

# Two Victories Open New Season For Norwood Nitros

## Hebner Powers Legion To 5-4 Victory Over Quincy

By FRANK WALL

Paced by the power hitting of Ricky Hebner, the Walpole Legion pulled a major upset as they knocked off the Quincy Post, 5-4, at Turco Field in Walpole Sunday afternoon.

Last Tuesday at Milton it was a 2-3 tie game as John Todd, Walpole pitcher, fired a one-hitter and struck out 12 in a heartbreaker. At the Athletic Field in East Walpole on Thursday, Ralph White's charges dropped a contest to Dedham, 5-2. The Walpole Legion record to the year now stands at 5 wins, 4 losses, and 1 tie which will be made up at a later date. Walpole was to play Randolph at home yesterday before journeying to Wellesley tomorrow. On Sunday it will be a home game against Holbrook at John Turco Field in Walpole with starting time at 2 p.m.

**Walpole 5, Quincy 4**  
Ricky Hebner's bat came alive in this one as he drove in three runs with a pair of triples and a single, stole second and scored on an error with what proved to be the winning run. John Todd had a 5-1 lead going into the 8th when the Quincy bats erupted for four straight hits and three runs to make the score 5-4 in favor of Ralph White's boys. The key play of the inning was a fine throw-out of a Quincy runner, with men on first and second and one out, by catcher Brad Brooks. This stopped the Quincy attack cold, and in the 9th Todd breezed by the Quincy batters for his third win of the year.

fielder's head and legged it to third for a triple. Good-bay scored but Brooks struck out down at the plate in a fine rally. Quincy made it 1-1 run without a hit, as an error was responsible.

In their half of the 5th, Walpole made it 1-1 with Hebner again the culprit. With Goodhand on first and Brooks 2nd, Hebner tied into a letter high fastball and lined it over the first baseman's head for a two-run triple and a run in the fifth as they scored the run without a hit, as an error was responsible.

The home team made it 4-1 in the 6th with the key hit being a g. delivered by John Chitvanni. In the 7th, Walpole added what proved to be the winning run with the ever-present Hebner the key man and Quincy opened with an infield single and promptly stole 2nd with a neat hook. Richy went to third on an infield roller and scampered home on a ball hit by Quincy 2nd sacker boosted. It looked like an easy win for Walpole as Quincy came to bat in the 8th and Todd had allowed only 1 hit. Quincy came alive as they banged out 4 straight hits, the key one being a long double by Richy Gichetti. With the score 5-4 and one out and men on first and second, Brooks uncorked a beauty at 2nd to cut down McPhee. This was all Todd needed as he retired the next four batters and Walpole had the win.

On the fielding side of the game, Brad Brooks, Walpole catcher, made a great catch of a high foul ball against Mann, Walpole right fielder. Also made a neat running catch in the first. Hebner had one of the right Walpole hits, with Joe Mann on first and John Chitvanni for two and John Chitvanni and Brad Brooks and Cliff Goodhand getting one each.

**Walpole 2, Milton 2**  
This was a heartbreaker for Walpole pitcher John Todd as he fired a one-hitter and struck out 12, both runs being unearned. The game would have been a walk-off game for a freak ground rule. With Brad Brooks on first and Richy Hebner at bat in the 9th, Hebner belted a 400-foot blast over the rightfield fence. But it was ruled a foul ball. The game was ruled a tie, but the right of a marker on the line is only a double no matter how far it goes.

Walpole scored their only two runs of the game in the 5th. Brad Brooks started the game with a single to center. Hebner reached out force of Brooks. John Todd then faced a double to right fielder Mike Gorman. Gorman traveled to Burlington. This game was all Norwood from the first pitch. Jack Flaherty led off with a single and went all the way around to third on Tom Shea's excellent punt down the third base line. Jim Gormley singled to right, scoring Flaherty, and Pete Larson doubled in two more. Catcher John Murray singled, Vito Anello reached to center, and Jay Dixon's ground ball was booted, allowing Murray home. Flaherty then singled for his second hit of the inning, driving in Anello and Dixon. Tom Shea grounded out to first, and the Norwood had a six-run lead.

opened with a double to left and scored on Todd's single to make the score 3-2 in Dedham's favor. But with two outs and no one on, Walpole's shortstop made two errors and Mike Jones lined a triple off John Chitvanni's head which he just missed on a shoe string catch.

Todd and MacDonald had two hits apiece for Walpole with Hebner and Brooks getting the other bingles. Colonians and Jones paced the Dedham attack with a pair of bingles.

## Top Prison Nine, 4-2; Bomb Burlington, 14-0

The Norwood Nitros opened their 1965 season with a 4-2 win over Norfolk Prison. Riding the strong right arm of pitcher Mike Loper and the big bat of Mike Crimmins the Nitros jumped to an early lead that was never relinquished. Loper was in mid-season form as he struck out ten and had a no-hitter through five innings.

Jack Flaherty led off with a walk and stole second. Jim Gormley tied the tie, single to left, scoring Flaherty. Richy Santopago walked and stopped Crimmins. The 6'4" B.C. High graduate unloaded on the first pitch thrown him and drove it some 400 feet off the recreation building in center field for a triple. Prison guards claimed it was the longest ball hit at the field in five years.

In the third, Vito Anello led off the inning with a single to left. On the first pitch he stole second and scored on a single by Gormley. That was all the scoring for the Nitros but was all that was needed as Loper handoffed the Norfolk Nine with his sharp break curve. Only once was he in trouble but, with runners on first and third he got the next batter to hit into a double play to end the fifth inning.

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## Outdoor Basketball To Make Bow Here July 5

The first outside basketball game for the boys from Norwood will be played at the Olkham school (outdoor court) at 4 o'clock on July 5.

## Few Places Remain For SLS Course

A limited number of spaces remain in the Senior Life Saving course being sponsored by the local Recreation Department at the indoor pool at the Recreation Center, beginning Monday, July 12.

This class will meet each Monday and Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the indoor pool for a total of 20 hours. At the conclusion of the course, those passing the final exam will be awarded their Senior Life Saving Certificate by the American Red Cross.

The course is open to Norwood boys and girls age 16 or entering grade eleven in school. A preliminary exam will be given the first night of class, including a 400-yard swim. Those wishing to sign up for the course should do so in advance at the Recreation Office either in person or by dialing 722-0468.

## Lieut. Curtin New Shellback

Navy Lieutenant (junior grade) Peter M. Curtin, son of Dr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Norwood, crossed the Equator recently while serving aboard the destroyer USS George K. Mackenzie, enroute to Singapore, and was initiated into the "Order of Trusty Shellbacks."

Since he had not "crossed the line" prior to this cruise, he was considered an unblemished "Pollywog" and had to "suffer" the jurisdiction of "King Neptune and his court" of former Shellbacks.

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## Accepting Entries For Swim Meet on Holiday

Entries are now being received for the N.E.A.A.A. U. swim meet to be held Monday, July 5, at 2:00 p.m. at Hawes Brook Pool in Norwood as part of the Annual Fourth of July Celebration.

This annual feature of Norwood's Independence Day celebration each year has attracted some of the outstanding swimmers in the New England area. From the volume of entries coming in to the local Recreation Office, it is expected that this year will be no exception. There will be two Junior Championship events, open to swimmers from age 12 up who have never won an A.A.U. medal for that event. There is a Junior 160-yard individual medley event for women and a 200-yard backstroke event for men. Several Norwood swimmers are entering these two events for the first time this year. Seven different age groups

events are being held. There is a 40-yard freestyle event for boys 10 and under, boys 11 and 12, and girls 11 and 12.

There is a 200-yard breaststroke event for boys age 12 and 14, a 100-meter freestyle for boys 10 and under, a 100-meter relay for girls 13 and 14, a 100-yard freestyle for boys 10 and under, and a 100-meter relay for girls 13 and 14. Any Norwood swimmer wishing to may obtain an entry blank at the local Recreation Office. The general public is invited to attend the meet next Monday and enjoy the fine competition that is in store. There is additional seating this year with new bleachers just having been erected at Hawes Brook Pool.

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Battin drew the rail with Sneak Preview for the event, the ninth race, with Copeland in the no. 3 post with partner Adios, and Paucher on the outside with the seasoned pacer, Esquire Direct.

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