit games, including a career-high four hits April 29 at Thiel.

In baseball

Penn State Behrend senior right fielder **John Hlavinka** was named to the All-Allegheny Mountain Collegiate Conference third team.

A Venetia native and Peters Township graduate, Hlavinka is a three-time all-conference selection. He is third on Behrend's all-time hits list with 213 and fifth with 147 runs



John Hlavinka

scored. Hitting from the No. 2 spot in the batting order, Hlavinka batted .359 this season with 60 hits, a team-high 44 runs and 33 RBI. He had six doubles, two triples and two home runs.

■ Senior pitcher **Mike Bittel** finished his career at Seton Hill with a strong senior season.

The Peters Township graduate from McMurray had an 8-3 record and 3.55 ERA as a starter for the Griffins, who were 40-18 and qualified for the NCAA Division II tournament.

Bittel struck out 86 in 83 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings and issued just 19 walks. He had a seven-game winning streak from March 30 through May 9.

Bittel was spectacular in Seton Hill's 6-1 victory over California in an elimination game in the PSAC tournament. He threw a two-hit complete game and struck out seven.

■ **Kevin Forrester**, a junior pitcher at Thiel, was named second team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference.

A Canonsburg native and



Teddi Maslowski

Canon-McMillan graduate, Forrester was third in the PAC in strikeouts (48) and tied for third in wins (7). Forrester had two complete games and a shut-out while posting a 7-3 record and 4.54 ERA while helping the Tomcats to a 29-14 record.

It is the second year in a row Forrester has been a second team all-conference selection.

■ Former Trinity High School standout **Nick Riotto** was one of four Penn State hitters to finish the season with a .300 or better batting average.

Riotto, a junior, batted .307 and his .405 on-base percentage was tops among the regulars in the Nittany Lions' lineup. Riotto had two home runs and 18 RBI. The speedy outfielder grounded into only one double play in 179 at-bats. He helped Penn State to a 28-27 record that included a 12-12 mark in the Big Ten.

In track & field

Duke's **Teddi Maslowski**, a senior from Burgettstown, placed 18th in the heptathlon at the NCAA Track & Field

Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Ore.

A Steubenville Central Catholic graduate, Maslowski scored 5,382 points in the seven-event competition. She had a strong performance in the 200 meters, finishing sixth in 24.34 seconds. Maslowski also set a personal best in the javelin, throwing 109-11.

Maslowski's best career performance in the heptathlon is 5,706 points.

■ Waynesburg sophomore **Addy Knetzer** was named to the All-Midwest Region squad by the United States Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association.

A Houston native, Knetzer, qualified for the award in the shot put. She won her second consecutive Presidents' Athletic Conference MVP award and helped the Yellow Jackets to the league team title. Knetzer set the school record in the shot put 42-8 $\frac{1}{4}$ and has five of the top six marks in school history. She is the two-time defending PAC champion in the shot put and has been one of Waynesburg's top performers in both the javelin and discus.

In golf

Kirby Manown, a junior at California University, was named All-PSAC.

A Belle Vernon graduate, Manown set a career best with a scoring average of 74.9 strokes. He registered the best score on the team seven times and posted a top-10 finish at six events, highlighted by a pair of medalist performances. During the fall, Manown placed third overall at the PSAC Championships to mark the top finish by a Vulcan at the event since 2012.

Resnik is ECAC South Pitcher of the Year

Observer-Reporter-June 23, 2016 Edition

Fort Vance Historical Society

A Good One Passes On

An era of sports in this town, not to be easily forgotten, passed away last week with the untimely death of Jacob Schneider.

For Jake was, in a sense, "Mr. Baseball" here for many years. It was so even after he had closed his scorebook for the last time when sandlot baseball broke up in this area. And he retained his title with dignity and aplomb with the advent of a new sports scene in the Little League.



To those of us who knew Jake, his impact on the Burgettstown sports picture and the story of his contribution to baseball here need not be told. His early days as a playing catcher can well be recalled by those who were in competition with him. The same flaming desire instilled in him as a player was also carried with him when he began a long and illustrious managing career here.

The younger element in this town may not have known Jake too well, and it's a shame. Many youngsters in his day were given a strong and definite guiding hand in their budding baseball careers. Several realized their own hopes--and his--by reaching the pinnacle of baseball success, the Major Leagues. But all in this area who played professional baseball, and there were more than a few, could not forget Jake. He was the man who gave them a start.

All of us probably remember the halcyon days of the Burgettstown Merchants and the Scott Motors baseball teams in the now defunct Washington County League. Yet we cannot look back upon those happy days without first seeing Jake Schneider walking up and down the baseline during a crucial play. To those who played for him, and to those who were in direct competition with him, he was a symbol of everything baseball stands for. He was uncompromising in principle, fighting for all he believed and all he could get on the diamond. But he always upheld the high standards of good sportsmanship and fair play with everyone.

Jake was always ready to talk baseball with anyone who wanted his companionship. Sometimes it would be a Little Leaguer seeking help on one of the fine points of the game, a subject he knew only too well. Sometimes it would be a frustrated fan seeking opinions on the problems of the Pirates at Forbes Field, one of his favorite haunts in recent years. But most of the time, Jake liked to talk with a former player or opponent on the good old days of sandlot baseball in this area.

To many baseball players here, Jake was their father, their brother, the manager, their coach and above all, their friend. He exacted 100 per cent from everyone who was fortunate enough to be wearing the same uniform. Befitting a man of his ability, he was known not only in the Burgettstown area and in Washington County, but all over the country. Through his help and his advice, through his thoughts spoken and unspoken, through his actions and his deeds, he truly earned the title of "Mr. Baseball" in Burgettstown.

It is only too sad that a part of the program scheduled for the Oldtimers Baseball Game in less than a month will not go on as scheduled. Unknown to Jake, it was planned to have a "Jake Schneider Day" to honor him for his efforts in behalf of the game here.

When the game is played, an indelible portion of the surroundings will be missing. Yet we know Jake Schneider's presence will be with us. Somewhere, he will be watching. He will probably enjoy the game as much this year as he did last.

An old saying reads, "It's not how you win or lose, but how you play the game." Jake won many games. He lost a few. But he played the game the way it should be. That's the way we will remember him.

Jake Schneider, A Good One Passes On
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 5, 1964 Edition

Scotts Service Downs Meadowlands

Lis Hurls 3 Hitter in Shutout

Playing their second straight league game in as many days, Scott Service hung a 3-0 white-wash job on Meadowlands last Monday on Hillman Field.

Coming back with Bernie Lis, who pitched himself out of the box on Sunday, Mgr. Schneider's faith in the standout hurler was well rewarded. For Lis chucked a beautiful game, fanning 6 and scattering three scant hits over the route for a 3-0 shutout.

Scott's scored 1 in the 2nd, Johnson singled to score Muscaro; 1 in the 3rd. Vernillo scored from third on Muscaro's long fly to left; and 1 in the 4th, Gelestor singled to score Johnson.

Gelestor, long reputed as one of the more dangerous hitters in the county, broke into the lineup when Vernillo retired because of a bad leg. And by his potent stick work, two singles in as many trips, gave notice that he's gonna be mighty hard to beat out of a starting role. Vernillo, Muscaro, Johnson, and Lis each singled to culminate Scott's swat parade.

Vukas had a bad day after that double which put Scott's back in the ball game with Strabane. He fanned in three appearance at the plate. Demnyan went down twice.

Scott Service Loses Overtime Thriller

Opening up the official American Division season on Hillman Field last Sunday, Scott Service battled Strabane, 1947 Chartiers Valley champions, for 11 fast and furious heats before bowing, 6-5.

Mgr. Schneider sent Bernie Lis to the post in effort to rack up the opener, and, although very sharp and fast, Lis failed to find the plate. He walked 3, hit 1, and allowed a single for 3 runs without retiring a man. Jimmy Tropek was rushed in, and hurled a masterpiece, besides starring at the plate. Pitching 3 hit ball in 10 frames Tropek held Strabane to two runs while Scott's deadlocked the count in the ninth. At the platter, Tropek drilled out a pair

of singles and a double and scored two runs in 5 trips, to steal the hitting show.

After spotting Strabane 3 runs, Scott's came back with 1 in the 4th. Strabane made it 4-1 by countering in the 5th, and 5-1 with a tally in the 6th. Scott's closed the gap with two in their half of the 6th, to trail 5-3. Then, in the 9th and final frame, Vukas came up with 1 away and runners on second and third. Working the count to 3 and 2, Vukas pickled the next pitch into deep center for two bases and scored the two runners to throw the contest into extra innings.

Relieving the overworked Tropek, Mgr. Schneider called upon Merenda in the 11th. The usually very reliable Merenda got into trouble right away, when he couldn't find the plate. He loaded the bases via a single and pair of walks. With two away and the pillows filled, Merenda issued another pass to force in what proved to be the winning run.

Scott's outhit the winners, 12-7, but left runners stranded. Adding to Tropek's sizzling platter-chatter was; Havelka and Demnyan each with 2 for 4, doubles by Vukas and Lukon; an dsingles by Vernillo, Stanish and Johnson.

**SCOTTS COP SERIES
LEAD; WIN 7 TO 2**

Playing before a large Hillman Field crowd Tuesday, Scott Service thumped the Cannonsburg Transformers, 7 - 2, in the first game of their playoffs for the American Division championship. Playing at Canonsburg Wednesday evening, the two clubs return to Burgettstown on Thursday for their third game of the best of seven series.

The locals broke the scoring ice in the second; with Stanish and Gelestor on, Dowler rapped out a single to score Dowler to give the locals a 3-0 lead. In the fourth Vukas rifled out a single to plate Gelestor and Vernillo who both bingled, then plated himself, after the catch of Lukon's long fly ball, for a 6-0 lead. In the fifth, Demnyan doubled and scored on a single by Zdybicki.

Moe Dowler was on the mound for Scotts and began boring down from the opening gun. Not an enemy reached third until the sixth, when they got to Moe for three hits and their two runs. Moe gave up a total of six hits in a beautiful hurling job which was backed up with some sensational fielding. Lukon at short stop was outstanding in cutting down potential hit after hit.

Vernillo with 3 for 4 paced the winner's platter chatter. Lukon tripled and singled, Demnyan doubled and Vukas, Zdybicki, Gelestor Dowler and Johnson each singled.

The Championship series between Avella and Imperial for the National Division title, stands at Imperial with the edge, two games to one.

**Scott's Cop Series Lead; Win 7 to 2
Burgettstown Enterprise-August 26, 1948 Edition**

Scott's Retain Lead In League

Scott's Service lost their second league game in eight starts when they lost a 4-3 verdict to Canonsburg, but retained their league lead. They spotted Canonsburg a 3-0 lead, made it 3-1 in the sixth, and deadlocked the count in the final frame when Havelka homered to score Vernillo in front of him. Canonsburg tallied in the home half of the seventh for a 4-3 win. Tropek went the route for Scott's giving up 10 hits. Havelka's home run and single, and Vernillo's two singles paced Scotts 7 hits.

Scott's Service copped a dull 8-3 exhibition verdict from Mt. Washington on Hillman Field, last Sunday. With the visitors offering neider used 17 players in order to very little competition, Mgr. Schhold down the score. Scott's pounded out 9 hits, with their first 5 runs coming on walks and errors.

With Kubachka slamming out 3 of Avella's 8 hits, Avella pushed across 2 runs in the seventh to squeeze past Midway, 6-5. Farrar relieved in the second for Avella after Midway had jumped to a 3 run lead, and chalked up the win.

Bulger continued to remain the only undefeated team in the National Division and hold down first place in the league, with a smashing 12-1 win over Oakdale. Mullen racked up the victory for the classy and powerful Bulger club by limiting the losers to six scattered hits. His teammates collected 10, with LaRocka and Old folks Guyo leading the slaughterer with 3 for 4 apiece.

Raccoon coasted to an easy 11-3 win over Champion Hill. With the hits even at 8 all, the Owls came thru every time that they had men onfl The clutch hitting Raccooners, paced by Ziggy Danek and Ray DePaul hammered out a pair of hits each, to send McGinnie to the showers.

Atlasburg fell apart at the seams, committing a bushel of errors to hand Imperial a 20-4 win. The winners collected only 9 hits off Florio and Bumbera, while Atlasburg had 5.

SCOTT NIPPED, 5-4

Piling up a 4-0 lead going into the lower half of the 4th, then nipping a Scott Service rally, S.A. Myers virtually clinched the American Division pennant, possessing a 3 game lead with four games to go.

Hanlin was on the mound for the locals and the visitors rapped him for 2 runs in the opening frame. They added 1 each in the 2nd and 4th for a 4-0 lead before the locals could score. In the 4th, Vukas walked, Demnyan singled, then Gelestor pumped one into right for a triple to plate, both runners. It was a 4-34 ball game when Gelestor scored on a single by Zdybicki.

The Myermen added another in the 5th, and Scott came back with 1 in their half. Garritano walked, stole second and scored on a single by Vukas, making the count read 5-4 in favor of the visitors. Dowler relieved Hanlin in the 6th, and that was all the scoring for either club. Although the locals had a fine chance to win the ball game in the 6th. With 1 away, Gelestor was on third and Stanish on 2nd. But Garritano and Dowler both fanned to end the inning.

The luckless locals, unable to shake the slump which has plagued them for the past few games, tallied 4 runs on 7 hits, while the winners counted 5 on 8 hits.

SCOTT'S FORFEIT 8-4

Scott Service lost a heartbreaker to the Canonsburg Transformers, 8-4, when they were forced to trek to the enemies field last Thursday with only nine ball players. Manager Schneider was without the services of four of his regulars Havelka, Stanish, Gelestor and Tropeck. All were absent because they couldn't get off their working shifts. So, pilot Schneider had to revamp his whole lineup in this very important tilt. It came out, Farnier in lf; Vernillo-cf; Dowler, rf. Around the infield; Vukas, Zdybicki, Lukon, and Demnyan. Hanlin went to the rubber, and Johnson did the receiving.

And, to top it all off with insult added to the already injured local nine, Vukas was ejected from the game when he protested a decision at third base. His eviction left the locals with only eight men, not enough to continue the game, so they had to forfeit after four and a half innings with the score 8-4 in favor of Canonsburg.

The questioning play came in the top of the fifth when Demnyan, sliding into third was called out. (Details in Platter Chatter).

SPORTS

SECOND NO-HIT, NO-RUN GAME FOR NAVAGE

In the brief span of five days, big Stanley Navage hurled his second consecutive no-hit, no-run game as Union downed Hickory 2-0. In doing so he rightly deserves a place in anybody's hall of fame. He has now pitched 14 consecutive innings with 48 batters facing him without getting a hit. During that stretch, Navage has shown great control and has given only 3 bases on balls. Three other batsmen were able to get on base by virtue of Union errors, but no one got past second base. Two consecutive no-hit games is a feat that only a very, very few pitchers have ever realized in the long history of organized baseball.

In the second inning Navage got on base as Toth of Hickory threw wild to first. A stolen base and a single by Sewasky produced the winning run. Just for good measure, Union put together 3 singles to get another run.

The final score:

	R	H	E
Union	0	1	0
Hickory	0	0	0

UNION DOWNS HICKORY, AGAIN

With George Strongosky having his first full game of the year, Union slugged out an 8-5 victory over Hickory.

Single Men Win Baseball Game At Cherry Valley

A benefit game for the junior ball teams of Cherry Valley was held Sunday by the married men and the single men of Cherry Valley at the ball field there. The single men won the game 11 to 7. Among the old timers taking part were "Snuffy" Toth, John Kortyna, Andy Samloff, Pete Scruppi, "Iggy" Toth, "Suzie" Ruskowski, Phil McGivern, Tony Spada, Jack Delprato, John Scruppi, Pete Gecoma, Eldon McConnaughey and "Gingo" Delprato. Decon Stanish was manager for the married men; Bowie Leviski was in charge of the single men's team. Another match is scheduled between the two teams for Labor Day at 2 p.m. Eldon McConnaughey will pitch for the married men.

Single Men Win Baseball Game at Cherry Valley
Burgettstown Enterprise-September 1, 1949

Smith Township Recreation Program

SENIOR BASEBALL

Cherry Valley—8 Langeloth—3
D. Scruppi Brunner

Cherry Valley's winning streak with four wins and no losses places them in top position of the senior league baseball standings. Hits were by: A. Kortyna, triple and double; J. Kortyna, two singles; D. Scruppi, Bertovich and D. Delprato, one single each.

Langeloth hits by: C. Diamond, Harrell, Clair, Mader and Prado, one single each.

Bulger—15 Francis—7
LaRocka Senczyszyn

Bulger places second in the standings with only one loss. Tallies were by: B. Ozimek who smacked three bingles; Penderville had a double and two singles; LaRocka blasted out a round-tripper and a single; B. Dalverny doubled and singled and F. Dalverny, two singles.

The loser's hits were by: Senczyszyn and Dunn who hit out a double and single each; Chappell singled twice; Butler clouted a double; Orgovan, Armstrong and Stanley slid by with a single each.

Atlasburg—12 Raccoon—11
M. Globosky A. Verbanic

M. Globosky starred in this ball game for the Atlasburg boys. In addition to collecting nine strikeouts on the mound, he succeeded in clouting out a home run and a single. Other hits for Atlasburg were: Laurich socking out a triple and two doubles; Walters, Matsko, and Patrick singled each.

Raccoon trailed right behind the Atlasburg team with their 11 runs on hits by: Allison, double and triple and A. Verbanic, one single.

Francis—10 Raccoon—8
Senczyszyn Verbanic

Francis emerged the victor in a battle between the two cellar teams with Raccoon winning the honors. Witcher led the victors with two big homers; Senczyszyn doubled and tripled; Stanley singled three times, and Dunn and DiBacco singled.

Raccoon's tallies were by: Verbanic with two singles; Ronald Maltoay singled and doubled; Koraido and Lander each doubled.

Slovan—12 Langeloth—11
Kinkella C. Diamond

Slovan was paced with Kinkella's home run and two singles; Innot and Sedlak added a single each.

Harrell smacked out a round tripper for Langeloth; Galan doubled; C. Diamond had a double; Mendez and Boler each singled.

TWP. GIRLS SOFTBALL

Bulger—7 Francis—2
Daley Toler

Daley led off the Bulger hits with a home run, J. Dalverny and Lukan clouted a triple each; Remmert doubled; Rometti, Bokulich and LaRocka singled.

For Francis, Plazarin singled twice and Smith got one bingle.

Atlasburg—13 Raccoon—0
J. Murin Yanek

Pitcher for Atlasburg collected

nine strikeouts; hits by D. Blue and J. Bongiorno, two singles each; B. Petricca, M. Blue and M. Petricca singled each.

Raccoon's hits were by Yanek Plate and Kampian who each singled. While on the mound, Yanek pitched five strikeouts.

SMITH TWP. CLUB STANDINGS

Senior League Baseball

Team	W.	L.
Cherry Valley	4	0
Bulger	4	1
Slovan	3	1
Atlasburg	2	3
Langeloth	2	3
Francis Mine	1	4
Raccoon	0	4

Junior Baseball League

Raccoon	4	1
Bulger	4	1
Slovan	3	0
Cherry Valley	2	2
Langeloth	2	3
Francis Mine	1	4
Atlasburg	0	5

Girls Softball

Atlasburg	5	0
Raccoon	3	1
Bulger	3	2
Francis Mine	2	2
Slovan	1	2
Langeloth	1	4
Cherry Valley	0	4

JUNIOR BASEBALL

Langeloth—4 Cherry Valley—3
Hoover Samloff

Hoover twirled eight strikeouts for his team and banded out a triple; Noy doubled, Yazevac singled.

Cherry Valley hits were by Samloff who tripled and singled; R. Delprato, Borio and McGivern each had a bingle.

Bulger—4 Francis—3
Holland Armstrong

Second in league standings, Bulger took this game by a slim margin of one run. Hitting were: D. Bianchi who came through with a triple and single; B. Ozimek with a double and single; Dellapina and J. Bianchi had two singles; LaRocka, triple; Holland a double.

Francis' runs came on hits by: Orgovan, two singles; Chappell and Armstrong also bingled.

Raccoon—14 Atlasburg—0
Verbanic Matsko

Verbanic was in wonderful form twirling for his Raccoon mates, with five strikeouts and a no-hit-run game. Slaughtering Atlasburg with 14 runs; hits were by: Maltony, triple and single; Wilkens, two singles; Karas and Scopel tripled; Verbanic, Fowler, Yanek and Pompe each singled.

Atlasburg had not one hit.

Raccoon—8 Francis—2
Scopel Orgovan

Raccoon took the lead in runs, easily taking this game on hits by Yanek who doubled; Scopel, Fowler and Pompe, singled.

Francis hits by: Orgovan, Armstrong, Orison and Zamberian who singled.

Smith Township Recreational Program

SENIOR BASEBALL—With Smith whiffing nine and permitting only three hits, Francis Mine took care of Atlasburg, 7-5. Cherenko of the losers, gave up 10 hits while fanning 16, but was the victim of poor support. A brace of doubles and a single by J. Zamberlan and a pair of singles by F. Senczyszyn highlighted the Francis Mine attack. Cherenko's two singles and one by Harvey was all that Atlasburg could do against Smith. Cherry Valley blanked Slovan, 5-0, despite getting only one hit. Delprato's safety off Visnich was the game winning blow. Wagner allowed only two hits, singles by Bannister and Visnich, to pick up the verdict. Atlasburg scotched by Raccoon at the wire for a 11-10 win. Capagrecco won the mound decision over Chappell, but had to have help from Cherenko who set down the side in the seventh, in 1-2-3 order. Capagrecco fanned 8 while allowing Ron Maltony two doubles, and Ramacker a pair of singles. The two led the losing eight hit attack. A double and two singles by Murin, and A. Fanase's two singles featured Atlasburg's eight hit assault. Atlasburg tallied six times in the sixth to coin the decision. Francis Mine whitewashed Bulger, 6-0 behind the two hit pitching of Smith. Romestan and Penderville each singled for the only hits off Smith. Penderville was rapped for only three hits, but they were big blows. A home run by A. Zamberlan, and a double apiece by Haspel and Manni. Cherry Valley nipped Slovan, 4-3, on only three hits. R. Kortyna rapped out two singles and Stanish one for the only safeties off Majernik. Wagner allowed a bases-loaded double by Vuksanovich, two singles by Visnich and one by Hicks. But he was tough in the clutch and picked up the verdict.

JUNIOR BASEBALL—Atlasburg defeated Raccoon, 7-4 behind the three hit twirling of Dominski. A home run and double by Ron Maltony and a triple by Alouise accounted for the Raccoon hitting. A single and two doubles by McClements and two singles by Yandrich highlighted Atlasburg's hitting off Verbanic. Slovan erased Langeloth, 10-2 via the one hit pitching of V. Thomas and sensational fielding by Midile. H. Ross tripled for Langeloth's lone safety. A double by F. Thomas and a single by Hawkins accounted for only hits off losing hurler, Brunner, who twirled an excellent game which was marred because of loose play on the part of his teammates. Bulger really schel-lacked Raccoon in posting a 22-3 win. Mehalic was the Star of the day as his bat kept up a constant chatter. Mehalic clubbed out 5 for 5, including two home runs a triple and two singles. Bianchi fattened up his batting average by hitting for the circuit, a single, double, triple and home run. Testas clouted three singles, as the whole Bulger lineup really rained out basehits. Testas limited the losing Owls to three singles, Scopel, Verbanic and Diley. Cherry Valley trounced Slovan, 11-2. A double, triple and homer by J. Kortyna, a double and triple by J. Stanish and two hits apiece by Runtas, Guyo and Bertovich featured in the victory. Doubles by F. Thomas and Zelenko and singles by Sedlak, Ihnot and Hawkins was all the Slovan hitting off A. Kortyna. The thriller of the day came when Mihalski was robbed of a hit by Runtas.

SOFTBALL—Atlasburg took Francis Mine into camp, 13-10. A pair of triples and two singles by M. Petricca, three singles apiece by M. Blue and R. Morne, and a pair of bingles by V. Petricca and B. Petricca highlighted the winning hit attack. For Francis Mine: Roberts clubbed out a homer and three singles, S. Bennett connected for a home run, double and single, Strongosky rapped out two doubles, and Orrison drilled out three singles. M. Blue decisioned Roberts on the mound.

Smith Township Recreational Program
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Smith Township Recreational Program

Junior Legion Baseball—Langeloth whipped Atlasburg, 5-3. Brunner, with 11 strikeouts, racked up the mound win over Yandrich. Abate clubbed a double and single in addition to getting a pair of walks to pace Langeloth. Brunner and Mitko rapped a two-bagger apiece. G. Murin performed ala Stanky for Atlasburg, getting three free tickets and a bingle in four trips. Staub and Diminski each singled.

Bulger tattooed Raccoon, 16-2. Testas, with 10 strikeouts, won the mound duel over Allison, who fanned 8. Allison doubled for the losers while Scopel carved out two walks. Penderville sparked Bulger's heavy artillery with 3 round trippers. Testas belted a home run and triple. J. Bianchi and Kargle collected a double apiece.

Slovan smashed Atlasburg, 14-5. Thomas paced the winners with a double and single, and whiffed 7 to gain the nod over Prezenkop. D. Esno and Vujanick aided the winners with a two-bagger each. J. Bodnor doubled and Walters singled for Atlasburg.

The Cherry Valley-Francis Mine ball game was rained out.

Girls Softball—Slovan, with Guiddy on the mound, defeated M. Blue and Atlasburg, 13-8. S. Mancinelli and F. Dugas sparked the Slovan defense while T. Dvorsak hammered out a pair of singles and McKee tagged one. D. Blue belted a triple and double, Mitchell and M. Petricca poked a double and single apiece, and B. Staub drilled out a pair of bingles, to star in the Atlasburg club parade.

Intermediate Basketball, Boys—Globosky, with 13 points, led the Atlasburg hoopsters to a 20-15 victory over Slovan. Kinkella's 9 points was high for the losers.

Bulger snowed under Raccoon, 67-7 with a terrific display of offense power. Romestan swished the cords for 40 points and high scoring honors. Dellara netted a 20 total. Raccoon scoring was divided between Maltony, Allison and Rose with 3-2-2 respectively.

Tentative plans have been worked out to conduct a track meet at the Slovan grounds, the morning of July 4th. All age groups from the entire Smith Township are eligible to compete.

JUNIOR LEGION FINALS

Names	AB	R	H	PCT.
Fulmer	21	5	12	.571
Punola	19	5	7	.368
Martin	18	3	6	.333
S. Kortyna	18	7	6	.333
R. Kortyna	18	4	6	.333
Cowden	13	3	4	.308
Roberts	9	3	3	.333
Linkesh	14	2	3	.214
Johnson	12	2	2	.167
Clair	4	2	2	.500
McConnaughey	10	2	1	.100
Strongosky	7	2	2	.286
Robertson	8	1	0	.000
Noah	5	0	0	.000
Kittle	4	0	0	.000
Downer	1	0	0	.000
Capozzoli	1	0	0	.000

RBI-Fulmer, 13; Cowden, 4; R. Kortyna, 3; Punola, Martin, Roberts, Linkesh, Johnson, Clair, McConnaughey, each with 2; Capozzoli and Robertson 1.

Doubles-Fulmer, Roberts, Linkesh, Clair, each with 1. Triples-Fulmer and Martin, 2; S. Kortyna 1. Home Runs-Fulmer 2.

Pitching-Johnson, 2 and 1; Linkesh, 1 and 1; McConnaughey and Punola, 1 and 0.

Post 698 finished with a 5 and 2 record, placing second in the league standings. Gus Repole managed the club with Don Hall assisting.

SCOTT SERVICE WINS

Blowing a 4 run lead, Scott Service had to step 10 frames before they were able to subdue Strabane, 7-6. With Tropek on the hill, Scott Service ground out a 4 run lead in the first two frames. Strabane began to reach Tropek, by plating 1 in the 4th. Added a pair in the 5th and shelled him off the mound in the 6th. With Hanlin relieving, Strabane tallied 3 more before they could be halted. Going into the final frame, Strabane lead -5. Vukas led off with a double and knotted the count by scoring on a double by Havelka. Then Hanlin shut the door to Strabane, hurling a masterpiece in the relief chore. Hanlin fanned 7 and had Strabane in the palm of his hand with his brilliant chucking. In the 10th, Scott's broke loose. With Havelka on second, Muscaro rifled a clean single into center to drive in Havelka and break up the ball game with what proved to be the winning run. Chuck Havelka blasted out 4 for 4, two singles and a pair of doubles, to pace Scott's-12 hit parade. Muscaro singled three times in five trips, to drive in three runs. Vukas doubled twice in five trips. The victory put Scott's Service in the lead of the American Division race.

BASEBALL SLATE

Hillman Field Schedule

Thursday-House of David vs Scott Service
Friday-S. A. Myers vs Scott Service
Sunday-Wintersville vs Scott Service.
Monday-Muse vs Scott Service
Tuesday-Homestead Grays vs Scott Service

DISTRICT GAMES

Wednesday-Scott Service at Meadowlands; Atlasburg at Cedar Grove; Avella at Raccoon.
Thursday-Bulger at Santiago
Friday-Raccoon at Imperial
Sunday-Cedar Grove at Avella; Midway at Bulger; Raccoon at Atlasburg.
Monday-Cedar Grove at Raccoon; Atlasburg at Bulger.
Tuesday-Bulger at Imperial; Oakdale at Avella; Midway at Raccoon.
Wednesday-Atlasburg at Midway; Scott Service at PNA
Thursday-Avella at Imperial

SCOTT SERVICE COPS SIXTH STRAIGHT WIN

The high flying Scott Service club racked up their sixth straight win in sacking up Cecil, 8-1 on Hillman Field last Friday. The victory enabled Scott to pull in another hitch on their grip of first place. Dropping the opener to Strabane, the Scott nine now has rolled to six games without a defeat.

Hanlin worked on the mound for the winners and scattered three bingles over the route, permitting Cecil their lone tally in the second. Backing up his brilliant hurling, Scott's put together nine hits for their eight runs. Lukon doubled and tripled in 3 trips to pace the sluggers, Havelka singled and doubled in two trips. Stanish tripled, and singles by Vernillo, Vukas Muscaro and Johnson culminated the hitting for the Scott nine.

Vernillo reached first in every-one of his four trips to the plate, and tallied three runs in the victory.

Hanlin fanned 10 and allowed 2 walks for his second win of the season.

SCOTT SERVICE DRUBS S. A. MYERS. WIN 12-0

The classy Scott Service nine racked up their fifth straight victory to continue their grip on first place of the American Division baseball race, with a convincing 12-0 lacing of S. A. Myers.

Charley Merenda walked out to toe the rubber for Scott's, and that alone was enough to shake the Myermen's morale. When Merenda's name is just mentioned to S. A. Myer, they quiver. Charley proved his superiority over the Washingtonions by limiting them to only 2 scratch hits as only 24 men faced him over the distant. Two on hits, and one on an error, reached first base.

Scott's Service pounded the home club for 13 safeties; with the big noise being Muscaro, Demnyan and Vukas, each getting 3 for 4. Scott plated five tallies in the opening frame, and flew off to the races.

Demnyan had a brilliant day at the shortstop post to add to his chattering plate work that drove in three runs. Havelka tripled and Vernillo added a double in the whitewashing.

Merenda added insult to injury by his clowning while on the hill. Fully aware of his strangle hold on the Myermen, Merenda kept the crowd in stitches all thru the ball game with his hilarious antics.

COONS HALT AVELLA

The Raccoon Owls snapped Avella's four game win streak, and pasted them with their first defeat of the season, with a crushing 14-4 win. Raccoon did all the damage in three big frames. Four in the third, and five in the sixth and seventh. Marshall Cuervo and Zig Danek clubbed out a 3 for 5 each to lead a 11 hit barrage on league leading Avellamen. Secco and Kranak singled, and Ray De Paul homered in the upset win. In registering the win, pitcher Kranak gave up six hits, 2 by Ertle, and one apiece to Bodonski, Kubachka, Pascuzzi, and Szunyog. The losers used three moundsmen, Bianchi, Laseko, and Gardner.

BULGER HUMBLER AVELLA 15-4

The league leading Bulger nine gave Avella a sound trouncing last Friday, whipping them, 15-4. Hopping all over three Avella pitchers, Farr, Bianchi, and Curtis, Bulger rained out 15 hits for a 10-0 lead before Avella could break the ice. Donning their hitting togs enmass in this one, Bulger really fattened up their batting average. Mihalich and Lou Dellapina paced the heavy stick work with 3 for 4 each. Pete Dellapina garnered 2 for 3. Nixon went 2 for 5, and LaRocka, Little, Mullen, Fuller and Moreau each got one. Little's went for two bases, while Fuller's clout was a round tripper. Navoski chucked em in for Bulger and won the verdict in fanning 3 and permitting 7 hits, two apiece by Stone, Pascuzzi and Gardner, and one by Ertle. Stone doubled for the losers.

BULGER WINS, 3-1

Plating three tallies in the fifth was all that Bulger needed to set down Atlasburg, 3-1. The loser's tally came in the seventh. The winners were out hit 8-6, but a dropped fly ball in the fifth, started them on their way. LaRocka doubled twice in the win, Nixon added one(and singles by Lou Dellapina, Fuller, and Gatus culminated the safties off Atlasburg's Buckoske and Wasilko. Gatus was reached for singles by Lipnicky, DeSantis, Bodnar, Scruppi, Cherokee, Cherpak, and Buckoske, and a double by Lonski, in going the distance for the 3-1 win. •

ATLASBURG IS VICTIM OF NO-HIT, NO-RUN

Atlasburg was the victim of the National Division's second no hitter of the season, when they were blanked by Santiago's Basteroli, 7-0. Basteroli fanned 7 and gave up one free pass in registering the no hitter.

Last Thursday, Midway set Oakdale down 2-0, as their brilliant 18 year old pitching standout, Lou Stewart, threw the league's first no hit, no run game. In chucking the classic, Stewart fanned 12 men and allowed one free ticket.

Atlasburg called upon three hurlers in order to stem the tide in this one, with Buckoske, McConnaughey, and Wasilko each taking their turns. The winners collected eight hits off of this trio to win, 7-0.

TEDDY NICKSICK SIGNS PRO CAGE CONTRACT

Slovan's Teddy Nicksick, rated as one of the finest basketball performers of the Southwest while playing with the Texas Wesleyan College quintet, recently inked a contract to play professional basketball with the Boston Celtics.

The highly touted cage star, a local product who brought much fame to this district, was reported to have signed for \$5,000 for his services in the coming pro basketball season. To close the deal, Boston lured Nicksick away from the clutches of rival scouts, by tendering him a nice chunk of lucre as a bonus.

Teddy Nicksick gave an outstanding exhibition with his basketball wizardly in the Boston Gardens last season which led to his contract with the pros. Winner of several outstanding player

awards, Teddy piled up an amazing record while with the Texas club. Major League basketball scouts, aware of his sensational record, and witnessing his brilliant play in game after game, hugged Nicksick like a leach all season long, awaiting his graduation.

In the Boston Gardens, Nicksick reached his peak in collegiate basketball play with a thrilling performance that made the pro scouts swarm for his services. But, he had given his word to the Boston Scout that if he decided to play pro ball, he would play for Boston. His signature last week, backed up his given word. But, Boston matched their rivals' offers, as evidence of their faith in Nicksick.

Teddy Nicksick, another local product who is making good in the athletic world.

**Teddy Nicksick Signs Pro Cage Contract
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 27, 1948 Edition**



This picture was taken at the old Fairgrounds, where the high school teams of the 20's played their games

inside the track. Sitting, left to right, John McCormick, Joe Spigarry, John Clark, Bob Dennis, Al Martin. Kneeling, unidentified, Cut Whalen, Bob Hamilton, Charles Hamilton, Sam McClurg, Bush Whalen. Standing, Deb Malone, Rev. Thome, unidentified, Harold Malone, Jim Webster

SPORTS

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS

The Union high school baseball team will swing into action this Friday at 3:00 p.m., in a non-league tilt with Findley. The team this year will be under the tutelage of Coach Don Hall, local sandlot player and a graduate of Slippery Rock.

The outlook for the season is very dim as the big opener draws near. Coach Hall has only four letter men back from last year's squad: Stanley Zdbef, catcher; Stanley Navage, pitcher; Marshall Cuero, second base; and Pete Maropis, at Shortstop. With about 30 boys competing for the vacant spots on the team, there is plenty of enthusiasm on the squad. The boys promise plenty of action as soon as the weather gives them a break.

Union will be in Section V of the WPIAL this year with Trinity, Hickory and Avella providing the league competition. All home games will begin at 3:00 o'clock.

The schedule:

April 17	-----	Findlay (home)
April 20	-----	Findlay (away)
April 23	-----	*Avella (home)
April 27	-----	Weirton (away)
April 30	-----	*Trinity (away)
May 4	-----	*Avella (away)
May 7	-----	*Hickory (home)
May 11	-----	*Hickory (away)
May 14	-----	*Trinity (home)
May (pending)	-----	Weirton (home)

* W. P. I. A. L. Games.

Union Wins Opener

Burgessstown Enterprise-April 30 1942 Edition

**UNION BASEBALL TEAM
IS SECTIONAL WINNER**

Union high school, after a lapse of approximately 12 years, returned to baseball in 1934, as a part of the athletic program. In the spring of '34, Union won the sectional title, defeated Waynesburg in the semi-finals at Washington, and was defeated 2-1 by Edgewood in the finals at Forbes field.

Last year the team won first place in the section, but was defeated by Canonsburg in the semi-finals at Washington. Canonsburg was the league champion, winning their final game 1-0 at Forbes field.

The Union boys again have won first place in this section, winning their eight league games without a loss. John Lukon leads the batting, having an average of .384. Dennis Caleffie also has a percentage of .384, but has not played in all games. George Donnich, "the lead-off man" is second, having an average of .357. Vukas is third with .344, and those above .300 are as follows: Ed Kopacz—.350, Ed Lukon—.333, and Steve Gambetta—.316. The semi-finals and finals among the six sectional winners will be played during the next two weeks, after all the sectional winners have been determined. It is hoped that Union will be fortunate enough to become league champions.

**Union Baseball Team is Sectional Winner
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 21, 1936 Edition**

UNION BASEBALL TEAM ON CHAMPIONSHIP WAY.

Local High School Players Defeat
Midland High in Elimination
Game With 23 to 7 Score

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Lukon got his four-base wallop in the third with two mates on and Vukas clouted his in the seventh inning with the stations empty. Union staged an eight-run rally in the third inning to put the game on ice. Twelve men batted during the frame.

Midland lost heart in the first inning when great defensive work by Union checked a threatening uprising. With the bases full, McFadden cracked a liner that seemed tabbed for a triple. Vukas leaped into the air and speared it with one hand and doubled a runner off third. Union missed a triple play by an eye lash. Again in the fifth, Steele made a beautiful running catch off a line drive and then threw to first for a double play.

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**Starts Season by Winning Two out
of Three Contests on Schedule
of Fourteen Games**

Union high school's baseball team is shaping into form, having won two of three games played on the 14-game schedule. The boys went to Washington Tuesday, April 14th, and were defeated in the opener, 4 to 3. Five errors cost them the game, but errors were to be expected as they had no previous fielding practice, due to wet grounds.

The first league game was played at Avella on Friday, April 17th, and Union won 6 to 2. Steve Vuhas held the Avella boys to two hits, while his teammates bingled out eight safeties, Steele and Secco each getting two-baggers.

The third game of the schedule was played on Monday, April 20th, on the Langeloth field against Canonsburg, last year's W. P. I. A. L. champions, and was won by Union 7 to 4. Alex Sabo appeared on the mound for the locals, and in his first game pitched for Union, gave his opponents only four hits. His teammates found Smith, Canonsburgh's ace pitcher for eight hits.

The following is the sesason schedule for Unin high school:

Date	Home	Away
April 14	-----	Washington
April 17	-----	Avella*
April 20	----Canonsburg	
April 24	-----Cecil*	
April 28	----Washington	
May 1	-----	Midway*
May 5	-----Midway*	
May 6	-----Hickory*	
May 8	-----Avella*	
May 15	-----	Cecil*
May 18	-----	Canonsburg
May 22	-----Trinity	
May 26	-----	Hickory*
May 29	-----	Trinity

* League Games

LOSE TO TRINITY

Although Union scored four home runs in the game with Trinity Tuesday afternoon, the locals went down to defeat by a score of 6-4.

Trinity scored six runs out of seven hits to chalk up their third straight victory in Section 5 of the WPIAL and their seventh win this season.

Union's home runs were scored by Mellovich, one, in the fourth with Danek on base; Danek got one in the sixth and Vernillo one in seventh inning.

The locals play Avella on Friday, May 3. Next home game is Tuesday afternoon, with Hickory.

Trinity	R.	H.	E.
Calabro, c -----	1	1	0
Tomsic, cf. -----	0	0	0
Brytus, ss. -----	2	1	1
Backner, 3b. -----	2	2	0
Veltre, rf. -----	0	1	0
Sams, p. -----	0	0	0
Carmen, 1b. -----	0	0	0
Carey, 2b. -----	0	0	0
Potopishin, lf. -----	1	2	0
Totals -----	6	7	1
Burgettstown	R.	H.	E.
Havelka, 3b. -----	0	0	1
Danek, 2b. -----	2	1	0
Mellovich, 1b. -----	1	2	2
Yanni, cf. -----	0	0	0
Vernillo, lf. -----	1	1	0
Yolton, rf. -----	0	0	0
Zdebf, c -----	0	0	0
Lipnicky, ss. -----	0	0	1
Rumbaugh, p. -----	0	0	0
Kranak, p. -----	0	0	0
Totals -----	4	4	2

Union Trounces Wash Hi; 10 to 3

The Union High Blue Devil baseballers, playing their final tilt of the season, handed Washington a 10-3 lacing on Hillman Field, last Wednesday.

Burgettstown leaped out of the starting gate right now, hopping on Washington's Back for five runs in the first stanza and three in the second, for a very comfortable lead and kept a lot of daylight between them and their visitors, all the way. Then, just for insurance, the Don Hall men pushed across a couple of more tallies in the sixth. The visitors plated their markers in the fourth and seventh frames.

Leading the nine hit onslaught for Union was, first sacker, Kosovec, with a blazing 3 for 4 to drive in four tallies. Stankovich put together a double and single in four trips that plated two runs. Linkesh fanned six, walked seven, and allowed five hits in registering the win.

LINEUP

UNION	AB	R	H	PO	A
Cunningham, lf	2	1	0	0	0
Fulmer, 2b	2	1	0	1	2
Taverne, cf	4	0	0	0	1
Stankovich, c	4	2	2	10	1
Ulrich, 3b	2	2	2	0	1
Robertson, 3b	1	0	0	0	1
Maropis, rf	2	1	0	1	0
Tustin, rf	0	1	0	0	0
Kosovec, 3b	4	1	3	8	0
Linkesh, p	4	0	1	0	2
Total	28	10	9	21	11

Union errors-Taverne, Stankovich. Stolen bases-Fulmer 3, Ulrich. RBI-Kosovec 4, Stankovich 2, Linkesh 2, Strongosky, Maropis

UHS Baseball Trounces Wash Hi; 10 to 3
Burgettstown Enterprise-May 20, 1948 Edition

**UNION HIGH WALLOPS
HICKORY TEAM, 8-3**

Union walloped Hickory High School, 8-3, on the home field Monday afternoon in a Section 5 WPIAL baseball clash. Rumbaugh kept six Hickory hits well scattered while his mates collected eight off Prevost. Millovich and Lipnicky, of Union, hit for the circuit. Score:

Hickory	R.	H.	E.
Newman, rf -----	0	0	0
Hansel, c -----	1	1	0
LaSavage, 2b -----	0	1	1
Lillard, 1b -----	0	0	0
Skrtech, cf -----	0	1	0
Patnesky, ss -----	0	0	1
Alrutz, lf -----	1	0	0
Hete, 3b -----	1	1	0
Prevost, p -----	0	1	0
*Elder -----	0	1	0
‡Scott -----	0	0	0
Totals -----	3	6	2
Union	R.	H.	E.
Havelka, ss -----	3	1	0
Lipnicky, 3b -----	2	1	1
Millovich, 1b -----	2	1	0
Yanni, cf -----	0	2	0
Vernillo, lf -----	1	2	0
Kranak, rf -----	0	0	0
George, 2b -----	0	0	0
Zdbef, c -----	0	0	0
Rumbaugh, p -----	0	0	0
Totals -----	8	8	1
Hickory -----	100	020	0-3
Union -----	301	202	x-8

Union Baseballers will play Avella on the home field Friday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock.

Next Tuesday afternoon the locals will meet Trinity high in a return game, Trinity having defeated Union 6-4 in one of the first ball games of the season. Union band will be on hand Tuesday afternoon to salute their team and will parade Main street before the game.

SPORTS

UNION WINS LEAGUE OPENER

Stanley Navage won out in a pitcher's duel with Scott last Thursday as Union bunched its three hits to down Avella 2-1. Hits were few and far between and strike outs were many as these two big hurlers literally mowed down the batters inning after inning.

Marshall Cuervo, lead off man for Union, got a base on balls in the first inning, stole second, went to third on a passed ball then Pete Maropis singled him home. The one run advantage looked good but the Union fans got the jitters as Stan Navage walked three Avella batters in the first with only one out. However, he settled down and struck out the next two batters.

In the fourth, Navage got a single after two were out, Anzlovar got a pass, and then Gratchen got his first hit of the season, a two-bagger that drove in Navage with what proved to be the winning run. In Avella's half of the same inning, the first two men struck out and then Scott got a single to center field. Checkinis' third strike got away from Zdbef, and Sewasky dropped the throw to first. Sewasky then threw wild to Gratchen in an attempt to get Scott going to third. Thus Scott scored on the double error.

Pase, the big Avella catcher, threw a scare into the local fans as he clouted one of Navage's fast balls deep into left field. He tried to stretch it into a home run but a fast relay system, Yanni to Anzlovar to Gratchen to Zdbef caught him as he was sliding in home.

Union collected 2 runs on 3 hits and made 3 errors while Avella got one run on 2 hits and played errorless ball. Scott of Avella struck out 13 Union batters while Navage struck out 11 Avella batters.

Avella will play a return game on the local field on May 4.

SPORTS

UNION WINS OPENER

The Union baseball team started in fine fashion by beating Findlay on the local field, Friday afternoon, by a score of 13-1. Stanley Navage, the big right hander of football and basket ball fame, was on the mound for Union and set the Findlay batters down with great consistency. He struck out 17 and allowed only one hit which was a scratch single through short.

The Union batters jumped on Brazen in the first inning and collected 6 runs on 4 hits and 3 bases-on-balls. Navage and Sewasky had two baggers in the opening frame. The second inning was little better for Findlay as Union pounded out three extra base hits: a double by Strongosky, a triple by Zdbef and a home run by Navage. These three hits, accompanied by three Findlay errors were good for 5 more runs in the second inning. This time, singles by Yanni, Zbdef and Maropis produced two more runs.

Findlay's only scoring came in the second inning when Stein singled, stole second and advanced to third and home on errors by Zdbef and Cuervo.

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Undefeated Raccoon Cops Sixth Straight

Greenie Scopel's Raccoon Owls, thundering along like a devastating avalanche, engulfed their sixth straight opponent in white-washing Imperial, 6-0, behind the natty two hit pitching of Tommy Elias.

Before the game, Imperial was breathing right on Raccoon's neck, one game out of first place. But, manager Scopel turned loose his powerhouse, and it quickly doused Imperial's notion of tying for the league lead by winning this tilt. As a result, undefeated Raccoon now leads the pack by two games.

Imperial sent in one of the county's best hurlers, Vic Pregel, to try and halt the surging Owls. But, he was combed for seven safeties and tagged with the loss instead. Hustling Paulie Demnyan led the shelling of Pregal with a triple and single in four trips and plated twice. Evans connected for two sacks, while Kuzior, DePaul, Andy Gratchen and Harry Elias each bingled.

Performing brilliantly on the mound, Tommy Elias belittled the heavy sugging Imperial nine in allowing only two bingles over the seven inning route. He fanned three and walked two for the 6-0 win.

Vic Pregal was charged with Imperial's second loss in six starts. Although he fanned 11 over the distance, seven timely hits, coupled with two walks, spelled his downfall.

**Undefeated Raccoon Cops Sixth Straight
Burgettstown Enterprise-June 1, 1950 Edition**

Undefeated Slovenian Home Runs Streak To 21 Straight. Jefferson Coal Leads Locals

The unbeaten Slovenian Home ten pin club increased its Washington County International Division lead to ten full games by whipping the Alpines in a sweep and extended its 1950 victory skein to 21 straight. Undefeated Jefferson Coal steam-cleaned the Raccoon Cooners to continue its undisputed first place position in the Burgettstown Community League. The Nap Motors took two games from Jessop Steel to remain in second place in the County's American Division with a 16 and 3 record.

Community Standings: Jefferson 15-0; Vets, 11-1 Harmon Creek, 9-6; B.I.C., Cavaliers and Gootch Barbers are knotted at 6-6 apiece; Standard, 8-7; Raccoon, 6-9; Francis Mine, 5-10; Slovan VFD, 2-10; and Legion 1-14.

Community Schedule: Monday, Nov. 13, Francis Mine vs Cavaliers and Harmon Creek vs B. I. C. at 7 p.m. Legion vs Slovan VFD at 9 p.m. On Tuesday, Nov. 14, Jefferson vs Gootch and Standard vs Vets at 7 p.m.

Top scores in Slovenian Home win over the Alpines: Gracie Dvorsak 190, Deb Clair 189, Charlie Trinoni 188, Hank Beharry 186, Sell Azzerello 179, Pete Krahel 173. Anchorman Trinoni came thru to pull out the first two games for the locals when he struck out in the final frames. The third was won coasting.

Community Results: Harmon Creek whitewashed the Legion with a 180 by Deb Clair, 179 by George Chastulik and 175 by Joe Brizzole leading the way. For the losers, Don Bable 190, Tommy Lee 175 and Ralph Bable 172.

The Slovan VFD's finally hit the win trail by socking Francis Mine with two defeats. Joe Bobyak 190, Carl Filipponi 180 and Duffy Bar-to 179 racked up the highest score for Slovan. Tops for the Miners: Tuck Couch 189, Frank Klein 185 and Carl Clair 173.

The second place Vets smashed the Cavaliers in three straight to continue their torrid pace at 11 wins and one loss. Spredie Rodriguez hit a 210, Jimmy Petrucci matched it with a 210 of his own, and Tillie Nap 191. Spider Shuble led the losing cause when he racked up the high of 223. Red Riddle 182 and Pin Gonzales 180 followed.

The league leading Jeffersons crumbled the Raccoon Cooners to extend their unbeaten 1950 slate to 15 in a row. Charlie Trinoni led with a 197, Angel Gonzales 190 and Harry McBride 185. For the Coon-

ers, Matt Kuzior posted the week's high of 224. Moose Caleffie 184 and Micky Gobleck 178.

B.I.C. grabbed two out of three from the Standards with Legs Chastulik pacing the way with a 188. Peggy Williams 182 and Pete Krahel 180. Pete Valduga 193, Patsy Spataro 192 and George Atherton 191 sparked the Standards.

The local lanes set up Thanksgiving Day awards for its top ten pin keglers. For the men's single game high, a full dressed turkey is the trophy. For the women, a full dressed chicken to the winner.

Union Baseball Team Loaded With Veterans

Pat McGraw will begin his second term as head baseball mentor at Union high school with many of the same faces returning from the 1957 nine, good enough to win Section Four honors.

Pitcher John Riddile and outfielder Ken Kavensky are back for the fourth year, and it is around these two that McGraw will build his 1958 team. McGraw will have catchers Chum Robert and Denny Delprato, pitchers Floyd Marshall and Sammy Samloff, infielders John Colpo, Bill Ozimek, Jim Matalik and Bud Barkley and outfielders Morris Harvey and John Ozimek available again.

The Blue Devils will play a 12-game schedule this year, with 6 being exhibition games.

In Section Four this year will be Union, Avella, West Allegheny and South Side Beaver. West Allegheny is tabbed as the "team to beat" for section laurels upon the strength of returning veterans.

Riddile, lanky fireballer was terrific last summer, and is being counted upon for big things again this year. Samloff and Marshall showed good potential in the Langeloth Intermediate League last year, and along with Riddile, will form an imposing mound array for the Devils.

Robert and Delprato are sound catchers. Leading contenders for infield positions have to be four veterans, Ozimek, Barkley, Matalik and Colpo. Samloff could be an infielder when he isn't pitching. However, there are many trying for varsity infield positions and no one yet has anything cinched.

Kavensky, the power hitter, heads a trio of vets in the outfield, the other two are John Ozimek and Harvey. Capable reserves could include Paul Scopel, Bob Pompe and Bob Dellapna.

Union Baseball Team Loaded with Veterans
Burgettstown Enterprise-April 3, 1958 Edition

1922 Union High School Baseball Team
Won 13-Lost 3



Top Row, L-R: Spankle, Coach, "Mac" McCormick-LF, "Al" Martin-SS, "Chuck" Hamilton, Captain-3B, "Bob" Sanders-1B,C, "Deb" D. Malone-C, "Doc" Suica-2B, "Dutch" Hill-1B, P, "How" H. Malone-Mgr.

Bottom Row, L-R: "Pete" W. Malone-RF, "Pylsie" Pyle-2B, "Tip" Richey-C, "Cuzie" McCue-CF, "Jim" Butler-3B, "Pinky" Dickson-OF, "Sandy" Bole-1B

UNION WINS 1ST GAME

Old Man Jupe Pluvius laid off from his seasonal drenching on Tuesday afternoon long enough to permit Union Baseballers to bat out a 9-0 defeat to their ancient rivals, Washington high. Monday's game marked the beginning of a belated Section 5 schedule and Union's ame was marked by timely hitting and effective pitching.

Washington	A. B.	R.	H.
Sage, ss -----	3	0	0
Reese, 3b -----	3	0	0
Johnson, cf -----	3	0	1
Kulaga, c-p -----	3	0	1
Babiaraz, lf -----	3	0	0
Booth, 2b -----	3	0	0
Fetherlin, 1b -----	2	0	0
Steratore, rf -----	1	0	0
Pakula, p -----	1	0	0
Totals -----	22	0	3
Burgettstown	A. B.	R.	H.
Havelka, ss -----	3	3	1
Danek, 2b -----	4	3	3
Mellovich, 1b -----	4	1	1
Yanni, cf -----	4	2	2
Vernillo, lf -----	4	0	2
Yolton, rf -----	4	0	2
Zdbes, c -----	2	0	0
George, 3b -----	3	0	0
Rumbaugh, p -----	3	0	0
Totals -----	31	9	11

Washington -----	000	000	0-0
Burgettstown -----	330	102	*-9

Two-base hits — Johnson, Danek, Yanni, Vernillo. Three-base hit—Danek. Base on balls—Off Pakula 2, Rumbaugh 1. Left on base—Washington 1, Burgettstown 4. Struck out—by Pakula 3, Kaluga 3, Rumbaugh 8. Umpires—Myers and Zuleba.

BASBALL FRIDAY

Union's season opening scheduled for April 12 with North Fayette was postponed due to poor weather conditions. The first game in the W. P. I. A. L. series will be played on McCormick field at 2:30 Friday, when the Union nine will meet Hickory.

Union is entered in Section V of the W.P.I.A.L. with the following games scheduled: April 19, Hickory, home; April 23, Washington, home; April 30, Trinity, away; May 3, Hickory, away; May 8, Washington night game, away; May 14, Trinity at home.

First day of Spring saw the start of baseball maneuvers at Union high. Coach Power called the first meeting of pitching and catching candidates on Monday, March 25th in the high school gym. About 20 boys responded to his call including three lettermen returning, John Kranak and Frank Rumbaugh, pitchers, and Stanley Szdeby, catcher. Mr. Power has to make a big cut as he cannot carry all these boys.

On April 1st, Mr. Power called out his lettermen and pitchers, the boys went through their first practice on the field by having their first batting practice. The lettermen reporting were, infielders, Mellovich, Danek, Havelka; outfielders, Yanni and Vernillo. Also reporting for the first practice were many promising boys who lack experience.

Baseball

Burgettstown Enterprise-April 18, 1940 Edition

Joe Verbanic Now On Phillies' Roster

The Philadelphia Phillies yesterday announced the recall of pitcher Joe Verbanic from the San Diego club of the Pacific Coast League.

Verbanic, a native of Raccoon, had a record of eight wins and one loss with the Padres and posted a sparkling 2.67 earned run average.

The little righthander was a star in the early days of the Burgettstown Area Li'l League.

Vernillo Bats Scottmen To 6-5 Victory Over Gunners In Finale At Hillman Field

Well, Jake Schneider did it again! For the fifth time and second year in a row, Jake Schneider has piloted a Burgettstown baseball club to a championship! With his team downing Canonsburg 8-5 last Sunday on Hillman Field, it was four out of five over the Transformers and gave Burgettstown the Shaughnessey Championship of the American Division of the Washington County Baseball League. The title is only one of the many honors brought to Burgettstown down the years of a long and successful sandlot baseball career enjoyed by Jake Schneider, whose brilliant managerial talents has placed Burgettstown well on top in the amateur baseball circles.

Banding a group of hustling and talented sandlot artists together, some in their first year with Burgettstown, but all local timber, Manager Schneider worked like a sculptor to fashion a first class fighting machine out of Scott's Service team. Molding them to his own special specifications, Schneider had the boys giving it their very best every time out which resulted in top drawer baseball for the fans and a championship for this new unit representing Burgettstown on the sandlots. Stressing sportsmanship as their first quality, the local club elevated Burgettstown even higher, in the All-American game of baseball.

The locals took a 1-0 lead in this game which clinched the Division title; Vernillo led off with a single, stole second and scored on a single by Johnson. Canonsburg came back with two runs off Moe Dowler in the second. Then with one run in and the bases loaded with Canonsburg in the third, Dowler was lifted in favor of Hanlin, who had already set the visitors down on Friday. Hanlin allowed a run, and the visitors led 4-1.

Burgettstown came back with another in the third; Vernillo was hit with a pitched ball, again pilfered second and scored on a single by Lukon. They made it 4-3 in the 4th when Gelestor singled, was moved to second and tallied on a single by Stanish. Canonsburg came back with one in the 5th to take a 5-3 lead. It was whittled to 5-4 in the 6th when Vernillo rapped out his third straight single to plate Stanish.

In the 8th, Burgettstown showed championship form by hitting when the chips were down, coming from behind and racking up the win, with three runs. Smashing out his fourth consecutive hit, a double, Vernillo plated Tropeck who was running for Gelestor. With one away and the score tied, Stanish was on third, Vernillo on second, Vukas was intentionally passed to load the hassocks. Lukon then walked to force in Stanish. And on a daring steal of home, Vernillo slid across safely to give the locals a 7-5 lead. Vukas capped the thrilling rally by scoring on an error, putting the locals in front of a 8-5 count which spelled victory for them, with the ball game, the playoff series, and the league pennant.

Babe Vernillo, enjoying a brilliant afternoon, paced the locals in the final with a perfect 4 for 4 slugging spree. Lukon and Gelestor collected two apiece, and Johnson hammered out a triple and single to feature in the victory parade. Hanlin chalked up the pitching win.

Burgettstown now meets Imperial in the best of seven series for the county championship. Imperial won the National Division title by defeating Avella, four games to two. See Platter Chatter for details.

Johnny "Tech" Vernillo

"Tech" Vernillo, another Burgettstown gift to Organized Baseball, has just completed a brilliant season with the Philadelphia Athletics' farm team of Savannah, Georgia of the Class A Sally league, and is home visiting his parents until next month when he will depart for Florida.



Competing in the strongest Class A loop of Organized ball, Johnny Vernillo performed sensationally all season long, and has been pegged for a triple A club beginning next year. With his play sparking the Savannah team during the past campaign, "Tech" became the sportswriters' dream, supplying hot copy all season long. Crowned as one of the brightest prospects in the Sally loop last year, Vernillo has been labled as a Major Leaguer who should 'break' in very soon. Tech completed the past season by leading his club in every department but the stolen base section. He pilfered 18 to place second. He copped the hitting honors with a healthy 315; 18 doubles, 6 triples, and 6 homers. He drove in 68 tallies and scored 83. Also paced the total hits with 152.

Tech Vernillo is 26 years old, and is in his fourth term as a Minor Leaguer. In the off season, Tech holds down the head mixologist's berth in the Copa Cabanna, Tampa's leading night club, and plays center field for the Tampa ball club in the Florida Winter League.

While playing with Savannah last season, Vernillo's every day performance was carried in a 'box' by a Tampa paper. And, to continue to prove his popularity, his employers, the Copa Cabanna, carried a placard in their window informing the fans of their adopted sons' accomplishments. He certainly has a brilliant future ahead of him.

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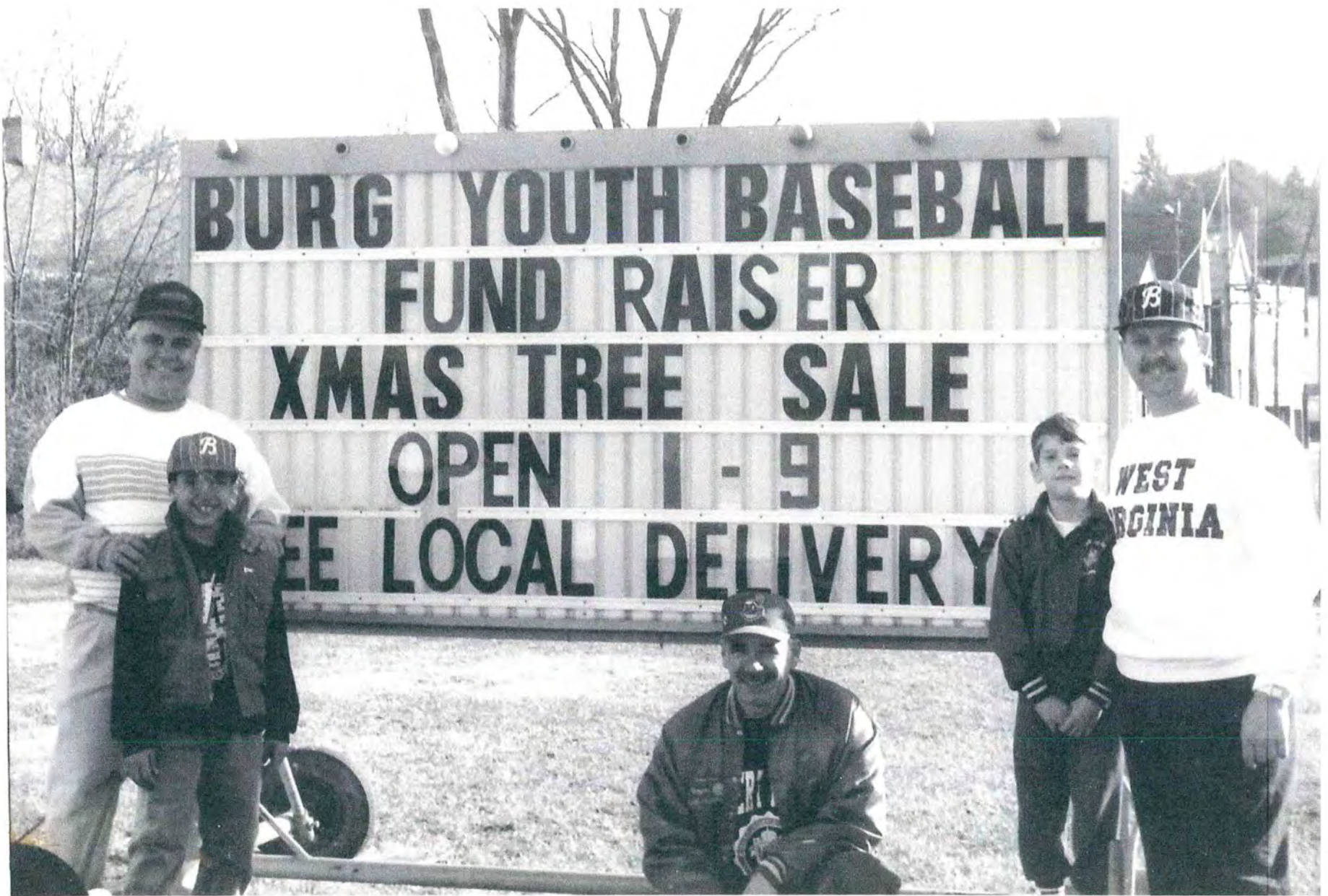
Old Honus Coming For Opening Game

Honus Wagner, old-time idol of baseball, will be at the Burgettstown fair grounds on Thursday afternoon, April 30th, for the first game at home of the local baseball team. The game will be called at 5:15 o'clock and will be between Burgettstown and Houston. At this game ladies will be admitted free of charge.

The fair grounds have been put in good order and seats are being installed to take care of a record crowd of rooters who will greet old Honus and the town players. The members of the team are in fine condition and promise snappy baseball.

The Burgettstown team will meet Washington at Washington next Tuesday afternoon for the opening game in the Washington county league. Full schedules will be given next week.

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Burgettstown Youth Baseball-Christmas Tree Sale

L-R: Tom and son Robert Leskovich, Tim Takah, Don Bywaters and son Allan.

Youth League Baseball Scores

Tim Bendick drove in the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning to break a 4-4 deadlock and to give the Expos a 5-4 victory over the Tigers. The game was featured by the fine pitching of nine-year-old Pete Sergakis, who gave up only five hits and struck out 13 batters. Daryl Degenkolb hit a home run for the Tigers. Losing pitcher Oscar Camp was touched for five hits, including a triple by Joey Hucik and two singles by Mark Pompe.

The Astros scored a 10-6 win over the Tigers, as Atkins was the winning pitcher and Cunningham the loser. Reedy slapped a double for the Astros. The Tigers had triples by Hecht, Degenkolb and R. Paris, and doubles by Paris and Camp.

The Tigers bounced back for an 11-10 win over the Phillies. Hecht was the winning pitcher, with Gianfrancesco the loser. Hecht smacked a triple for the Tigers, Degenkolb hit a pair of doubles, and McGraw doubled. Camp doubled for the Phillies.