



By Roger Musselwhite

**A Pennant At Last**

When was the last time a Port Washington High baseball team won any kind of championship? Well, if you're old enough and have a good memory you will probably go back almost thirty years before you come up with the answer. A week from Tuesday our baseball team finally broke this discouraging habit and acquired the rightly-deserved title of Western Division Champions for 1955.

**Victory of the Year**

Championship tension gripped Port as they faced Great Neck a week from last Tuesday on our home diamond. The visitors soon became unwelcome guests as they scored three runs in the early innings. As Great Neck was on their way to pulling the upset of the season a bad case of erroritis hit their infield and provided Port with three runs to tie the score. In the next inning Port showed it could score by itself by tallying twice on hits by Ron Musselwhite and Frank Cifarelli. The Blazers

came back with three runs in the sixth inning to take the lead 6-5.

**Championship Ability**

Trailing 6-5 in the sixth inning, the Port team retained the same spirit and aggressiveness with which they started the game. As a result of this spirit and ability in general and three base hits, Port was able to score two runs and thus take the lead 7-6. Joe Newman, Lou DiLeo, and Paul Nuzzolese all contributed singles in this frame to account for Port's eventual winning margin. Ron Musselwhite and Pete Fatizzi were also credited with singles. Paul Nuzzolese collected three hits during the afternoon to boost his batting average to a fat .750. Joe Rezek came in to relieve Paul in the seventh and nailed down the win for Nuzz and the pennant for Port Washington High School.

**G.C. Defeats Blue & White**

Since Port had already clinched the Western Division pennant, the game last Friday with Garden City had no significance.

Mr. Rogo decided to give the boys who hadn't played much during the season a chance to play. The Garden City Trojans, however were depending on this game to give them a tie for second place and junior Roddy Hull faced the experienced John Clark.

The first inning saw Hull get into and out of trouble with neither team scoring. Hull's "stuff" was working fine, but the Trojans scored three times in the bottom of the second when Roddy's control got out of hand.

Garden City scored four more runs in the fifth, and still the Blue and White had failed to make a single tally. Paul Nuzzolese started the sixth inning by singling — his second for the afternoon. He was knocked home by relief pitcher Sham McGrady's single. McGrady had come on to relieve Hull in the fifth

inning and succeeded in putting out the fire with two on and two out.

Paul Nuzzolese's two singles in that game enabled him to end the official league season with a fabulous .750 batting average! Who says pitchers can't hit?

In the top of the last inning pinch-hitting Pete Fatizzi accounted for Port's final score with a tremendous home run over the centerfielder's head. The final score was 9-2, Garden City, but as was stated before, there is no need to get worried—this was only a practice game.

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