

Connie Mack League All-Stars Runners-Up For N.Y.S. Title

Amherst Team Defeated by South Utica All-Stars

Before several thousand fans in Watervliet, the local Connie Mack Little League All-Stars finally came a cropper last Saturday before the South Utica All-Stars and were eliminated from further play for this year as they went down 3-0. The Uticans now advance to the regionals this week end, last stop before the International World Series at Williamsport starting August 18.

Utica got the jump in the first half of the first inning as Tony Karrat topped a ball toward third which he beat out. A passed ball advanced him to second. Dick Joseph grounded through the slot between third and short and when the left fielder fumbled the grounder, Karrat scored. In the third, Karrat lined one over first and a moment later Joseph lined the first pitch high over the left field wall for the clinching tallies. This was the total extent of their offense against Jim Milligan who pitched his usual steady, courageous game, striking out five and walking none.

It was the same Dick Joseph who took the mound for the Uticans and literally overpowered the Amherst batters as he retired 13 batters on strikes, walked only three, saw only one fly ball go to right field, and allowed but one hit. After two were out in the last of the sixth, Pete Kerber worked him for a walk, and then John Lehmann singled past third. Joseph arose to the occasion and struck out the last batter to assume the championship throne of New York State.

In the semi-final game on Friday, Amherst eliminated the Staten Island champions from the southern section 6-1. A walk to Pete Kerber was followed by a line drive over the left field fence by Jim Milligan to open a 2-0 lead. Mid-Island got one back in the second on a single, wild pitch and passed ball. While Tom Bobenread was limiting the New Yorkers to three singles, his control was slightly off and with six walks, he was in constant jams throughout the game. However, a walk to Joe Rich in the third, followed by John Lehmann's homer put the game on

ice. It was slugging Johnny's 7th homer in eight games as he provided the bulk of the Amherst offense in the post-season play. He also singled in Pete Kerber in the fifth, while Joe Rich tallied in the sixth on a passed ball to close out the scoring.

In nine games, Lehmann had 14 for 27 for a .518 average, clouting seven homers, three doubles and 15 runs batted in. Tom Bobenread's .360 was the only other over .300. John Farnar and Paul Wischerath were close with .285 each. Bobenread's record from the mound was four wins and no losses followed by Jim Milligan with two and one. Pete Kerber and Dick Bowen each added wins to the record.

After nine games in three weeks, the Amherst team had carried District One's banner further than anyone heretofore. Its play and behavior were a credit to the Town of Amherst and the host of supporters who provided moral and financial help for the youngsters. In behalf of the boys, President Herbert J. Moles, Manager Ed Lalor, Coach Tom Miller, and the Board of Directors of the Connie Mack League wish to express their deepest appreciation to all who arose to the occasion in the past couple weeks to make the venture possible. Mention must be made of the AMHERST BEE, the Amherst Babe Ruth League, Cleveland Hill Little League, the Buffalo Bisons who permitted the passing of the hat on Polish-American night at the stadium and conducted a special night last Saturday for the team, and many, many others who pitched in anonymously to help defray the expenses of the travelling ball club. To all of them goes a heartfelt thank you.

Amherst, So. Utica In State LL Final

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WATERVLIET — Amherst defeated Mid-Island, 6-1 and South Utica topped highly regarded South Fork, L. I., 4-0 to advance to the final round in the New York State Little League Tournament today at 2 P. M. at the Watervliet Little League Park.

The Amherst-Mid-Island contest was a rain splashed time delayed festival which almost wasn't played. Scheduled for 3 P. M., the game didn't get underway until 3:30 due to the lateness of the ump's who had a misunderstanding on the time. After Jim Milligan slammed a two run homer for Amherst the rain began falling and it was doubtful if it would be continued.

Al Pavlecic of Mid-Island singled and scored on a passed ball in the second to give

the Staten Islanders the only run of the ball game.

Amherst, a Buffalo suburb, came back with two more in the third on John Lehmann's seventh homer in his last eight games, scoring Joe Rich.

South Utica pitchers Tom Petronio and Dick Benz combined in the nightcap to flip a one-hitter against South Fork. The only hit by the losers was a first inning single by outfielder Peter Berkoski.

SEVEN DOUBLE

South Utica jumped all over Clayton Jones in the first inning and scored two runs on John White's double which drove in Don McCabe and Tony Karrat. Karrat, who had a perfect day at the dish, homered in the third with mate Jack Faniiglula aboard to give the Utica its final two runs.

SO. UTICA		SO. FORK	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Karrat 2b	2 2 2 2	Hustock lf	3 0 0 0
McCabe ss	2 1 0 0	Jones rf	3 0 0 0
Joseph 1b	2 0 0 0	Berkoski lf	3 0 1 0
Donalty c	2 0 0 0	Nikolic ss	1 0 0 0
White rf	2 0 1 2	Schul cf	1 0 0 0
Demert 2b	2 0 0 0	Mr'neuk 2b	0 0 0 0
Cevel cf	2 0 0 0	Rana 2b	2 0 0 0
Petronio p	1 0 0 0	Intacci 3b	1 0 0 0
Benz p	1 0 0 0	Mc Lana 2b	1 0 0 0
Faniiglula	2 1 1 0	Szendlonski c	2 0 0 0
Totals	13 4 4 4	Totals	18 0 1 0

a-Roy fanned for Intacc in fourth inning.

So. Fork 000
So. Utica 202 000-4

E-Nikolic, P.O.A.—So. Fork 15-3. So. Utica 13-4. DP—Benz to Donalty to Joseph, McCabe to Joseph, LOB—So. Utica 1; So. Fork 3. 2B—White, Faniiglula, HR—Karrat, WP—Petronio 2, PD—Szendlonski, U—Tudico, Van Buren & Manar, T—1:30, A—1,500.

AMHERST		MID-ISLAND	
ab	r h bi	ab	r h bi
Rich 2b	3 1 1 0	De F'co ss	2 0 1 0
Kerber ss	3 2 0 0	Brown cf	3 0 0 0
Lehmann cf	3 1 2 3	Higgins p	3 0 0 0
Mil'gan lf	3 1 2 2	Mey'ek 1b	3 0 0 0
Boben'rd p	3 0 0 0	Pavlecic c	2 1 1 0
Vallas 3c	3 0 2 0	Miraldi rf	1 0 0 0
Lukas 1b	3 1 0 0	Hanson cf	3 0 1 0
Farnar rf	3 0 1 0	Wilfrid 2b	2 0 0 0
Wis'n c	3 0 2 0	Intacc 2b	1 0 0 0
Totals	27 6 10 5	Totals	21 1 3 0

a—Podlucky walked for Intartalia in fifth.

Amherst 202 011-6
Mid-Island 010 000-1

E—Intartalia 2, Lehmann, P.O.A.—Amherst 13-4, Mid-Island 13-3, LOB—Amherst 5, Mid-Island 3. 2B—Milligan, HR—Milligan, Lehmann, SD—Kerber, IP—R R ER BB SO
Higgins 3 10 6 5 2 3
Bobenread 3 1 0 6 2 3
WP—Bobenread, PD—Wischerath, U—Am'col, Hourigan, Illias, T—1:47, A—1,500.

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Kerber ss	3 2 0 0	Brown cf	3 0 0 0
Lehmann cf	3 1 2 3	Higgins p	3 0 0 0
Mil'gan lf	3 1 2 2	Mey'ek 1b	3 0 0 0
Boben'rd p	3 0 0 0	Pavlecic c	2 1 1 0
Vallas 3c	3 0 2 0	Miraldi rf	1 0 0 0
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