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## Connell Team Sets New Pony League Record

By Bob Keefer

The highlight of the local baseball activity during the past week was a new record of consecutive victories established by the strong Connell Chevrolet nine of the East Cleveland Pony League. Last Wednesday the Connell entry defeated the Edwards

Funeral Home, 7-2, at Skating Rink Field for their 16th straight win of the 1961 season. This bettered the string of 15 straight games in the victory column which was turned in by the East End Nash nine which took the Pony League title last year. By chalking up victories last Friday and again Monday of this week, the current Connell record, as of Tuesday night, was 18-0 with two more games left on the '61 schedule.

The pacesetters of the powerful Connell batting attack, which has averaged eight runs per game, are Robin Caputo and Pat Visci who are two of the best players in the nine-year history of East Cleveland Pony League. Both boys are equally adept at pitching and catching to form a battery of outstanding 14-year-olds.

Caputo has a current batting average of .563, the highest in the league, and his 27 hits include five doubles, three triples and five home runs.

Visci, second leading hitter in the circuit, has a .540 average and his 34 hits include six doubles, three triples and two home runs.

**Adept At Base Stealing**

Both of the young athletes are daring baserunners—Visci has stolen 30 bases and Caputo has pilfered 23.

In the pitching department, Visci has a 5-0 record while Caputo has compiled a 4-0 mark. The rest of the Connell starting nine is comprised of Pete Wolfgang, Roger Horvath, Carl Schultz, Frank Juratovac, Tom Baeeche, Bernie Doyle, Len Ringenbach and Harold Brazie.

A playoff series to determine the Colt League champion is now a certainty since the Kiwanis Club, first-half winners, have been eliminated from contention for the second-half title. Merle Owen Funeral Home, who have a 6-2 record in second-half play, can enter the playoffs by defeating the G. E. Lite Sox at Skating Rink Field tonight. Should the Lite Sox win tonight's contest, however, they must then win their remaining two games to earn the chance to meet Kiwanis for the Colt League championship.

**Owens Beat Florists**

Merle Owen trounced Nela Florists, 10-3, at Forest Hills Tuesday to take over first place as they ran wild on the basepaths to steal 12 bases and drew seven bases on balls to blend with seven hits. Art Philipp held the Florists to three hits and struck out nine while teammate Denny Ernie collected three singles in four trips to the plate.

In a game called because of darkness after six innings of play, the Lite Sox handed the Kiwanis Club their fifth straight loss, 6-3, at Skating Rink Field on Tuesday. The losers scored all of their hits and runs in the first inning after which Jim Ball, the G. E. hurler, settled down to pitch five hitless innings. The Lite Sox took advantage of 11 bases on balls issued by a pair of Kiwanis pitchers to account for their run output.

**Playoffs Monday**

The Little League playoff series is scheduled to get underway at Shaw Field next Monday with the Nelson Jewelers, Shaw Division champs, meeting either the Police & Associates or Fire Dept. who are currently tied for the top spot in the Superior Hill Division.

## Football Will Start Tomorrow

Shaw High School's "Cardinals" will begin practice sessions for the 1961 football season tomorrow (Friday). Physical examinations were given and equipment issued yesterday and today.

Practice sessions will be held twice daily, except Sunday, at 8:15 a. m. and 4 p. m. until the opening of school. All practices will be held on the field behind the ice skating rink on Shaw Ave.

There are eight "Cardinal" lettermen returning to Shaw's football team who will form the nucleus for the 1961 season. Practice sessions and scrimmage games are open to the public.

## Chain Store Wants Liquor Permit Change

A new chain food store will be seeking a transfer of a beer and wine carry-out permit when the East Cleveland City Commission meets at 7:45 p. m. next Tuesday.

The store, located at 15033 Euclid Ave., wishes to transfer its C-2 state liquor license from an outlet at 1409 Hayden Ave. to its new location.

Last Tuesday, the city's board of zoning appeals voted to recommend to the commission the request for transfer be granted.

Also at its meeting, the zoning board granted a temporary rooming license to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Stilianovic, 1711 Holyoke Ave.

## Garden Club Meets

Hilltop Garden Club will meet Wednesday at the home of Mrs. William J. Taylor, on Highland rd., Gates Mills for a 12 noon luncheon.

A workshop, with the subject "Indoors to Outdoors in Gardening" being the theme. This will include some work showing the Japanese Trend in Dish Gardens, with a Plant Exchange following.

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The rapid transit line provided East Clevelanders by the Cleveland Electric Railway offered 35 minute service to downtown Cleveland, with morning and evening cars every three minutes. A single fare cost 4 1/2 cents and took passengers from Old Collard to the Public Square, a distance of eight miles, or several miles farther by using a transfer.

The village provided water free for "man and beast" at a red trough with brass faucet and cup. This was located on front of the Village Hall and it was estimated that about 20,000 persons and 50,000 horses and dogs quenched their thirst there annually.

## Summer Physical Fitness Program At Shaw Is Over

Members of the Shaw High School and Kirk Junior High coaching staffs are contributing to the plea for physical fitness by former President Eisenhower and present President Kennedy nightly from 6:30 to 8:30 p. m.

This Physical Fitness program was in progress last summer under the volunteer supervision of Shaw and Kirk coaching staffs. Shaw stadium was open for all East Cleveland boys five nights a week. Each boy was urged to participate at least three nights per week. Their physical fitness program consisted of weight training exercises, endurance and speed running, and various agility drills.

**Proved Valuable**

The use of weight training proved itself to be so gratifying in the aspect of increased strength and agility, the weight program was incorporated in Shaw's regular boys' physical education classes the second semester of the school year. Each boy participated in the weight program the first 15 minutes of each class period. The results of the program proved to develop increasing arm, leg, neck and chest strength.

Weight lifting was considered a "taboo" and a "muscle bound" program for many years. However, due to the recent research of physical fitness, the systematic weight lifting programs have proved their worth. Members of the Cleveland Browns football team adapted the weight lifting and running program and many of them attribute their increase in weight and strength to this program.

**Officially Approved**

Last summer's program at Shaw Stadium and the physical fitness program conducted at Shaw High during the school year, proved to be so successful that the East Cleveland Board of Education formally approved a summer physical fitness program to be held at Shaw Stadium under the supervision of the Shaw High School and Kirk Junior High School coaching staffs.

East Cleveland's Physical Fitness Program consisted of eight weight lifting exercises for the purpose of developing arm, leg, neck, and chest strength, four agility and progressive running drills nightly. The running exercises consist ultimately of one mile for endurance and eight 50-yard dashes for speed and endurance. The main objective of the entire program was to build strength, quick muscular reactions, and speed of each participant.

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