

TRIPLETT SOFTBALL TEAM WINS 16 OF 17 GAMES PLAYED



Pictured here are members of the Triplet softball team which concluded one of its most successful schedules in history by winning 16 of 17 games against some of the strongest opposition in this area. First row, left to right—Robert Burkholder, catcher; Bert Swank, infielder; Evan Anderson, infielder; Paul Eikenbary, infielder; Don Ream, catcher; Timer Spaeth, pitcher; Russ Gratz, outfielder. Back row—Weldon Deppler, outfielder; Roger Berky, outfielder; Maynard Geiger, pitcher; Robert Luginbuhl, outfielder; Fred Swank, infielder; and Jess Mangos, manager. Absent from the picture are Ken Moser, infielder; Norman Triplett, outfielder; and "Coble" Basinger, outfielder.

Triplet softball team in the 1944 season racked up the best record of any outfit in the district by winning 16 of 17 games against strong opposition.

The lone setback came at the hands of the Routh Packers, of Tiffin, a team which Triplet beat on the home field, 7 to 4, but which turned the tables at Tiffin for a 4 to 2 victory.

That the loss to Tiffin was no blot on the record of the outfit is seen in the fact that the Routh outfit was one of the few to defeat Ferguson's State Auditors during the regular season. The Auditor's outfit, with Dizzy Kirkendall, former Triplet hurler, on the mound, won the Ohio State championship in August.

During the regular season the Triplet crew scored dual victories over Ada O-K, Pandora, Columbus Grove, Cairo, Findlay Point Service and Findlay First Lutheran.

A two-game series was split with Tiffin Routh Packers, and single wins were racked up over Jenera, Findlay All-Stars and the Bluffton Lions team. The latter was an exhibition game played for the benefit of Buckeye Lake.

Timer Spaeth and Maynard Geiger were the hurlers for the crew thruout the season, and between them turned in four shutouts; four games in which opponents made but one run, and four in which only two runs were scored.

In the 17-game schedule the Triplet team scored 147 runs against a total of 39 for the opposition.

Complete record for the season:

Triplet 15; Ada O-K 3
Triplet 16; Pandora 1
Triplet 1; Ada 0
Triplet 5; Pandora 4
Triplet 21; Columbus Grove 5
Triplet 10; Cairo 2
Triplet 7; Tiffin Routh Packers 4
Triplet 8; Findlay Point Service 0
Triplet 2; Tiffin Routh Packers 4
Triplet 2; Findlay All-Stars 0
Triplet 2; Jenera 1
Triplet 8; Findlay First Lutheran 1
Triplet 20; Lions Club 8
Triplet 14; Findlay Point Service 2
Triplet 8; Findlay First Lutheran 2
Triplet 3; Cairo 0
Triplet 5; Columbus Grove 2

Following are the players and their batting averages for the season:

	Gms	AB	R	H	%
Eldon Landis	2	5	1	3	600
Roger Berky	14	51	14	19	373
Russ Gratz	16	63	24	23	365
Bert Swank	16	63	14	23	365
Fritz Swank	15	60	17	21	350
Paul Eikenbary	15	52	14	17	327
Don Ream	16	52	12	17	327
Bob Luginbuhl	9	25	5	8	320
Evan Anderson	9	41	8	13	312
Bob Burkholder	10	33	4	9	273
Norman Triplett	7	27	6	7	259

Fred Herrmann	1	4	2	1	250
Timer Spaeth	12	30	7	7	233
Kenneth Moser	8	18	4	4	220
Maynard Geiger	8	20	2	4	200
Fred Tschantz	2	6	1	1	167
Weldon Deppler	8	12	1	2	161
Hubert Basinger	12	39	4	6	154



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