

## Crete Little Leaguers In LGS Finals Friday

Crete 10 — Hickman 1  
Cortland 4 — Panama 0

The Crete VFW Little Leaguers reached the finals of the LGS League with a 10-1 no-hitter by Terry Waltman Tuesday.

The locals square off against Cortland Friday night at 8:00 at Hickman for the league championship.

The one Hickman run scored on a walk and an error. Ben McDowell and Gary Brothorst slammed triples while Waltman and Randy Brothorst each had two hits.

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Crete: Waltman and McDowell;  
Hickman: Stage, Heckman and Weber.

## Crete Team LGS Champs

The Crete Little League team defeated Cortland 4-2 Friday night to cop the LGS League title.

The championship game saw Ben McDowell go the route. Terry Waltman was the receiver.

The team finished the season with a 10-2 record. They finished strong, winning their final ten games.

The team is sponsored by the Crete VFW Post 4959. The team wore their new uniforms in the final game.



Sporting their new uniforms is the VFW Little League team, champion of the LGS league. Back row, from left: Coach H. L. Waltman, Gary Brothorst, Merle Schnackenberg, John Johnston, Terry Waltman, Ben McDowell, Maynard Schnell, Gary

Hayek, Tom Strouf, Gary Kemper and Doug Whitman. Front row: David Hrdlicka, Randy Swiggart, Roger Hammond, Tom Hammond, Bobby Waltman, Dick Navratil and Randy Brothorst.



All-star victors of the west's little league were (from left) back row—Ben McDowell and John Johnston, Crete; Bruce Cramer, Cortland; Earl Nannen, Sprague-Martell; Mike Wenz, Hallam, Mike Hollman, Sprague-Martell; Dale Benes, Hallam; front row—Bobby Waltman, Tom Hammond, Gary Brothorst and Roger Hammond, Crete; Mike Wilcox, Sprague-Martell; Roger Giestinger, Hallam; Roger Meints and Gary Behrends, Cortland. (SUN Photo by John Wehr)

## West Little League Team Whips East

SPRAGUE —The eight-team Lancaster-Gage-Saline county Little League staged its annual all-star contest July 2 at the Central school field.

Winning the contest was the west squad, 7-1. Making up the winning team were players from Sprague-Martell, Hallam, Crete and Cortland. Hickman, Panama, Firth and Douglas team members were on the losing squad.



**TOURNAMENT BOUND**—Crete's Junior Legion team headed into District Tournament play Wednesday night on the crest of a six-game winning streak which lifted its regular season record to 9-10. Pictured in the back row are Manager Roger

Hammond, Bill Jordon, Russ Henning, Wayne Urbach, Kim Foster, Dave Fette and Randy Snell. In the front row are Ken Rethemeier, Mark Barry, Dave Snell, Randy Kemper and Maylon Kohl.

# Junior Legion Has 6-Game Win Streak

Crete's Junior Legion extended their streak to six in a row with wins over Daykin and Barneston lifting their season record to 9-10.

Dave Snell, Randy Kemper and Bill Jordan led a 16-hit attack as the Crete Juniors bombed Daykin 12-1 last Friday.

The locals scored three runs in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Kemper smacked a bases loaded triple to end the game by the 10-run rule.

Daykin won the first game 3-1 almost a month ago.

Kim Foster came home with the tying run when the throw got by the third baseman on an attempted steal in the sixth and Bill Jordon drove him home in the bottom of the eighth to give the Juniors a hard fought 8-7 win over Barneston Monday.

Mark Barry drove home three runs with a double and a fielders choice.

Wayne Urbach won in relief making the teams record 9-19 with six in a row.

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D. Snell	3	0	0
Foster	2	2	1
Kemper	3	1	0
R. Snell	5	0	1
Jordan	4	2	0
Urbach	4	0	2
Rethmeier	3	1	0
Henning	2	1	1
Fette	2	0	1
Barry	4	1	1
Kohl	3	0	0
	35	8	7



**LEGION TEAM**—Members of the 1973 Legion Post 147 baseball team are, standing: Ken Rethmeier, Bob Waltman and Bill Jordan; kneeling are Bob Lothrop, Loren Wiederspan, Dale Papik, Doug

Navratil and Dave Kowalke. Sitting up front are Keith Eurich, Bill Rold, Roger Hammond, Mike Foster and Randy Renken. Not pictured is Wally Rehm.

## Juniors Win District Baseball Title

It was strictly a team effort Monday when the Junior Legion won the District 11 baseball crown with a 9-5 victory over Davenport. It was the first time the Crete Juniors won the District since 1967 when they went all the way to the finals of the area before being eliminated.

The final game was almost anticlimatic however after putting away last years district champs Daykin in the semi-finals 7-4 behind the strong pitching of Bill Jordan who upped his record to 6-1 also getting the victory in the finals in relief of Dave Kowalke who won the first two games. He relieved Jordan in the opener, a 17-7 romp past Barneston. He then went the route in the second game a 9-4 win over Adams, the third this season.

The opener looked much like the last meeting with Barneston which Crete won 17-0 when they jumped out to a 12-1 lead. But Barneston was determined not to let it happen again then they scored 6 runs on four hits to throw a scare into the locals before Kowalke stopped the uprising. Prior to that time Jordan hadn't allowed a hit in the first four innings.

That victory was powered by



**CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**— Roger Hammond, Legion Juniors manager, emits pride as he shows off the trophy won Monday night by his team in capturing the district title at Geneva.