

Bobcats Win 7th Pennant

Capping off their 18th season of play, the Huntington YMCA Bobcats posted a 16-7 record this past baseball season, winning the Inter-County Boys Baseball, Senior Division title. Their overall mark for the 18 years is 302 wins, 132 losses and 10 ties. This includes 13 championships, seven titles in the 10 years the Inter-County League has been in existence.

Pitching carried the club this year with all three starters posting ERA's of below 1.00. Ken Heinrich was 7-1, 85 strike outs in 53 innings and an era of 0.66. John Ryder was 5-2, 73 K's in 53 innings and 0.53 era. Bob Waller was 3-2, 48 K's in 36 innings and a 0.98 era.

Top hitter was Dave Schoen at .275. John Ryder followed at .270, Bob Smith .265, Mike Burnette, .260 and Bob Waller .234.

The Tomcats had a 24-13 record in 1968. They competed in the ICBA's Junior Division, finishing fourth. They won the Penn Academy Tourney in Philadelphia, to highlight the season. The Tomcats overall record for 11 years is 243 wins, 118 losses and 14 ties. They won five titles in that time, including three of the nine ICBA years of play.

The big bats of John Casillo .407, Frank Driscoll .371, and Rick Johnson .386 carried the club most of the way. Casillo and Driscoll led in hits with 46 and 43; Driscoll in home runs with 8; Driscoll and Al Fromkin in doubles with 6; Casillo and Driscoll runs scored with 36 and 34; Driscoll way in front in rbi's with 38 and Tom Gargan with successful bunts 11.

Jim Johnson hit .467, Fromkin .365, Bob Driscoll .319, Mike Biello .282, Jack Johnson .276. Top pitchers were Johnson 9-5 and an 0.98 era with 129 K's in 100 innings; Fromkin 8-5, Joe Gazzini 4-2 and Jack Johnson 3-1.

The Connie Mack team representing the Y had an 11-7 record for third place in their division. In 6 years of play, they have an overall mark of 64-35 with 3 titles.

Steve Henry and Rusty Stube led the hitters at .364 each. Following were Gary Doyle .308, Tony Albicocco .292, Mark Wolfe .286, Harry Waller .275. Top pitcher was Waller with a 5-3 record. He had an 0.77 era, 4 earned runs and 31 K's in 36 innings.

Craig Messinger was the leading hitter in the YMCA Midget League. The Cougars won the league and the Mustangs captured the playoffs. Craig hit .474. He was followed by Jim Combs .462, Mike Johnson .406, Tom Gargan .400, Larry Eckertlin .394, Eric Caputo .376, Jon Altshuler .374, John McCarthy .364. Ray Schaefer .362 and Bob Martin .262.

In the Pee wee League (ages 9-9), Charlie Conforti of the pennant winning Indians, led the loop with a .572 average. Bill Porter was second at .566, followed by Gary Lamberta .544, Chris Sanders .524, Dave Rosenberg .522, Mark Abbate .514, Tom Livingstone .484, Ed Flood .484, Tim Joyce .364 and Brian Kammerer .348.