

Connie Macks Sink Mid-Island, 6-1

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WATERVLIET, Aug. 8—The Amherst Connie Macks today defeated the Mid-Island All-Stars from Staten Island, 6-1, in a New York State Little League semifinal that was delayed by rain for an hour and a half.

The Connie Macks will meet South Utica, a 4-0 victor over South Ford (L. I.) yesterday, at 3 p. m. tomorrow for the state championship and the right to compete in the U.S. regional finals at Staten Island. Jim Milligan is slated to hurl for Amherst.

Centerfielder John Lehmann and pitcher Tom Bobenread again were standouts for Manager Ed Lalor's club, which has won eight straight tournament contests. The attendance was 1,901.

Lehmann drove in three runs on his seventh tournament homer and a single, while Bobenread pitched a three-hitter and struck out nine to win his fourth game.

The Macks jumped to a two-run lead in the first inning when Pete Kerber walked and rode home on Milligan's first homer of the tournament.

The Mid-Islanders got one

| AMHERST | | MID-ISLAND | |
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| AB | R | AB | R |
| Rich 2b | 3 1 1 | DeFrees ss | 2 0 0 |
| Kerber ss | 2 2 0 | Brown p | 3 0 0 |
| Lehman cf | 3 1 2 | Higgins p | 3 0 0 |
| Milligan lf | 3 1 2 | Mehak 1b | 3 0 0 |
| Bobenread p | 3 0 0 | Parelec c | 2 1 1 |
| Vallas 3b | 3 0 2 | Mir'di 2b | 1 0 0 |
| Lukas 1b | 3 1 0 | Hanson lf | 3 0 0 |
| Farner rf | 3 0 1 | Wilfried 3b | 2 0 1 |
| Wischerath c | 3 0 1 | Lat'hack 2b | 1 0 0 |
| | | AP'nick rf | 1 0 0 |

| Totals | | Totals | |
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| AB | R | AB | R |
| 27 | 6 | 21 | 1 |
| a-Walked for Intarhella in 5. | | | |
| Amherst | 262 | 011-6 | |
| Mid-Island | 010 | 000-1 | |
| E—Brown, Intarhella, Lehmann, RB—Rich, Lehmann & Milligan 2. 2B—Milligan, HR—Lehmann, Milligan. | | | |
| Bobenread | IP | H | R |
| Higgins | 6 | 3 | 1 |
| U—Evans, Burbank, Gregory, FB—Wischerath. | | | |

THE TEAM'S SECOND best nitter is Tom Bobenread, a right-handed pitcher who plays left field when not on the mound. He'll pitch against Mid-Island, while Milligan, the No. 3, nitter, will be in left.

In besting Batavia in his last start, Bobenread won, 2-1, after having a no-hitter with only one out to go. He wound up allowing two safeties.

The second-base combination of shortstop Pete Kerber, second baseman Joe Rich, Lehmann and catcher Paul Wischerath give Amherst an exceptionally strong defensive line down the middle. "It's the best I've ever seen," Mols remarked yesterday.

IT IS ALSO MOLS who gives Little League baseball the credit for "revitalizing the recreation program" in a residential suburb growing by leaps and bounds.

run back in the second. Al Pavelic, who had singled and advanced on two walks, scored on a passed ball.

Lehmann's 13th Hit
 Amherst widened its lead in the third when Joe Rich walked and Lehman homered. It was his 13th hit in 24 at bats in the eight games.

Paul Wischerath got on thanks to a two-base error by the Mid-Island center fielder in the fifth, but was thrown out at third on Rich's grounder. Kerber then reached on another error. Rich and Kerber attempted a double steal with Rich being thrown out at

home. Lehmann scored Kerber with a line single to left.

Amherst ended its scoring in the sixth. Paul Vallas, who had singled, was out on Paul Lukas' fielder's choice, but Paul Farner and Wischerath both singled to load the bases. Rich struck out but the catcher dropped the ball and Lukas scored.

Amherst LL Boasts HR Power

By Dana Mozley
 Without charge, the following scouting report is passed along to Mid-Island of Staten Island, semi-finalist in the New York State Little League championships at Watervliet on Friday: "Very strong down the middle; high home run potential throughout lineup; outstanding centerfielder; two better-than-average pitchers; alert base runners."

These are the primary points of Amherst's Little Leaguers from just east of Buffalo. They open the semi-finals against Mid-Island with South Utica and South Fork, the Long Island titlists, playing a second game.

THE WINNERS then meet at Watervliet, near Albany, Saturday afternoon for the state crown and entry into the Eastern Regionals at Hy Turkin Memorial Field, Staten Island, Aug. 14-16. The Regionals, encompassing all of New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, are the final stepping stone to the Little World Series in Williamsport, Pa., Aug. 19-22. They're sponsored by THE NEWS.

This is the third tournament season for the All-Stars from Amherst's Connie Mack League and it is the first one in which they have advanced very far. They were knocked out in the first game two years ago; in the second game last year.

EVER SINCE THEY hit the tournament trail in '56, they've been managed by Ed Lalor, Colgate's fine fullback in 1935-38. Herb Mols, athletic director at Park School, has been one of the strongest guiding hands of LL ball in Amherst, also. He is the current president of the Connie Mack League.

En route to Watervliet, Amherst defeated, in order, Grand Island, Kensington, North Tonawanda, Tonawanda, Jamestown, Batavia and Johnson City. The

last two successes were produced in the western sectionals at Waverly last weekend.

IT WAS THE team's No. 2 pitcher, lefthander Jim Milligan, who served the 1-0, seven-inning triumph over Johnson City; and it was Amherst's great centerfielder, Johnny Lehmann, who hit the home run to win it.

Actually, Lehmann was long overdue for that circuit. In four of the first six tournament games, he homered the very first time at bat. He now has six home runs during the tournament.

Bison Game Saturday to Aid Town All-Stars

Benefit Game to Raise Funds for Connie Mack Team's Travel Expenses

This is an appeal to every adult in Amherst who has a son, or who believes in aiding youths to grow into the fine citizens of tomorrow. It is a request to help financially the great Amherst Connie Mack Little League All-Star baseball team, the team that has brought glory to the youth of Amherst by winning the championship title of Section I.

As this is being read, the young team members will be on their way to Watervliet in suburban Albany, where they will play Friday afternoon for the district title; if successful, the next day they will battle for the State title. Their final goal is competing in the Little League World Series to be played at Williamsport, Pa., the week of August 18.

Previous to their Watervliet junket, the boys have made three trips, two to Jamestown and one to Waverly, and each time they have come home with another title to add to Amherst's glory and fame.

But these trips cost money, and already the organization is hundreds of dollars in the red. This is despite the fact that proud parents and friends have contributed generously to help defray expenses.

Now, an appeal is made to all Amherst to help. Approximately \$1,000 is needed, and to raise that amount a benefit game will be played this Saturday night at O'fermann Stadium, Buffalo. A block of 2,000 reserved seats has been taken over, and are being sold to Amherst fans at \$1.60 each.

What's more, fans will enjoy a fine game between the Buffalo Bisons, now one of the hottest

teams in the league, and the Columbus team. Game times 7:30 p. m.

Buy your tickets today. If previous engagement prevents you attending, buy some tickets anyway and pass them on to friends. Preferably, give them to some of Amherst's young baseball fans who are rooting for the Amherst team to win the World title as well as dreaming of playing on a similar team in some future year.

Reserve seat tickets, at only \$1.60 each, are now on sale at the following places in Amherst: FGGERTSVILLE—Smithers Drugstore; Grover Cleveland Pharmacy; Grover Cleveland Plaza, Millersport Hwy.; Manspeaker Sunoco Station, Eggert Rd. and Millersport Hwy.; Lee's Pharmacy, University Plaza; Al Dekdebrun's Northtown Plaza, Sheridan Dr. and Eggert Rd. SNYDER—Joe Heintz Mobil Station, Main and Harlem; Snyder Pharmacy, Main St.; Von's R. & W. Store, Main St.; Herzel's Drugstore, Kensington at Harlem; Woldman's Drugstore, Sheridan-Harlem Plaza. WILLIAMSVILLE—Amherst Drugstore, Main St.; AMHERST BEE, Main St.; Williamsville Pharmacy; Lane Drugs, Transitown Plaza, Main and Transit Rds.