



SKOKIE INDIANS BULLDOGS



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2003 PONY LEAGUE FALL BALL RECORD AND GAME HIGHLIGHTS

1. DATE Saturday, September 6, noon
DIAMOND Central Park West
VISITORS Skokie Indians Warriors
HOME Skokie Indians Bulldogs
SCORE 9-4 win (1-0)
PITCHERS J.Berry (2), J.Leonard (2),
S.Mendelson (1), A.Michell (1)

GAME HIGHLIGHTS: Eight different Bulldogs scored, with J.Froberg crossing the plate twice. Only A.Frietas, J.Vazquez and N.Flax whacked doubles; all our other hits were singles. The real story was our outstanding pitching. As expected, J.Berry threw well for two innings, allowing one unearned run and notching three strikeouts. J.Leonard, one of our 12-year-olds, relieved him and was exceptional for two innings. Despite breaking pitches which bounced in front of the plate, Leonard allowed only one earned run. Then S.Mendelson, an exceptional 11-year-old, baffled the Warriors' bats with a shutout inning. Finally A.Michell threw a shutout inning with Warp Nine fastballs.

— Coach Tom Kendall

2. DATE Saturday, September 6, 3:00 PM
DIAMOND Central Park West
VISITORS Skokie Indians Bulldogs
HOME Skokie Indians Muskies
SCORE 6-14 loss (1-1)
PITCHERS A.Frietas (2), S.Mendelsohn (2),
J.Leonard (2), N.Rudin (1)

GAME HIGHLIGHTS: A tired Bulldogs team, with tired fill-ins from the Warriors, faced a fresh and powerful Muskies squad and came out on the short end. We left the bases loaded in the second and third plus four other stranded baserunners for 10 left on base. The Muskies' flamethrowers struck out 16 Bulldogs, but only three were caught looking. J.Froberg had a double and a triple, but the rest of our hits were scattered singles. A.Frietas pitched a respectable two innings. Then we had no choice but to use S.Mendelson, J.Leonard and P.Kohnken, all of whom had assumed the mound in the first game. They were too pooped to be effective.

— Coach Tom Kendall

3. DATE Saturday, September 13
DIAMOND Central Park West
VISITORS Glencoe Black
HOME Skokie Indians Bulldogs
SCORE 6-12 win (2-1)
PITCHERS D.Schwartz (1), S.Mendelson (2),
J.Leonard (2), N.Flax (1), J.Berry (1)

GAME HIGHLIGHTS: Solid Bulldogs' defense (zero errors!) plus nine Bulldogs' hits clinched the victory over a Glencoe Black team attenuated by a bar mitzvah. Starting pitcher D.Schwartz allowed only one run while catching three Glencoe batters looking. S.Mendelson baffled them with two shutout innings (three strikeouts), and J.Leonard allowed only one run in his two innings. N.Flax ran into control problems, but J.Berry came in to slam the door. Offensively, A.Frietas reached three times (two hits and an error) and scored all three times. J.Berry also reached three times (two hits and struck by pitch) and scored thrice. Slugger J.Froberg, lent to Glencoe for much of the game, notched our only double.

— Coach Tom Kendall

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4. DATE Saturday, September 20
DIAMOND Northfield 3
VISITORS Skokie Indians Bulldogs
HOME Kenilworth-Winnetka Yankees
SCORE 15-15 tie (2-1-1)
PITCHERS A.Frietas (2), S.Mendelson (2),
J.Leonard (1), J.Berry (2)

5. DATE Saturday, September 27
DIAMOND Huber West
VISITORS Skokie Indians Bulldogs
HOME Glenview Cardinals
SCORE 19-5 win (3-1-1)
PITCHERS J.Berry (2), J.Leonard (3), S.Saxe (1)
(J.Leonard was only 12 year old present)

6. DATE Saturday, October 4
DIAMOND Central Park West
VISITORS Glenview Athletics
HOME Skokie Indians Bulldogs
SCORE 10-11 win (4-1-1)
PITCHERS S.Mendelson (2), J.Leonard (1),
N.Flax (1), J.Berry (2), S.Saxe (1)

7. DATE Saturday, October 11
DIAMOND Central Park West
VISITORS Glenview Orioles
HOME Skokie Indians Bulldogs
SCORE 12-9 loss (4-2-1)
PITCHERS S.Mendelson (2), A.Michell (1),
S.Saxe (2), G.Kell (1), J.Berry (1)

8. DATE Saturday, October 18
DIAMOND Huber East
VISITORS Skokie Indians Bulldogs
HOME Glenview Cubs
SCORE 9-10 loss (4-3-1)
PITCHERS S.Mendelson (2), G.Kell (1), J.Berry (2),
S.Saxe (1)

9. DATE Saturday, October 25
DIAMOND Central Park West
VISITORS Evanston Orange
HOME Skokie Indians Bulldogs
SCORE 10-6 loss (4-4-1)
PITCHERS S.Mendelson (2), S.Saxe (2), G.Kell (1),
J.Berry (2)

GAME HIGHLIGHTS: The Bulldogs led by seven going into the last inning, but our best pitcher had mechanical problems and so this time-limited game goes in the books as a tie. Caps off to J.Froberg, who led the Bulldogs' offense with four base hits and J.Zrust with three. J.Berry, A.Michell and J.Leonard each had two hits. Patient Bulldogs' bats also drew eight walks from a tough Yankees' pitching staff. — *Coach Tom Kendall*

GAME HIGHLIGHTS: This game should have been closer, but the lop-sided results came about because the Cardinals lost two solid players in the third and had another key player arrive in the fourth. Bulldogs' pitching was solid, with J.Berry and S.Saxe conspiring to hurl three shutout innings. J.Leonard pitched from an honest-to-gosh mound for the first time in his life and had trouble adjusting, but at the end of his outing started to dominate. Bulldogs' fielding also contributed, with only two errors. Our bats boomed, with J.Froberg tallying four hits (two doubles), J.Berry notching three (one double), A.Michell belting three (two doubles), and B.Traisman clouting three (with a rare triple). S.Saxe and G.Kell each had two hits. — *Coach Tom Kendall*

GAME HIGHLIGHTS: A true Fall Ball one-run nail biter! The Bulldogs scratched out 11 runs on six singles plus 11 walks. Much of the damage to the A's was done in the first two innings, which saw 10 Bulldogs cross the plate. Glenview, though, kept pecking away, scoring in nearly every inning and almost upsetting the Bulldogs' apple cart with a three-run seventh. Excellent defense throughout! — *Coach Tom Kendall*

GAME HIGHLIGHTS: J.Berry contributed fourth-inning fireworks with a grand slam home run; in fact, both his hits were long balls. Except for a single by A.Michell, there were NO other hits by Bulldogs, though we did draw 11 walks. In the bottom of the seventh, the Orioles were up by three, but we loaded the bases via three walks. Then our last three batters struck out and the fat lady serenaded the silent Bulldogs' bats. — *Coach Tom Kendall*

GAME HIGHLIGHTS: Another one-run Fall Ball classic! Featuring lots of hitting and fine defense on both sides, the difference in this one was the Cubs' outfielders' ability to reel in fly balls. Down by three runs in the top of the seventh, the Bulldogs scored two but then left runners on second and third as the Cubs' closer struck out the side. — *Coach Tom Kendall*

GAME HIGHLIGHTS: With both teams wearing orange jerseys, muddy Central Park West looked like a pumpkin patch. The Bulldogs played an exceptional game against the undefeated Orange, with baserunning whoopsies being the deciding factor in a game that was much closer than the score suggests. The Orange only scored in the first and fifth innings; the rest of the time, solid Bulldogs pitching and defense (including a smartly-turned double play in the fourth) shut them out. J.Berry was the offensive star, going three-for-three with a double, but every Bulldog got on base. Despite the loss, this was a perfect end to a very successful Fall Ball season. — *Coach Tom Kendall*