

TERRACE DROPS LAKEHEAD BILL PLAY-OFF HOPES VANISH

Terrace Bay's final appearances of the season at the Lakehead proved to be quite disastrous. In a 10-inning encounter on Saturday night at the Stadium, the Bays dropped a close hard-fought 5-4 decision. On Sunday afternoon, the boys were whipped 6-1 by the league leading Fort William East Ends, as the double E men exploded with 3 big runs in the 6th as a result of errors. The results served to drop the Bayites into 4th spot and saw their play-off chances all but disappear.

Saturday night's game started out as if Red Sox might run away with it, but these thoughts were soon dispelled. The Red Sox opened the scoring in the 1st with a run as Giardetti walked and scored on an error thru shortstop. The Bays then roared back in the 4th with 3 big runs as Petrie singled and Moro walked. Marvin Osmar then strode to the plate and powered the ball for a 325 foot blast homer over the right field wall to drive in 3 runs. The final Terrace run came in the 5th as Thomas singled and scored on Petrie's booming triple. The Sox then came back in the 7th to tie it up with 3 runs. These resulted when Mekilok walked and scored on Kurceba's triple. Giardetti then tripled to score Kurceba and he too scored on Southern's sacrifice fly. This then set the stage for Sox's game winning bid as Barton Bradley singled with one out and advanced to 2nd on an error to centre. Wilson then drove out a long single to drive in the winning run. For Terrace it was a tough-luck loss as they deserved to win on the night's play.

Sunday the East Ends indicated they were out to clinch 1st place, and clinch it they did. The E.E.'ers scored 1st in the 1st inning as Caruso was hit by a pitch, stole second, reached 3rd on an error and scored on Cox's double. Their 2nd run resulted in the 2nd inning as Marcon singled, advanced on Tait's single, and scored on Seagris' single. Terrace then scored their only run in the 3rd to make things interesting as Maurice Osmar reached 1st on an error at third, advanced on a wild pitch and scored on Hanley's single. It was then that the East Ends went to work in the 6th. Cox and Hwatiw both reached first through errors at 3rd. Cox scored on Seagris' hit and Tait walked. Scavarelli then singled in 2 runs. In the eighth the East Ends scored their final run as Hnatiw singled, advanced on Tait's double, and scored on Seagris' single. This thus ended

the scoring for the day and allowed the East Ends to take a 6-1 decision.

BASEBALL BANTERS:

Marvin Osmar had a good weekend at the plate in the 2 games as he banged out 4 hits including his 3-run homer clout. He also appeared to be the only one of few on Sunday who was trying for a win. Errors took the toll for Terrace as both losses were directly attributable to foolish miscues. Petrie turned in another steady weekend of ball as he picked up 3 hits including a booming triple and fielded gracefully. "Nipper" Osmar had a busy night against the Red Sox as he handled 8 chances afield flawlessly. Kit Thomas pitched a nice game Saturday and undoubtedly deserved a better fate. His fielding was also superb as he personally started 2 double-plays. Junior Giardetti of the Sox was a robber in disguise in centre field, and should have been arrested for some of his phenomenal catches. He also poled out two long triples. A large Terrace representation was in attendance for both of the games at the Lakehead. Jim Moro turned in a good effort at first base Saturday night as he turned sure throwing errors into outs. General opinion has it that he should take the League's M.V.P. award, and he is also a certainty for the all star team. Right now Terrace's hopes for a play-off position rest on their hopes that Westfort loses its last 2 league games. In this event, a sudden-death play-off would be necessary. Dick Seagris paced the E. E.'ers on Sunday with 3 timely singles as well as 3 R.B.I.'s 3rd base position was a real hot spot for both Terrace and East Ends as a total of 5 errors were committed there on Sunday. Some of Terrace's base-running Sunday was atrocious as on many occasions the runners appeared to be half asleep. Jim Moro's .310 batting average was tops on the club. Even should the team miss the play-offs, they are to be congratulated for their hard play in this, their first season in the League. It is a general Terrace Bay consensus that the Red Sox and Westfort seem to be "Buddy-Buddies" as the Sox appear to be deliverately losing to Westfort to allow them into the Play-offs. An All-Star game is scheduled for this Sunday at the Stadium. This is an East-West game with the East team made up of Port Arthur and Terrace players, and the West team made up of Fort William players.