

SPORTS SLANTS

by FRANK WALL

ITS TOURNEY TIME — what better way to end it than for the second straight season the Norwood High School baseball team will be in the state tourney. It sure is a great boost for baseball in Norwood to see this club win their league championship again, and now comes the coveted state baseball tournament.

For years the Mustangs were down, making the tourney only one time in ten years before last season. Then bang, they win the Bay State crown and give it a go again in the tourney, losing 1-0.

This year they were picked to be near the top again and they didn't disappoint many as they streaked through the Bay State League with one of the best records ever by a Norwood team, finishing the season with a 16-2 mark, and in the Bay State tourney, that's something. What makes this team go?

They have many qualities. Some say it's Bill Travers, who has won 13 games, and others say it's the fine coaching job by Pete Wall. We have seen teams through the years in sports have a big star player, the coach, only to go down the drain. Look at Natick this year in baseball. They were picked to win the tourney, but with Norwood, but couldn't break 500.

They have one of the best high school coaches anywhere in John Carroll. Things just didn't work their way.

We agree Bill Travers is a tremendous pitcher and think his biggest quality is that he is a team man. That's what makes this team a champion, teamwork. Right from the coach to the last player, it's teamwork. In reading the player's summation of the year they wanted to win, the big thing they said was they had worked so hard. Anyone will tell you it takes hard work and TEAMWORK to be a winner.

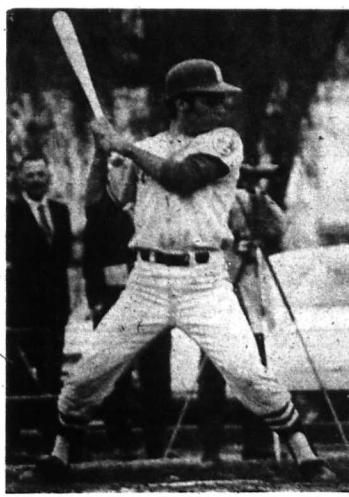
Every kid on the team has had a part in the championship. These kids deserve a pat on the back for the job they have done, and with the tourney here tomorrow for the first time in memory, why not give them the pat on the back they deserve.

The game is at Norwood High School tomorrow at 1:30, and wouldn't it be a nice sight if these kids went out on that field for the first inning with the biggest crowd ever seen at a Norwood home game.

There's no reason why the high school field shouldn't be jammed. If there can be 3,300 average at a high school football game on a Saturday afternoon, and 3,900 at a high school home game, what's the reason why we shouldn't see a capacity crowd at Murray Field tomorrow.

The weather should be good and it's only a hop, skip and a jump to the field, and no one can't complain about the time! It's Saturday afternoon so if you have to move the lawn, do it in the morning or wash the car early or take the little woman shopping early. We'll tell you one thing, you will see a spirited club on that field. Again it is sports that has put Norwood in the public eye in this state. Isn't it better to get that recognition from a baseball field than through some of the juvenile problems that exist today?

Travers vs. Bompack in Norwood Opener



READY FOR DURFEE—Norwood slugger Joe Porcello will be in the starting lineup tomorrow afternoon at Murray Field when the Mustangs host Durfee in opening game of state baseball tourney. Porcello, a junior, is one of the top hitters in the Bay State League. (Dave Robinson Photo)

Lineups For Tourney

NORWOOD
J. Porcello, Jr. SS
Rosata, Jr. 2B
Travers, Sr. P
Moan, Sr. 3B
B. Kelley, Sr. RF
Clougher, Jr. LF
Eppich, Sr. LF
C. Kelley, Sr. C
Saad, Sr. SS

DURFEE
Ainsworth, Jr. 2B
McIntyre, Sr. 1B
Carvalho, Soph. LF
M. Bompack, Jr. P
Vierra, Jr. SS
H. Bompack, Sr. RF
Sullivan, Soph. 3B
Silva, Sr. C
Smith, Sr. CF

Game Played At Norwood, Starting Time 1:30 pm
Starting Pitchers Bill Travers, Norwood (13-0); Mark Bompack, Durfee (8-2)
Norwood won Bay State League with 16-2 record
Durfee second in Bristol County League with 11-3 record

Coach of Norwood Pete Wall (second year)
Coach of Durfee Joe Lewis (second year)
State tourney is one game elimination
Winner of game will play the winner of Framingham South vs. New Bedford on Tuesday at 3 pm

Babe Ruth League

Mets 6, Cards 3
Saturday afternoon at Gormley Field the Skip's Beef Mets won their first game of the season by defeating the McDonald's Cards, 6 to 3. Richie Strauss picked up the win with a strong performance, going all the way while striking out five and allowing only 3 hits. The Mets started early by getting 2 runs in the first inning, 1 each in the third and fourth, and 2 in the sixth. The Cards got one in the fourth and 2 in the seventh. The Mets' hitting attack was led by Andy Colombaro who collected 4 hits and drove in 3 runs. Larry Robbins with 2 hits and 4 runs scored, and Bob MacInnes with 2 hits and 3 runs batted in. Dave McGrath and Richie Strauss also added singles. Defensively, the Mets played errorless baseball, with centerfielder Dave McDonough making a sensational running catch of a hard line drive in the sixth inning.

The Cards were led by Bob Foley, who pitched well, going the distance and also chipping in with a single. Jim Hand and Tom Greenwald also had singles. Defensively, Paul Capasso, Hand, Ned Sweeney, and Dave Locarno played solidly, with Hand robbing Dave McGrath of a hit in the fifth inning by making a backhanded stab of a low line drive.

Pirate inning of the season. Ken Kates and Bobby De Pietro walked, Tim McCormack was hit by a pitch, Cullen walked, forcing in Kates, Ron Maggio singled home De Pietro, Paul Santor singled home McCormack, Len Johnson singled home Cullen, Mansfield singled home Maggio, a wild pitch scoring Santor, and the big blow, a two-run double by Captain Bob De Pietro gave the Pirates a 9-0 lead. The Pirates got another run in the fourth as Mark Cullen led off with a double, went to third on a single by Terry Johnson, and scored on a wild pitch. In the fifth the Pirates scored as Kates singled, stole second, went to third and scored on wild pitches. The Cards got one run back in the bottom of the fifth as O'Neill reached on an error and Greenwood singled, with O'Neill scoring on an outfield error. In the sixth Ed Tamulionis reached on a walk for the Pirates, and he scored as Bob Tolman reached on an error. The Cards did some damage in the sixth as Kates was forced in due to a sore arm and was replaced by Tim McCormack. Sweeney reached on an error, O'Neill tripped to right center scoring Sweeney, and four successive walks gave the Cards three runs. The Pirates tried for more in the seventh as Lee walked and Ron Maggio singled, but the Cards shut the door.

For the Cards, O'Neill reached base on a walk for a triple, two singles, a walk and an error. Hand, Drumme, and Greenwood all had singles. Cullen and DePietro had doubles for the Pirates. Defensively, the Pirates played another fine game for the Pirates behind the plate, and first baseman Bob Lee made a nice grab of a foul pop-up. Pete Berry did great job catching for the Cardinals, making some nice stops of wild pitches and grabbing a difficult foul pop-up. O'Neill played well in centerfield, assisting in a double play in the fourth inning. The pitching was not good for either side, and a number of errors were committed by both clubs. Twenty-five walks were given up and eight errors committed. However, the game was hard fought and the Cards kept trying until the last out.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	G. B.
Braves	3	1	
Dodgers	3	1	
Pirates	3	2	1/2
Cubs	2	2	1
Mets	1	2	1 1/2
Cards	1	5	3

Schedule for the Coming Week

Saturday
10:00—Yankees vs. Senators at Civic
Mets vs. Braves at Wilson St.
1:00—Orioles vs. White Sox at Civic
Dodgers vs. Cardinals at Wilson St.

Sunday
1:00—Athletics vs. Red Sox at Civic
Cubs vs. Pirates at Wilson St.
4:00—Senators vs. Yankees at Civic
Braves vs. Mets at Wilson St.

Mound Duel Expected As Mustangs Seek Revenge

(Continued from Page 1)
Bay State League title and journeyed to Durfee where Travers and Bompack hoisted up in a pitchers' duel. Bompack won this one by a 1-0 margin, and he was responsible for the only run of the game on a home run over the short rightfield fence at Durfee.

Now comes their match and it should be a dandy. Travers has gone through the Bay State League with an incredible 13-0 record and is the winningest pitcher in the history of the Bay State League.

Bompack has had an 8-2 record this year and has been the ace of the Durfee staff. Travers is a 6-4, 185 and 170. Both have blazing fast balls and Travers may have an edge with his curve.

The home field should give Norwood a slight advantage in the game. Both coaches feel their teams are ready. Norwood Coach Peter Wall looks for a good game. "This is a tough team we're playing and we expect to be cut out for us. Billy is in great form now and he should pitch a good game. It is a real big game for us and we all remember the loss last year. This is a one-shot deal and a break could count."

Conrad, Mark Linehan, and Brian Brown also had hits for the winners. Key Kelley and Joe Sansone each had 2 singles for the Senators. In addition, Larry Brown and Steve Guck each had run producing single for the Builders.

There were many fine fielding plays in the game, but over the Kieck first-baseman was outstanding. In the second inning, Mark made a catch of a very high throw, and came down on the base. The game went through a round of applause of the day.

DURFEE LINEUP.
Let's take a look at the Durfee lineup. They seem to lack the experience, but they have to be strong to have an 11-3 record in their league. Leading off at playing second is junior Steve Ainsworth who played for the junior varsity last year. He is a spry hitter with good speed.

Brating second and playing left field is Charlie McIntyre who has a reserve last year. He had a season average of .300.

The club's best hitter is sophomore first baseman Doug Carvalho who led the club with a .340 average. He is the long ball hitter on the bottom of the second it looked as if the Cardinals would take over the lead again. The first two battles reached base but they retired the next three to Cardinals to cut off the threat.

Some good base running by Paul Garron together with a home run by Frank English and a double by John Walsh and a grand slam by Tom Greenwald. The Dodgers two more runs in the top of the third inning. In the same inning the Cardinals got D. King, Ed Foley, Sweeney and Drummond by each scoring one run, and making the score 4 to 2 in favor of the Dodgers. Dodger catcher John Kane

Bay State League Baseball Roundup

(FINALS)

Team	W	L	F	A
Norwood	16	2	121	48
Durfee	8	2	62	21
Needham	12	6	68	34
Braintree	10	8	67	60
Natick	7	11	66	109
Milton	7	12	61	79
Wellesley	7	11	61	86
Walpole	3	15	61	108

Thursday Result
Wellesley 6, North 4

Friday Results
Norwood 9, Walpole 3
South 8, Needham 3
Braintree 5, Natick 4
North 4, Milton 3

Tuesday Results
Norwood 3, Detham 0
South 8, Natick 0
Braintree 2, Milton 0
Wellesley 1, Needham 0
North 5, Walpole 1

Mustangs is Bill Travers. He has been the sensation of the Bay State League, winning 13 games and losing none, and he has a .137 strikeout and 87 innings. The scouts have been on his tail all year and no doubt there will be a flock of them at Murray Field on Saturday with Travers on the mound. Norwood will also have a big bat in the lineup as Travers led the Bay State League with five home runs and hit a mere .385 for the year. He also led the club in runs-batted-in with 19.

Let's take a look at the probable starting lineup. Leading off and playing centerfield will be Joe Porcello. Porcello has been used at short and in the outfield this year. Porcello leads the club in batting with a healthy .401 average. He is a major league prospect and is only a junior.

Bating second will be slick fielding second sacker Bob Batters. Batters is the key to the Norwood defense and also leads the team in walks. He is a solid ball player.

Travers will bat third with second strikeer Bill Moan batting in the cleanup spot. Moan was the player who lined the ball to center last year in the final inning of the game and was robbed by Mark Bompack, then in centerfield. Moan has the potential to be a star in the tourney.

The Mustang fifth for the tourney will be senior rightfielder Brad (Babe) Kelley. Brad is a long ball hitter and he had a pinch single off Bompack last year. He is one of the most spirited players on the club.

Bating sixth and playing first base will be junior Brian Clougher. Clougher is a line drive hitter and batted a healthy .308 in his first year with the varsity.

Bating seventh and playing eighth will be Frank English. English hit a solid .333 and was out six games with injuries. He can hit the long ball also.

Camaron Kelley will be the catcher and bat eighth. He is a junior and a solid receiver.

The ninth batter will be shortstop Richie Saad who is