

Hillsboro Juniors Runner-up for State Crown; 'Kids' Win by Cat Whisker

Portland Team Tips Locals, 5-4

(By Darrel Ellis)

A single run Sunday was the barrier which kept from Hillsboro Legion Junior baseballers and gave to Portland's Kamm Kids the American Legion Junior state championship.

And what an exasperating single run it was! While upwards of 2000 hoarse-voiced, yowling fans watched with tense faces, the championship game went into the ninth inning—the Portlanders leading by that one-run margin—and it was only by a cat's whisker that Hillsboro failed to score a necessarily perfect relay throw from deep center field tagging Don Nelson out in the last split second as he came in to home plate with the run that would have tied up the ball game.

Out at Plate
As the decisive last inning opened, Nelson took first on a single. Workman was out and Huson, third man up, swatted a long one into center field. Nelson started his gallop around the bases from first and was pouring in every pound of steam on the last lap home when a perfect relay from Polich, center field, to L. Kronberg, shortstop, to "long Tom" Entwistle, catcher, snatched him at the plate.

For Eddie Erault, on the mound for Kamm Kids, there was one out to go. Cal Melvin, Hillsboro's son-of-a-gun chucker and slammer at the plate, was up next. He got a walk, intentional on Erault's part, and the ball game was all over when Bill Ziegler on his third and last swing fell prey to one of Erault's dead ones. The final score—5 to 4—Kamm Kids of Portland, Legion Junior champions of Oregon.

Pitching Duel
Coming up to expectations of the roaring mob of fans who saw Sunday's clash between Hillsboro and the Kamm Kids, the game was a pitching duel of extraordinary between red-headed, left-handed six-foot-one Cal Melvin and right-handed, five-foot-eleven Eddie Erault.

Melvin, whose equally brilliant performances on the mound or at the plate won for him the Harry Dorman "most valuable player" award, gave the Kids but seven hits, struck out ten and allowed seven walks. Erault, winner of the Herb Siegel "outstanding pitcher" award, gave six hits, fanned a big total of 19 Hillsboro batters and allowed nine walks. (For full details on awards, see story on page one, section one.)

Both pitchers were a bit wild at times but both were also dependable for steady work in the tight spots.

Hot Albany, 12-9
It was a heart-breaking for the Washington county lads, who fought their way from behind in Saturday's thrill-filled battle with a clicking Albany nine to win out in final innings, 12 to 9, but every man, woman and child in that grandstand Sunday went away full knowing that they had witnessed a real battle and every one of the title-winning Kamm Kids were earnestly glad to see that ninth inning end. Never will they be called upon to play tighter baseball than they did through the full nine-inning route against Hillsboro.

Albany defeated the game little outfit from Burns, 9 to 1, in a six-inning consolation game which opened the double-header ball game on Sunday. The Kamm Kids had smothered Burns under a 12-0 score in the opener Saturday with Fred Gallagher turning in an excellent performance on the mound for the Wade Williams crew.

Kids Grabbed Lead
It looked dark for Hillsboro through the first three innings of their clash with the Kamm Kids but they were never disheartened and came back with do-or-die spirit to hand the Portlanders plenty of worry as the game grew on.

An out at first and two strikeouts retired Hillsboro in the first and the Kids grabbed one run in their half on a walk, a steal to second, a gallop to third on Gallagher's out to shortstop and a gift throw home on a wild pitch by Melvin. Three whiffs ended the sec-

ond time at bat for Hillsboro and the Kids added two more runs to take a 3-0 lead.

Two strikeouts and an out at first added up to another scoreless inning for the local lads but Melvin settled down to deal out a similar fate for the Kids. In the fourth Nelson walked and with two men out came home with Hillsboro's first run on a center field double by Melvin. The Kids grabbed two hits in the fourth but both men died on the bases with two strikeouts and a runner caught at second base on a force hit by Bartle.

Literal Scores
Literal came in with Hillsboro's second tally in the fifth on a force hit which put Meier out at second, a double by VanLoos and a passed ball at the plate. The Kids kept a two-run lead in their half when Gallagher hit a triple to midfield and came home on Sinovich's fly out to deep right field.

It began to look like a tough ball game in the sixth as two Hillsboro runs came home to tie the score, 4-4. Huson struck out, Melvin walked and Ziegler drove him home with a triple to right field, and Meier hit a single to right which brought Ziegler in. Literal and McDonald fanned to retire the first half.

Walks Three

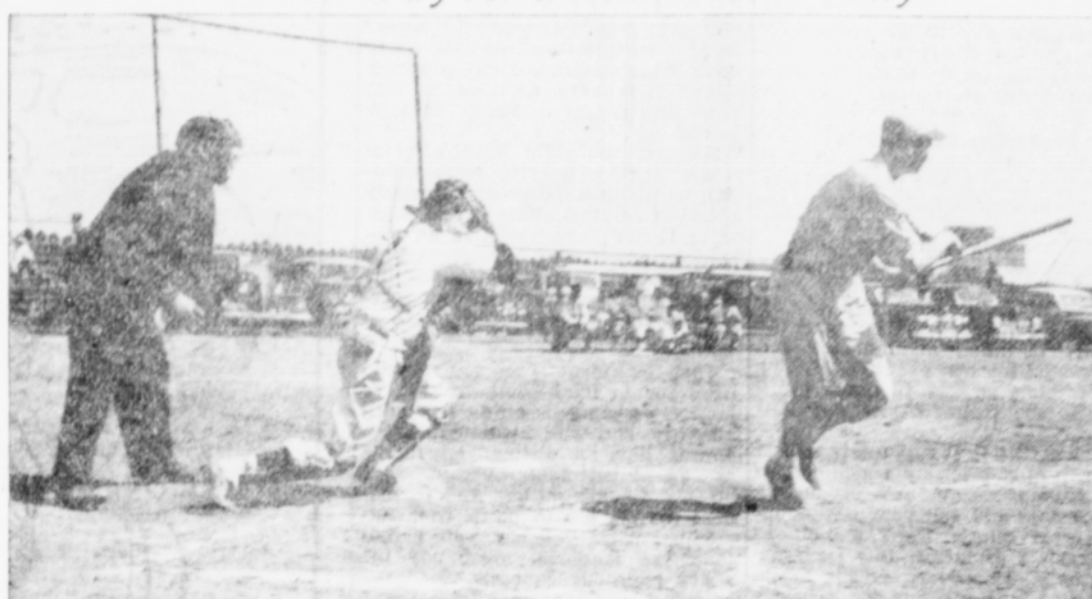
With two gone, Erault walked three men in succession in the eighth as Hillsboro fans went mad, but VanLoos's hit to the Kamm ace, ending the inning with bases loaded. The Kids failed to deliver in the eighth and the game went into that split-second ninth inning with the state championship hanging on a race between Nelson and a ball speeding to home plate via the Polich-Kronberg relay.

The Kamm Kids were en route to Lewiston, Ida., yesterday (Wednesday) as Oregon representatives in the northwest regional series to be played there today (Thursday), Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Championships teams of Washington, Montana and Idaho will be in the tournament, which this year will be a two-game elimination.

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Albany	R	H	E
Burns	9	9	0
Kelly and Spencer; Hudkins, Wilson and Tiller.	2	1	0
Burns	3	1	0
Hillsboro	R	H	E
VanLoos, m	5	2	0
Nelson, 3	2	0	0
Workman, r	4	0	0
Huson, c	5	1	0
Melvin, p	5	1	1
Ziegler, 1	3	0	0
Meier, 1	3	0	0
Literal, 1	3	0	0
McDonald, 2	2	0	0
Totals	32	6	24
Kamm Kids	R	H	E
Polich, m	4	2	0
Peterson, 3	4	0	0
Gallagher, 2	1	1	1
Entwistle, c	2	0	18
Kronberg, as	2	1	2
Peterson, r	0	0	0
Sinovich, 1	4	2	0
Bartle, 1	3	0	5
Erault, p	3	1	3
Roberts	1	0	0
Totals	30	7	27
Hillsboro	0	0	1
Kamm Kids	12	0	0

Errors, Nelson 2, Ziegler, Entwistle 2, Kronberg, W. Peterson, Erault. Runs responsible for, Erault 2, Melvin 4, Struck out, Erault 19, Melvin 10. Bases on balls off Erault 2, Melvin 6. Stolen bases, Kronberg 3, Three-base hits, Gallagher, Erault, Two-base hits, Huson, Sacrifices, Workman, Nelson. Runs hit in, Polich, Melvin, Sinovich, Meier. Left on bases, Hillsboro 11, Kamm Kids 2. Double plays, Ziegler to Literal, Wild pitches, Melvin 2, Passed balls, Huson 2, Umpires, Owenbrey and Binford, Time 2:14.

On His Way for a Kamm Kids Tally



A bit of action that brought grandstand spectators to their feet in the Kamm Kids vs. Burns contest Saturday came when Tom Entwistle dribbled a freak ball down the third baseline. Tiller, Burns catcher, is caught in the act of going out after the short hit. Entwistle reached first safely—Argus photo. Cut courtesy Journal.

T. V. Championship Hangs On Game Here Sunday

B. E. Maling Ten Captures Season Softball Flag

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North Plains 4 1 .800
Laurel 2 2 .500
Orencia 2 2 .500
Cornelius 1 4 .200
Albino 1 4 .200

B. E. Maling's unbeaten softball outfit, city league champs in both first and second half round-robins, kept a clean slate clean and grabbed the Hillsboro softball association season pennant Monday night by defeating the T. V. Coop ten to four in a game played in a twin bill, 5 to 4 and 26 to 5.

Both teams played well in the first battle but the Coop's pitching staff fell apart in the nightcap to permit the Malingmen to go on a hilarious hitting spree. Bert VanDyke, Maling chucker, kept the Coop hits well scattered in the first contest and was aided by some sparkling plays on the part of Bill Joos and "Ham" Chubb.

The victory establishes Maling's crew as the Hillsboro softball association representative in the county tournament, which will be held on Beaverton, Hillsboro and Forest Grove diamonds starting Monday, August 18. Championship teams from the Forest Grove, Beaverton and Bonny Slope softball league will compete in the finals to select a team to represent this county in the state tournament at Oregon City starting August 24 and ending August 28. (For full details on county tournament, see story on page two, section one.)

It took a lot of softball playing in a rather involved series of play-offs for the Coop crew to win the county league championship. On last Wednesday night, they played Aloha in a final second half game and won, 9 to 3, the result in percentage standings being a tie between the Coop and North Plains for the second half title.

Then on the same night, the Coop ten played Aloha again—a make-up game to break a first place tie

Forest Grove Win Ties Series With Creek Nine

Forest Grove's Tualatin Valley league nine came back Sunday with a 6-0 win over Dairy Creek to even the season championship series. The Creekmen defeated Grove, 7 to 4, in the opening series clash a week before.

Third and deciding game in the pennant playoffs has set for 2:30 p. m. sharp Sunday on the Hillsboro municipal diamond.

Heinie Zimmerman, Grove pitcher, was hero of the day as his team blanked the Dairy Creek nine Sunday. He allowed but three hits while Bohannon, Dairy Creek chucker, gave 12 and struck out 12. For the Grovers, Sehorn, Cody, Miller and DeSordi collected two hits each.

City League	R	H	E
Maling	12	15	0
VanDyke and Senko; Roeker and Rabe.	2	4	0
Ireland's	24	21	2
P. G. E.	6	8	4
Erault and Hays; Meisoff, Shattuck and Hatrick.	1	0	0

County League	R	H	E
Laurel (win from Cornelius by forfeit)	12	15	0
North Plains	4	11	0
Orencia	4	4	0
Trotman and Burkland; Lehman and Carter	3	8	6
T. V. Coop	9	12	4
VanLoos and Slavik; Wabel and VanDyke.	11	9	2

First Half Makeup	R	H	E
Aloha	8	10	2
Coop	7	17	3
T. V. Coop and VanLoos; Kiser and VanDyke.	26	18	2

Playoff Games	R	H	E
North Plains	4	5	6
Trotman and Burkland; Kiser and VanDyke.	12	15	0
Aloha	11	9	2
Stunkard and VanDyke; VanLoos and Slavik.	4	6	3

Pennant Playoffs	R	H	E
R. E. Maling	5	9	1
T. V. Coop	3	9	1
VanDyke and Senko; Kiser and L. VanDyke.	26	18	2

Chubb, Joos and VanGraven; Stunkard, Wabel, Kiser and VanDyke.

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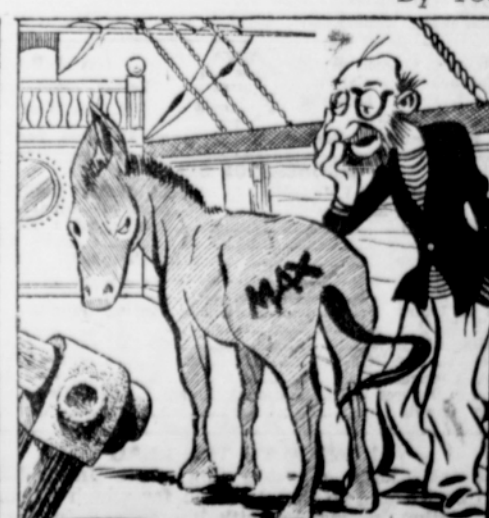
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