

# Champ and Runner-Up Hand Boone Only Losses in Meet

Boone's Babe Ruth All Stars baseball team, which had made a tournament career of coming back fell victim to a come back by another team Saturday and dropped a 7 to 6 decision to Iowa City.

The loss was the second of the double-elimination tournament for the Boone team and the win moved Iowa City into a Saturday night game with undefeated Indianola. Iowa City responded to that by handing the host team its first loss of the tourney. Indianola won the title yesterday morning by defeating Iowa City, 9 to 7.

Boone, defeated by Indianola in the first day of the tournament, had downed Lake City (8-1), Newton (15 to 5) and Racoon Valley (8 to 6) enroute to its Saturday engagement with Iowa City, and had earned the nickname of the "Comeback Kids" not only for their play after losing that disappointing first game, but also because of the manner they had won the Valley contest on Friday night, coming from behind to score 5 runs and win in the final inning.

"All we had to do was hold them in the final inning," Manager Darrell Richards said of the game against Iowa City. "But we couldn't do it. We made some costly errors and that's all the chance that Iowa City needed.

"We committed seven errors. We outhit them. Van Cannon got only one strikeout, but I thought he tossed one of his best games of the season.

"Iowa City was a good team. But we were disappointed in not winning because we wanted another crack at Indianola. We could have won that game with Indianola in our first tournament start if we had gotten some hits at the right time. But

our two losses came at the hands of the champion and the runner-up team."

Boone failed to score in the first two innings against Iowa City, while the eventual winners got a couple in the last of the second to take the lead. Boone counted a single run in the third inning to narrow the count to 2 to 1, and both teams scored three runs in the fourth. That made the score 5 to 4 Iowa City

and neither team could score again until the seventh when Boone got two runs to take a 6 to 5 edge. Iowa City then got two to grab the game.

Kennedy got 2 for 3 for Boone, Martz got 1 for 2, Anderson got 1 for 2, Tom Duffy got 1 for 3 and Tim Duffy got 1 for 4 and Briley got for 1 for 1.

Scoring runs for the Boone team were McNace 1, Kennedy 2, Marshall 1, Tom Duffy 2.

## Boone Merchants Capture District 2-A Softball Title

The Boone Merchants captured two of three games Sunday and moved into the throne room of the District 2-A American Softball Association, topping a 16-team field at Ames.

The Merchants, in moving to the title, defeated Elkhart Merchants 2 to 0 in the winners' bracket finals, although outhit 5 to 1. Boone took advantage of that hit by pitcher Harold Johnson to score two runs.

Jack Teagarden and Al Darnatt and Dan McDevitt had all walked to load the bases before Johnson got the game-winning hit in the second inning.

In their second game of the day, the Merchants again met

Elkhart, which had won its way out of the losers' bracket.

That game went 12 innings and finally was decided on a home run by Elkhart pitcher Wayne Taylor. The score of the game was 2 to 1. Stan Oppedahl was the hard-luck loser of this one. Tom Peterson scored Boone's lone run on a homerun in the first inning.

Boone collected 7 hits in this game, with Peterson also having a single to go with his home run. Kelly McMullen, Craig Bjorkgren and Jack Teagarden, Rich Kleppe all had singles and Stan Oppedahl a double.

This loss by Boone put the

Pairings for this tournament are to be announced in the next two days. The tournament is being held at the new Bomber Stadium near Johnston.

Boone Merchants next game will be at 8:30 Tuesday against another district champion, Webster City, in the annual Stanhope Watermelon day feature.

### Baseball Standings

National League East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	67	41	.620	—
St. Louis	58	49	.542	8½
Chicago	58	49	.522	9½