

Stan's Stand From the Stands . . .

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NYSSA LEGION FINISHES

The Nyssa American Junior Legion has finally wrapped up a season. Their struggle to exist is over. The hardly publicized games are now in the past, forgotten. While some fans were never sure Nyssa had a Legion team, others look forward to next year when graduates of Babe Ruth wander onto a ball field in hopes of wearing a Legion shoulder patch on their uniform sleeves.

Little league and Babe Ruth are fruitless without Junior Legion to carry on the snowballing baseball know-how.

Dragging in the hustle department, the Nyssa team had the greatest potential of any team in the league. But somewhere was a leak and not all the potential made the painstaking journey into the scorebooks. Some say a waste and others say a lesson learned.

Nyssa was host to Vale Thursday night and the handful of fans who heard rumor there was going to be a game were served extra helpings of excitement. A chilly wind raised goose bumps on sunspoilied bare arms and sport shirts were of little help.

Struggling through 10 innings, both players and fans yearned for the winning run to hurry and cross the plate. Stubborn Johnson irritated from the mound for Vale, while McDonald fired for Nyssa. Lots of action ran the score 2-0 for Nyssa until Vale began bunting and sprawled Nyssa uniforms all over the infield.

When things cooled off, the visitors were ahead 4-2. Things looked black as Vale's hats until Nyssa began lighting small candles with hot bats. The rally squeezed a wild pitch from Johnson and the score stood tied. The race wasn't over yet. In later innings, with two out and one run down, Sager popped up to second base.

While the ball was still in the air, the spirit left the club and as far as most were concerned, the game was over. But just to show those who give up before the last out is made, that baseball swirled and jerked its way out of the leather glove and dropped past black rocks to the ground.

Walker scored from second base on the error, while Sager was almost thrown out at first base sulking down the baseway thinking the ball would be caught. The game was not lost after all. Came the 10th inning, Dowers strode to the mound for Vale, hurriedly got himself into trouble, then choked up a wild pitch, handing Nyssa the winning run, 6-5.

Came Saturday; the Legion team was off to John Day. Came Saturday; the Legion team was off, and they lost 4-1.

The next afternoon they lost again 8-6. John Day was one of those "I don't see how they can win" teams that stumbles and fumbles but still comes out with more points in the last inning. The overnight trip was fruitless, scorewise, but fulfilled.

ADRIAN BABE RUTH FALLS

The Adrian Babe Ruth stumbled and fell in the extra innings of a scramble at Payette two Wednesdays ago. Big Martinez thumbed from the hill as the green hatted hustlers fought their way uphill to a tie in the seventh. Then, with the score grinning 4-4, an error sneaked into an Adrian player and hearts fell to the ground as a puffing Payette player stomped heavily onto home base with his teammates jumping for joy.

Finishing a rah-rah (short for "thanks for letting us beat you") the red-hatted hosts sacked their bats and rabbit foot while Adrian players forced down a swallow of defeat and headed glumly for home.

ADRIAN KNOCKS NYSSA

The following Friday, Adrian called up the Nyssa team and

said, "Come on over and play in our yard." The Nyssa team got permission, packed a few belongings, some bats and balls, and crowded into a couple of cars for the trip. After 12 miles dreaming of knocking young Pratt off the mound, the Nyssa boys unloaded their gear and loosened their arms. "Welcome to my parlor," said the Adrian manager to the Nyssa manager.

A pleasant surprise was the new drinking fountains in each dugout. Also out past center field on the hill stood a brand new bleacher stand complete with hot dog cooking facilities. Built for football and track viewing, the addition will be of comfort to fans who have until now had to sit while standing up. There are some puffed-out chests sported by proud Adrian fans when it comes to talking about their athletic field. They're mighty proud.

Both teams struggled through infield and then the umpire was led to home plate for a confab with the team managers. Some ground rules were mumbled and all heads nodded in unison. Someone found the light switch and the game began. Young Pratt was on the hill for Adrian and young Kerby was tossing for Nyssa.

Hosting managers Lloyd Parrill and Gene Pratt squatted in front of their dugouts talking the situation over while the scorebook got heavier and heavier in their favor. Leading 7-3 in the top of the seventh, young Pratt had been listening to his father and changing speeds with the ball, causing much grief across the diamond.

Hearts beat fast and fingers crossed when Nyssa began a rally. Hoarse screams and muffled prayers shook the light poles as the ball played "bad bounce" with Adrian gloves. Then, after scoring two runs, the umpire called a strike three and the loss came crashing down on the Nyssa bench in a nauseating dizziness while shouts and hollers and honking horns played the "Winner's Rhapsody" for the Adrian exit.

NYSSA DROPS TWO

Right here in Nyssa last Sunday afternoon, the Nyssa Babe Ruth played two five-inning makeup games with Fruitland in north park. The sun overdid itself and half baked both teams while scorching the few brave fans who dared Old Sol. Yet uncompleted, the new ball field served well.

The hot sand was mused up for five hours while the scorekeepers jotted down 7-0 first game and 6-5 second game scores, both in favor of the Idaho team. Gritting their teeth and mopping their brows, the Nyssa boys gave their all, only to end up pooped and beaten. The team is getting used to hearing the rah-rah's coming from the other side of the diamond.

MAJOR CLUB WINS ON OVERTHROW

The Major Little leaguers clamored into New Plymouth and were loudly ushered out after grabbing the winning run from an apparently misunderstood ground rule. Mike Kodama pitched steady ball for Nyssa through the six tight innings. Moss had homered, tripled and singled, and was now on second in the last inning. His run would win the game as the scorebooks were even at 3-3.

A ground ball followed by an overthrow into the weeds gave Moss third. Manager Jerry Myrick yelled, "Come on in home." Their manager said no, on an overthrow, just one base. Myrick bristled some red hair and stalked the umpire, asking him to repeat the ground rules.

The umpire did just that, say-

ing one and one on an overthrow. The other manager stutted something about that wasn't the way it was supposed to be and blatantly conceded. Nyssa held the Fruitland bats and smiled home with echos of loud disgruntlement still ringing in their ears.

The Major club has been practicing at 6 o'clock in the mornings, trying to beat the summer heat. "Working just great," yawn managers Myrick and Rich Wilson.

Vacations have reduced the Little league club to nine players. Just when the team was finally set and posed a real threat, vacation time began to undermine the starting roster until only a skeleton remains.

Coming Events . . .

July 14, 2 p.m.—Sunshine club meeting at home of Mrs. Al Thompson.

July 14, 7:30 p.m.—Rodeo parade.

July 14, 8:15 p.m.—Nyssa Nite Rodeo.

July 15, 7:30 p.m.—Adrian class of 1951 banquet at Maudie Owens cafe, Payette.

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July 15, 8:15 p.m.—Nyssa Nite Rodeo.

July 16, 1:30 p.m.—Adrian class of 1951 reunion picnic at Adrian park.

July 16—Arcadia club picnic at Brig Olson home.

July 18, 10 a.m.—Public hearing

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July 20—Open Legion meeting at community hall.

July 20, 8 p.m.—Jaycee meeting in city council room at city hall.

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New cutoff date for World War II veterans is July 25, 1967; it was previously July 25, 1962. Jan. 31, 1975, is new date for Korean veterans; previously, Jan. 31, 1965.

The new law provides that eligibility shall not terminate, in any case, prior to cutoff dates under old law. All former servicemen with service-connected disabilities would be given maximum time.

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