

Norwood Playground Season Heads Into Final Week

CALLAHAN
This was a week of bitter disappointment for Joe. All the Denehyhs had gone to Manomet, therefore, a good part of the intermediates team was missing along with many of the midgets. However, the team survived. Bubs Clougher's dream came true. On Wednesday he was to pilot against the Prescott. He was excited all morning waiting for the big afternoon. But at quarter of two Joe informed him that Prescott had forfeited. Needless to say, Bubs was upset at the news. However, he did feel better after a sundae down at Neponset.

The Gladiator School is now in full swing at Cork City. The morning exercises consist of five laps around the school grounds immediately followed by a series of difficult sit-ups. Sparticus Kvihauag and Spacius Haughey had the Gladiators in these exercises. After this Aquaveva D'Espinoza finishes the boys off with weight lifting exercises. At the end of the Gladiators are looking for a sponsor for their television show to be aired in the fall. NBC has promised prime time if they can come up with a sponsor before September 1. The boys have tried in vain to get a sponsor, any sponsor, from A.T. & T. to Xerox Corp. Even the wheeling and dealing efforts of Jim Araby have failed to convince anyone.

Tony Cirillo is the new checker champ. On Thursday he defeated all comers. Tom Denehy returned on Friday to defeat Tappy Tantalus at barrel ball.

CALLAHAN GIRLS
Last Monday morning the little kids colored. In the afternoon Paula came and we made containers out of plastic bottles. Tuesday we had a playoff game for second place against Father Mac's. We won 26-0 in the fourth inning. We quit because it was so hot.

Wednesday Kathy was sick so the day was pretty dull. However, Maggie Foli took Kathy's place and helped Joe run the playground. Thursday was the Stagemobile. There were two plays, Rumpelstiltskin and the Three Pigs. All the kids brought their lunch and we had a picnic under a tree.

Friday we had a game against Elliot. We lost by a score of 13-11. We have only one more intermediate game left and we hope that it will be a victory.

Pity Gray

BOND STREET
Monday morning we made bracelets and rings out of colored beads and string. Also everyone made their own creations out of trick strips. Most creative were Vicky Ciccia, Charles Green's objects. Vicky made a basket while Charlie made an airplane. In the afternoon we did "stenciling". Butterflies, airplanes, and cars were made out of the stencils and then we colored them. Afterwards, Kevin O'Connell and Robert Russell learned to play checkers.

Tuesday was a regretful day for we were easily defeated by the Ellis Garden's team, with a score of 21 to 8. Making the runs for our team were: Jeannette Ciccia, Ann Wiggin, Mona Sansone, and Ann Bethel. Congratulations to the girls Maria Rondinelli and Mona Sansone with Ann and Nancy Bethel for prizes. This was a full packed day of fun.

On Thursday we attended the two plays "Rumpelstiltskin" and the "Three Little Pigs" which were performed by the Boston Children's Theatre. The morning performance at the Rec Center we also had a picnic and colored pictures. Thanks to Mr. Ready for having the Stagemobile come to Norwood, we had a real great time!

On Friday Paula came and we decorated Clorox bottles with wallpaper. These were to be used as crayon or pencil holders. Then Carole taught us how to make napkin holders out of paper plates and construction paper. They all turned out beautiful!

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Monday, the intermediates had a bye, so Skip decided to teach us how to play baseball. Norm and Steve showed promise - but after all it was a little league field! Billy Moan has just returned from vacation - thus the marked drop in attendance.

Wednesday, the intermediates went with a rookie pitcher by the name of Johnson, and surprised Pleasant Park 3-7. In the afternoon, Arnie and "W" combined to hold Callahan to 18 runs, losing 18-2. Thursday and Friday were spent sharpening our batting eyes by taking aim on the little league fence. Billy McGill and Rich Costello have been swinging the big bats, with each collecting about 10 homers. About the only other excitement occurred when P.G. had to run for his life with S.L. in hot pursuit. P.G. was screaming for mercy when S.L. fell and sprained his ankle. Only the efficient first aid given by J.G. saved the day.

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RUMPELSTILTSKIN AT CIVIC—An estimated 400 Norwood youngsters attended the Reception Department sponsored performance by the Boston Children's Theatre at the Civic on Thursday. The morning performance was Rumpelstiltskin and the more enterprising youngsters brought their own lunches in order to enjoy a double feature. The Three Bears was performed in the afternoon.

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PRESCOTT GIRLS
Bright and early Monday morning Paula came to the playground and the kids made pencil holders, and other con-joyers out of plastic bottles. Tuesday the Midgets played at Cleveland School at the Recreation Center in the play-off game for the championship. Our girls dominated the island. Among our star players, were Janet Downs, pitcher, and Suzanne Romanuk.

Wednesday we began our clay figures in order to enter them in the inter-playground contest. The younger children made macaroni necklaces and bracelets. Unfort u n a t e l y, some of the bracelets were never worn, as they were stolen first. We also made our plate letter and napkin holders.

We made our annual trek to the Stagemobile on Thursday. All thirty-seven children who went from Prescott enjoyed both plays and the noon hour intermission. We were tired and dusty, but happy. Friday morning the Intermediate team drove to the Rec Center to play a game against Winslow. With the assistance of Rahy Porcellio's grand slam and several home runs, we won Winslow 28 to 10.

PLEASANT PARK BOYS
On Monday morning our fine inter mediate team, Father Mcleary's by a large margin. Lou Rondinelli, Joe Joanne, and the midgets, excelled. The midgets won in the afternoon - a forfeit to the home team.

On Tuesday our rapidly improving pee wees beat Ellis Gardens 11-6. Tom and Paul had two hits and Steve Graham pitched a one-hitter.

Wednesday wasn't a very good day for our teams. Both the intermediates and midgets lost, the intermediates to Cleveland; the midgets to V. J.'s Shattuck team.

On Thursday morning four of our boys played in a long ball game. Tom Gugliotta, Clyde McCray, Anthony Tom Kane played 23 innings of summer kray. Guggy's team won in the afternoon. Paul and Joey Gugliotta played backstop.

On Friday, our pee wees played Oldham. It was a close game, but we were unable to overcome a two run lead. Tom Mahan had a grand slam homer in a losing case.

Wednesday saw the girls slaughtered by the boys in a game scared by the girls delirious reaction. The girls and now called the Oldham termies because of their boring ways. Our heavy hitting midgets lost a slugfest 11-6. Nothing much happened the rest of the week except for Roffie coming home for a day. It is rumored he has flipped out to be by Marti Friday afternoon the pee wees won a hard fought victory. Burke and the pitching of Gaddy and Carlen helped us gain the win over Pleasant Park.

Fearless Leader **OLDHAM GIRLS**
The week began with practice for our final softball game of the season. Tuesday, we played Elliot Park in a close game we had a victory of 6-3. Thanks to Marjorie Hill, Joanne Danelli, Joyce Lang, and Gerri Dorris our softball season was really exciting.

In the middle of the week we had a contest - who could find the most four leaf clovers. After searching, our winner was Debbie. She was the finder of eleven four leaf clovers.

Thursday was a big day for everyone because we went to the Stagemobile at the Rec Center. After a hike and a picnic and two performances we returned to Oldham quite tired.

Friday, Paula came and we made pretty containers from plastic bottles. See you next week.

The semi-finals were played on Wednesday. Russ Nash lost to Joe Smith 6-4, 4-3, 6-2, and Jack Halloran beat Artyk Harris, 6-3, 6-4. The midgets must play Ellis Gardens for first place on Monday as they lost to Prescott 3-2, behind Costa, Halloran, and Thornton. Thursday morning the Stagemobile came and there was a picnic of about 1400 which looked good on Leo's attendance card.

In the finals of the eleven-and-under tennis tournament, Jack Kask beat Kevin Hopkins. Jack Halloran won the fifteen-and-under tournament by

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