

Both Sides Are Winners In Softball All-Star Game

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The first annual all-star doubleheader on Sept. 11 between the two local modified fast-pitch men's softball leagues — Pikesville and Deer Park — ended in a split.

Pikesville won the first game, 5-3. The game was a pitcher's duel between Bruce Eisenberg of Pikesville and Jeff Zukerberg of Deer Park. Deer Park opened the scoring with two runs in the top of the first inning. Marc Goldstein's leadoff double and a Pikesville throwing error were keys to the inning.

Pikesville tied the score with two runs in the third inning. With one out, walks by Jeff Slutzker and Joe Gelazela and a single by Scott Moffit loaded the bases. Slutzker scored on an infield grounder by Eisenberg and Gelazela scored on a sacrifice fly by Larry Henderson.

Then Pikesville put together three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to secure the victory.

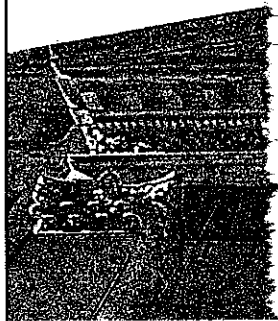
Game two went to Deer Park, 12-10, as the bats came out of hiding for a combined 29 hits. Pikesville scored one run in the first inning and three in the second to jump to a 4-0 lead. Deer Park scored four in the bottom of the second, sparked by a one-out, two-RBI single off the bat of Steve Rosen.

Pikesville regained the lead, 6-4, in the fourth inning. Slutzker tripled home pitcher Mitch Caplan and later scored on an error. But Deer Park took a 7-6 lead on designated hitter Joe Dove's three-run home run and seemingly wrapped up the win with a six-hit, five-run fifth inning, featuring two-run singles off the bats of Ed Organ and Dove, who had six RBIs for the game.

Although Deer Park's 12-7 lead looked safe, Pikesville went down with a fight. Mike Herr, Howard Rosenberg and Don Weinapple all crossed the plate with two outs. With the score 12-10 and the potential tying runners on second and third, Pikesville manager Paul Bell lined out to end the game.

Pikesville's squad also included Chuck Grant, Barry Foland,

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Lee Eidelberg, Fred Shapiro, Scott Gleiman and Bill Saunders.

Deer Park also included Bob Connelly, Gary Perlow, Pablo Rivas, Lou Gitomer, Arnold Begeleiter, Marc Lebowitz, Phil Karolenko, Josh Fidler, Steve Rosen, Dave Cooper, Chuck Hobbs, Marc Summerfield, Allan Schiff and Gil Schwartzman, who managed the team.

Tennis Challenge

The 1994 Signet Bank Tennis Challenge will feature a best-of-three sets singles match between Jim Courier, who ended the 1993 season ranked No. 3 in the world, and Todd Martin, the current No. 5 men's player. The event, which benefits children-related charities throughout the region, will be played Thursday, Sept. 29, at 7 p.m. at the Baltimore Arena.

John McEnroe also will play in the benefit, which is organized by Pam Shriver. McEnroe will face Brian MacPhie, a rising tennis star, in a one-set match. Courier and McEnroe also will play Martin and MacPhie in a doubles match.

For ticket information, call (410) 481-SEAT.

Girls Basketball

The Pikesville Girls Basketball League will hold tryouts on Friday, Sept. 23, for the league's inaugural girls travel team. Tryouts for the 11-12 team will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 9. The 13-14 team will begin tryouts at 7 p.m. For more information, call Bruce Posner, travel league coordinator, at 581-8125 or the Pikesville Recreation Office at 887-1233.

Boys Tennis

Dustin Friedman, a 13-year-old tennis player from Owings Mills, won the Mid-Atlantic Boys 16 Championship at McDonogh School on Sept. 18. He beat Nicky Colvin in singles, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4. In a doubles match, Brian Ruppert and Friedman beat Colvin and Scott Dilloff, 6-4, 6-0.

Friedman, who is in the eighth grade at Pikesville Middle School, will compete in the National Indoor Boys 14 Championship in Chicago in November. That tournament determines his placement in the 14s.

Friedman also was invited to play in the Junior Orange Bowl International Tennis Championship, which is open to the top players in this country and abroad. It will be played in Miami, Fla., in December. □

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