

C. Mack League Reaches Midseason

Senators Win Top Spot in Playoff Game

The first half of the Connie Mack Little League Major League came to a thrilling finish on July 4th when the Senators and the Red Sox ended in a tie for the first place, and a one-game playoff was scheduled to break the tie. It was a very well played game, with the Senators winning by the score of 1-0. Details of this game appear further in this column.

This leaves the Senators in first place for the first half. A winner for the second half will meet the Senators at the season's end to play a series that will establish which team becomes the league champion for the year 1958.

This report covers through Saturday, July 5 (because of the long week end) but all succeeding reports will be through Thursday of the preceding week, as usual.

On Friday, June 27, the Tigers and the Senators played, with the Senators registering a win, 3-1. Tommy Bobenread, the winning pitcher, turned in a fine game.

Saturday, June 28, the first game of a double-header was between the Red Sox and the Tigers. This was a thrilling game that lasted eight innings before the Tigers came out on top, 8-7. Milligan of the Tigers hit two homers to tie Bobby Lukas' record. Paul Wisecrath and Bobby Lukas of the Red Sox each had a homer.

On Saturday, June 28, the second game was between the Orioles and the Senators, with the Orioles the winner by a 14-8 score. Tom Bobenread of the Senators hit a home run.

On Monday, June 30, the Athletics and the Indians played a seven-inning game before the A's could claim a win, 8-6. The pitching efforts of Eddie Smith of the Indians and Billy Howard of the A's were excellent.

On Tuesday, July 1st, the Senators sunk the Indians, 18-2. Tommy Bobenread again registered a homer.

On Wednesday, July 2, the Red Sox met the Orioles, and the Sox came off best, 7-1. Nicky Kish of the Red Sox and Zuzze of the Orioles each pitched an excellent game. Bobby Lukas of the Red Sox duplicated an earlier feat by again hitting two homers in one game.

On Thursday, July 3, the Senators, in a game with the Athletics, came from behind in the fifth inning to put the game on ice, 6-4.

On Friday, July 4, the first game of a double-header was the playoff game between the Senators and the Red Sox. This was an unlucky day for the Sox. Although their pitcher, Petey Kerber, pitched a flawless ball and came up with a no-hitter, he lost the game to Tommy Bobenread of the Senators, who gave up three hits. A double error on the part of the Red Sox allowed the Senators to put across the winning run. Result: 1-0, in favor of the Senators, the new first-half winners.

The second game of the day was the first game of the second-half. The Tigers met the Athletics and, between rain showers and after seven tense innings, finally downed the A's, 2-1. Johnny Lehman accounted for the lone run by the A's by hitting a homer in the first inning. Mark Kahn of the Tigers slid home in the sixth inning to tie for the Tigers. And Jackie Howells of the Cats came home on a wild pitch by the A's pitcher to tally the winning run in the seventh.

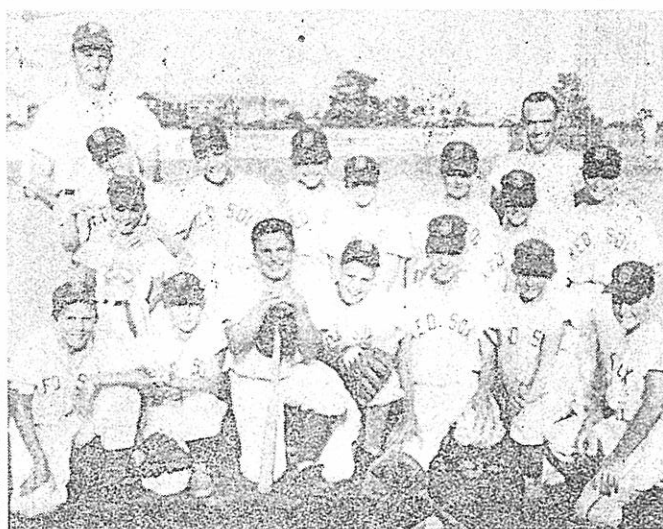
On Saturday, July 5, another double-header was played, with the first game between the Red Sox and the Tigers. This was a very tight game in which the winning run was scored by Bobby Stone of the Sox in the fifth inning. He stole to second and came home as a result of an error committed by the Tigers on the play made on him at second. Henry Degener of the Red Sox was the winning pitcher, giving up only three hits. Milligan of the Tigers gave up seven hits.

The second game saw the Orioles meet and beat the Indians, 11-2. Johnny Farnier, the winning pitcher, had 11 strikeouts. Rizzone pitched for the Indians. Billy Fisher of the Orioles hit a triple and a double.

Standings:

Major League				
First Half				
	Won	Lost	Pctg.	
Senators	8	3	.727	
Red Sox	7	4	.636	
Tigers	5	5	.500	
Athletics	4	6	.400	
Indians	4	6	.400	
Orioles	3	7	.300	
Second Half				
	Won	Lost	Pctg.	
Orioles	1	0	1.000	
Red Sox	1	0	1.000	
Tigers	1	1	.500	
Athletics	0	1	.000	
Indians	0	1	.000	
Senators	0	0	.000	

Red Sox Win In Connie Mack League



Members of the championship team are, from left to right, front row: Bobby Kish, Bobby Stone, Nicky Kish, Bobby Lukas, Paul Wisecrath, Billy Nelson and Henry Degener; center row, John Blalock, Petey Kerber, Billy George, Tommy Ansuini, Jimmie Blalock, Johnnie Risenberg, Paul Risenberg, Davie Wolf; rear row, Coach Jim Blalock and Manager Si Manspeaker.

The Red Sox are the winners of the 1958 Connie Mack Little League Major League title. They beat the Senators to clinch the title.

The playoffs were arranged as a best two out of three series and were scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Aug. 4-6. This was done so that the players on each team who were on the All-Star team might play with their respective teams. The nod went to the Sox who won two straight for the championship. The games were played with lots of spirit on both sides. The new champs will be awarded trophies at the annual banquet to be announced later.

Monday, Aug. 4, the first game of the playoff series between the Red Sox and the Senators ended with a win for the Sox, 9-1. Petey Kerber of the Sox hit his first home run of the season in the first inning to register the only homer for the day. The rest of the Sox cooperated with a lot of hitting to never leave the game in doubt. The winning pitching assignment was shared by Petey Kerber and Nicky Kish. Gerry Gasz pitched for the Senators.

Tuesday, Aug. 5, the second game of the series was carried off by the Sox who won 8-2. Although no homers were registered, the heavy hitting Sox left no doubts as to the outcome. Henry Degener pitched all the way for the Sox and turned in an excellent performance. Denny Bradshaw and Tommie Bobenread teamed up for

the Senators' pitching assignment.

Wednesday, Aug. 6, no game scheduled. The All-Star team went to Offermann stadium and were presented to the Buffalo fans. The ladies auxiliary later passed the hat to help defray the All-Star traveling expenses and the generous-hearted Buffalonians contributed \$881.00. Our heartfelt thanks go to those wonderful people and hats off to the energetic "Ladies Auxiliary."

Thursday, Aug. 7, game between the Red Sox and Athletics, was rained out before an official game could be played. The A's at the third inning were leading 5-1. This contest was replayed Monday, August 11.

Friday, Aug. 8, the Tigers and the Senators had their final go with a real thriller that went seven innings before the decision went to the Tigers 5-3. Sinclair and Durkin shared pitching honors for the Tigers and Denny Bradshaw and Craig Rustay pitched for the Senators.

Saturday, August 9, no Major League games scheduled. The Minors are now using the field for their playoffs and this will be reported next week altogether.

Major League Standings 2nd Half			
	W	L	Pct.
Red Sox	9	0	1.000
Tigers	7	3	.700
Athletics	4	5	.333
Indians	3	7	.300
Orioles	3	7	.300
Senators	3	7	.300

Connie Mack Champs Register 11-4 Victory

The Connie Mack Red Sox defeated the Joe McCarthy Tigers, 11-4, last night in a Little League Inter-district game.

The Red Sox finished their season undefeated in the Connie Mack circuit. The final Connie Mack standing:

Team	W.	L.	Team	W.	L.
Red Sox	10	0	Indians	5	7
Tigers	7	3	Orioles	3	7
Senators	3	7	Athletics	3	7