



Two hundred and fifty boys and girls who will compete on the seventeen Eagle Lake Little League and Girls' Softball teams during the 1980 summer program were introduced at the formal opening of the program on Tuesday last week at the Youth Lighted Field. The players and coaches and managers lined up on the field making an impressive display of color in their brightly-colored uniforms and caps. Above is a panoramic view of the scene as seen from behind home plate at the Little League field.

★ Sports ★

Little Leaguers Urged To Learn To "Do Your Best"

Mayor Struss Speaks At Formal Opening Last Tues., Apr. 29

The 1980 summer program for the Eagle Lake Little League and the Girls' Softball players opened in impressive fashion on Tuesday evening of last week when the League held its formal opening ceremony at the Youth Lighted Field. Mayor Elmer Struss, who presided at the ceremony, urged the young players to learn to "do your best" in their participation in the program. He noted that there is more to winning, even though winning is more fun. "It is how you played the game that counts. If you did your best, you have nothing to be ashamed of."

Finally he urged the youngsters to "respect the United States Flag." He urged them to realize that many youngsters in other parts of the world do not have the opportunities offered to those living under the United States Flag. After his address, Mayor Struss tossed out the first baseball caught by the catcher for the Little League Dodgers, Brian Wiese; and the first softball caught by Vantrece Tillman, catcher for the Fillies girls' softball team.

Arthur Gutierrez, president of the league, extended thanks to all who have assisted in making preparations for the opening of the summer program and especially to the coaches and managers of the seventeen teams to be involved. Gutierrez introduced the players, coaches and managers of each team as they lined up on the field. It was an impressive sight indeed to see the 250 youngsters clad in colorful uniforms and caps against the immaculate green background of the well-groomed Little League field.

Catch First Balls

David Baird was most improved for the men with an 18 pin increase and Harry Selph and Rick Holden tied with 8 pin increases. For the women, Shirley Rothbauer was most improved with a 15 pin increase. Carolyn Baird upset her average 14 and Ruth Stein 12.

Girls' Peeewe Softball Rosters Are Listed

Eagle Lake Little League Girls' Peeewe Softball rosters for 1980 include: Blue Belles: Coaches, Elizabeth Miller and Sharon Prank; Renee Balaz, Prisca Costa, Kim Curman, Anita Dancy, Tammy Lamascus, Jennifer Matthews, Rhonda Prank, Amy Smith, Shanon Williams. Charlie's Angels: Coach, Charles Briscoe; Becky Almazan, Keisha Brown, Stephanie Cassey, Wendy Gonzalez, Dominique Imshover, Latricia Johnson, Tracy McQueen, Jo Ann Torres, Maria Torres, Kara Beth Wiese.

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Catfish Farmers Win Skull Creek Mixed League

The Skull Creek Mixed League closed out the 1979-80 fall and winter season with the Catfish Farmers champions of the league with 87 wins. Members of the team are: "Chic" and Ruth Stein, Doris Clippson, Mike Beard and Doyle and Virginia Waldrop. The Skull Creek Lanes team, Larry and Shirley Rothbauer, Mano and LaVerpe Graham and Al Novosad, won second place with 80 1/2 wins, and the Singers, Zelta Toupe, Harry and Dorothy Selph and Jim and Lila Armstrong, captured third with 75 1/2 wins. The Goofers were fourth with 71 1/2 wins. High team handicap game went to the Rice Birds with 938, Skull Creek Lanes 911, and Tuesday Nite Special 896.

Individual Winners

High men's handicap series honors went to Mano Graham with 736, Clyde Werland 708 and Floyd Spearath 687; and high men's handicap game to Graham with 276, Clyde Werland 274, and Rick Holden 271.

High Women's Handicap Series

High women's handicap series was won by Margie Knippel with a 699, Ruth Stein had a 692 and Darlene Holden 673. High women's handicap game winner was a tie between Knippel and Jane Booker with 284 each and Carolyn Baird had a 269.

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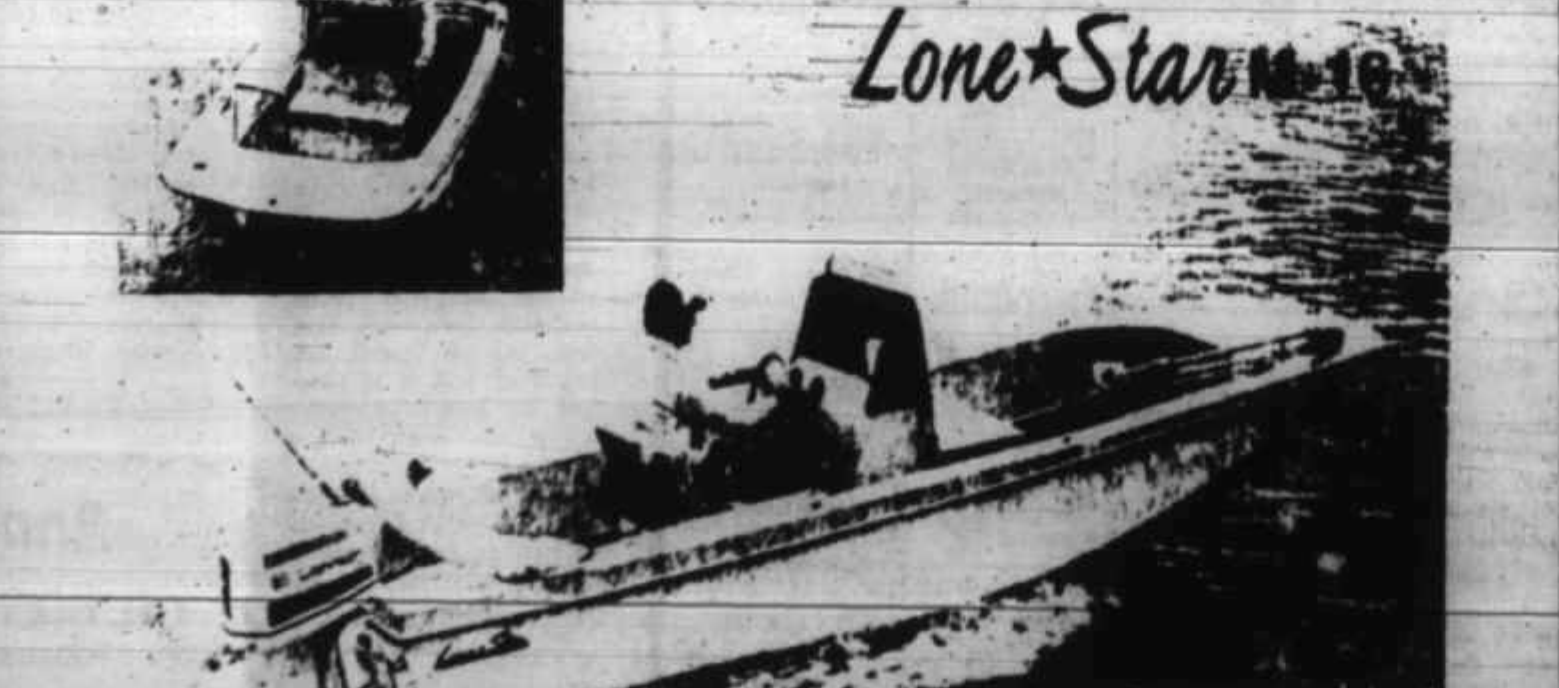
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Pirates Open Defense Of Major L.L. Title With 2 Wins

Little League and Girls' Softball action got underway last week with the Major Little League Pirates picking up where they left off in the 1979 season - on a winning note. The Pirates defeated the Yanks in the final game of the season last June to win the Little League title. The Yanks were less fortunate in their first games, dropping a pair of them to the Pirates. In other major league action the Dodgers scored a pair of wins over the Cubs in their opener.

Little League Candy, Popcorn Sale Starts Fri.

The annual "Candy Campaign" to benefit the Eagle Lake Little League will get underway this Friday and will continue through May 19th, announce league officials. Little leaguers and girls' softball participants will be selling peanut brittle and gourmet popcorn for the next two weeks with funds from the drive going toward the cost of the new lights, uniforms, light bulbs, maintenance for accidents and hospitalization and other costs of operating the summer program.

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Cardwell's 67 Is Tops In Lions' Golf Tourney

A three-under par by Bob Cardwell of Columbus was the winning score in the championship flight of the 10th annual Eagle Lake Lions Club's 18-hole golf tournament held at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center Sunday. A full field of 128 golfers (64 in shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and also at 1:30 p.m.) competed in the tournament. A delicious barbecued chicken dinner was served by the Lions Club at noon-time to a large crowd - including golfers and guests and local citizens who took the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful day in the outdoors with the "Eagle Lake Noon Lions."

Other Flight Winners

Winners in the four other flights were: First flight: Jay Don Wilkins of Houston, first with a 37-38-73; Robert McMillan of Lake Jackson, second place winner (by a coin toss) with 86; Chris Koehler of Alexandria, La., third with 76; Lynn Williams of Missouri City, fourth with 76; and Guy Grant was high with a 94.

Second Flight: Glen Stromquist

Second flight: Glen Stromquist of Columbus, first by coin toss with 39-39-78; Bob Thornton of Eagle Lake, second with 39-39-78; Mickey Koehelp of Eagle Lake, third with an 82; and tied for fourth with 83's winner of fourth by number guess was H. O. (Buzzy) Keith of El Campo, high scorer, Don Kennedy fourth, high scorer.

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Rec. Center Tennis Assn. To Meet Mon.

The Eagle Lake Recreation Center Tennis Association will meet next Monday, May 12th at 5:30 p.m. in the council room of the Municipal Building. All members and interested parties are urged to attend. Come and meet with us and see what is planned for the season. New members are always welcome, and the association's officers.