



# Charley's Chatter...

By Charley Ross

## Co-Pilots Show Hustle and Desire

Sibby Sisti has an aggressive and hustling collection of young players who are representing Newark in the Class A New York-Pennsylvania League. They dripped with determination in their 9-7 inaugural loss at Geneva last Saturday night and reports from Oneonta the following evening only added to the Co-Pilots' passion for playing baseball the only way it should be played—to the end of the bat.

Manager Sisti's club, laden with players from Texas, the South, West Coast, East Coast, Canada, and British Columbia, or just about all corners of this continent, put on a good show in Shuron Park even though the Senators came up a 2-run winner. Two errors occurred at the wrong time and an even dozen bases on balls only added to Sisti's opening night woes. It was a rough fourth inning for our team which yielded seven runs as a result of those walks and infield bobbles.

It was a make-shift lineup which Sibby put on the field what with outfielders playing at short and third, a catcher playing at first and outfielders in the outfield, fortunately. An injury to Joe Robinson in Friday night's workout at Colburn Park forced Sisti to revamp his opening night lineup.

Young "Robby", owned by the Oakland Athletics, suffered a broken jaw when he was struck by the ball in a play on handling relays from the outfield. Robinson, who underwent an operation on his fractured jaw Saturday night at Rochester General Hospital, ran out to take the outfield throw. The ball landed in front of him, skidded and struck him flush on the jaw. It was a tough blow to the promising infielder who will be out at least a month.

Robinson hit .276 in 39 games with Bradenton in the Gulf Coast League last year. He was replaced in the starting lineup by Steve Williams of Rock Hill, S. C.

Sisti, who was immediately given another infielder in the person of Tom Wheeler, was pleased at the desire and hustle of his Co-Pilots who bounced back in the first game at Oneonta for a 7-5 victory on Sunday night.

"They showed good determination after that 7-run inning," said Sisti after the opener. "That's what I like to see."

The former utility and all-purpose player for the Boston and Milwaukee Braves intervened in his first rehab of the infant season in the last inning at Geneva. Chuck Malitz, holder of an engineering degree from Texas A. & M., lined a shot over the right field fence with Wayne Vincent on base by virtue of a walk. The ball left the park by the foul pole.

Plate Umpire Joe House made a hesitation call on the drive. He finally signaled a foul ball as Malitz was rounding second base. Malitz, a spunky Texan, what else, continued his running to the arbiter. After an exchange of words the umpire banished Malitz.

Skipper Sisti, portraying the role of peacemaker, referee, father and judge, defended his athlete in the argument. The umpire, always the winner, stuck to his guns. The ball was foul to him and fair to Malitz.

"What did you do, swear at him?" we asked the player before he boarded the bus for Oneonta Sunday morning, knowing that this is one means of getting thrown out of a game in a hurry.

"I didn't swear at him," said Malitz in the familiar drawl of all Texans. "The ball went out of the park before it curved foul. I don't think there's a man alive who has heard me swear. I just don't swear. I may say dad-gummit . . ."

Malitz, who lives in Beaumont, Tex., said he had asked the umpire why he made the call when he (Malitz) was on second base. The ump didn't give an answer, naturally.

When did Malitz get the thumb?  
Malitz' last words were: "Man, that is bush."

We asked the ex-collegian, who is fighting for a jump to AAA baseball after this year or a trip to Seattle, if he had been thumbed out of a game before.

"I got thrown out of a Little League game once," he smiled. "The catcher kept showing me the ball after I struck out. So, I hit him."

Skipper Sisti, coaching on the third base line, said he was in no position to tell if the ball was fair because of his angle at third base.

"If the ball goes out of the park fair and curves by the foul pole it has to be a fair ball," he said. "The umpire gave it a delayed call. If it had been me up there I would also have argued with the ump."

Sal Maglie, coaching on the first base line, said the ball appeared fair to him when it left the park. So opined several Newark and Geneva fans who were in line with the right field foul pole.

Malitz fears that he may be assessed a fine by Vincent McNamara over the incident. The loop prey has letters from both Sisti and the umpire. It's interesting to see what the umpire had to say about the affair. We know what Skipper Sisti wrote in his letter and we're betting that the loop prey will let Malitz off with a reprimand and not a fine. The ump's decision cannot be changed—not even by the highest court in the land. The league president must back up his umpires. It's the law of baseball. And by the same token umpires can be reprimanded by the league president for the good of baseball if in his opinion the arbiter erred in the handling of certain diamond situations.

In judgment calls, however, there's nothing that can be done by the president or anyone for that matter. And in this instance it was the umpire's judgment that the ball curved foul.

## Free Ride on Sports Merry-Go-Round

Will the parent who wrote this department a neat Little League story here please refer to the official scorebook. She claimed that her son scored the winning run with "his single". We checked the scorebook and noted that her boy struck out the first two times up and reached base on an infield error in the fifth inning when the winning run scored. . . . We are indebted to John Doser for his column in the last issue of the Garlock News. We read every word twice, John. Nice going and the next time you're in town the luncheon is on us. . . . The Co-Pilots are a community-owned club. No one individual or group owns the club or has controlling interest. . . . We like Tom Kelly, 17-year-old school graduate from South Amboy, N. J., who also must have impressed the Seattle scouts who signed him. Keep an eye on this red-headed youngster. . . . Joe Bramante, Sr. put in his order for the first hot dog at Colburn Park this season. . . . Joe Mills, Wayne Sullivan, Wilbur Howard, Dave Tallman, Marty West and Ronnie Brown of the Co-Pilots are rabid fishermen. They have already tested the Wide Waters in "Albie" Colacino's boat. . . . Two Spanish-speaking teams played nearly four hours of baseball on Perkins Field last Sunday afternoon. . . . Jim Hausman is the clubhouse attendant for the Co-Pilots. He makes all road games. . . .

# Co-Pilots Bow in Opener at Geneva--Split Pair on Oneonta Trip

Frankie Frisch once said: "Bases on balls will kill you." They "killed" the Newark Co-Pilots who dropped their 1963 NY-Penn League opener at Geneva last Saturday, 9 to 7, before 889 fans.

Three Newark pitchers gave up a total of 12 walks, but two errors at the wrong time really contributed to the defeat. Manager Sibby Sisti's young club, however, bounced back on the following night to overtake the Oneonta Yankees, 7 to 5, in the first of a 2-game series at Oneonta.

The Geneva Senators parlayed three hits, two errors and three bases on balls into a 7-run payoff in the fourth inning. Dexter Baker, Geneva outfielder, lined a Dave Tallman pitch over the 375-foot marker in center field to open the fourth inning.

Baker's screaming liner was "HR" all the way and came at the right time since the Sisti-coach club had scored a pair in the second on Nelson Straley's 2-run double. An error by Clarence (Cheeko) Vaughns at third and one by Joe Larson at short resulted in three runs.

The Co-Pilots, trailing 7 to 2 going into the sixth, slammed four runs across on a home run by Vaughns and a single by Larson. Chuck Malitz strolled, Dave Etter singled and Vaughns lined a homer over the 350-foot marker in left-center to put the Co-Pilots back into the game. Tom Kelly, 17-year-old outfielder from South Amboy, N. J., walked, stole second and dashed home on Larson's single to right field. The fleet Kelly scored from second with a hard slide at the plate.

Manager Sisti's club had something really going in the eighth when Vaughns, Frank Kimball and Kelly walked to load the bases with none out. Larson skied to right field to score Vaughns but Steve Williams, second baseman, hit into a double play.

With the score tied at 7-all in the bottom of the eighth, the Senators picked up a pair of runs to go out for good. The Co-Pilots provided more come-from-behind excitement in the ninth when Malitz lined a shot over the right field fence with a mate aboard. The umpire called it a foul ball.

Malitz argued that the ball had gone out of the park fair before curving foul. He lost the argument and a chance to finish his time at bat. He was thumbed out of the game. Marty West, with the count 2-2, took a third strike to end the game. The strikeout was charged to Malitz.

The Co-Pilots learned how damaging bases on balls can be when they took advantage of 10 at Oneonta before 927 fans to spoil the Yankees' opening game festivities. Manager Sisti's club pounded out 11 hits with Kimball going "3 for 3" and Malitz and Williams getting a pair each.

It was a come-from-behind win for Newark when the Yankees scored two in the first on two errors, a single by Bob McDaniel and a Newark double play. Singles by Kimball, Larson and Williams, a walk and a sacrifice fly added three for Newark in the second, but Oneonta picked up singletons in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings to take a 5-4 lead.

The Co-Pilots won it all with three in the eighth when Straley walked and Bob Matulich singled in a pinchhitter's role. Malitz singled home a run and with two out the hard-hitting Kimball doubled across two more.

Manager Sisti used four pitchers in the game with Larry Nero credited with the victory.

The Oneonta Yanks came back on Tuesday night to even their series with the visiting Co-Pilots, 4 to 2. Manager Sisti's Co-Pilots returned to Newark for Tuesday night's inaugural game with a 1-2 showing for the season.

## Braves Nip Sox In 3-2 Contest

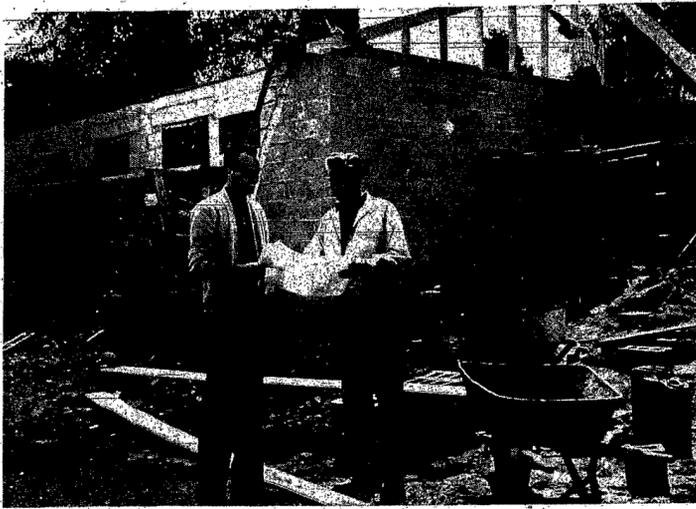
The Braves nipped the Red Sox, 3 to 2, in a Little League contest.

Tim Heise yielded five hits while striking out 11 and walking one. The Braves picked up two runs in the second on three walks, a hit batsman and two errors and one in the third on a walk, a single by Heise and a passed ball.

The Red Sox scored a run in the first, inning on a base on balls, a single by Gene Palermo and an error and one in the fifth on a double by Tom Avery and Jerry Lanse's single. Palermo and Steve Townsend held the Braves to just one hit.

### A 'GASSER'

Ellmer Overlaw, "mayor" of Hidesville, has offered 10 gallons of gas to the first home run hit by a member of the Co-Pilots at Colburn Park.



CHECK PRINTS — Mike DeJohn (left) and Vincent Lukas, superintendent of public works, check blueprints on new clubhouse being erected at Colburn Park. Building should be ready for occupancy within a week.

## Co-Pilots to Play Batavia Here Friday

The Newark Co-Pilots will face Batavia, Jamestown and Geneva in the coming week of play in the New York-Pennsylvania League.

Manager Sibby Sisti's club will play at Batavia tonight (June 27) and on Friday will face the same club at 7:30 p.m. under the Colburn Park lights.

The Co-Pilots will take on Jamestown in a Rose Festival attraction here on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and on June 30 will travel to Jamestown for a 2-game set.

Newark returns home for five straight games over the Fourth of July period with club officials looking forward to banner turnouts in the East Newark park for the lengthy home stand.

Newark will meet the Geneva Senators on July 2, 3 and 4 in 7:30 p.m. contests at Colburn Park and Williamsport on July 5 and 6 at the same starting time.

## Arcadian Archers Gain First Place In Archery Loop

The Arcadian Archers moved into first place in the Seneca Archery League as a result of a victory in their last shoot.

Bud Nayaert led the winners with a 566 followed by Ray Pulver with 589, Joe Rosta with 538, Doyle Stiner with 528 and Paul Mobbs with 528. The Arcadians posted a team score of 2,719 and an average team score of 543.8.

Arcadian Archers pace the standings with 534.5 points followed by Bucksin Bowmen of Waterloo with 530, Canandaigua Field Archers with 518.9, Southodus Bowhunters with 489.5 and Deerslayer Bowmen of Oswego with 372.9.

The Seneca Archery League will schedule its next team shoot on June 30 in Newark.

### SOFTBALL

The Newark Community Center girls softball team will meet North Rose this Thursday at North Rose. Coach Alex Eligh said the bus will leave the Center at 12 noon.



WATCH-IT, NELL!—Neil Verrocco, whose hobby is rounding up turtles for a fall turtle dinner, holds 23-pound snapping-turtle which he says will provide 11 pounds of meat for dinner. It was largest he ever caught.

## New Clubhouse Nearly Finished At Colburn Park

The new clubhouse for the Newark Co-Pilots baseball club is nearing completion at Colburn Park.

Vincent Lukas, superintendent of public works, said the structure is being built by volunteer help and village forces.

DeJohn Construction Co. put up the walls and did the masonry and Lockville Lumber Co. furnished the materials for the roof as well as labor. The concrete blocks were donated by Genesee Brewing Co. and the Bruce Wright distributorship of Lyons.

Dick DeJohn Furniture of S. Main St. is donating the indoor-outdoor carpeting as well as laying the carpeting in the new building which is being constructed to the left of the left field area.

Joe Petrus volunteered, his services in nailing the plywood sections for the roof deck of the clubhouse. Caves Lumber Co. donated half of the plywood for the roof deck. Bruno Lagana Plumbing Co. is volunteering the plumbing work.

A new water main is being installed to the clubhouse by the village to provide an adequate pressure in the shower rooms for the home and visiting players. Four shower heads and complete toilet facilities are being installed in each team room. An office is included for Manager Sibby Sisti with a room for the umpires, complete with shower and toilet facilities. There is also an equipment room in the 35,431.4 building which may be ready for use within the coming week.

## Tom Byers, Denise Minde Win Awards

Tom Byers and Denise Minde were awarded the "best athlete" cups at the award assembly in the school gym.

Gary Edwards and Linda Forbes were awarded the sportsmanship cups.

Recipients of intramural certificates were Barbara Asin, Joanne Chapman, Karen Chappell, Mary Jo Colacino, Cindy Larwood, Denise Minde, Linda Miner, Teresa Nevil, Hope Robinson, Darlene VanWaes, Lynn Wachtel, Lance Adams, Danny Allerton, Matthew Collins, Michael Edwards, Philip Freedman, Mark Kouwe, Steve Martin, Mark Miller, Don Norsen, Jim O'Connor, Richard Overlaw, Mike Reddout, Tom Walters, Bob Williams and Scott Young.

Sandra Melina and Philip Freedman won the scholarship awards and Darryl Shulla won the citizenship award.

## Grasshopper League Opens July 1 on LL Field

The Grasshopper League will operate on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings on the Newark Little League field. It was disclosed by Alex Eligh, director of the Newark Community Center.

The League is open to all boys 12 years of age and under who are interested in playing baseball. The league will be in session from 9 to 11 a.m. Eligh said a Farm Baseball League will be formed for afternoon play on the same days at 1:15 p.m.

## Co-Pilots Home Slate

FRIDAY  
Batavia at NEWARK  
SATURDAY  
(Rose Day)  
Jamestown at NEWARK  
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MONDAY  
NEWARK at Jamestown  
TUESDAY  
Geneva at NEWARK  
WEDNESDAY  
Geneva at NEWARK  
THURSDAY  
(July 4)  
Geneva at NEWARK  
(All home games start at 7:30 p.m.)

NEWARK	ab	r	h	bi
Molitz rf	4	1	0	0
West lf	0	0	0	0
Etter lf	3	2	1	3
Vaughn 3b	2	0	0	0
Kimball 1b	2	0	0	0
Kelly cf	2	1	1	2
Yarson ss	4	1	0	0
Williams 2b	4	0	1	2
Straley c	4	0	1	0
Tallman p	2	0	0	0
Bright p	1	0	0	0
Vincent p	1	0	0	0
Totals	31	7	4	7
GENEVA	ab	r	h	bi
Gennusa 1b	2	1	0	0
Richards 2b	5	1	1	1
Sheridan 3b	3	2	1	1
Jones c	4	1	0	0
Merlet ss	4	1	1	1
Baker c	4	1	2	3
Michel rf	3	1	1	0
Payne lf	2	1	0	0
Brookens p	2	0	0	0
Shutt p	1	0	0	0
Totals	30	9	6	6

NEWARK	020	004	010	-7	
Geneva	000	700	028	-9	
E-Merlet, Larson 2, Vaughns, DF-Newark 2, Geneva 1, LOB					
-Newark 4, Geneva 11, 2B-					
Straley, HR-Vaughns, Baker, SB-Larson, Kelly, Sheridan, S					
-Brokens, SF-Larson.					
IP	H	R	E	SO	SS
Tallman 3-13	6	7	5	2	5
Bright 3-23	0	1	1	2	5
Vincent 1	0	1	1	2	2
Brokens 5-13	4	6	5	3	4
Shutt 5-13	0	1	1	7	3
T-3:00.					
*Batted for Molitz with 2-2 count in 9th.					

## Tim Brown Flips Shutout Over Indians

Tim Brown scattered four singles in pitching the Dodgers to a 7-0 shutout over the Indians in the Newark Little League. He whiffed nine and walked two batters.

The Dodgers erupted for four runs in the third on consecutive singles by Brown, Craig Schraffenberger, Kim Ross, Matt Collins and Dick Martin and three in the fourth on consecutive singles by Ross, Collins and Martin.

Schraffenberger, Ross, Collins and Martins finished with two hits apiece for the winners while Charles Friedman had a pair for the Indians.

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## Mike Tanea Blanks Red Sox on 5-Hitter

Mike Tanea held the Red Sox to five hits in pitching the Yankees to a 7-0 win in a Little League game.

The righthanded pitcher struck out nine and walked two batters. He also contributed run-scoring double in the fifth when his club scored three runs. Jim Westbrook and Scott Ham west slammed a pair of home runs for the winners. Dave Brumm and Corey Townsend had two singles the losers.

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