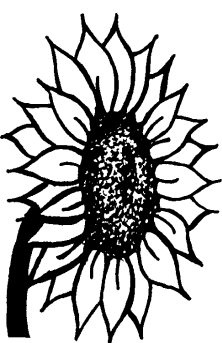


At the Game



SOX BATTER FRED PACHECO and A's catcher Drew Zwegardt both await the pitch. The Championship game was played in McDonald Monday night.

Two well-balanced teams battle for championship

By Betty Jean Winston

The A's were named champions of the C-team baseball league Monday night but they had a hard battle on the way to the title. As has happened every time they have met this year, the Sox and A's fought hard and the game ended with a one-run A's victory.

In the championship game runs were so scarce that the score was 0-0 after the end of five. Each team scored two runs in the sixth so the game was still tied. The same thing happened in the seventh when each squad put one run on the board and the inning ended in a 3-3 tie. The A's pulled out a run in the eighth to take the win.

"This is one of the most exciting games I have been involved in since I have been coaching," Sox coach Clay Keller said.

Coach Rod Lampe of the A's agreed saying "It was the best little league game I have seen in a long time".

"It's a shame that one team had to lose," Coach Lampe said.

As the final score indicates, two evenly matched teams ended up in the championship game. Both teams are well balanced with pitching, hitting and defense.

Tournament Championship July 12

A's 4, Sox 3 Eight innings

The McDonald baseball field was ready as were both the Sox and the A's Monday night. The game had been postponed from an earlier date due to a muddy field (no one was complaining about the rain).

The first five innings saw Trent Raile of the Sox holding the A's scoreless and Matt Raile of the A's allowing only one Sox hit and no runs.

"This was definitely a pitching duel," Coach Lampe said.

The Sox scored two runs in the top of the sixth but the A's answered back with two of their own. The Sox had a run in the top of the seventh but again the A's tied the game.

No runs were scored in the top of the eighth but the game ended in the bottom of the inning when Garrett Figgins of the A's hit a game winning run batted in (RBI) and the A's had the title.

"There was some good defense," Coach Lampe said.

"Isaac (Schiltz) (Sox) made one of the best catches I have seen in a little league ball game," Coach Keller said.

Also pitching for the Sox were Schiltz and Darris Keller while Brett Lampe came in at the top of the sixth for the A's and finished the game. T. Raile had 15 strikeouts for the Sox and gave up no hits.

"The A's are an excellent team, and we were unable to outscore

them" Coach Keller said.

Hits, Sox: D. Keller, one single, one double; Schiltz, one single; Jeremy Meyer, one single; Raile, two singles; Jeff Meyer, one single; Fred Pacheco, one double; Ricky Bussell, one single. Runs batted in: D. Keller, one; Bussell, one; Schiltz, one.

Hits, A's: Alex Long, one triple; Lampe, one single; Figgins, one single.

"The Sox might not have won the tournament but they are my champions," Coach Keller said.

The A's finished the season with a 14-0 record.

"The kids were real excited to go undefeated," Coach Lampe said.

The A's also defended the championship which they won last year.

Atwood 11, Reds 9

Third/fourth place game

Atwood defeated the Reds 11-9 Monday night in the final game of the season for both teams. Atwood finished the tournament in third place and the Reds in fourth place.

Atwood took a 6-0 lead early in the game when they scored five in the first and one in the second. St. Francis came back with five runs in the third and were back in the game.

Unfortunately for the Reds, Atwood added five more runs in the fifth and the Reds could come up with only four for a final of Atwood 11, Reds 9.

"The kids played hard and hung in," Reds coach Larry Finley said. "Terrance (Lamb) pitched a great game."

Hits: TJ Perry, one double; Adam Guthmiller, one single. Runs batted in: David Stephens, one; Perry, two.

Lamb pitched the first four innings (nine strikeouts) and Stephens pitched one inning.

Coach Finley recognized John Guthmiller, Dan Stephens and Ben Killingsworth for helping out coaching and also the parents for supporting their kids.

"We had a fun year with the kids and everyone contributed," Coach Finley said. "They were a great group of kids to work with."

Opening games July 3

Sox 11, Cheylin II 0

Isaac Schiltz pitched a complete game when the Sox defeated Cheylin II on Saturday, July 3 in McDonald. The final score was Sox 11, Cheylin 0.

"Isaac pitched well and kept them scoreless," Coach Clay Keller said.

The Sox scored five runs in each of the first two innings and the final run in the third inning. The game was a three-inning contest.

Having hits for the Sox were Schiltz, one double; Trent Raile,

one double, one single; Brooks Hobrock, one single; Fred Pacheco, one single; Sam Reed, one single; Darris Keller, one single.

Sox 6, Reds 0

In the second game of the doubleheader the Sox scored six runs to defeat the Reds 6-0 in another three inning contest.

Trent Raile pitched the three innings for the Sox with the team scoring one run in the first inning, four in the second and one in the third.

Pitching for the Reds were David Stephens and Terrance Lamb.

"We played like a team, worked together," Coach Keller said.

Hits, Sox: Raile, two singles; Jeff Meyer, two singles; Sam Reed, one single; Darris Keller, one single.

Hits, Reds: Stephens, one double

"Tough pitching from the Sox," Reds coach Larry Finley said. "We played good defense but hits were tough to come by."

Reds 11, Cheylin 5

The Reds defeated Cheylin I by a score of 11-5 on July 3.

"We had good defense, pitching and hitting," Coach Larry Finley said. "The kids battled hard and played a good game."

The Reds and Cheylin were tied 1-1 after the first inning and 5-5 after the second. Cheylin could come up with no more runs while the Reds scored four in the third and two in the fourth to win the contest.

The Reds also picked off two base runners.

Terrance Lamb pitched two innings, Ben Neitzel one and Cody Sherlock two.

Hits: Stephens, three singles; Ross Nicklos, two singles; Lamb, one double, one triple; Ryan Owens, two singles; TJ Perry, one double; Neitzel, one single, Cody Killingsworth, two singles.

Runs batted in: Nicklos, one; Sherlock, one; Lamb, four; Stephens, one; Perry, two; Neitzel, one.

A's 6, Atwood 0

The A's defeated Atwood 6-0 in the opening round of the tournament. The A's were leading the league so they needed to play only one game on July 3. The win put them in the championship game with the Sox, who won two games on July 3.

Matt Raile pitched for the A's and ended up with a no-hitter.

Hits: Drew Zwegardt, three singles; Brett Lampe, two singles; Raile, two singles; Alex Long, one single; Ty Zwegardt, one single.

"We played well," Coach Rod Lampe said.

Final meet is held

"The 2004 Sainty Shark swim team ended the season in style at the Wray pool," Coach Margaret Poling said. "Gavin Smull was outstanding with five individual first and a new pool record. An outstanding relay of Jacy Hilt, Derek Queen, Katie McDanel and Brianna Cooks also broke the pool record in the 8-and-under 100-yard freestyle relay.

"Brianna Cooks improved her 100-yard individual medley time by 59.68 seconds while Derek Queen improved his 50-yard freestyle time by 18.23 seconds.

"These outstanding swims followed the overnight camp out at the city park in Wray. The team had 18 tents dotting the skyline and perfect weather for the barbecue and awards. Great food and good clean fun was had by all who participated.

"Some special team awards were:

- Practice (49 out of 54): Amber Smull
- Rookie girl: Breanna Zwegardt
- Rookie boy: Derek Queen
- High point girl: Sidnee Crabtree
- High point boy: Gavin Smull

"League awards were given after a 2 hour fun swim in the "new" Wray pool.

Receiving honors were:

- 11-12 girls, fourth overall: Sidnee Crabtree
- 13-14 boys: first overall and League Meet Champion: Gavin Smull

Individual results include:

Brianna Cooks: 8-and-under girls: 100-yard free relay, heat winner; 25-yard breaststroke, heat winner; 100-yard individual medley, heat winner;

Mandi Cooks, 8-and-under girls: participant,

Sidnee Crabtree, 11-12 girls: 100-yard freestyle, fourth; 200-yard free relay, second; 50-yard freestyle, heat winner, second; 50-yard butterfly, heat winner, first; 50-yard breaststroke, second; 100-yard individual medley, third; 200-yard medley relay, second;

Janae Glidwell, 15-18 girls: 50-yard freestyle, heat winner; 100-yard backstroke, heat winner; 100-yard breaststroke, heat winner

Christina Hilt, 11-12 girls: 200-yard free relay, second; 200-yard medley, second;

Jacy Hilt, 8-and-under girls: 100-yard free relay, heat winner;

Shayla Hilt, 11-12 girls: 200-yard free relay, fifth; 200-yard medley



SWIM TEAM participates at league meet in Wray on Friday and Saturday. Laura Trembly (above) placed with two different relay teams.

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relay, fifth;

Maddie Knodel, 15-18 years old: 200-yard free relay, fourth; 200-yard medley relay, third;

Aly Marin, 11-12 girls: 200-yard free relay, second; 200-yard medley relay, fifth;

Katie Marin, 13-14 girls: 200-yard free relay, fourth; 200-yard medley relay, third;

Sam Marin, 15-18 girls: 200-yard free relay, fourth; 200-yard medley relay, third;

Katie McDanel, 8-and-under girls: 100-yard free relay, heat winner; 25-yard freestyle, heat winner; most improved flip turn

Jeri Rae Merchant, 11-12 girls: 200-yard medley relay, fifth; music

Arena Miller, 11-12 girls: 50-yard backstroke, heat winner; 50-yard breaststroke, heat winner; 200-yard free relay, fifth; late start, glad you're back

Christina Schoenrogge, 9-10 girls: participant,

Amber Smull, 11-12 girls: 200-yard free relay, second; 200-yard medley relay, second;

Sarah Trembly, 11-12 girls: 200-yard free relay, fifth; 200-yard medley relay, fifth;

Emily Walz, 15-18 girls: partici-

pant Sawyer White, 15-18 girls: 200-yard free relay, fourth; 200-yard medley relay, third;

Breanna Zwegardt, 11-12 girls: 200-yard free relay, fifth; 200-yard medley relay, second;

Chase Barnhart, 13-14 boys: 200-yard free relay, fourth; 200-yard medley relay, third;

David Meyer, 13-14 boys: 200-yard free relay, fourth; 200-yard medley relay, third;

Derek Queen, 8-and-under boys: 50-yard freestyle, heat winner; 100-yard free relay, heat winner;

Corbin Sherlock, 15-18 boys: 200-yard free relay, fourth; 100-yard backstroke, second; 100-yard breaststroke, third; 200-yard individual medley, second; 200-yard medley relay, third; 400-yard freestyle, second; 200-yard freestyle, third;

Gavin Smull, 13-14 boys: 200-yard free relay, fourth; 100-yard backstroke heat winner, first new pool record; 100-yard butterfly, heat winner, first; 200-yard individual medley, heat winner, first; 200-yard medley relay, third; 400-yard freestyle, heat winner, first; 200-yard freestyle, heat winner, first.

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School is planned

Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc., will be holding a three-day Rangeland Management Advanced School. This will be held on Aug. 25 through Aug. 27 at the Methodist Camp Lakeside, Scott Lake, Scott City.

Educators from Kansas State University, University of Missouri, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and ranchers will provide information on developing management plans. The school is split into classroom and infield activities.

The first day will be an introductory overview of rangeland management. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. That evening Kit Pharo, eastern Colorado rancher, will be the guest speaker.

The second day will be more intense one-on-one training on planning options. The participants will learn how to identify problems, opportunities and concerns on managing rangeland. They will inventory their resources, evaluate alternatives, and learn plan implementation and evaluation.

The final day students will be working with; range condition calculations; grazing duration and stocking rates; grazing dates; percentage grazing; and plotting grazing schedules.

To register and for more detailed information, call Duane Cheney at (785) 462-2602.



SCOTT WARREN prepares for the Junior Golf tournament to be held Monday. Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston