



## GLENVIEW YANKEES

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## 2003 PONY LEAGUE FALL BALL RECORD AND GAME HIGHLIGHTS

**1. DATE** Saturday, September 6  
**DIAMOND** Huber West  
**VISITORS** Glenview Athletics  
**HOME** Glenview Yankees  
**SCORE** 19-6 loss (0-1)  
**PITCHERS** B.Chapman (2), M.Berens (1),  
J.Curkov (1), G.Toth (1), C.Cullen (1),  
M.Messel (1)

**GAME HIGHLIGHTS:** The Yankees' first game did not go as planned, as we suffered a season-opener defeat to the Glenview Athletics 19-6. We struggled with our control as we walked 18 batters. B.Chapman, our starting pitcher, worked a solid two innings, only giving up two runs. In the bottom of the first we clobbered the Athletics, with four doubles by K.Snyder, G.Toth, M.Messel and Chapman. M.Fisher and Berens contributed a walk and an RBI groundout. After two innings we led 3-2. Rookie pitcher Berens, facing the pony league distance for the first time in his life, recorded a couple of strikeouts but he struggled with his control, and the Athletics tallied five against us. R.Te did narrowly miss making a running catch of a fly ball to left. We threatened but could not score against the Athletics' pitching in the third. In the top of the fourth, J.Curkov couldn't find the plate, so the patient Athletics scored seven. The highlights of the fourth included a Messel-to-Toth-to-C.Cullen putout at home and a semi-rundown involving Toth, Cullen and M.Timpe tagging a runner at third base. In the bottom of the fourth, we found ourselves chasing 11 runs, but we cut into the lead with hits by Toth, Messel and Chapman, a walk by Fisher and another RBI grounder by B.Garcia. In the top of the fifth, Toth climbed the mound and shut down the Athletics' potent bats with a wicked variety of fastballs and curves. We went meekly in our half of the fifth. In the sixth, with the bases loaded, C.Cullen served an ex-teammate an appetizer of three balls, then a main course of three straight strikes. C.Hynes did a fine job behind the dish. But there was no joy in our sixth as we still trailed the Athletics by 13, 19-6. Messel took the mound in the seventh and pitched a quick 1-2-3 inning with two strikeouts. Garcia made a splendid play at third. We couldn't get runners across in the bottom of the seventh, so the final was 19-6. Better luck (and control) next time! — *Coach John Curkov*

**2. DATE** Saturday, September 13, noon  
**DIAMOND** Northfield 3  
**VISITORS** Glenview Yankees  
**HOME** Kenilworth-Winnetka Cardinals  
**SCORE** 10-15 loss (0-2)  
**PITCHERS** B.Chapman (2), M.Berens (1),  
 J.Curkov (1), G.Toth (1), C.Burgee (1)

**GAME HIGHLIGHTS:** The Ken-Winn Cardinals started their version of Cy Young, who in two innings notched six strikeouts. Our starter, B.Chapman, suffered porous defense in the first, as the Cardinals tallied seven runs. Yankees jackrabbit M.Fisher walked, stole second and scored on a throw-ing error. Chapman had a perfect second with three strikeouts. M.Berens, a promising 12-year-old pitcher, made two plays from the mound and M.Timpe recorded the third out from third. J.Curkov took the mound in the fourth and got two strikeouts, despite some wildness. In the top of the fifth, we scored three runs on base hits (C.Cullen tripled) and a steal of home by B.Garcia. G.Toth pitched the fifth with two strikeouts. The wheels on the Cardinals' pitcher fell off and six Yankees walked, but we couldn't get the big hit. No joy in Mudville as the Yankees lost 15-10. — *Coach John Curkov*

**3. DATE** Saturday, September 13, 3:00 PM  
**DIAMOND** Northfield 3  
**VISITORS** Glenview Yankees  
**HOME** Kenilworth-Winnetka Marlins  
**SCORE** 9-18 loss (0-3)  
**PITCHERS** M.Berens (1), C.Cullen (2), C.Hynes (1),  
 G.Toth (1), M.Messel (1)

**GAME HIGHLIGHTS:** The ghosts of the 1927 Yankees haunted our bats as we hit for the cycle in the first inning (J.Curkov, M.Messel, and M.Berens singled, B.Garcia doubled, C.Cullen and M.Fisher tripled and G.Toth homered), racking up five runs. Berens, pooped from the first game, walks four. In the second, Cullen relieved and allowed no runs, but suffered poor defense in the third. Rookie pitcher C.Hynes took the mound and had excellent defense in his shutout inning. But when Toth took the mound, our defense went back to sleep, and he gave up three runs. Messel, climbing the hill in the sixth, gave up four runs but got two strikeouts. — *Coach John Curkov*

**4. DATE** Saturday, September 20  
**DIAMOND** Huber West  
**VISITORS** Evanston Red  
**HOME** Glenview Yankees  
**SCORE** 21-6 loss (0-4)  
**PITCHERS** B.Chapman (1), C.Burgee (2),  
 M.Berens (1), C.Cullen (2), M.Messel (1)

**5. DATE** Saturday, September 27  
**DIAMOND** Huber West  
**VISITORS** Kenilworth-Winnetka Pirates  
**HOME** Glenview Yankees  
**SCORE** 7-6 loss (0-5)  
**PITCHERS** C.Burgee (2), M.Berens (2),  
 C.Hynes (1), C.Cullen (1), M.Messell (1)

**6. DATE** Saturday, October 4  
**DIAMOND** Huber West  
**VISITORS** Kenilworth-Winnetka Yankees  
**HOME** Glenview Yankees  
**SCORE** 0-14 win (1-5)  
**PITCHERS** C.Burgee (2), M.Narasimhan (2),  
 M.Berens (2), M.Messel (1)

**GAME HIGHLIGHTS:** Our four pitchers combined for a five-hit, 14-0 shellacking of the Kenilworth-Winnetka Yankees. The offensive stars were M.Messel (two-for-three, including a triple and three runs scored), C.Burgee (three-for-four with three runs scored), M.Fisher (three-for-four), and J.Curkov (two-for-three, including a sixth inning grand slam and two runs scored). M.Berens and M.Timpe continue to shine at first base. B.Garcia and M.Fisher made fine running catches in left and K.Synder and R.Te continued their solid play. Special mention should go to the eight-year-old for Ken-Winn, who made three fine defensive plays. — *Coach John Curkov*

**7. DATE** Saturday, October 11  
**DIAMOND** Huber West  
**VISITORS** Glenview Yankees  
**HOME** Kenilworth-Winnetka Cubs  
**SCORE** 18-2 win in 6 innings (2-5)  
**PITCHERS** C.Burgee (2), B.Chapman (1), M.Berens (2), G.Toth (1)

**GAME HIGHLIGHTS:** The Yankees put together an all around good effort as we defeated the undermanned Kenilworth-Winnetka Cubs 18-2 in six innings. Our pitchers combined for 12 strikeouts. We broke the game open in the third inning, highlighted by the first of M.Messel's two homers to deep center field. In the fifth, Messel hit his second long ball. Also in the fifth, B.Garcia hit a blast off the yellow piping in deep right center, narrowly missing a home run. The Yankees' offensive stars were Messel (two home runs and five RBI's), C.Burgee, J.Curkov, M.Fisher, Garcia, G.Toth (four RBIs), C.Cullen, R.Te, and B.Chapman. The game highlight occurred in the fourth inning as the Cubs had loaded the bases with no outs against Berens. A deep fly ball was hit to Burgee in center field. After making the catch he threw a rocket to third, but our third baseman was helping our shortstop cover second. Berens, who was pitching, quickly realized there was no third baseman and covered the base to tag out the runner. WOW!. Let's keep up the good work against Evanston this Saturday.

— *Coach John Curkov*

**8. DATE** Saturday, October 18  
**DIAMOND** James Park 2  
**VISITORS** Glenview Yankees  
**HOME** Evanston Blue  
**SCORE** 12-13 loss (2-6)  
**PITCHERS** G.Toth (2), B.Chapman (1), M.Berens (2), C.Cullen (1), M.Messel (1)

**GAME HIGHLIGHTS:** The Yankees lost a heartbreaker to Evanston Blue 13-12. This was a see-saw battle with Blue pulling it out in the bottom of the seventh. This game had everything from good coaching to bad coaching. Great defensive plays: M.Messel, deep in the hole at shortstop, threw out a couple of runners; M.Berens scooped up throws in the dirt; and M.Fisher charged hard to catch a pop-up. We had a number of offensive stars: M.Timpe (four RBIs); J.Curkov (three-run homer); M.Messel, G.Toth, C.Cullen, and B.Garcia (swinging bunt). B.Chapman made his catching debut, narrowly missing on gunning down a runner at second. After Evanston tied in the sixth, the Yankees had their chance as we loaded the bases with one out. But the Blue pitcher struck out the next two hitters.

— *Coach John Curkov*

**9. DATE** Saturday, October 25  
**DIAMOND** Huber West  
**VISITORS** Glenview Yankees  
**HOME** Glenview Pirates  
**SCORE** 8-8 tie (2-6-1)  
**PITCHERS** M.Fisher (1), C.Burgee (1), B.Chapman (1), J.Curkov (1), M.Berens (1), G.Toth (1), M.Messel (1)

**GAME HIGHLIGHTS:** In a well played game by both teams the Fall Ball Finale ended in a 8-8 tie. Give credit to the Pirates who managed to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh. This game saw the pitching debut of M.Fisher. With a fastball that has been clocked with a calendar, he kept the Pirates in check. He even recorded a strike out (I have the ball if he wants it). The other big pitching news was J.Curkov *finally* finishing an inning. With a dizzying array of fastballs and over the screen change-ups, Curkov was able to keep both the Pirates and the umpire baffled. The Yankees' pitchers kept the Pirates in check: C.Burgee (two Ks), B.Chapman (two Ks), M.Berens (a great relay home to get a runner), G.Toth (one K), and M.Messel (one K and a sweet pick-off at first). Our offensive leaders were Berens and Messel (two hits and two runs each); C.Cullen (two hits, two runs and four RBIs); B.Garcia (two hits and three RBIs); M.Timpe (a hit and an RBI); and G.Toth (two hits).

Once again, Yankees and parents, thank you for a great season.

— *Coach John Curkov*