

Harland Coffman scrapbook

This small scrapbook contains clippings from 1943-53 about the softball and baseball activities of Harland Coffman. The clippings describe softball games played in the Topeka Junior High Softball League and baseball games played by American Legion teams. Also included are clippings about the Topeka Decker Oilers semi-pro baseball team. Coffman was a lifelong Topekan who played high school, American Legion, semi-pro, and minor league baseball in his youth and young adulthood. He pitched for several minor league teams between 1948 and 1953. In the 158 minor league games for which his statistics are available, he achieved an overall record of 62-46, with an ERA of 3.19. In 1952, Coffman participated in the St. Louis Cardinals' spring training camp, but did not make the team roster in the regular season. His professional playing days ended when he suffered an arm injury and opted not to have surgery recommended by doctors to extend his baseball career. After his minor league career, Coffman played several years with the Topeka Decker Oilers, a team managed by his father, A.L. 'Pooch' Coffman. In the late 1940s and 1950s, the Decker Oilers were a perennial contender for the state semi-pro baseball title, competing each year in the state tournament held in Wichita. Digital reproduction of the scrapbook was accomplished through a joint project sponsored by the Kansas Historical Society and the Shawnee County Baseball Hall of Fame.

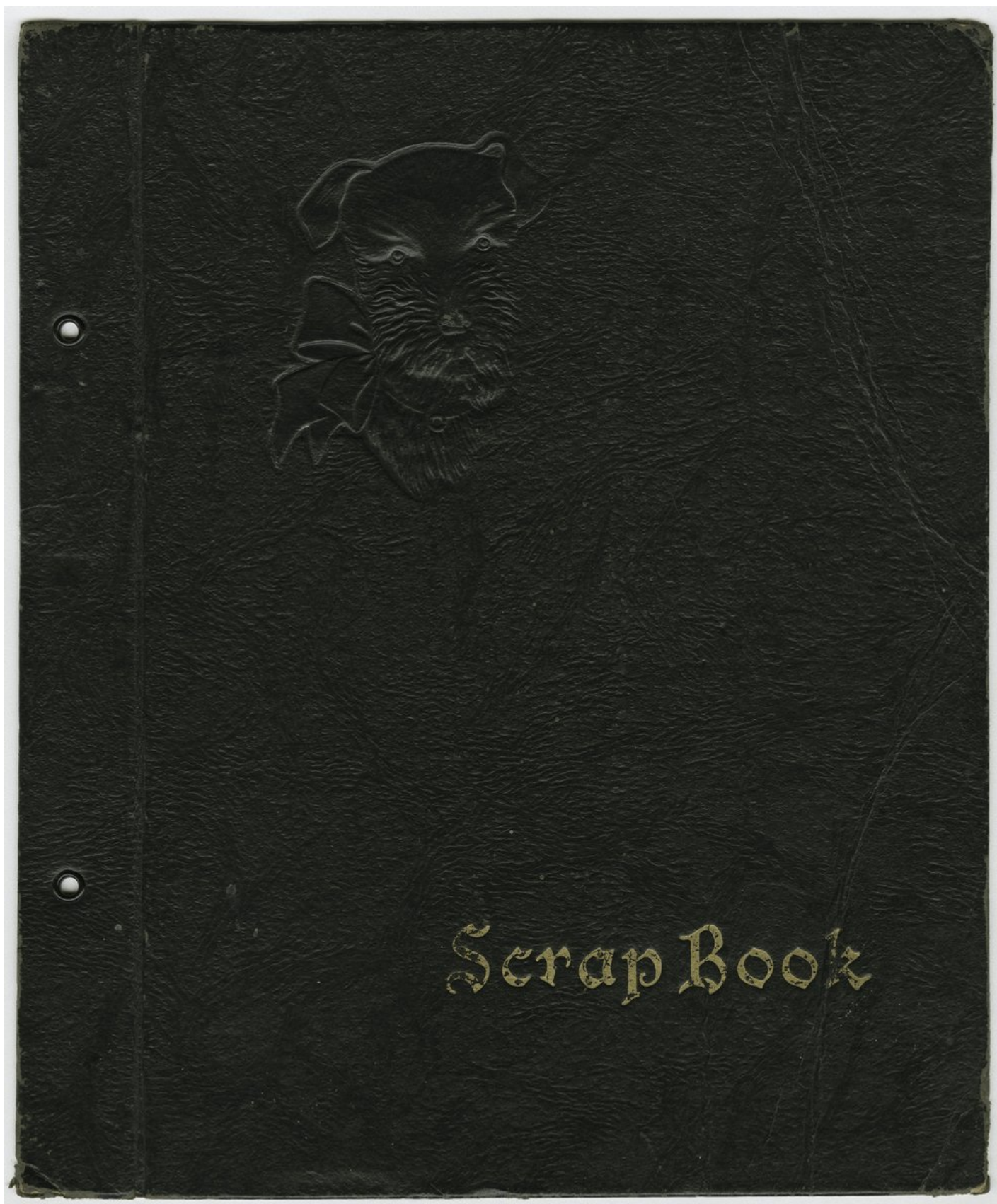
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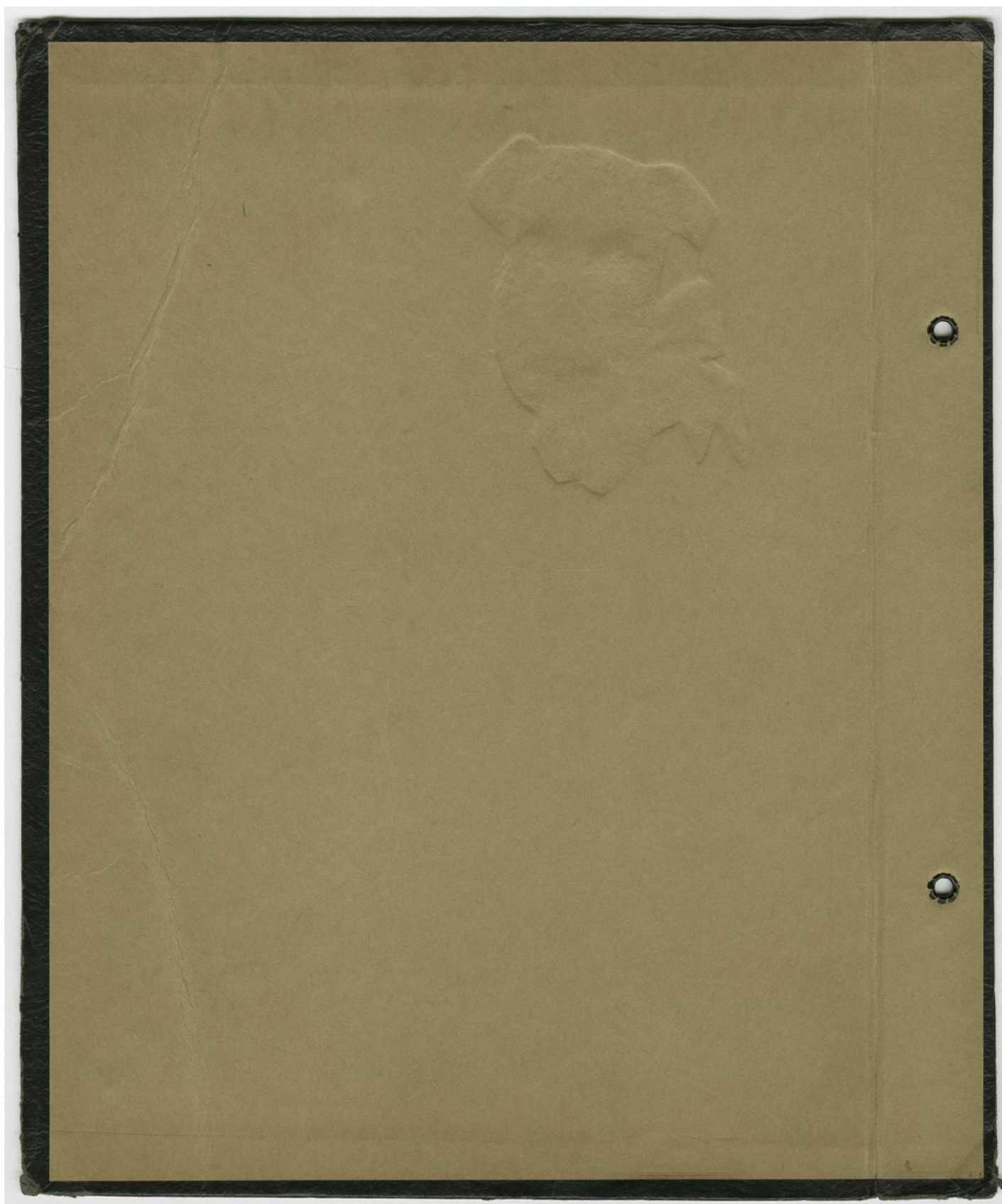
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PITCHER FOR EAST TOPEKA
HARLAND COFFMAN
MY OWN SCRAP BOOK

East Bumps Holliday, Shares Softball Lead

JUNIOR HIGH SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	Pct.
Curtis	3	0	1.000
East Topeka	3	0	1.000
Roosevelt	1	1	.500
Holliday	1	1	.333
Crane	0	2	.000
Boswell	0	3	.000

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
East Topeka 4, Holliday 1.
Roosevelt-Crane game postponed until Monday.

A sandy softball diamond enabled Holliday and East Topeka to play on the East Topeka field Friday afternoon, with the East team keeping pace with Curtis in its third straight win, 4 to 1. The Roosevelt grounds were too muddy, so the game with Crane was postponed until Monday.

East Topeka won the game in the third inning with three runs. Two walks, a single by Humphreys, a triple by Vega and a single by Cabrera brought over the runs. Coffman pitched a steady game for East with no walks, and not a man reached first until two were out in the fourth. The first Holliday hit came in the fifth. Holliday scored for its run in the seventh on hits by Youngdoff and McVey, who had two of the three Holliday hits. Adams drew three of the five passes given by Gordon, Holliday hurler. The six East hits were all made by different players.

Score by innings:
East Topeka 003 000 1-4
Holliday 000 000 1-1
Summary: Three-base hit—Vega. Bases on balls—Off Gordon, 5. Struck out—By Coffman, 4; by Gordon, 2. Batteries—Coffman and Florez; Gordon and Godfrey. Umpire—John Shull.

East Topeka Remains Undeclared; Crane Gets First Win

STANDINGS IN JUNIOR HIGH SOFTBALL			
	W	L	Pct.
East Topeka	4	0	1.000
Curtis	3	1	.750
Roosevelt	2	1	.667
Holliday	1	3	.250
Crane	1	3	.250
Boswell	0	4	.000

Curtis, East Pace Junior High Loop

Holliday Also Wins In Softball Play

JHS SOFTBALL STANDINGS			
	W	L	Pct.
Curtis	2	0	1.000
East Topeka	2	0	1.000
Roosevelt	1	1	.500
Holliday	1	1	.500
Crane	0	2	.000
Boswell	0	2	.000

THURSDAY'S RESULTS
Holliday 6, Boswell 0.
Curtis 8, Crane 7.
East Topeka 8, Roosevelt 4.

East Topeka and Curtis kept the pace atop the Junior High Softball League Thursday, taking their second straight victories. Roosevelt dropped its first game to East Topeka, 8 to 4. Crane lost out again by one run to Curtis, after leading up to the final inning. Last week Crane lost an extra-inning game to East Topeka. Holliday got into the win column by handing Boswell its second straight loss.

Curtis came from behind to take its second straight win, 8 to 7, over Crane at Curtis. A big fifth inning with seven runs on three hits, two walks and four errors sent Crane into a 7 to 5 lead, and they held it until the seventh. A pinch hitter for Curtis fanned. Then four straight hits by J. Jaramillo, Longstaff, Hankamer, and Lee brought over three runs for the triumph with but one out. L. Jaramillo allowed but five hits to ten off Glass by Curtis. Fletcher had two hits for Crane.

Score by innings:
Crane 000 070 0-7
Curtis 201 110 3-8
Batteries—Glass and Phillips; L. Jaramillo and Longstaff. Umpire—Charles Mills.

East 8, Roosevelt 4

East Topeka became a definite threat to take championship, by turning back the undefeated Roosevelt team, 8 to 4, on the East Topeka field. A big third inning decided the game, East putting over six runs. The runs came on errors, walks, and costly plays after chances came to retire the side without a run. Four East hits came in the inning.

Hays, Roosevelt catcher, had two home runs with none on. Morrill had two hits for Roosevelt. All eight hits by East came by different players. Curtis started pitching for Roosevelt, but was succeeded by Miller in the third inning when the big East rally was on. The hits were 8 to 7 for East. Coffman went all the way for the winners.

Score by innings:
Roosevelt 010 101 1-4
East Topeka 004 200 8-8
Batteries—Curtis, Miller and Hays; Coffman and Florez. Umpire—John Shull.

Holliday to Curtis, Crane to E. Topeka, In Softball Openers

JHS OPENERS TODAY
Holliday at Curtis.
Crane at East Topeka.
MONDAY
Boswell at Roosevelt.

Inclement weather has made it a big problem for the junior high coaches to select their lineups for the softball league games starting today. Holliday plays at Curtis and Crane at East Topeka. The Boswell-Roosevelt game has been postponed until Monday due to the physical education demonstration at Roosevelt Friday night.

With practically new lineups on most of the teams, not even a guess can be made as to the strength of the teams. Bill Fisher is handling the Curtis team, Lester Dittmore at Holliday, Roy Bulkley at East Topeka, George Bruce at Boswell, Walter Pauls assisted by John Shull at Crane, Russel Taylor and V. R. Mellenbrink at Roosevelt.

Tentative starting lineups of the teams playing today:

East Topeka	Crane
Florenz, c	Ransom, 1b
Coffman, p	Foltz, 2b
Bush, 1b	Antz, ss
Dominguez, 2b	McConnell, 3b
Mendoza, ss	Glass, p
Vega, 3b	Phillips, c
Ruge, lf	Fletcher, rf
Thompson, sf	Hardy, cf
VanCleave, rf	J. Wilson, lf
Shoaf or Fieger, lf	Davis, sf
Holliday	Curtis
Godfrey, c	Longstaff, c
Gordon, p	L. or J. Jaramillo
Smith, 1b	Durnnd, 2b
Lewis, 2b	Sanders, 1b
Youngdoff, ss	Hankamer, ss
Crook, 3b	Fisher or Cox, 3b
McVey, lf	Halstead, lf
Kittrell, sf	Lee or Scully
Cain, cf	Flores
Nitz, rf	Taylor

On the Boswell Diamond

Coffman of East Topeka held Boswell to one hit, while his team took a toll of eleven runs on nine hits. Boswell pitchers helped East's offensive work by giving ten bases on balls. East started with four runs, had four more in the third, and three in the fourth. The two Boswell runs came in the sixth inning. Florez had two hits for East, one being a circuit drive. Foster and Day each had two hits for Crane, also. *E. Topeka*

Score by innings:
Boswell 000 002 0-2
East Topeka 404 200 8-11
Batteries: Enyard, Bliss and Decker; Coffman and Florez, Wolfe. Umpire John Shull.



East Topeka and Extra Time for Crane to Whip Boswell: 5 to 4

Roosevelt Downed
9 to 2; Holliday
Beaten, 9 to 3

Favored by ideal weather, junior high school softball teams got their 1944 season away to a rousing start Friday as Crane, East Topeka and Holliday claimed initial victories.

In an extra-inning affair, Crane nosed out Boswell, 5-4, when Kingman doubled to drive Holt in from second after two were out. With Haines banging out four for four, Crane outhit Boswell, 12-6, but needed two tallies in the seventh to tie the score and send the contest into the extra frame. Dick and Boutwell paced Boswell with two safeties each.

Crane020 000 21- 5
Boswell000 310 00- 4
Batteries: Crane-McConnell and Holt;
Boswell-Bliss and Hastings.

East Topeka's defending champions continued their winning ways by romping Roosevelt, 9-2. East jumped into a 6-0 lead in the first two innings and was never threatened. Harlan Coffman gave only four hits in pitching the win, while East collected nine. Lowe, Wolfe and Soucy each claimed two safeties.

East Topeka240 020 1- 9
Roosevelt000 002 0- 2
Batteries: East Topeka-Coffman and Wolfe; Roosevelt-Aker, Whitehead, Davis and Brown.

A big six-run scoring splurge in the third inning sewed up Holliday's game with Curtis. The winners went on to add three more in the sixth for good measure. Nitz homered in the third with two on to provide the climax blow.

Holliday008 003 0- 9
Curtis100 200 0- 3
Batteries: Holliday-Gordon and Raine;
Curtis-Jaramillo and Durand.

JUNIOR HIGH SOFTBALL STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct.
East Topeka	1	0	1.000
Holliday	1	0	1.000
Crane	1	0	1.000
Boswell	0	1	.000
Roosevelt	0	1	.000
Curtis	0	1	.000

East, Crane, Holliday Take Openers in Junior High Softball Games

	W	L	Pct.
East Topeka	1	0	1.000
Holliday	1	0	1.000
Crane	1	0	1.000
Boswell	0	1	.000
Roosevelt	0	1	.000
Curtis	0	1	.000

Friday Results
East Topeka 9, Roosevelt 2.
Crane 5, Boswell 4.
Holliday 9, Curtis 3.

East Topeka, Crane, and Holliday were victors in the opening games of the Junior High Softball League Friday afternoon.

East Topeka took up where she left off last year as league champion by turning back Roosevelt, 9 to 2. Harlan Coffman allowed but four hits to the Rough Riders, while East collected nine off three pitchers. East piled up six runs in the first two innings. The two Roosevelt runs came in the sixth inning as Ray Ush doubled with two runners on. Lowe, Wolfe and Soucy each had two hits for East. Roosevelt pitchers were wild with nine walks.

Score by innings:
East Topeka240 020 1- 9
Roosevelt000 002 0- 2
Batteries: East Topeka-Coffman and Wolfe; Roosevelt-Aker, Whitehead, Davis and Brown. Umpire: Perdue Graves.

It took eight innings for Crane to win over Boswell, 5 to 4. Kingman's double with two out in the eighth scored Holt from second with the winning run. Haines led the Crane hitting with four out of four. McConnell and Lambert each had two hits. Crane led, 12 to 6, on hits. Dick and Boutwell each had two hits for Boswell.

Crane took the lead in the first inning on walks and hits by Russell and Lambert. Boswell went into the lead, 3 to 2, in the fourth, and came into the final inning, 4 to 2, but Crane tied the score on hits by Lambert and Bulkley following two walks.

Score by innings:
Crane020 000 21- 5
Boswell000 310 00- 4
Batteries: Crane-McConnell and Holt;
Boswell-Bliss and Hastings. Umpire: Tom Herron.

Two big innings by Holliday gave them the game over Curtis, 9 to 3. Holliday had a decided advantage in the hitting. Cannon led off in the first inning with a home run for Curtis. After two runs were over in the third inning, Nitz hit a home run for Holliday with two on, and six runs were over before the inning closed. Hits by Shultz, Stanhope and Flory scored three for Holliday in the sixth. Curtis had the bases full twice but could not count. Holliday scored all their runs after two were out. Godfrey was hit in the nose with the ball in practice and could not take his place as catcher for Holliday.

Score by innings:
Holliday008 003 0- 9
Curtis100 200 0- 3
Batteries: Holliday-Gordon and Raine;
Curtis-Jaramillo and Durand. Umpire: John Shull.

East Topeka, Holliday, Crane Won Second Games In Jr. Hi Softball League

	W	L	Pct.
East Topeka	2	0	1.000
Crane	2	0	1.000
Holliday	2	0	1.000
Curtis	0	2	.000
Roosevelt	0	2	.000
Boswell	0	2	.000

Friday's Results
East Topeka 8, Boswell 5.
Holliday 19, Roosevelt 1.
Crane 25, Curtis 3.

Stanhope hit three for three, and Godfrey three out of four for Holliday. Holliday scored in each inning except the second, and was high with six scores each in the fourth and sixth.

Score by innings:
Holliday301 624 2-19
Roosevelt000 000 1-1
Batteries: Gordon, Lynch and Godfrey.
Raine, Whitehead, Aker and Fink. Umpire: Joan Shull.

Crane pounded the ball hard to mark up eighteen hits off three Curtis pitchers. Seventh Grader Phil Blackburn, went all the way for Crane. Vogel and Kingman hit home runs for Crane. All of the Crane regulars got in on the hitting. Lambert had three out of five, Williams three for four, Kingman three for five, Holt two for three. Rhea got two of the Curtis four hits.

Score by innings:
Crane501 18(10) 0-25
Curtis100 00 0 1-2
Batteries: Blackburn and Holt; Jaramillo, Durand, Williams and Cannon. Webb. Umpire: Tom Herron.

Crane, Holliday, and East Topeka were again winners in the second set of Junior High softball games Friday afternoon as Curtis, Roosevelt, and Boswell each took their second loss. The tightest game was the 8 to 5 win of East over Boswell. The other two games were very much one way, as Crane sunk Curtis 25 to 2, and Holliday trampled Roosevelt 19 to one.

Coffman allowed Boswell four hits, while East collected nine off Bliss, five of them being doubles. Coffman, Lowe, Adams, and Thompson each had two hits for East. Boswell had a good fourth inning with four runs, due mostly to a double by Sharpe Smith with the bases full.

Score by innings:
East Topeka302 300 0- 8
Boswell000 410 0- 5
Batteries: Coffman and Wolfe; Bliss and Hastings. Umpire: Perdue Graves.

Holliday clouted the ball hard with seventeen base hits, while Gordon and Lynch held Roosevelt to five hits. Gordon topped the Holliday hitting with a home run, a double and two singles out of four times up.



Trio of Softball Nines Repeat With Wi

East Topeka Has Hard Go Beating Boswell, 8 to 5

Holliday and Crane
Run High Scores
Over Opponents

First week winners repeated again Friday as East Topeka, Crane and Holliday put more distance between them and the other three teams in the junior high school softball league.

East Topeka's defending champions had the hardest time turning back Boswell, 8-5, after getting an early 8-0 lead. Five doubles were included in East Topeka's nine hits which caused damage to ruin Boswell's chances.

Coffman, Lowe, Adams and Thompson were big East guns, as they each collected a pair of safeties. Sharpe Smith came thru with a timely double in the fourth with the bases loaded to highlight Boswell's efforts.

East Topeka 302 300 0 — 8
Boswell 003 410 0 — 5

Batteries: East Topeka—Coffman and Wolfe; Boswell—Bliss and Hastings.

After watching Holliday pile up 19 runs, Roosevelt tallied a score in the final inning to save a shut-out in a 19-1 romp. The winners scored in every inning except the second. Stanhope and Godfrey banged out three hits each to head Holliday's hit parade.

Holliday 201 626 2—19
Roosevelt 000 000 1—1

Batteries: Holliday—Gordon, Lynch and Godfrey; Roosevelt, Raine, Whitehead, Aker and Fink.

Biggest score of the day was piled up by Crane in shellacking Curtis, 25-2. Crane scored eight runs in the fifth and ten in the sixth to outclass the opposition.

Vogel and Kingman pounded homers for the winners. Each member of the starting lineup secured at least one safety. Lambert had three, Williams three, Holt two. Rhea grabbed two of the four Curtis hits.

Crane 501 18(10) 0—25
Curtis 100 00 0 — 2

Batteries: Crane—Blackburn and Holt; Curtis—Jaramillo, Durand, Williams, and Durand.

Standings

..... W L Pct.

East Topeka 2 0 1.000

Crane 2 0 1.000

Holliday 2 0 1.000

Curtis 0 2 .000

Roosevelt 0 2 .000

Boswell 0 2 .000

Holliday and East Topeka Tied for Softball Lead; Boswell Gets First Win

STANDINGS IN JUNIOR HIGH LEAGUE			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
East Topeka	2	0	1.000
Holliday	2	0	1.000
Crane	2	1	.667
Boswell	1	2	.333
Curtis	0	2	.000
Roosevelt	0	2	.000

THURSDAY'S RESULTS

Holliday 3, Crane 0.
East Topeka 9, Curtis 0.
Boswell 8, Roosevelt 3.

East Topeka and Holliday kept their undefeated pace in the Junior High Softball League Thursday afternoon in wins over Curtis 9 to 0, and Crane 3 to 0. Boswell went into the win column with a 9 to 3 triumph over Roosevelt.

HOLLIDAY 3, CRANE 0

The pitching of Charles Gordon featured the Holliday win over Crane as he struck out ten batters and allowed but three hits. Phil Blackburn put on a good exhibition on the mound also for Crane.

Crane had one runner as far as third. Youngdoff, Gordon and Godfrey bunched three hits in the first inning to put over a Holliday score. Gordon and Godfrey connected in the seventh to send over two more runs. They each had two out of three for the day.

Score by innings: R H
Holliday 100 000 2—3 7
Crane 000 000 0—0 3

Batteries—Gordon and Godfrey; Blackburn and Holt. Umpire—T. V. Herron.

EAST TOPEKA 9, CURTIS 0

Harlan Coffman held Curtis to four hits, as East Topeka got a shutout 9 to 0. Jaramillo allowed East 12 hits. The big East inning came in the fourth as five runs crossed on Coffman's double, three walks, and a triple by Thompson. Wolfe, Adams and Thompson each had two hits for East, while Verbie topped with three hits.

Score by innings: R H
East Topeka 101 500 2—9 12
Curtis 000 000 0—0 4

Batteries—Coffman and Wolfe; Jaramillo and Durand. Umpire—John Shull.

BOSWELL 9, ROOSEVELT 3

Bliss held Roosevelt to three hits, while Boswell connected for nine off four Roosevelt pitchers to take its first game 9 to 3 at Boswell. Ullsh and Shyne had singles, and Benson a triple for Roosevelt. Dick with two out of four, and Fawl with two out of three led the Boswell hitting.

Score by innings: R H
Boswell 022 203 0—9 9
Roosevelt 111 000 0—3 3

Batteries—Bliss and Hastings; Wolfe, Aker, Whiteside, Adams and Brown. Umpire—Purdue Graves.



East Near JHS Flag In Beating Holliday

FRI. APRIL 14-1944

Standings in Junior High Softball League			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
East Topeka	4	0	1.000
Holliday	3	1	.750
Crane	3	1	.750
Boswell	2	2	.500
Curtis	0	4	.000
Roosevelt	0	4	.000

Friday's Results

Boswell 6, Curtis 5.
East Topeka 4, Holliday 3.

It took final inning finishes to decide the junior high football games Friday afternoon, each going to the winner by a one-run margin. East Topeka took its ninth straight game over a period of two-years play to virtually cinch the league title in a 4 to 3 score over Holliday. Curtis made Boswell go the limit to win in eight innings, 6 to 5.

Bliss clouted the hit to send Boswell to its win, while Verbick applied the wood to give East Topeka the win.

EAST TOPEKA 4, HOLLIDAY 3

East Topeka called on horse-shoes in the final inning to put over its win, as Holliday came into the final stretch with a 3 to 1 lead. Wolfe walked, Griffin struck out. Soucy hit to the pitcher for what was set up to be a double play and the end of the game. But the second sacker fumbled the assist and both runners were safe. Verbick's double and a wild throw scored three unearned runs.

Holliday got to Harlan Coffman in the first inning for three hits and three runs. These were all the hits made off him, and all the scoring for Holliday. A walk, and error, double by Gordon, three-base hit by Raine, and single by Lee did the scoring. So effective was Coffman's pitching the rest of the way that Holliday had but one man on base, and that from a walk.

East Topeka scored in the second on a walk to Soucy and hit by Cabrera. Hits were 4 to 3 for East Topeka. Gordon and Coffman pitched tight ball all the way. East Topeka meets Crane, and Holliday meets Boswell in the final games next week. Roosevelt and Curtis fight it out for the fifth place spot.

Score by innings:
Holliday 300 000 0-3
East Topeka 010 00 3-4
Batteries: Gordon and Raine; Coffman and Wolfe. Umpire—John Shull.

BOSWELL 6, CURTIS 5

Curtis appeared to have the game in the win column as it came up in the extra eighth to unknot a 4 to 4 tie as Swader scored on Jaramillo's hit. With the base full and two outs, Bliss hit for Boswell to put over two runs and the game in the wild-cat half of the eighth.

Curtis took a 4 to 2 lead in the sixth, but Boswell came back and tied the count as a fumble let in two runs with two away and the bases full. Hits were ten for Curtis and thirteen for Boswell. Swader had four hits out of four and scored four runs for Curtis. Smith had a three-bagger and a single for Boswell. Keeling also hit for three bases. Hastings had two out of four, and Campbell three out of four for Boswell.

Score by innings:
Curtis 100 102 1-5
Boswell 010 102 2-6
Batteries: Jaramillo and Durand; Bliss and Hastings. Umpire—Percy Graves.



Capitol Post Wins Eastern Half Title Of American Legion First Division— Coffman Hurls 2-Hitter, Strikes Out 15

Capitol Post-Mosby-Mack's baseball team won the eastern division championship of the American Legion First District last night at Ripley Park with a 13-hit barrage which buried the Shawnee county juniors 16-3, in a seven-inning contest.

Harland Coffman, who hurled a previous 10-2 decision over Shawnee county, tossed a brilliant two-hitter, and struck out 15 batsmen. Both Shawnee hits came in the first inning, when the county club scored one of its three runs.

Capitol Post will face Corning, western division champions, for the district title and the right to play in the State Legion tourney, at Ripley diamond Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Three big innings off starter Benny Colboch and his successor Bill Boner made the game a rout for Capitol Post.

After Shawnee County, had taken a one-run first inning lead, Mosby-Mack beat back with a three-run uprising in the second on a double by Don Farmer, a single by Paul Fink, Charles Gordon's triple and a Shawnee error. The third and fourth were night-mare innings for Shawnee county as Capitol Post chased across six runs in each.

The second-inning barrage started as Dick McConnell singled, Bill Ransom tripled and Farmer walked. That was all for Colboch, but Bill Boner walked Fink, first man to face him, filling the bases. Gordon pumped his second hit of the game, a single. Coffman failed to hit, but Richard Wolfe was safe on an error and Bud Fawl squeezed in Gordon with the fifth run of the inning. Wolfe scored on a second Shawnee error.

The fourth inning six-run spree was put together on doubles by Bob Schulte and Charles Gordon, two bases on balls and a trio of errors.

Farmer Fink and Gordon combined to score another run in the fifth, and McConnell tripled to right-center in the sixth but Boner left him stranded.

The two seventh-inning Shawnee runs were unearned, scoring on two walks, a passed ball and a wild throw.

Seven of the 13 Mosby-Mack hits were for extra bases. Charles Gordon had a spectacular night at the plate with four hits in four official trips, including a double and triple. Fink, McConnell and Farmer each collected two safeties.

Fourteen Mosby-Mack players saw action.

SHAWNEE CO.		MOSBY-MACKS	
AB	H PO A	AB	H PO A
Hunt ss	4 1 1 0	Fawl, 3b	3 1 1 0
Shid'ler, 3b	2 0 3 3	Schulte, cf	5 1 0 0
Hess, lf	2 1 1 0	Shepard, cf	0 0 0 0
Bl'kb'n, 2b	2 0 0 0	McCon'l, ss	5 2 0 2
Martin, 2b	1 0 0 0	Ransom, 1b	4 1 4 0
Stoop, cf	1 0 2 0	Fool, lf	4 1 4 0
Str'ple, 1b	3 0 6 0	Farmer, 2b	4 2 0 0
Raine, c	2 0 4 1	Bulkley, 2b	0 0 0 0
William, rf	0 0 1 0	Fink, rf	2 2 0 0
Colboch, p	1 0 0 0	Alberg, rf	0 0 0 0
Boner, p	1 0 0 0	Gordon, lf	4 4 2 0
		Coffman, p	4 0 0 4
		Wolfe, c	3 0 12 2
		Bliss, c	0 0 2 0

Totals 22 218 71 Totals 35 13 21 8
Score by innings:
Shawnee County.....100 600 2-3
Mosby-Mack.....000 610 8-16
Two-base hits—Fink, Farmer, Gordon, McConnell, bases on balls—Off Farmer, 4, Colboch 2, Boner 3. Strike-outs—By Coffman 15, Boner 3. Hit by pitched ball—By Coffman (Hess). Hits and runs—Off Colboch 6 hits and 6 runs in 2 innings (none out in third), Boner 7 and 10 in 4. Errors—Shawnee County 8, Mosby-Macks 2. Stolen bases—Fawl, McConnell, Boner, Ransom 2, Farmer 4, Fink 3, Gordon 3, Wolfe 2. Umpires—E. Price at the plate, DeLong on the bases.

Morrell Juniors Take Opening League Game

Morrell's Legion junior team took the opening game in the local American Legion League Monday evening 12 to 1 over Marling's. H. Coffman and B. Coffman held Marling's without a hit. Their only run came in the third on two walks and a passed ball. Highland plays Brier at Topeka High tonight.

MARLING'S		MORRELL'S	
AB	H PO A	AB	H PO A
Shulte	2 0 6 0	Wagner, 2b	2 0 2 0
Ken'l, 2b-p	2 0 1 0	Jacob'n, cf	3 2 0 0
Barrett, lf	2 0 0 0	Purcell	1 1 6 3
Can't id, 2b	1 0 0 1	B. Alberg, rf	3 2 0 0
Bushy, 1b	1 0 1 0	H. Coff, p-as	2 2 0 0
Butt'r, p-as	1 0 1 0	Lowe, 1b	3 1 3 0
Kneel'g, ss	2 0 0 1	Gardner, lf	2 1 0 0
Mont'ue, rf	0 0 0 0	Ush, cf	0 0 0 0
		B. Coff'n, p	0 0 1 0
		Jaguth, 3b	2 1 0 0
		White, d, ss	2 0 0 0

Totals 11 0 9 2 Totals 20 10 12 3
Score by innings:
Marling's.....001 0-1
Morrell's.....471 x-12
Runs—Canfield, Wagner 2, Jacobson 2, Purcell 2, Alberg 2, H. Coffman 2, Lowe, Jaguth. Two-base hits—Jacobson, Purcell, H. Coffman, Lowe. Three-base hit—Jacobson. Bases on balls—Off H. Coffman 3, B. Coffman 2, Butler 2, Kendall 3. Strike-outs—By H. Coffman 5, B. Coffman 2, Butler 3, Kendall 1. Umpire—Parker.

Capitol Post-Mosby-Mack Beat Marysville Legion

The Marysville Legion juniors went down before the Capitol Post-Mosby-Mack team last night at Ripley diamond, 16-0. Harland Coffman went five innings for Topeka, allowing no hits, and striking out thirteen. Frank Logan took over for the last four innings, allowed two scratch hits and struck out seven.

The Capitol Post team scored seven runs in the first on five hits, three walks and an error. Scheele tightened up after that for four innings, but his support was weak, and Topeka ran bases at will.

MARYSVILLE LEGION		CAPITOL POST-MOSBY-MACK	
AB	H PO A	AB	H PO A
Harmer, rf	4 0 0 0	Fawl, 3b	3 0 1 0
Seaman, 1b	3 1 13 1	McCon'l, ss	6 1 1 1
Slama, ss	4 0 0 1	Ransom, 1b	5 2 4 0
Holler, cf	3 0 0 0	Farmer, 2b	2 2 2 3
Reind's, 3b	3 0 0 1	Alberg, rf	3 0 0 0
R. Tiedl, lf	3 0 2 0	Bulkley, rf	1 0 0 0
C. Tiedl, c	3 1 9 0	Coffman, p	3 2 0 0
Tad'cn, 2b	3 0 0 3	Logan, p	2 1 0 0
Scheele, p	1 0 0 4	Schulte, cf	4 0 1 0
Pralle, p	1 0 0 3	Fink, lf	3 2 0 0
		Wolfe, c	3 0 12 2
		Bliss, c	1 0 6 1

Totals 28 2 24 14 Totals 39 10 27 8
Marysville.....500 000 0-0
Topeka.....720 003 13x-16
Runs—Fawl 2, McConnell, Ransom 3, Farmer 3, Logan, Coffman, Schulte 2, Fink, Bliss. Bases on balls—Off Coffman 4, Scheele 6, Pralle 1. Strike-outs—By 4, Scheele 6, Pralle 1, Scheele 7. Hits and runs—Off Coffman 6 and 6 in 5 innings, Logan 2 and 0 in 4, Scheele 1 and 12 in 6, Pralle 3 and 4 in 3. Errors—Marysville 11, Topeka 1. Umpires—Price and DeLong.



The Sports Spiral

By MERLE HERYFORD, Sports Editor

Russell, Kan., Aug. 5.—This Central Kansas city went all out to back up its successful bid for the 1946 American Legion Junior baseball tournament. Russell had wanted to play host to the seven Legion district champions, even tho its own team was not represented, and it came thru admirably in providing facilities for the close to 200 players, coaches and managers who brought their charges to town over the week end.

THE ONLY UNCO-OPERATIVE ELEMENT was the weather, with temperatures hovering over the 100-degree mark, the sun beating mercilessly down, and the wind, which was undecided about its course and which converged upon the field in a variety of directions during the six-game set-to, creating a series of minor dust storms which settled a thick layer of grime over players and spectators alike. It was good baseball weather, tho, and athletes loosened up in great shape under the wicked concentration of Old Sol.

FANS WHO HAD WATCHED the Second District champions, Parsons, power and pilfer their way thru their first two contests, came to the Sunday night title affair undecided whether a new champ might not be crowned. But, neither Parsons nor the spectators had calculated the mound wizardry of Harland Coffman or the sharp, vicious Topeka batting attack. In performing an iron-man role, Coffman tossed the first six rounds of the Sunday afternoon contest against a scrappy but outclassed seventh district championship Pratt aggregation, gave up two singles and whiffed eight. In the evening contest, he toed the mound for nine rounds, fanned 17 Parsons batsmen and allowed four singles. The Parsons club, which succumbed to the Capitol Post sizzler, had suffered only one defeat this season, and had scored 30 runs on 31 hits in games against Herington and Salina, also undefeated before the Sunday afternoon game, had drawn 16 bases on balls and stolen 25 bases. It boasted three starting pitchers and looked every part of a winning baseball club. Good as it was against the rest of the cream of the tourney crop, the SEKan club never had a chance against Topeka's undefeated state champions titleholders for the eleventh time in the 20 years of state tournaments. From the first inning on, when Bud Fawl and Dick McConnell rapped doubles off Parsons starter Lloyd Utley to pick up two runs, there wasn't much doubt about the issue. Coffman fanned five of the first six men he faced and seven of the first nine. Capitol Post already held a four-run lead before Parsons collected its first hit, a left center-field single by Nick Divine, hurler-second baseman, in the fourth. Their second single came in the sixth, the third in the seventh and the final tap in the ninth.

SOME OF TOPEKA'S tournament firsts—Harland Coffman was the first and only man to powder a home run during the six-game carnival. . . . He also was the first and only pitcher to win two games, altho three others made a bid and had an opportunity to do so: Salina's Southpaw Don Schropp, Pratt's youthful right-hander Floyd Ford and Parsons' first-string hurler Lloyd Utley. . . . In the entire tourney, only five triples went down in the official scorebooks, and three of them came, in succession, off the booming bat of Topeka's shortstop Dick McConnell in the Sunday afternoon Topeka-Pratt contest. . . . Topeka became the only team ever to sew up the title for three straight years on two occasions. Salina took three in a row in 1930-31-32, but Capitol Post turned the trick in 1933-39-40 and again in 1944-45-46. . . . Runner-up to Coffman in the strike-out Derby was Pratt's Floyd Ford, who collected 14 in two contests. . . . Parsons was the only team in the tournament to play three games, Topeka having drawn a first-round bye.

TOURNAMENT SHORTS—Wellington's athletic twins, Harold and Gerald Rogers, who sparkled in the State Class AA high school basketball tournament in Topeka last winter, weren't nearly as much at home on the diamond. They performed capably enough but collected only two hits between them off the slants of Salina Lefthander Don Schropp and couldn't get a bingle in the later innings. . . . Pratt, probably the hustlingest club in the tournament, came a long way in competition to make its appearance at Russell. Pratt dropped two seasonal games to Hutchinson and Stafford, yet defeated both in the three-way district playoff to earn the right to represent the seventh district. . . . Pratt's two starting pitchers—dusky Billie Hunter and Floyd Smokey Ford—are only 15 years old, and both have plenty of stuff. . . . Ford stopped a Lawrence attack cold Saturday night while Pratt talked Lawrence into tossing its own game away. . . . The lone Parsons run scored against Topeka in the title game scored at the instance of a fan, perched at the top of the left-field bleachers. Lloyd Gifford, Parsons first-sacker, was perched on third with two away when Coffman took a deliberate wind-up. "Go on! Go on in!" shouted the fan. Gifford hesitated, looked at the coach in the third-base coaching box, appeared puzzled. "Go on in. You've got plenty of time," the fan repeated. So, Gifford went in—to score. It accomplished nothing except to spoil Coffman's shutout, for Topeka was leading 15-0 at the time. . . . Amos Morris, head football and track coach at Russell High School, acted as official scorer for the tournament and was a tremendous help to ye cuffer thruout proceedings, even to lending his car at an opportune moment. Thanx for the co-operation, coach. . . . Lowell Hoag, ye olde editor at Russell, also made the newspaper office, complete with typewriters, telephone, etc., available when the sun was taking its toll. And, to Bob Murray, part of the newspaper staff—thanx for the ride.

Topeka, Shawnee Legion Ball Clubs In Lop-Sided Wins

Shawnee County American Legion defeated Horton Legion, 15 to 5, Sunday night at Ripley park after the Topeka team dropped Atchison, 20 to 0, in the opening of district play in the afternoon.

Shawnee county will go to Horton Sunday and the Topeka team will play at Atchison.

Bats of the Shawnee county boys boomed from the first inning as Colbach allowed the Horton boys only five hits and struck out 11. Haines fanned three of the visitors in the last two innings.

Harlan Coffman and Frank Logan allowed the Atchison club only three hits in their game as the Topeka boys backed the hurlers with airtight ball in the one-sided contest.

The box scores:

Horton	AB	R	H	Shawnee County	AB	R	H
Zimm'm'n, cf	4	1	1	Hunt, ss	5	2	4
Lueble, ss	4	0	0	Raines, c	5	3	1
Jones, 3b	5	0	0	Boner, cf	4	1	1
Edmonds, 2b	4	0	1	Martin, cf	1	0	0
Lowe, p	4	1	1	Hess, lf	3	2	2
Tl'berlake, lf	4	0	0	Blackburn, rf	4	3	2
Rodges, c	4	1	1	Boettner, rf	0	0	0
Burgett, lb	4	1	0	Strimble, lb	5	1	1
Kletcher, rf	3	1	1	Shideler, 3b	5	2	2
				Witham, 2b	3	1	2
				Bishop, 2b	0	0	0
				Colbach, p	3	0	0
				Haines, p	0	0	0
Totals	36	5	5	Totals	40	15	15

Horton000 021 200—5
Shawnee County521 402 102—15

Topeka	AB	R	H	Atchison	AB	R	H
Park, cf	3	0	0	Fawl, 3b	7	1	3
Hegty, 3b	4	0	0	McConnell, ss	6	1	1
Nass, lf	4	0	1	Fink, rf	3	3	1
McGrath, ss	4	0	0	Alberg, rf	0	0	0
Edwards, c	4	0	0	Ransom, lb	4	2	3
Simons, lb	2	0	1	Farmer, 2b	3	2	1
Sharpe, lb	1	0	0	Pool, lf	3	1	1
Denny, 2b	2	0	0	Shepard, lf	0	1	0
Althaus, rf	3	0	0	Schulte, cf	4	1	0
Scott, p	0	0	0	Bukley, cf	0	0	0
Bush, p	2	0	1	Wolfe, c	5	2	2
				Biles, c	1	0	0
				Coffman, p	3	3	1
				Logan, p	0	1	0
Totals	29	0	5	Totals	41	20	14

Atchison000 000 000—0
Topeka230 400 922—25



Harland Coffman Hurls Mosby-Macks To Decisive 15-1 Victory Over Parsons

BY MERLE HERYFORD
Daily Capital Sports Editor

Russell, Kan., Aug. 4.—Capitol Post-Mosby-Macks of Topeka won the American Legion state baseball championship for the third straight year here tonight with a crushing 15 to 1 defeat of Parsons, Second District champs. Topeka is the only team to win the state title three times, and no other team has won the title more than once.

The Parsons club came to the state tourney with only one defeat this season, and had amassed 30 runs and 31 hits in the first two tourney games, but that was before it had met Harland Coffman.

The Topeka right-hander, who worked six innings this afternoon, went the distance tonight, allowed four scattered singles, and had a shutout until the ninth inning when he eased up to walk the bases full and permit Lloyd Gifford, Parsons first baseman, who collected half of his team's hits, to steal home with the loser's only run.

Coffman gave up a total of only 6 hits in 15 innings today, and fanned 25 batters, 17 of them from the heavy-hitting Parsons club in the evening game. To make his victory even more emphatic, Coffman punched the only home run of the tournament far over the left-field fence with Paul Fink on base a head of him in the fifth inning.

The Mosby-Macks found three Parsons pitchers, their entire hurling staff, for a total of ten base hits, thirteen walks, one hit batter, and four pilfered bags. The Parsons club stole two bases during the game. Dick McConnell, Topeka shortstop who paced the attack this afternoon against Pratt, was back at his old trade tonight, collecting three hits in five trips to the plate. McConnell's first-inning double to left field drove in Bud Fawl, who also had doubled. McConnell later scored what proved to be the winning run.

Bud Fawl had a perfect night at the plate, collecting a double, a single, and four bases on balls. Fawl scored three times. Coffman's second victory of the day made him the only pitcher in the tourney to win two victories.

TOPEKA	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Fawl, 3b	2	3	2	0	1	1
Schulte, cf	5	1	1	0	0	0
McConnell	5	2	3	0	7	0
Ransom, 1b	5	1	0	6	0	0
Farmer, 2b	3	1	1	2	0	0
Gordon, lf	5	1	0	1	0	0
Fink, rf	3	2	1	0	0	0
Coffman, p	4	3	1	0	3	0
Wolf, c	5	1	0	17	1	0
Totals	38	15	10	27	5	1

PARSONS	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Presley, cf	3	0	1	2	0	1
Dye, 3b	4	0	0	3	2	5
Divine, 2b, rf, p	4	0	1	3	0	1
Gifford, 1b	4	1	2	9	2	0
Wheat, lf	3	0	2	0	0	0
Tetterton, ss	3	0	0	1	2	1
Ellis, c	4	0	0	6	2	2
Uiley, p, 2b	4	0	0	1	1	2
Hesselt, rf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Reynolds, p, cf	1	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	31	1	4	27	12	11

Topeka.....200 220 306-15
Parsons.....000 009 001-1
Runs batted in—McConnell 3, Coffman 2, Schulte 2, Ransom, Two-base hits—Fawl, McConnell, Farmer, Home run—Coffman, Stolen bases—Farmer 3, Coffman, Sacrifices—Fink, Farmer, Double play—Dye to Gifford to Ellis, Left on bases—Topeka 12, Parsons 9, Bases on balls—Coffman 6, Uiley 1, Reynolds 3, Divine 4, Strike-outs—Coffman 17, Uiley 3, Reynolds 2, Hits—Off Uiley 3 for 6 runs in 4th inning; Reynolds 1 for 6 runs in 3rd; Divine 1 for 3 runs in 2nd. Wild pitches—Reynolds, Coffman, Passed balls—Wheat, Leading pitchers—Uiley, Umpires—Mader, Tucker, Porter. Time—2:22.

Mosby-Macks Drop Sedan in 3-Inning Tilt

Topeka Team Piles Up
19-2 Score in Brief
Contest at Neodesha

Neodesha, Kan., Aug. 30.—The Sedan Junior American Legion baseball team withstood the assault of Topeka's Capitol Post-Mosby-Macks for three innings here today and then decided to drop out of the Neodesha Legion's invitational tourney. After the Mosby-Macks ran the score to 19-2 Sedan decided Topeka's hitting and pitching were too much. The Macks tallied four runs in the first frame and seven in both the second and third innings. Coach Claud Hays used fourteen Capitol Post players in the one-sided abbreviated contest.

Harland Coffman hurled the first two innings for the Topeka club, giving up two hits. Charlie Gordon and Dick McConnell led the hitting spree, each collecting a home run among several hits.

In the afternoon tourney games, Pittsburg's Legion team scored a major upset by downing the strong Parsons club, 6-4, and Coffeyville shutout Chanute 5-0.

The Mosby-Macks will square off against Coffeyville this afternoon at 3 o'clock in a second-round contest.

Neodesha will start off the afternoon round when they tangle with Fredonia at 1 p. m., with the winner moving into a late afternoon game with Pittsburg.

Neodesha Finals Pit Capitol Post Against Pittsburg

Neodesha, Sept. 2.—Mosby-Mack junior American Legion baseball team will meet Pittsburg at 3:15 p. m. Monday for the championship of the Neodesha invitational tournament.

The Topeka club won its way into the finals by scoring a decisive victory over Sedan in a first-round tilt, 19 to 2, then sweeping past Coffeyville, 7 to 1, in a semifinal game Sunday.

Harland Coffman will start for the Capitol Post in the championship encounter following a 1 p. m. consolation game between Fredonia and Coffeyville.

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Morrell Nine Cops City Legion Title, 5-4

Morrells New City Baseball Champions



Front row—left to right—Shyne, cf; Sullivan, rf; Coffman, 3b; Richter, ss; Tarr, cf; Herman, lf. Back row—left to right—Manager Roy Lassen; Worthington, p; Hays, c; Ullsh, 1b; Locke, rf; Boley, 2b; Assistant Manager Ed. Coffman.

Single by Morriss Beats Marlings in 9-Inning Thriller

3-Run Homer by Locke Puts Champs Back In Game in Seventh

In a game that catalogued all the thrills the large crowd could ask, Morrells downed Marlings Monday in the second extra inning at Ripley Park, 5 to 4, and captured the championship of the American Legion's Junior Baseball League. Leonard Worthington, Morrell pitcher, singled to right with one away in the ninth inning, stole second and scored the winning run on a Texas leaguer by Morriss.

Morrells fought an uphill battle all the way after the Marling team applied the timber to the ball in the early innings. The big Morrell stand came in the last of the seventh when the club faced its final turn at bat trailing Marlings, 1 to 4. Ullsh and Tarr struck out, and apparently all Morrell chances had vanished. But Richter got a hit and Coffman grounded to Griffith, who threw low to first, both runners being safe.

Marlings Take Lead

Marlings apparently cinched the game in the fifth with three runs. An error in center on Steves' high fly gave him life, and a wild throw to third allowed him to score. Griffith singled, Busey tripled, McDonald doubled and two more runs were over. Morrells then staged their last ditch rally in the seventh and went on to win in the ninth when Worthington and Morriss delivered.

Morrell officials will honor the new champs with a dinner Friday night. Managers and one player each from the other five teams of the league, along with league officers, are being invited. The box score:

MARLINGS	AB	H	PO	A	MORRELLS	AB	H	PO	A
Steves, 2b	5	3	2	1	Richter, ss	4	1	2	0
Reaugh, cf	5	1	0	0	Coffman, 3b	5	1	1	0
Griffith, ss	3	1	0	1	Locke, rf	4	1	1	0
Busey, c	4	1	12	2	Hays, c	5	2	19	2
McDonald, 3b	3	1	1	3	Worthington, p	3	1	0	4
Gies, rf	3	0	1	0	Morriss, 2b	3	1	0	1
Ransom, 1b	4	1	8	1	Shyne, cf	2	0	0	0
Slater, lf	4	0	0	1	Herman, cf	2	0	0	0
Schroer, p	4	0	1	3	Ullsh, 1b	3	1	4	2
					Tarr, lf	3	1	0	0

Totals 35 8 25 15 Totals 34 9 27 7

*—One out when winning run scored.

Score by innings:

Marlings 000 130 000—4
Morrells 000 00 301—5
Summary: Two-base hits—Steves 2, McDonald. Three-base hits—Busey, Hays. Home run—Locke. Bases on balls—Off Schroer 7, off Worthington 3. Struck out—By Schroer 11 by Worthington 17. Hit by pitched ball—By Worthington, McDonald, Gies, Runs—Steves, Griffith, Busey 2, Richter, Coffman, Locke, Hays, Worthington. Errors—Marlings 4, Morrells 5. Umpires—P. Tarr at the plate, Shull on the bases.

Homer Evens Things Up

Locke came to bat and hit a home run to left-center, scoring three runs and tying the score. Hays followed with a single and Worthington and Morriss were purposely passed. Then Lefty Schroer with the bases loaded, struck Herman out.

Worthington was wild to start the Morrell eighth, as he hit the first two batters. Griffith ran for McDonald and was out trying to steal third. Ransom and Slater struck out. Schroer had a wild spell in the eighth, too, as he walked the first three batters, but Ullsh was caught going to second, Coffman fanned and Locke grounded out.

Steves of Marlings was the leading sticker for the game as he had two doubles and a single in five trips. In the first inning, he doubled and stole third, but was out at home when Reaugh missed the ball on a squeeze play. Again in the second, he doubled and stole third, but was out at home again, when the squeeze backfired.

Marlings broke into run production in the fourth on a walk to Busey, an error at first and a hit by Ransom. Morrells came back and tied the score in their half on a three-base hit by Catcher Hays, and a squeeze bunt by Worthington.

Harland Coffman scrapbook

Mosby-Macks Down Pittsburg 16-5 to Win Neodesha Meet

Neodesha, Kan., Sept. 2—Topeka's American Legion junior baseball team, the Capitol Post-Mosby-Macks, walked off with an easy 16 to 5 victory over Pittsburg here today to win the Neodesha American Legion invitational tourney.

In a battle of bases on balls, the state champion Topekans capitalized on two hits and numerous walks in the first inning to score 9 runs for an early lead. Both teams collected only four hits during the parade of free rides to first base.

Coffman Hurls 8 Innings

Harland Coffman spent eight innings on the mound for the Macks, giving up the four Pittsburg hits. Coffman was relieved in the eighth inning by Charlie Gordon with two men on base. Gordon retired the side and kept things in hand for the Topekans in the last inning.

John Alberg, Bob Schulte, Harold Wolfe collected singles for the Mosby-Macks, and Dick McConnell's triple was the only other Topeka safeties in the game.

The Pittsburg club used three hurlers during the contest. McDaniel was relieved by Moore after the big Topeka first inning. Moore was replaced by Bezinke when the Macks scored five runs in the seventh inning.

Coffeyville Takes 3rd

Coffeyville defeated Fredonia 15 to 3 for the third place spot in the invitational tourney.

The Mosby-Macks traveled to Parsons after the game today to play an exhibition game with the Parsons Junior Legion team. The game was rained out, and the Topekans will play the game Tuesday night.

The score by innings:

Topeka	900	180	210	16
Pittsburg	100	000	220	5

Batteries—Coffman, Gordon and Wolfe; McDaniel, Moore, Bezinke and Macheen.

Rained Out at Iolan

Morrell's Team Will Be Honored At Dinner Tonight

Morell's Junior League baseball champions will be honored by the company at a dinner tonight at Hotel Jayhawk. The team won two out of three games in the league playoff from Marling's, to win the championship.

The managers and one player from each team, selected by the Morrell players, head the guest list: Ed Price, manager, and Marvin Busey, pitcher-catcher for Marling's; Orville Michael, manager, and Duane Melvin, pitcher-shortstop for Coca Cola; Frank Stenger, manager, and Lowell Curry, second baseman for Topeka Insurors; "Put" Price, man-



Mosby-Macks Drop to Losers Bracket; Tangle With Wyoming Champs Tonight

Hastings, Neb., Aug. 13.—Oklahoma City's strong American Legion state baseball champions handed Topeka's Capitol Post-Mosby-Macks a 10-to-6 defeat in the first-round match of the Legion regional baseball tournament here tonight. The Masby-Macks gave up the ball game in the ninth inning when the Oklahomans pushed four runs across the plate to break a 6-6 tie and bounce the Topekans into the losers' bracket of the tournament.

The Mosby-Macks will play the Wyoming champions tomorrow night at 7 o'clock in a losers' game. The Wyoming bowed to a no-hit no-run performance by Nebraska's Paul Menking, who struck out twenty-one of the batters to face him. If the Topekans win the Wyoming tilt, they will have a crack at the loser of the Nebraska-Oklahoma tilt, since the tournament is a double elimination set-up.

Errors at critical points cost the Kansas champs six of the ten runs which were scored against them. The Oklahomans scored twice in the seventh inning when John Framer, Topeka second baseman, made a wild throw to the plate.

Coffman Goes Distance

Harland Coffman went the distance on the mound for the Mosby-Macks, being tagged for the loss. Coffman struck out nine batters, and gave up eleven hits. The Oklahomans used three hurlers during the game.

The Oklahomans staved off a Topeka threat in the sixth inning after the Topekans had loaded the bases with hits off Pitcher Van Pool. Van Pool was relieved on the mound by James. Bud Fawl, first batter to face James, attempted a bunt which was fielded for a double play to retire the side.

Late Rally Wins

The Oklahoma ninth-inning rally came after Coffman had walked the bases full and gave up enough hits to allow four more runs that spelled the final difference.

Paul Fink and Dick McConnell led the Mosby-Mack attack with two hits each out of four trips to the plate. Fink and McConnell clouted the only two triples to be hit in the encounter.

It was the second loss of the season for the Mosby-Macks, who went thru the recent State Legion tourney at Russell, Kan., undefeated.

OKLAHOMA CITY		TOPEKA	
AB	PO A	AB	PO A
St'v'nd3b,p	2 3 1	Fawl,3b	4 1 2 3
Sheets,1b	5 0 8 0	Schulte,cf	5 0 0 0
Peerson,cf	2 1 3 1	McC'n'l,ss	4 2 3 1
Snyder,ss	4 1 3 1	Ransom,1b	3 0 9 0
Smith,2b	4 2 1 2	Farmer,2b	2 0 3 2
Batson,lf	3 1 2 0	Alberg	1 0 0 0
Wooly't,rf	5 1 0 0	Gordon,lf	5 1 3 2
Acton,c	1 1 8 1	Fink,rf	4 2 0 0
V'Pool,p	4 2 0 0	Coffman,p	2 0 0 0
James,p,3b	2 0 0 0	Wolfe,c	1 0 7 2

Beaten Topeka Faces Cheyenne in Legion Meet

Must Win to Stay in
Regional Tournament
After Losing to O. C.

Hastings, Neb., Aug. 14 (AP)—Topeka American Legion juniors will meet Cheyenne, Wyo., Wednesday night in the four-state regional baseball tournament as the result of Tuesday's loss to Oklahoma City, 10 to 6.

Cheyenne dropped its first game to Fremont, Neb., after a no-hit, no-run performance by Paul Menking, the Nebraska hurler.

Winner of the Topeka-Cheyenne game will play the loser of the Nebraska-Oklahoma contest in the double elimination meet.

Topeka tied the count with the Sooners, 6-all, in the seventh inning of Tuesday's game but the Oklahomans tallied four times in the top of the ninth when Harland Coffman, the Kansas hurler, lost his control and completed his total of nine walks for the contest.

A Topeka threat in the sixth was ended when Bud Fawl's bunt with the bases loaded was taken for a double play to retire the side.

Paul Fink and Dick McConnell, Topeka's right fielder and shortstop, led their club's hitting with a triple apiece, each posting a two for four average.

Coffman struck out six Sooner batters and allowed 11 hits, while the Oklahoma City team used three pitchers who collectively limited Topeka to six hits.

The box score:

OKLAHOMA CITY		TOPEKA	
AB	PO A	AB	PO A
St'v'nd3b,p	2 3 1	Fawl,3b	4 1 2 3
Sheets,1b	5 0 8 0	Schulte,cf	5 0 0 0
Peerson,cf	2 1 3 1	McC'n'l,ss	4 2 3 1
Snyder,ss	4 1 3 1	Ransom,1b	3 0 9 0
Smith,2b	4 2 1 2	Farmer,2b	2 0 3 2
Batson,lf	3 1 2 0	Alberg	1 0 0 0
Wooly't,rf	5 1 0 0	Gordon,lf	5 1 3 2
Acton,c	1 1 8 1	Fink,rf	4 2 0 0
V'Pool,p	4 2 0 0	Coffman,p	2 0 0 0
James,p,3b	2 0 0 0	Wolfe,c	1 0 7 2
Totals	26 11 27 8	Totals	31 6 27 15

Topeka Snaps Back; Downs Wyoming 5-0

Charlie Gordon Hurls
Mosby-Macks to 2nd-
Round Shutout Victory

Hastings, Neb., Aug. 14.—Aided by Charlie Gordon's air-tight pitching, and bunched hits in a big sixth inning, the Topeka Capitol Post-Mosby-Mack team proved that it still was in the American Legion tournament here tonight by whitewashing Cheyenne, the Wyoming champions, 5 to 0.

After being held to two hits in the first five frames, the Topekans went on a hitting rampage in the big sixth to sew up the game. McConnell started the inning with a single, took second on a wild pitch and scored on Fink's screaming triple. Ransom singled him home. Farmer smashed out a triple, scoring Ransom and Gordon's single scored Farmer with the fourth tally of the inning. There still was none out but H. Bogus then tightened up and retired the next three men in order.

In the seventh, Schulte singled, stole second and scored on Ransom's single.

Gordon let the Wyoming team down with four hits and no one advanced beyond second. At no time during the game was he in any difficulty. He struck out 11 men.

The Topekans went thru the game without a man striking out despite hard luck at the plate in the early innings. They were hitting the ball on the nose but their drives were not falling safe.

The Topeka team will play the winners of the Nebraska-Oklahoma game at 8:30 o'clock Thursday night.

The box score:

CHEYENNE, WYO.		TOPEKA	
AB	PO A	AB	PO A
Collin,3b	4 0 2 2	Fawl,3b	3 2 3 0
Lath'p,2b	3 1 2 6	Schulte,cf	4 1 1 0
T.Bogus,lf	4 0 2 0	McC'ell,ss	4 1 3 2
Yoman,ss	3 0 2 3	Fink,rf	4 1 0 0
Furman,rf	4 0 2 0	Ransom,1b	4 2 8 0
Genova,c	3 1 1 0	Farmer,2b	4 1 1 1
J'Kman,cf	4 0 2 0	Gordon,p	4 1 1 0
And'wa,1b	1 0 7 0	Pool,lf	3 0 1 0
Coats	1 1 0 0	Wolfe,c	4 0 9 2
Herb't,1b	1 0 4 0		
H.Bogus,p	3 1 0 0		
Klein,p	1 0 0 0		

1 0 0 0



Decker Oil Nips Wichita U-Select-It Nine, 3 to 2

In a closely contested game Decker Oil Company turned back the strong U-Select-It baseball team from Wichita last night at Ripley diamond, 3 to 2. Butch Nixon staved off several late inning rallies to best the former Western Association pitcher, Bill Dewell.

A squeeze bunt in the ninth brought Decker's the win. After Harold Senne had singled to start the inning, Ray Hickey sacrificed, Stover walked, and Nixon's bunt went for a hit when Dewell fielded the ball but no one covered first.

Decker's play the strong Leavenworth Flyers this afternoon at Ripley diamond at 2:30. Junior Coffman will be on the mound for Decker's. U-Select-It plays the Supply Depot at the TAAF field this afternoon.

U-SELECT-IT	AB	H	P	O	A	DECKER OIL CO	AB	H	P	O	A
Brickell, cf	4	1	2	0	0	Kirkwood, ss	4	1	3	6	0
Rutledge, 1b	4	1	1	0	0	Kresie, rf	4	1	3	0	0
Buttner, ss	4	0	3	0	0	Coffman, lf	4	2	1	0	0
Myers, lb	4	1	6	0	0	Bulkley, 2b	4	1	3	4	0
Bulkley, rf	4	1	2	1	0	Perry, cf	4	0	1	0	0
Murphy, lf	4	1	2	0	0	Senne, 3b	4	3	0	2	0
M'Graw, 2b	4	1	1	2	0	Hickey, lb	1	0	12	0	0
Drasle, c	4	2	8	1	0	Stover, p	3	0	4	0	0
Dewell, p	4	1	0	6	0	Nixon, p	3	0	0	0	3

Totals 34 9 25 10 30 8 27 15

One out when winning run scored.

Score by innings:

U-Select-It000 002 000-2

Decker Oil Co.101 000 001-3

Runs - Brickell, Rutledge, Kirkwood, Kresie, Senne. Two-base hits - Brickell, E. Coffman. Errors - Decker Oil 4. Bases on balls - off Nixon 1, Dewell 2. Struck out - by Nixon 2, Dewell 10. Hit by pitched ball - by Dewell (Nixon). Double plays - Kirkwood to Bulkley to Hickey. Umpires - E. Price and Decker.

Coffman Gets No-Hit Game as Decker Splits

Decker Oil Company's baseball team split a Sunday double-header at Kansas City, winning the first game 3-0 behind the no-hit, no-run pitching of Junior Coffman who fanned 19 members of the strong Warner Drug team of Overland Park. In the night contest, the strong Airon team, which dropped an exhibition game to the Topeka Owls earlier in the season, defeated Decker at Ward Park, Kansas City, 5-1. Butch Nixon let the Aireons down with four hits and struck out nine, but his mates committed three errors in the big Aireon fifth inning in which Aireon Cathar Bates parked one over the center-field fence.

Airon will play Deckers again, here, at a date not yet decided upon. Next Sunday's game for the Topeka team is with the Federal Penitentiary nine at Leavenworth.

Decker Oilers Defeat Holton for 12th Victory

With Butch Nixon, veteran left-hander, twirling shutout ball, Decker Oilers won their twelfth game in 15 starts Sunday on a 3-0 triumph over Holton at Holton.

The crafty portsider gave up seven hits and got errorless support from his mates to coast in behind a 12-blow attack.

Deckers will face Fort Riley CRTC at 8:30 p. m. Wednesday in Junction City.

Score by innings:

Deckers020 010 000-3 R H E

Holton000 000 000-0 7 2

Batteries: Nixon and Stover; Smith and Connelly.

Decker Oil Nine Sweeps Twinbill Over Week-end

The Decker Oil company baseball team chalked up two wins on the Ripley park field over the week-end by edging the U-Select-It club from Wichita, 3-2, Saturday night and thumping the Leavenworth Flyers, 7-2, Sunday afternoon.

Butch Nixon won his own game against U-Select-It when he laid down a bunt in the ninth inning to push Harold Senne across the plate with the winning tally.

Nixon allowed Select-It nine hits, spacing them in all but the sixth frame. Nixon staved off several late Wichita rallies to better Bill Dewell, former Western association twirler.

Senne was the leading hitter for the week-end as the Decker third sacker got three hits in each of the two games.

Decker had an easier time with Leavenworth Sunday as it pounded a pair of Leavenworth pitchers for 11 hits. Junior Coffman pitched the complete game for Decker, allowing the Flyers six hits and whiffing an even dozen.

Don Kirkwood tied Senne for hitting honors in the second game with three hits in five tries.

Deckers Defeat Heart Of America Nine, 13-2

Deckers sent twelve batters to the plate in the seventh inning to score seven runs, and won a City League game over the Heart of America Tuesday evening 13-2. Six hits and two walks drove Green from the mound in the seventh and Shell replaced him. Little started for Decker's, but was relieved by J. Coffman in the third. Kresie took over in the fourth. A diving play for a grounder by P. Perry at short, to start a double play was a feature of the game.

DECKER OIL DEFEATS PENITENTIARY NINE

A six-run eighth inning gave Decker Oil Company of Topeka a 9-7 victory over the Federal Penitentiary nine at Leavenworth Sunday afternoon.

The first two and one-half innings were scoreless, but the Federal team scored four runs in the last of the third to take a lead which held up until the eighth-inning rally.

Junior Coffman, who hurled a no-hitter last Sunday, was ineffective and gave way to Butch Nixon in the fourth. Newt Kresie took over in the seventh and finished out the game. Senne and E. Coffman paced the Decker attack with homers.

Decker opens its home season Saturday night at 8:30 at Ripley Park against the U-Select-It team of Wichita, and will play the Leavenworth Flyers on the same field Sunday afternoon.

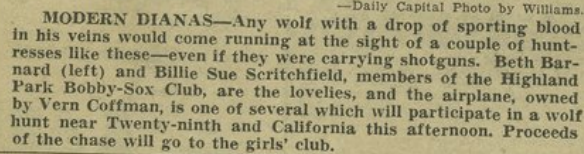
Score by innings:

Decker Oil Co.000 101 160-9 R H

Federal Penitentiary004 001 020-7 9

Batteries: J. Coffman, Nixon, Kresie and Stover; H. Smith and Stonemeyer.

Chesnevs. Ray Beers



Proceeds of the sale following the hunt will go to the Highland Park Bobby-Soxers Club.

Vern Coffman, manager of the Decker Oilers, was still feeling the effects Wednesday of the no-hitter he pitched in the City league two days earlier. It was the first time he'd taken the mound this season and now he is so sore and stiff he can hardly move about. The Kansas pheasant season has been set for the afternoons of November 7 to 11, inclusive, and quail season on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays—in addition to Thanksgiving day—from November 13 to December 6. These announcements were made by Dave Leahy of Pratt, director of the state fish and game commission.



VFW Defeats Deckers in Initial City League Game

VFW defeated Deckers, 8-6, in the opening game of the City Baseball League Tuesday night at Ripley diamond. Deckers used three pitchers, two of them threw, and VFW two.

Deckers got off to a two-run lead after Junior Coffman had fanned the first three VFW batters, but VFW launched a four-run spree in the top of the third. Deckers combined three hits and two walks to tie the score in their half, but VFW added a tally in the fourth and three more in the fifth to sew up the game. Deckers scored two in the final inning.

J. Coffman, suffering from a sore arm, gave way on the mound to Kresie in the second for Deckers but had to return in the fifth after Reliever Paul Perry had failed to stifle a rally. Coffman's wildness in the seventh brought Perry back a second time.

P. Perry's long drive went for a home run when Erlich lost it under the lights in the seventh.

Heart of America and Supply Depot will play the second league game Thursday night at 6:30.

The box:

VFW, 8	AB H PO A	DECKER, 6	AB H PO A
Coats, 3b	4 1 2 1	Kirkwood, ss	4 1 0 0
Heleker, 2b	4 1 2 1	Perry, 1b	3 2 8 0
Coffman, 1b	1 0 3 0	E. Coffman, lf	4 2 0 1
Erlich, cf	2 2 3 0	Reliever, 2b	4 1 0 1
Bradford, c	3 0 3 0	Senne, 3b	3 0 1 3
Haley, c	1 0 0 0	Kresie, 1b	2 0 2 1
Tyree, lf	4 1 2 0	Stover, c	3 0 9 0
Bond, rf	2 0 2 0	V. Coffman, cf	3 0 1 0
Chapman, ss	3 2 1 2	J. Coffman, rf	2 1 0 0
Stover, ss	0 0 0 0		
B. Perry, p	2 1 0 2		
Farmer, p	0 0 0 0		

Totals 27 8 21 7 Totals 28 7 21 6

Score by innings:
VFW 064 130 0-8
Decker 202 000 2-6
Runs—Kirkwood, P. Perry 2, E. Coffman 2, J. Coffman, Heleker 2, Custenbarger 2, Erlich, Tyree, Chappell, B. Perry. Home run—P. Perry. Three-base hit—Erlich. Two-base hits—J. Coffman, Erlich, Chappell. Bases on balls—Off B. Perry 2, Farmer 1, J. Coffman 2, Kresie 2, P. Perry 1. Strike-outs—By B. Perry 3, J. Coffman 3, Kresie 4, P. Perry 1. Hits and runs—Off B. Perry 6 and 4 in six innings, Farmer 1 and 2 in 1 inning, J. Coffman 0 and 0 in 2 innings, Kresie 3 and 5 in 3 innings, P. Perry 2 and 3 in 1 inning. Umpire—Parker.

Decker Oilers Drub Depot, 13-0 in City League

Decker Oilers shut out Supply Depot to win 13-0 Thursday night at Ripley park. Junior Coffman gave up one hit in the first inning and held the Depot hitless the remaining four innings as Decker won its first league game.

VFW meets American Legion at 6:30 p. m. Friday.

SUPPLY DEPOT	AB H PO A	DECKERS	AB H PO A
Fee, cf	2 0 2 0	Senne, 3b	3 1 2 1
Hawke, 2b	2 0 1 1	Kresie, cf	2 1 0 0
Kahler, 3b	2 1 1 0	E. Coffman, lf	3 1 0 0
Morris, 1b	2 0 4 0	Kirkwood, ss	3 1 0 0
Deskins, c	2 0 4 0	Nixon, 1b	3 2 3 0
Holler, rf	1 0 0 0	Perry, 2b	3 1 0 0
Zetmeir, 1b	1 0 0 0	Bethel, rf	3 0 0 0
French, ss	2 0 0 1	Stover, c	2 0 10 0
Mosler, lf	0 0 0 0	J. Coffman, p	2 0 0 1
Springer, p	2 0 0 0		
Wogon, p	0 0 0 1		

Totals 16 1 12 3 Totals 24 7 15 2

Zetmeir batted for Holler in fifth.

Score by innings:

Supply Depot 000 00-0
Decker Oil 190 3x-13
Runs—Senne, Kresie 2, E. Coffman 2, Kirkwood 2, Nixon 2, Perry, Bethel, J. Coffman, Stover. Two-base hits—Kirkwood. Three-base hits—Perry, E. Coffman. Bases on balls—Off Coffman 1, Wogoman 2. Strike-outs—By Coffman 10, Wogoman 1, Springer 3. Umpire—Hays.

Semi-Pro Baseball

Decker Oilers journeyed to Falls City, Neb., Sunday to take the home town there 14 to 7. Friday night they meet the strong Kansas City Aircons at Ward field in Kansas City. It will be Deckers' last game before the state tournament.

The line score:

	R	H	E
Decker	6	13	2
Falls City	7	10	4

Batteries: Hickey, Kresie, Coffman and Stover; T. Potts, Galen and J. Potts.

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Highland Park Red Sox won their first game in four starts Sunday over the American Legion adult team, 8 to 6, on the Highland Park diamond. Next Sunday Holton will play the Sox in Topeka.

The line score:

	R	H	E
American Legion	6	4	1
Highland Park	8	6	3

Batteries: Rathburn and Eckert; Willey and Burman.

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V. F. W.'s baseball team dropped its second game in a row to the Lawrence Merchants, 3 to 2, at Lawrence Sunday after the Topeka team tied the score in the sixth inning and outhit the Merchants, 9 to 8.

The line score:

	R	H	E
V. F. W.	2	9	2
Lawrence Merchants	3	8	3

Batteries: Farmer and Hailey; Thome, Penny and McClure.

Boeing Zips Past Deckers, 11-0, In Semipro Tourney

Coffman Scheduled to Hurl For Oilers in Finals Tonight

BY BOB HURT

Daily Capital Sports Writer

WICHITA.—The Boeing Bombers of Wichita flexed their well-advertised muscles here Friday night and completely overpowered Topeka's Decker Oilers, 11-0.

Wichita's triumph, produced before a crowd of 5,500, prolonged the finals of the state semipro baseball tournament for another day. The same two teams tangle at 8:30 p. m. Saturday with the state trophy and \$5,000 in prize money going to the winner.

Topeka went into Friday's scrap unbeaten in tourney play, needing only one win for the title. Boeing had suffered one defeat—a 1-0 loss to the Oilers.

The Decker hurler who had manufactured that earlier upset, Junior Coffman, is slated to pitch Saturday.

Cy Eppler, veteran Wichita flinger, handcuffed Topeka on four hits Friday and didn't allow an Oiler to reach third. In the meantime, the Bombers blasted 12 hits off three Decker hurlers and were aided by five Oiler errors.

No. 1 in the Wichita hit parade was former Topeka Owl first baseman Loren Packard, who pushed across three runs with a homer and a two-run single.

Boeing rocked starting hurler Tom Saffell for three runs in the second inning. Wildness got him in trouble as Andy Teter walked and Ernie Logan was hit by a pitched ball. Both advanced on a sacrifice.



Al Coffman, center, manager of the Topeka Decker Oilers, talks it over with pitcher Tom Saffell, right, and catcher Charlie Burghart before the start of the Oiler-Boeing clash in Wichita Friday night.

A Dry Hole

BOEING	AB	R	H	PO	A
Watkins, cf	5	1	2	3	0
Scott, 3b	5	1	1	0	4
Packard, 1b	5	2	2	13	0
Teter, cf	3	1	0	4	0
Logan, rf	3	3	1	1	0
Malmner, ss	4	0	0	1	4
Smotherman, 2b	5	2	1	2	0
Kovach, c	4	1	2	4	1
Eppler, p	5	0	2	0	0

Totals	39	11	12	27	11
DECKERS	AB	R	H	PO	A
Farmer, 2b	4	0	1	2	8
Ticket, 3b	3	0	0	0	3
Coffman, lf	4	0	0	0	0
Burghart, c	2	0	0	2	0
Kirkwood, ss	4	0	1	3	2
Perry, rf	4	0	1	4	0
Nixon, 1b	4	0	1	15	1
Reaugh, cf	4	0	0	1	0
Saffell, p	2	0	0	0	2
Werner, p	0	0	0	0	1
Johnson, p	0	0	0	0	0
Crites, cf	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	32	0	4	27	17
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Boeing 632 000 000—11
Decker 000 000 000—0
P—Burghart, Reaugh, Malmner, Saffell.
Perry, Scott, Ticket, HR—Smotherman.
Kovach 2; Eppler 2; Packard 3; Logan, 2B
—Kovach, Eppler, HR—Packard, Logan.
SB—Logan, Teter, S—Malmner, DP—
Farmer and Nixon, BB—Eppler 3, Saffell
2, Werner 1; Johnson 1, SO—Eppler 3, Saf-
fell 2, HO—Saffell 9 for 9 in 7 1/2; Werner
3 for 3 in 1/2; Johnson 0 for 0 in 1. HBP
—By Saffell (Logan), WP—Saffell, Loser
—Saffell, U—Nash, Walline, Paul and
Hamilton.

Homer Smotherman's slow roller went for a hit and Teter scored. Logan crossed on an infield out and Eppler drove in Smotherman with a sharp single to left.

Packard's towering homer over the right field fence, followed by a walk and two errors, upped Boeing's lead to 5-0 in the third.

The roof fell in as the Bombers struck for six runs in the eighth. Logan opened the barrage with a homer, but that was only the beginning as five hits plus a walk and two errors produced five more runs and sewed up Boeing's 38th victory against two losses. Saffell was derricked in the midst of the uprising, but his successor, Jim Werner, was no more successful and gave way to Ray Johnson in the ninth.



Deckers Win Pair

Topekans Defeat Dinnings, Colby in Semipro Meet

Forbes Plays Coleman Tuesday Highland Merchants Eye Opener

Wichita, July 9—The Deckers Oilers, one of three Topeka teams competing in the State Semipro tournament here, moved into the third round following a pair of week-end victories.

The Oilers won their opener Saturday over the Wichita Dinnings, 7-2, behind the six-hit pitching of former Topeka Hi and Mosby-Mack ace Frank Logan. Deckers came back Sunday to shutout Colby, 6-0, on Gene Werner's four-hitter.

Forbes Air Base sees first-round action Tuesday at 10 p. m. against the Coleman Rangers. The Highland Park Merchants, who were invited Sunday, open at 5:45 p. m. Thursday against an opponent yet to be determined.

DECKERS WON Sunday's game with two spurts netting two tallies in the second and four in the ninth. Wedner allowed only one walk while fanning six. He was never in trouble.

Logan, a Dartmouth university student, struck out 10 Wichitans Saturday night. He didn't allow a

walk and was in complete command all the way.

THE DECKERS spotted Wichita a 1-0 second-inning lead, but came back with two in each the fourth and sixth and a three-run outburst in the ninth to move into the second round.

Don Farmer, with three for five, and Don Burghart, with three for four, led the Oiler batsmen.

Deckers	AB	H	O	A	Dinnings	AB	H	O	A
Farmer, 2b	5	3	1	0	Cooper, lf	4	1	1	1
Tickel, 3b	5	0	1	2	Lyons, 2b	4	0	5	0
E. C. man, lf	4	1	1	0	Clements, ss	4	1	2	4
Kirkwood, ss	4	0	2	3	Lawson, lb	4	0	8	0
Perry, rf	4	0	4	0	Nanny, 3b	4	2	0	2
Alberg, lb	2	0	0	0	Pryor, cf	4	1	5	0
Burghart, c	4	3	10	1	Men'hall, c	3	0	3	1
Reaugh, cf	3	0	2	0	Hartman, rf	3	1	2	0
Logan, p	3	0	0	1	Smith, p	3	0	1	2
Nixon, lb	2	0	6	0					

Totals 36 7 25 5 Totals 33 6 27 10

Deckers000 202 003—7
Dinnings010 000 100—2
E—Lyons, Alberg 2, Logan, Lawson, Smith 3, Clements 3, Pryor, Burghart, RBI
—Burghart, Smith, E. C. Coffman, 2B—
Farmer, Burghart, 3B—E. Coffman, SB—
Burghart, Kirkwood, Hartman, S—Reaugh, BB—Logan 0, Smith 3, SO—Logan 10, Smith 2, U—Brill and Hamilton.

Decker	AB	H	O	A	Colby	AB	H	O	A
Farmer, 2b	6	2	3	3	K.H. per, 2b	3	0	6	2
Tickel, 3b	5	1	1	2	L. Berens, lf	4	0	2	0
E. C. man, lf	5	1	1	0	Ward, c	4	1	2	1
Kirkwood, ss	2	0	2	3	Carper, lb	4	0	8	1
Berry, rf	3	0	3	0	De'ewolf, rf	3	0	1	0
Burghart, c	3	0	5	3	Miller, ss	4	0	2	6
Nixon, lb	5	2	12	0	D.H. per, 3b	3	0	4	1
Reaugh, cf	3	1	0	0	Glinther, cf	2	1	2	0
Werner, p	5	1	0	1	A. Tacha, p	3	2	0	0
					U. H. per, cf	1	0	0	0
					G. Tacha	0	0	0	0
					Weiss, p	0	0	0	0

Totals 37 8 27 12 Totals 31 4 27 11

Decker020 000 004—6
Colby000 000 000—0
E—D. Harper 2, K. Harper, Miller 3, Tickel, L. Berens, Glinthers, Perry, Ward, RBI—Burghart, Nixon, SB—Kirkwood, DP—D. Harper and Carper: Carper (unassisted), BB—Tacha 5, Weiss 3, Werner 1, SO—Tacha 3, Werner 6, HO—Tacha 7 for 2 in 8, Weiss 1 for 4 in 1, WP—Weiss, PB—Ward, Loser—Tacha, U—Carpenter and Brill.



Decker Oilers Trip Bonner Springs, 4-2

WICHITA. —(Special)—Playing on a field made sloppy by Saturday's heavy rains, the Topeka Decker Oilers slipped and slid past Bonner Springs, 4-2, in the first round of the 1953 Kansas Non-Pro baseball tournament here Sunday. The first three games scheduled Sunday were postponed because of wet grounds. Four games were rained out Saturday.

Bonner Springs out-hit the Deckers, 6 to 5, but the Topeka team played errorless ball and capitalized on Bonner mistakes for the win.

Junior Coffman walked only two and gave up five hits in registering the win, but was lifted for a pinch-hitter after six innings. Burt Coffman allowed only one hit the rest of the way.

Bonner barged into a 2-0 lead in the third inning when pitcher Jerry Smith led off with a walk. John Jennings forced Smith, but stole second. Ed Babich walked and both runners advanced on a passed ball.

Jay Thourbrough dumped a single into right, scoring two runs.

Bill Sampson was hit by a pitcher to start Topeka's three-run rally in the seventh. Sampson stole second and John Burghart walked. Ray Johnson forced Sampson, but the throw to first on the attempted double play was wild and Burghart scored.

Johnson scored on the third baseman's error on Don Kirkwood's hot grounder, and Kirkwood crossed the plate on Dick McConnell's long single to left. A walk, a sacrifice and Kirkwood's single accounted for the lone Decker run in the ninth.

The Oilers will not play again until next week end.

Topeka	ABHOA	Bonner	ABHOA
Kirkw'd,3b	3 1 2 3	Jennings,2b	4 2 0 5
McCon'l,ss	5 1 2 1	Babich,3b	3 1 1 3
E. Coff'n,lf	4 1 3 0	Allen,cf	3 0 4 0
Foote,2b-cf	3 0 2 1	Thourbrough,lf	4 2 2 0
Brown,rf	4 0 0 0	Wright,lb	4 0 12 0
Sampson,lb	3 0 8 0	Harvey,cc	4 0 2 0
Burghart,c	2 1 8 0	Storm,rf	4 0 1 0
H.Coff'n,2b	3 0 2 0	Mann,c	4 1 5 0
J.Coff'n,p	2 1 0 0	Smith,p	1 0 0 1
a-Johnson	1 0 0 0	Hull,p	1 0 0 1
B.Coff'n,p	1 0 0 1		
Totals	31 5 27 8	Totals	32 6 27 10

a—Fielder's choice for J. Coffman in 1th.
e—Topeka000 000 301—4
e—Bonner002 000 600—2
e—Harvey, Babich, RBI—Thourbrough
e—Johnson, McConnell, Kirkwood, SE—
e—Jennings, Sampson, S—Kirkwood, Allen,
e—H. Coffman, BB—Off J. Coffman 2, Smith
e—2, Hull 1, SO—By J. Coffman 6, Smith 2,
e—Hall 2, B. Coffman 2, HO—J. Coffman 5,
e—in 6 innings, Smith 4 in 6, Hall 1 in 2 1/2,
e—B. Coffman 1 in 3, HSP—By Smith (Samp-
son), PB—Mann, Burghart, W—J. Coff-
man, L—Smith, U—Nance and Brill.

