

TOM GORMAN

The Wellwood World Series

THE MINORS

Danny Feiken, frustrated in his previous batting attempts, boomed an Andy Buerger pitch into deep left-center field in the bottom of the sixth and final inning to drive in Mark Luterman from second with the winning run as the Twins dramatically defeated the Reds in the Wellwood Minors World Series 6-5 last week at Wellwood.

Two nights prior the teams battled 2-2 into extra innings in an attempt to decide a World Series winner before the game was called because of darkness. So after 13 innings of exciting baseball, Feiken's shot made it possible for Wellwood to crown the Twins 1976 champions of the Minors.

From the instant Danny exploded with his long range artillery the only question remaining was when would the ball ever

come down. The stage was set for his heroic hit when Luterman opened the sixth by walking. Jamie Berman, the only player in the league with lace ruffles on her baseball pants, then reached first on an infield error when she popped up to the right of the pitcher's mound.

Pitcher Andy Buerger, second baseman Jim Yerman and first baseman Rich Pachino converged on the ball. It looked as if Buerger had it under control, but he dropped the ball when he was sandwiched between Pachino and Yerman after all three collided.

Just as in their first World Series game, the Twins had to come up with a big inning to keep themselves in contention. In game one they scored twice in the sixth to snatch a tie from defeat.

In "The Game," a four-run fifth enabled the Twins to tie 5-5 before Feiken decided in the sixth they'd played long enough. Feiken's dynamite blast was a triumph for poetic justice. In the first World Series game he was the final batter with Luterman again on base. Danny flied out, killing the Twins hopes for victory. As it developed they merely had to wait a little longer.

Both the Twins and the Reds can be proud of their efforts. They produced well played, tense games with some truly outstanding individual efforts. Managers Mike Yerman, Reds, and Howard Goldman Twins, did excellent jobs in handling their players.

For the Reds, Rich Pachino, pitching and playing first,

turned in a superlative effort. He throws the ball exceptionally well and hard for his age and fields his position with the assurance of a more mature player. Jimmy Yerman, the Reds able 2nd baseman, dramatically broke out of a recent batting slump with 3 good hits.

The Reds' Andy Buerger is a fine hitter who meets the ball well with a silk-smooth swing. In the first inning of the final game he blasted a line drive into deep center field only to be thwarted from an extra base hit by Mark Luterman's brilliant one-handed catch. Buerger later doubled.

In six at bats in the two games, third baseman Harry Halpert hit safely five times. Periodically during the games Harry's attractive grandmother led a spirited Twins rooting section in cheers.

Rich Pachino was involved in good plays in the fifth inning, one offensively and one defensively, in which he handled himself well. Defensively, he came in from first base to back up a throw to home. When Andy Buerger's throw was high, Pachino leaped in the air, speared the ball and prevented a run from scoring.

Offensively, he rounded third, saw he was being cut off at the plate and became hung up in a run down play in which the ball made five exchanges between catcher Perry Cohen and third baseman Harry Halpern before Pachino coolly timed a short safe dash back to third.

The unfortunate thing about the game, played before a large and vocal crowd, was that there had to be a loser. For 14 innings both teams did exceptional jobs with pressure all the way. For either team it would have been a tough loss. On the other hand, it was a great victory. That's baseball.

THE MAJORS

The Angels, managed by veteran Leon Garfield, scored five runs in the second inning then hung on to win 5-4 over the Reds in the World Series of the Wellwood Major league last week at Pikesville Junior High.

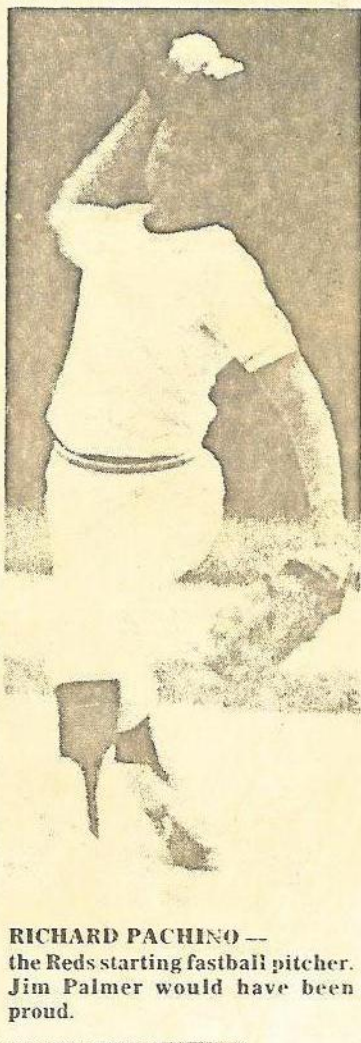
Trailing 2-0, on the strength of Richard Weiner's first inning homer, the Angels tagged pitcher Eddie Juantigi for five big ones in the second, all coming as a result of extra base hits.

Todd Foreman touched off the fireworks with a triple. Rickie Freeman walked. Richard Donick doubled, driving in Foreman and Freeman. Eddie Kasoff doubled, driving in Donick. Rett Waldman doubled, plating Kasoff with two out. Richie Kopilnick belted a double, scoring Waldman with the fifth run.

Over the next four innings, Juantigi and Andy Gold effectively stilled the Angels' booming bats. Gold did not allow a hit. Meanwhile, the Reds were making some offensive noise in the fourth.

With two out, Morris Richmond walked. Dave Fleishman

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Twins	P	AB	H	RBI	R	
M. Luterman	CF	2	0	0	0	1
J. Berman	RF	3	0	0	0	0
D. Feiken	RF	3	1	1	0	0
H. Halprin	3B	3	3	1	1	1
L. Hettehman	1B	2	1	0	1	1
E. Spector	LF	2	1	0	1	1
G. Goldman	P/2B	3	1	2	1	0
P. Cohen	C	3	0	0	0	0
N. Hettehman	2B/P	3	2	2	0	1
H. Spritz	SS	3	2	0	1	1
		27	11	6	6	6
Reds	P	AB	H	RBI	R	
M. Millman	RF	4	0	0	0	0
J. Yerman	2B	3	3	0	2	2
R. Pachino	p/1B	2	1	0	1	1
A. Buerger	1B/P	3	1	1	1	1
B. Leubart	CF	3	1	0	0	0
A. Reams	SS	2	0	0	0	0
S. Cohen	3B	1	1	0	0	0
J. Meyer	C	3	0	0	0	0
L. Farber	RF	3	0	0	0	0
D. Myers	LF	1	0	0	1	1
		27	7	1	5	5
Twins		0	0	1	0	4
Reds		0	0	4	0	1



RICHARD PACHINO — the Reds starting fastball pitcher. Jim Palmer would have been proud.

