College and High School Sporting News

COLLEGIANS TO BATTLE ON NAVIN FIELD IN DETROIT AGAINST STARS JULY 1

M. I. A. A. CHAMPIONS TO PLAY FOR BENEFIT OF DISABLED SERVICE MEN.

Detroit Newspapers Arranged the Game

The Michigan Intercollegiate Championship baseball team of 1922 from Alma College has been accorded an honor that has never been tendered to a baseball team of the association in the past, an invitation to play on Navin field in Detroit, the home of the Detroit Tigers, on Saturday, July 1.

The invitation to the Champions is extended to the team through The Detroit News by the sporting editors of the Detroit newspapers, who follow the work of the college aggregations closely and who believe that the Alma Champs will be a big drawing card.

The Maroon and Cream team is to play an all star aggregation picked from the Manufacturers league of Detroit, which is composed of some of Michigan's fastest amateur diamond aggregations and it is certain that Campbell's outfit will find some rough going in the game on Navin field.

The game is being staged as a benefit for disabled soldiers in the hospital in Detroit, and it is expected that this being the nature of the contest, the turnstiles at the Tiger lair will be kept busy on the day of the big game, and that thousands of Detroit people will see the Alma collegians perform, which while being an aid to the disabled soldiers there, will also be a source of fine advertising for the College.

There is but little question but what the Alma team put in the field on July 1 will be the strongest that the collegians have had together at any time this year, unless the unexpected happens. Captain "Ironsides" Crittenden, will probably get the hurling assignment in this game, as the Alma Collegians realizing the stiff game that they will have on their hands, will make every possible effort to turn back the foe, and give the Detroit baseball public a game well worth their attention.

The wonderful finish that the Alma collegians put on the M. I. A. A. season, after they were apparently out of the race, which enabled them to jump from fourth place to first place and the title in two days, is one of the big features that made the fightin' college aggregation stand out as the one team that should be brought to Detroit to play the benefit game.

Letters Awarded At Chapel Service

Leters and other honors for athletes, orators and debaters, were awarded Monday at the final chapel service of the year at Alma College, thirteen men receiving the football letter, ten the basket ball letter, nine the track letters and eleven securing letters as members of the Michigan Intercollegiate baseball champions. Four letters were awarded for tennis. In debate six letters were given and two were awarded in oratory.

Letters to members of the championship M. I. A. A. baseball team were awarded to Captain Crittenden of Howell, Williams of Brown City, Shaver of Bay City, Kirker, Hickerson and Carty of Detroit, Ryan and Beckton of Caro, Wright of Crosswell, Johnston of Newberry and Catherman of Farmington.

In football letters were awarded to Captain Waggoner of Bad Axe, Tarrent of Harbor Beach, McNaughton of Argyle, Hunter and Howard Foster of Newberry, Shaver of Bay City, Johnson of Newberry, Kirker, Hickerson and Carty of Detroit, Beam of Maocelona, Wright of Crosswell, Sordistrom of Bay City, and Catherman of Farmington.

In track letters were awarded to Captain Vreeland, Sidney Foster and Howard Foster of Newberry, Handley of Alma, Bentley of Alma, Rose of Ashley, Johnston of Newberry, and Bailey of Breckenridge. Medals won at the M. I. A. A. meet were presented to Captain Vreeland, Handley, Hickerson and Johnston.

In tennis letters were presented to the Misses Fellows of Marlette and Shaunding of Allegan, and to Porter of Ionia and Frye of La Grange, Ill. In oratory letters were presented to Frank Vreeland of Bay City and Miss Louise Osgood of Temperance.

Debating letters were given to Robert Wyatt of Rudyard, Roger Zinn of Alma, Russell Wilson of Traverse City, J. Thomas Dasef of Stanton, Forest Freeman of Bay City.

Announcement was made that the business men of Alma were taking up a collection to present jerseys to the members of the 1922 Alma College Michigan Intercollegiate Champs. It is expected that they will arrive within the next two weeks and they will be mailed to the letter winners of the team.

Vreeland and Williams, who finish their college courses this year, following past custom, will be presented with the service sweater. These had not arrived in time for the final chapel service Monday.

THE ALMA CHAMPIONS

It is part of good sportsmanship to learn to take defeat graciously. However, hundreds of Albion fans have had some difficulty in getting reconciled to that forteenth inning field day defeat by Alma. Probably no game in recent years left the rooters so deeply impressed with what might have happened at several points if Albion had played just a little differently. But we lost and take off our hats to a worthy foeman. No team ever had a better right to a championship than those Alma boys—clean, fine sportsmen, everyone of them from their brilliant pitcher, Crittenden down to the last hitter on the list. It was a wonderful game and if Alma and Albion play off the final again next year—well, Alumni field will have a hard time to hold them all.—Albion Recorder.

ALMA FINDS ITHACA EASY

PLAYERS RUN PATHS AT WILL IN PUTTING OVER 22 TO 1 VICTORY ON ITHACANS.

The Alma High School baseball team put over a 22 to 1 victory on Ithaca Thursday and thereby insured for itself a tie for first honors in the Central Michigan league of high schools with the winners of the Mt. Pleasant-Shepherd contest, and immediate decision was made to ask for a play off for the league title.

No one expected that the Alma ball tossers would find the Ithacans as easy as they proved to be, although none doubted but what Alma would have the needed punch to put over a victory.

Dick, the fifteen year old freshman hurler, who had pitched against Clare High and earned a 15 to 4 victory on Tuesday went back Thursday to the mound to stop the Ithaca aggregation and he repelled the Ithaca stickers with five hits, all of them singles, and except for the aid of an Alma error, he would not have been scored upon.

Ithaca used three hurlers in the effort to stop the race of the team around the sacks, but only in one inning did Ithaca manage to keep Alma from crossing the home plate. In one other inning Alma was able to acquire just one run, but in the other sessions the players dashed around the sacks almost at will, Ithaca errors coupled with the Alma hitting, proving a big benefit to the Alma outfit in chasing runs around the paths.

In the first inning Alma chased six runs over the plate with very little effort, the Ithacans piling up a bunch of errors, and before the inning was played out, as after events proved, the game was won.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Ithaca	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	10	
Alma	6	3	3	1	0	2	3	4	x	22	11	4

Almaites Praise The Albion Team

Down Albion way, they are singing the praises of Captain Victor Crittenden, Coach Campbell and the Alma College baseball team for their wonderful preformance in winning the championship of the Michigan Intercollegiate in a record game with Albion, the fans there and Coach Miller's men realizing the determination that Alma put into the fray, following Friday's hard tilt with Kalamazoo, and Thursday's hard trip to Albion, which nearly resulted disastrously for several of the ball players who went into a ditch.

The Alma players were in reverse when they arrived home, and were loud in their praises of the great fight that the Methodists put up in coming up from behind and twice tying the score. The men have not yet finished talking about it either, and it will be many a moon before any of the men who took part in that contset forget the great fighting spirit that Miller's men displayed. From Ed. Smith down to the weakest fielder and batter of the team, they were out there fighting. That was what made it possible for Albion to take advantage of Alma's slips in the fray, and come up twice, after being apparently beaten, and tying the score. It should have been a 1 to 0 victory for Crittenden and his mates in regulation innings, and the fact that Albion twice knotted the count by coming from behind, shows that Alma was up against a worthy foe, the kind that Alma teams always welcome engagements with, clean fellows, who never know when they are beaten, and who battle until the final man has been retired. Much commendation should be theirs. It was no disgrace to be beaten in such a game and by such a team as the Alma team—one determined to win, and which battles as if life itself depended upon the result.

Alumni Battled College to Tie

The Alma collegians had their hands full Tuesday afternoon with the Alumni, and the Michigan Intercollegiate champions were forced to divide honors with the Old Boys, the score standing at 2 all when the game was called at the end of the seventh to give time for the turning of dirt for the new memorial gymnasium.

Eddie Boyne did honors on the mound for the Old Timers for six innings and pitched highly effective ball, holding the collegians to two hits, both of which came in the second inning for the runs that the Champs nailed down. Catherman of the college team hurled the seventh inning for the Alumni and did some fancy work striking out two men in that inning. "Ironsides" Crittenden also had some stuff on the ball, the Alumni connecting for just one hit during the fray, this being a bingle taken by Johnny Campbell of Alma and University of Michigan fame, a brother of Coach Campbell. Both runs taken by the Old Birds came on errors in the second.

In the second Fitch was safe on Rathsburg's error. Boyne was hit by a pitched ball, after Fitch in stealing second went on to third on Beckton's error. Boyne attempted to steal and Carty threw the ball to the center field fence and both men counted.

The collegians came back in their half. Crittenden opened with a single, and then Rathsburg leaned against one that went to the fence for a homer, Crittenden scoring ahead of him.

Lineup and summary:

Alumni	AB	R	H	O	A	E
Smith, 3rd	3	0	0	1	0	0
Campbell, 2nd	3	0	1	2	4	0
Burke, ss	3	0	0	0	0	1
Fitch, c	3	1	0	9	0	0
Boyne, p	2	1	0	0	2	1
Simminton, 1st	2	0	0	5	0	0
King, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Gaffney, m	2	0	0	1	0	1
Catherman, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pohley, lf	2	0	0	2	0	0
	23	2	1	21	3	3
College						
Beckton, ss	3	0	0	0	2	1
Hickerson, 2nd	3	0	0	1	2	0
Carty, c	2	0	0	4	2	1
Johnston, lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Shaver, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Crittenden, p	3	1	1	1	5	0
Rathsburg, m	3	1	1	0	0	1
Kirker, 3rd	3	0	0	0	3	0
Williams, 1st	3	0	1	14	1	0

Alma	0 2 0 0 0 0 0—2
Alumni	0 2 0 0 0 0 0—2

Home run—Rathsburg. Sacrifice hit—Beckton. Hit by pitcher: by Crittenden 1 (Boyne). Hits off Boyne 2 in 6 innings, off Catherman 1 in 1 inning. Bases on balls—Off Crittenden 1, off Boyne 2. Struckout by Boyne 6, by Catherman 2, by Crittenden 3. Umpire—Cash.

BATTLED HARD IN BALL GAME

ALMA HIGH PLAYED MT. PLEASANT YESTERDAY FOR TITLE OF SCHOOL LEAGUE.

Alma High School's baseball team handed the championship of the Central Michigan league of high schools to Mt. Pleasant yesterday in the play off of the tie on neutral grounds at Shepherd, errors being responsible for all of the runs that the Isabella County team secured in its 3 to 2 victory.

Miles Chaffin never pitched a better game for Alma than the one he displayed at Shepherd in endeavoring to bring a victory to his school and with it the championship banner of the league, and while Walton pitched a great game for Mt. Pleasant, even the victors must conceed that the Alma lad had a good edge in the hurlin. Chaffin allowed by three scattered blows to the Mt. Pleasant aggregation, the hardest hitting team of the league and struckout eleven men with his benders. In two innings in which the Mt. Pleasant team did not score men were put on first by errors, and aided around to third before a man was down, but each time the Alma hurler pulled himself out of the hole, in one inning striking down three men at the plate in succession.

Due credit must be given to Walton, who hurled nice ball for the winners, and held Alma to three hits, striking out sixteen, but it must be admitted that Alma had the only earned run of the game.

Even in spite of seven errors behind him which came at critical periods, Alma would have had a tie score or better had it not been for primary grade base running in two different innings. In the sixth with one down and two on bases, both men left their sacks on a fly to the outfield, making possible a double killing at a time when Walton was sagging and threatening to go down under the fire of the Alma attack. In the eighth poor base running again cost a possible chance. When with two gone and two on a runner attempted to score from third on a bad peg to that base to nail him. On the way home he slowed down enough to turn and see where the ball was and it beat him to the plate on a play that should have knotted the count.

In the third Mt. Pleasant scored twice. Florey was safe on Elias' error. He took second when Strong let Chaffin's peg go into the crowd, which should have had Florey flatfooted off first. Hirsh grounded to Chaffin and Sisco rapped out a triple to left, scoring Florey. He scored a minute later on Tripp's pass ball. In the seventh McCabe was safe on Elias' error, which allowed him to go to second. He took third on a pass ball, and scored when Wagner fuzzled a roller that Hirsh sent to second and which should have been the third out.

Alma counted first in the seventh. Wilk was safe at first on a poor peg by Walton, who made Mt. Pleasant's only error. He took second on a wild pitch and scored on Burt's single to left. In the eighth the final run counted. Strong walked and went to second when Dick walked. Wagner was out on an infield fly. Wilk smashed a double to right and Strong scored, Dick haulting at third, and being caught a moment later at the plate.

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