

## Little League World Series Tournament Starts July 23

The elimination tournament leading to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa., begins here the week of July 23. Thirteen teams, from Amherst, North Tonawanda, Tonawanda, LeRoy, Batavia, Oakville, Dundas, and Thorold, meet in the first bracket. The winner will go on to Wellsville, from there to Utica, and on to the national finals. The Amherst Connie Mack Division meets the Amherst American Division in the first game July 23 at Connie Mack Stadium. The Amherst Central Division will meet the winner of the Batavia-LeRoy game in the second bracket as they drew a bye in the first.

### Yanks Move Up in American Division

Jimmy Monin's shutout, coupled with Tom Bird's one-hitter in relief, moved the Yanks within two games of the league-leading Tigers. Current standings are:

Team	Won	Lost
Tigers	9	1
Yankees	7	3
Athletics	3	6
White Sox	1	10

### Senators Lead First Half Play in Connie Mack Division

Winning the playoff of a tie from Bob Bailey's Red Sox, Ed Lalor's Senators topped the league in the first half of play. League standings are:

Majors		
Team	Won	Lost
Senators	6	3
Orioles	5	4
Red Sox	4	5
Indians	3	6
Minors		
Team	Won	Lost
RED		
Hawks	2	1
Falcons	2	1
Mustangs	1	2
Rockets	1	2
WHITE		
Robins	3	0
Wasps	2	1
Bisons	1	2
Torpedoes	0	3
BLUE		
Eagles	2	1
Jets	2	1
Seals	1	1
Hornets	0	2

## Little League Opens

The Amherst Connie Mack Little League opens tonight with the Red Sox scheduled to meet the Orioles at 6:30. Pre-game festivities include the dedication of the loop's new diamond on Burroughs Dr., Snyder, and a parade of the entire Connie Mack roster, some 350 strong, from the Park School to the new field. Parade time is 5:30.

## Little League World Series Finds Amherst In Contention

With the regular Little League season drawing to a close, attention has been riveted upon the play-offs in the elimination contest for the World Championship. Amherst had all three divisions contending. In the first game, the Amherst American Division (Township) eliminated the Connie Mack Division only to be beaten in the next bracket by the Amherst National Division (Central Amherst).

### Central Amherst All-Stars Win District Championship

Defeating the LeRoy All-Stars by an 8-5 score Tuesday, the Amherst Little Leaguers got off to a good start. Gerry Cassiol had a perfect night at bat with a single, two doubles, and a triple to share batting honors with Marshall Cusic, his left-field team mate who had three for four with a double and two singles. Skip Costantino pitched shutout ball for four innings but was tapped for three runs in the fifth and a homer by Dave Rudgers of LeRoy with a man aboard in the sixth.

	R	H	E
Amherst	8	14	2
LeRoy	5	9	0

The series with Amherst's American Division started at Batavia on Wednesday night and ended in a 4-4 tie game called because of darkness. Al Schriver went all the way for the National Division, allowing nine hits while the American Division relieved starter O'Buhannik with Cox and Curry. Gerry Cassiol again starred for the Central team with two doubles and a single in four times at bat. In the second game, the two teams met at Veteran's Field in Tonawanda. Mike Schall pitched a three-hitter, striking out eleven batters as his teammates slugged

A capacity crowd of over 500 jammed Veteran's Park on Friday as the Amherst team met the North Tonawanda All-Stars, winners for the last five years. The game developed into a pitching duel between Skip Constantino and Grady Jastermiski blasted one in the first to get the North Tonawanda team off to a one-run lead. The score was tied in the third when Amherst's G. Steinhardt walked, stole second, went to third on Constantino's ground-out and scored when Dave Shenton doubled off the right-field fence. In the fifth, Shenton again doubled, this time off the center-field wall, to start a two-run inning. Grady was relieved by Jastermiski. In the last inning, North Tonawanda's Kruna kept the game alive with a home-run blast. Then, with two out and the tying run on first, Goltz blasted one to left field. Marshall Cusic started with the hit and pulled it in to end the game.

	R	H	E
Amherst	3	7	1
North Tonawanda	2	5	1

### Minors Take Over at Connie Mack Little League Diamond

With the season closing, except for play-offs of unfinished games, Ed Lalor's Senators, with Mayfield and Herbst coaching, came through with an undefeated 7-0 record for the second half of the season. The results were:

Senators	7-0
Indians	5-0 (Bitner & Miller)
Orioles	2-4 (Brandl & Weideman)
Red Sox	1-7 (Bailey & Kitzmiller)

Total attendance for the season exceeded 1500. On August 1, the Seals took on the Eagles in the minor loop, with the Hawks meeting the Jets on August 3. During following weeks, the minors will play at the Little League Diamond on Burroughs Drive Wednesday and Friday.

## Parade Marks Opening Of Connie Mack Little League Stadium

Connie Mack Little Leaguers, 350 strong, paraded down Burroughs Drive Monday to their new field for dedication ceremonies marking the official opening of play for the second half of their schedule.

Present for the ceremonies were Commissioner Ed Metz who received the game starting ball, President Herbs Mols, and Player Agent Omar Lane as well as a good crowd of Little League supporters.

The new field was constructed through the cooperative effort of the Town of Amherst, Theodore Jensen and the Highway Dept., Connie Mack officials, sponsors, and supporters.

In the opening game, Andy Brandl's Orioles defeated Bob Bailey's Red Sox on the strength of Bob Ehrenreich's pitching and Mike Rebman's bat. Rebman clouted two over the fence, driving in three of the Orioles 12 runs. Smith and Sullivan were the Sox battery, supported by 6 runs, 5 of which were scored in the first inning. Umpires for the game were Ed Thie and Dr. Al. Fisher.

During the first half of the season, 3 teams ended in a virtual tie for the lead to be determined in the playoff of a tie this week between the Senators and the Red Sox. The second half portends an equally interesting struggle with the minor loops getting plenty more action.

## Senators Are Champs Of Connie Mack Little League



The Senators are the 1956 champions of the Amherst Connie Mack Little League, winning both halves, 6-3 and 8-1, with an overall record of 14-5.

Shown above, front left to right, are John Reiman, Bill Herbst, bat-

boy Rick Morck, Joe Morck, Kip Crickland; second row are Don Sundgren, John Lord, Glen Brosius, Tom Bobencrad, Steve Lalor, Andy Mayfield, George Frost, Jim Mayfield and Mike Callow. In the back row are Terry Drilling and mana-

ger Ed Lalor. The coaches were Bill Herbst Jr., and Jim Mayfield. It was the Connie Mack league's first year of play and games were played on the new diamond built at the end of Burroughs Dr., Snyder.