

Bombers' Olsens key fastpitch tourney win

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The Des Moines Bombers brother pitching combination of Gene and Dean Olsen proved too much for clubs entered in last weekend's Palmas Invitational fastpitch tournament at River Calley Park.

In winning the title in four games, the Olsens limited their foes to just one run—that coming in a 2-1 squeaker over the Des Moines Merchants in a semi-final game in the winner's bracket.

The Bombers started their path to the championship with an 11-0 clubbing of the Ames Merchants Saturday. Gene Olsen fired a one-hitter and struck out 10 to gain the win. The Bombers knocked out five home runs, led by Tom Stokesberry who had two ound trippers.

In the second game the Bombers defeated last year's state fastpitch champion Clear Lake Buttr-cup 3-0 with Dean Olsen firing a 8-hitter and striking out eight. Roger Ruhs and Tom Peterson led the Des Moines team with two hits in three at bats.

The Bombers inched one game closer to the title with their 2-1 win over the Merchants. Pete Marasco homered for the Merchants only run and the only marker the Olsens permitted in the three day affair.

Dean Olsen took his club to the winner's circle with a 3-0 blanking of Des Moines Reames on a 4-hitter. Tom Busch singled home a first inning run and Steve Fagen and Dean Olsen each hit solo home runs.

The Bombers record is now 56-11. Reames started the tourney with a 6-0 victory over Webster City Saturday, but was upended by the Des Moines Merchants 1-0 later in the day. Gene Knapp took the loss for Reames as winning pitcher Dale Belcher fired a 2-hitter.

Reames fought its way back to the title game in the losers bracket, stopping Clear Lake 5-2 and the Des Moines Merchants 10-4. In its first game in the losers bracket, Reames ended Palmas' title hopes with a 7-1 victory over the Ames team.

Dave Temple took the loss for Palmas as Jerry Sands held the Ames club to three hits. Temple hit a solo home run for Palmas' only scoring effort of the game.

Palmas opened the tourney Friday night with a 5-2 victory over the Des Moines Jets, but lost the Des Moines Merchants Saturday 4-2. Palmas came back to eliminate Webster City 4-1 in the losers bracket and Elkhart 10-5.

In games involving other Ames teams, the Boosters lost to Webster City 5-4 in extra innings Friday night and were eliminated by the Jets 5-4 on Saturday; the Ames Merchants downed the Boone Merchants 6-1 Friday, lost to the Bombers 11-0 Saturday and were eliminated by Carriage House of Ames 5-1; Carriage House started with a forfeit victory over Elkhart, lost to Clear Lake 11-1, defeated the Ames Merchants and Jets before losing in the losers bracket to Clear Lake 9-1.

Fastpitch softball

Entry deadline for the Men's Fastpitch softball district tournament is Wednesday, July 7. Roster entries must be handed in to Larry Middleton by July 15. Make entry fee of \$35 payable to Bill Good of the Ames Merchants or Middleton. Tournament dates are July 23-31.

A League Standings

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| Palmas Restaurant | 7 | 0 |
| Volkswagen of Ames | 6 | 1 |
| Ames Merchants | 3 | 4 |
| Carriage House | 2 | 4 |
| Ames Boosters | 2 | 4 |
| Roland-Nevada Co-Op | 0 | 7 |

A Leading Hitters

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| Smith, Ames Boosters | .531 |
| Pepperkorn, Ames Boosters | .500 |

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| Winey, Ames Merchants | .470 |
| R. Garrey, Volkswagen of Ames | .444 |

A Home Run Leaders

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| Muse, Carriage House | 2 |
| Posegate, Roland-Nevada Co-Op | 2 |
| Drahota, Volkswagen of Ames | 2 |

A Pitching Leaders

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| Temple, | | |
| Palmas Restaurant | 5 | 0 |
| Bowers, Volkswagen of Ames | 5 | 1 |
| Stout, Ames Merchants | 2 | 0 |
| Renshaw, | | |
| Palmas Restaurant | 2 | 0 |

B League Standings

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| The Broiler | 7 | 0 |
| Imperial Inn | 6 | 1 |
| Ames Heating and Cooling | 5 | 2 |
| Boone Merchants | 4 | 2 |

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| Huxley Merchants | 4 | 3 |
| Frohwein and Sons Inc. | 3 | 4 |
| Nims Sportsman's | 2 | 4 |
| Gilbert Merchants | 2 | 5 |
| Firehouse Gang | 1 | 6 |
| Mary Greeley Hospital | 0 | 6 |

B Leading Hitters

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| Fouad, Nims Sportsman's | .714 |
| Barrie, Gilbert Merchants | .667 |
| Van Roekel, Imperial Inn | .579 |
| Hilts, Firehouse Gang | .556 |
| Peterson, The Broiler | .529 |
| Hymens, Imperial Inn | .522 |
| Skipstead, Huxley Merchants | .522 |

B Home Run Leaders

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| Newberger, Imperial Inn | 4 |
| Bennett, Firehouse Gang | 2 |
| Murphy, Ames Heating & Cooling | 2 |
| Peterson, The Broiler | 2 |
| Barrett, Huxley Merchants | 1 |
| T. Linder, Ames Heating & Cooling | 1 |

B Leading Pitchers

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| Evans, The Broiler | 6 | 0 |
| Long, Boone Merchants | 3 | 0 |
| Daniels, Imperial Inn | 5 | 1 |
| Jones, Ames Heating & Cooling | 5 | 2 |
| Eichacker, Huxley Merchants | 2 | 2 |

This Weeks Schedule

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| Tuesday |
| Nims Sportsman's vs. Mary Greeley Hospital |
| Firehouse Gang vs. Huxley Merchants |
| Wednesday |
| Ames Boosters vs. Carriage House |
| Volkswagen of Ames vs. Palmas Restaurant |
| Thursday |
| Gilbert Merchants vs The Broiler |
| Frohwein and Sons Inc. vs Boone Merchants |

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Butt'r Topp 2nd in Spencer meet

SPENCER — Butt'r Topp of Clear Lake finished second in the 16-team Spencer Invitational softball tournament over the weekend. In the championship game, Des Moines Bombers beat Butt'r Topp 4-2 in nine inning and pitcher Gene Olson was the whole show. He pinned the Baker to only five hits, which included a 2-run homer by Ron Foell. Olson accounted for all of the Bomber runs with a pair of 2-run homers.

Northwest Bank of Sioux City beat Butt'r Topp 2-1 in the first round. The Bakers got two forfeits in the losers' bracket. They then beat Northwest 3-2, Spencer Merchants 5-0, Wigman of Sioux City 10-0 and Siouxland Sports of Sioux City 3-2 to get into the title game. Butt'r Topp had 11 homers in the tournament, including three by Bob Sturges.

The next action for the Butt'r Topp team will be in a 7:30 p.m. game Saturday at Sheffield when the Bakes will meet strong Mankato.

Butt'r Topp has split of shutouts

DES MOINES — Butt'r Topp of Clear Lake divided a pair of shutouts with the Des Moines Bombers here Tuesday. The Bombers won the first game 4-0 as Gene Olson pitched 3-hit ball for the winners, two of the hits coming off the bat of Bob Sturges. Craig Brown pitched for the Bakers and was wild. In the first inning, he issued three walks and uncorked a pair of wild pitches.

Butt'r Topp took the second game 9-0 as the Clear Lake club pounded Dean Olson for 12 hits. Dallas Slagle got the shut-out and allowed only one hit. Leading the Bakers at the plate was Sturges with three hits in four trips including a homer. He knocked home four runs.

Next Tuesday Butt'r Topp will have a special at Clear Lake when the strong touring Benton Harbor, Mich., team will play at Lions Field in a twin bill at 7 p.m.

Fast-pitch softball title to Collins

Tourney Facts

SATURDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

WINNERS' BRACKET

Collins 2, Reames Frozen Noodles 1

Sooland Sports 5, Butt'r Topp 1

LOSERS' BRACKET

Welly Way 9, C. and P. Vending 1

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Bombers (D.M.) 7, Butt'r Topp (Clear Lake) 4

Welly Way (Cedar Rapids) 5, Reames Frozen

Noodles (W.D.M.) 0

Collins Radio (Cedar Rapids) 4, Sooland Sports 3

Bombers 2, Welly Way 1

Bombers 7, Sooland Sports 6 (8 innings)

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Collins 3, Bombers 1

By ROBERT KOLARIK

Staff Writer

Collins Radio of Cedar Rapids won the State Men's fast-pitch softball title Sunday with a 3-1 victory over the Bombers of Des Moines at Birdland Park.

Collins, the double-elimination tournament's only undefeated team, took the lead in the first inning with a run-scoring triple by catcher Steve Calvert.

The Cedar Rapids team scored again in the fourth when left fielder Barrie Ernst singled in a run and in the fifth on a solo homer by pitcher Denny Linderbaum.

In his winning effort, Linderbaum gave up three hits and struck out six.

The Bombers challenged in the sixth when Mark Perkins singled in Tom Busch.

Then, with men on first and second, Linderbaum walked second baseman Wendell Blakenburg to load the bases. However, third baseman Roger Ruhs was thrown out at first to retire the side.

Collins gained its championship berth with a 4-3 victory over Sooland Sports of Sioux City Sunday morning.

In that game, Collins center fielder Denny Ferch suffered a "badly sprained" left knee on a steal of home that won the game in the seventh inning.

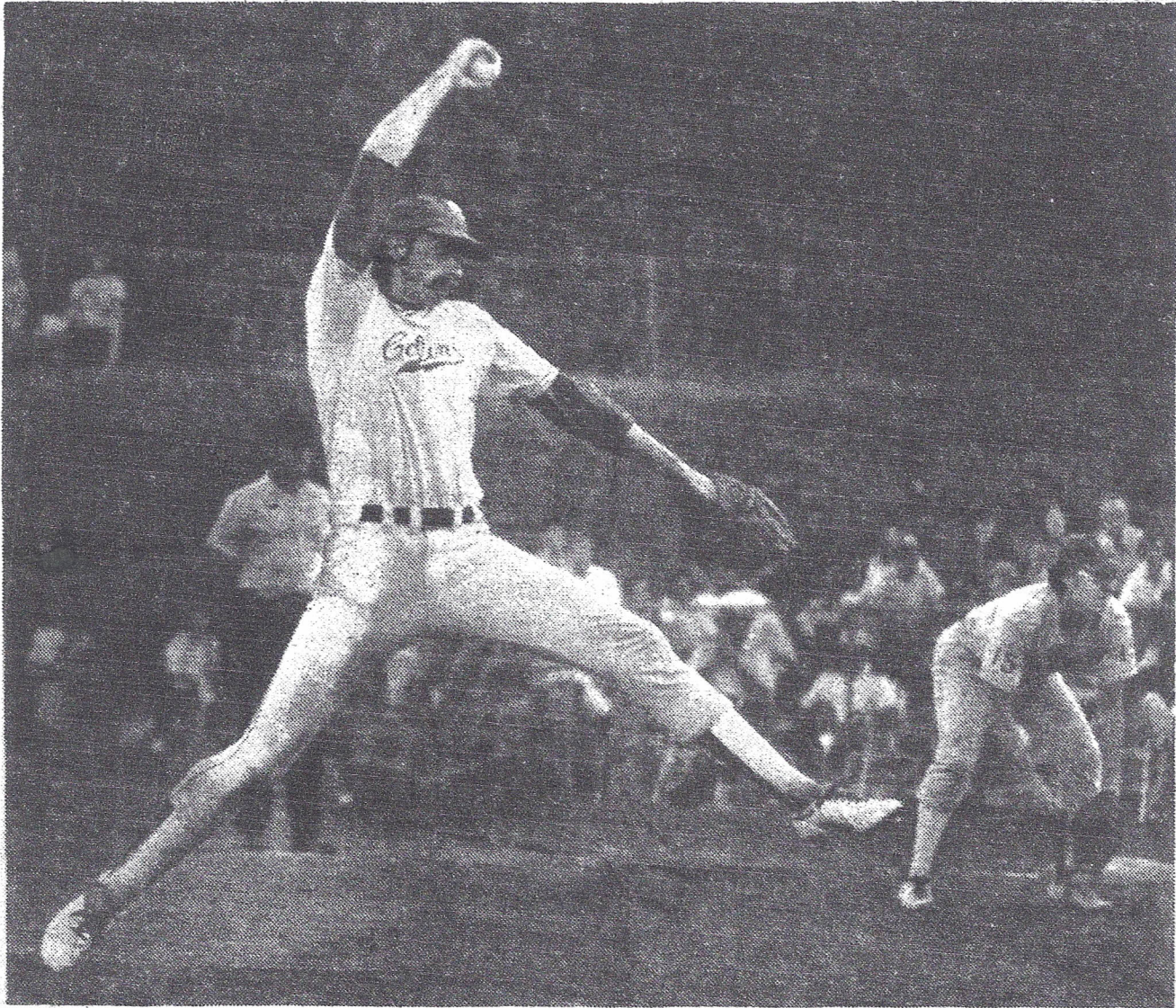
The Bombers advanced by defeating defending champion Butt'r Topp of Clear Lake, 7-4, Welly Way of Cedar Rapids, 2-1, and Sooland Sports, 7-6, in eight innings.

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| Reames | 000 000 0 - 0 2 1 |
| Welly Way | 022 100 x - 5 0 0 |
| Knop and Hean; Bosch and Zuccato. HR — Welly Way; Elliot. | |
| Sooland Sports | 000 102 0 - 3 6 3 |
| Collins | 003 000 1 - 4 5 2 |
| Vander Zwagg, Hoyt (4), Brady (7) and Lano; Larson and Calbert. | |
| D.M. Bombers | 000 002 0 - 2 2 1 |
| Welly Way | 000 010 0 - 1 6 3 |
| G. Olson and Brown; Bosch and Zuccato. | |
| Sooland | 040 000 20 - 6 9 4 |
| Bombers | 000 500 11 - 7 9 1 |
| Brady, Vander Zwagg (8) and Rauoos; D. Olson and Fagan, Buddin (3). HR — Sooland: Egegg, Bombers: Perkins. | |
| Bombers | 000 001 0 - 1 3 1 |
| Collins | 100 110 x - 3 6 1 |
| G. Olson and Brown; Linderbaum and Calvert. HR — Collins: Linderbaum. | |

SATURDAY NIGHT'S GAMES

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| Reames | 000 000 1 - 1 2 2 |
| Collins | 000 010 1 - 2 5 0 |
| Sands and Hearn, Turner (7); Larsen and Calvert. | |
| HR — Collins: Ernst, Larsen. | |

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Winding up a winner

Collins Radio pitcher Denny Linderbaum of Cedar Rapids winds up Sunday in championship game of State Men's fast-pitch softball tournament at Bird-

land Park. Linderbaum hurled three-hitter and smacked solo home run as Collins Radio won state title with 3-1 victory over Bombers of Des Moines.