

FIRST ANNUAL ALL-STAR GAME
PIKESVILLE MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE
VS
DEER PARK SOFTBALL LEAGUE
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SUMMIT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Pikesville, MD--The first annual all-star game double-header between the two local modified fast-pitch softball leagues on September 11, 1994 will enter the record books as a split, but more importantly the games will be remembered for the camaraderie shared among the players from both leagues. Both leagues have been in existence for many years, but this was their first joint effort. Moreover, the all-star players themselves had the opportunity to become teammates with members of their own league for the very first time. Players from 7 of the 12 Deer Park teams were on the all-star roster while players from 10 of 11 teams were represented on the Pikesville side. Paul Bell of the league champion Jilly's Restaurant managed the Pikesville squad. Gil Schwartzman, manager of regular season champion Jersey Petroleum had the managerial duties of the Deer Park team.

Game one of the series was won by Pikesville by a 5-3 score. The game was a pitcher's duel featuring Bruce Eisenberg of Pikesville versus Jeff Zukerberg of Deer Park. Deer Park opened the scoring with two runs in the top half of the first inning. After Marc Goldstein led off the game with a double, shortstop Ed Organ walked. Bob Connelly batting next was robbed of an up-the-middle single by a diving Pikesville shortstop Don Weinapple, who was able to flip to second baseman Jeff Slutzker for the force. Goldstein scored when Slutzker's throw to first for the doubleplay attempt sailed by first baseman Lee Eidelberg. Deer Park scored later in the inning when thirdbaseman Scott Gleiman's throwing error after a Marc Summerfield infield single allowed Connelly to come home.

Pikesville tied the score with a two run third inning. With one out Pikesville loaded the bases on walks to Slutzker and Joe Gelazela, and a single by Scott Moffit. Slutzker scored on an infield grounder by Bruce Eisenberg and Gelazela scored on a Larry Henderson sacrifice fly. Pikesville then took a 5-3 lead with three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Henderson tripled home Bruce Eisenberg who had reached on a one out single. Don Weinapple then doubled to score Henderson and Lee Eidelberg singled to score Weinapple.

Deer Park did manage one run in the top of the seventh. Bob Connelly doubled home Marc Goldstein with two outs in the inning. The final score was Pikesville 5, Deer Park 3. Pikesville pitcher Bruce Eisenberg scattered 6 hits, striking out 2 batters, and walking only 1 in the Pikesville victory.

Game two of the double-header went to Deer Park by a 12-10 score. In contrast to the game one pitcher's duel, game two saw the teams combine for 29 hits. Pikesville scored one run in the first inning and three runs in the second to go out to a 4-0 lead. Deer Park scored four in the bottom of the second keyed by a one out, two RBI single off the bat of Steve Rosen that scored Pablo Rivas and Gary Perlow. Lou Gitomer scored later in the inning on a two out single by catcher Arnold Begleiter.

Pikesville again took the lead 6-4 in their half of the fourth inning. Slutzker tripled home pitcher Mitch Caplan and later scored on an error by Deer Park third baseman Pablo Rivas off the bat of Bill Saunders. Deer Park took the lead 7-6 when designated hitter Joe Dove hit a three-run homerun scoring Rivas and Perlow in front of himself. Pikesville pulled even for the last time in the top of the fifth inning, Chuck Grant doubling home Don Weinapple who had singled with two outs.

Deer Park took the lead for good with a six hit, five run fifth inning featuring two RBI singles off the bats of Ed Organ and Joe Dove. Dove's two RBI's in the fifth gave him a total of six for the game. Although Deer Park's 12-7 lead looked quite safe, Pikesville did not go down to defeat easily. Mike Herr, Howard Rosenberg and Don Weinapple all crossed the plate with two outs for Pikesville on clutch hits by Weinapple, Barry Foland and Lee Eidelberg. With the score 12-10 and the tying runners on second and third base, Pikesville player/manager Paul Bell lined out to left field to end the game. Ex-Pikesville league player Marc Lebovitz was the winning pitcher for Deer Park.

League commissioners Mike Herr of Pikesville and Allen Schiff of Deer Park received such positive comments from all players and fans involved in the all-star game, that this series is likely to become an annual event.

