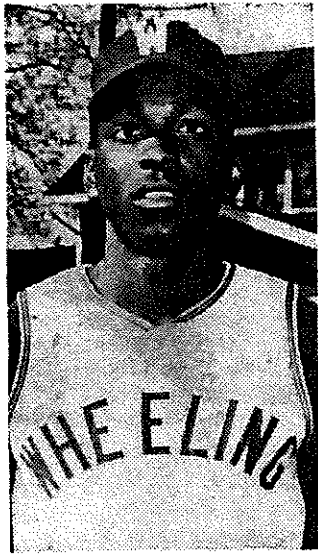


Wheeling Tops Bridgets for OVAC Title

Moore Effective in Relief



JUNIOR MOORE
... tough in clutch

Junior Moore's clutch relief pitching enabled Wheeling High to edge Bridgeport, 4-2, at Bridgeport Monday and win the Valley Athletic Conference baseball championship. Eliminated from tournament by Magnolia last week, the Wildcats have nevertheless now captured an honor that eluded last year's state champion team. The Gold bowed to Steubenville in the playoff for the 68 OVAC crown but yesterday the Cats took a 3-0 lead in the first inning and were never headed.

With Charles Duncan pitching out of ball over the first five frames, Wheeling carried a 4-0 lead into the sixth against the conference Ohio - side titlists. However, Bridgeport scored twice in the sixth, thanks to a single by Dave Mroczkowski, a double by Mark Thompson and a single by Allen Glitch.

At this point, with only one out, Moore relieved Duncan and retired Lou Burk on a pop back to the mound. John Anderson walked but Moore got out of the hole by whiffing Pat Butler.

However, Moore walked Bill Marsh to start the seventh and Coach Mike Pockl brought Duncan back to the hill to face Doug Selmon, the Bridget pitcher. Selmon singled and Moore then returned to the pitching rubber. Mroczkowski was retired on a fly ball but Jim Tomolonis drew a pass so the Bulldogs had the bases loaded with only one out

But the southpaw Moore, bearing down hard, fanned both Thompson and Glitch to end the game.

Wheeling garnered its three runs off Selmon in the first inning on a walk to Bob Westfall, Chuck Murray's sacrifice, Bob Bero's triple, and singles by Tom Jochum and Moore. The other Wheeling run was scored in the fifth when Don Landmeyer walked, moved to second on a balk and tallied on Westfall's single.

The Wildcats garnered only five hits off Selmon but made them count. Bridgeport collected nine safeties, including two each by Selmon, Mroczkowski, and Glitch, but the Bulldogs left nine stranded. Bero socked a triple and single for Wheeling.

The line score:

Bridgeport	000	002	0-2	9	2
Wheeling	300	010	X-4	5	1

Batteries: Selmon and Marsh; Duncan, Moore (6), Duncan (7), Moore (7) and Jochum.

Wheeling Champs.

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