

Little League Expanded To Eight Teams

Brownsville will have two four team Little Leagues this summer instead of the one six team circuit originally planned.

On the direction of national Little League headquarters in Williamsport, Pa., the city has been split into two sections, East and West with the dividing line at East Seventh Street.

Teams in the East Brownsville league will be Kiwanis Club, Brownsville Herald, First National Bank and the Mercury's.

Team sponsors in the western division are West Brownsville Lions Club, Brownsville Shrimp Exchange, Junior Service League and Pan American Bank.

Managers of East Brownsville teams picked players for their clubs at a meeting last night. The player picking was first done on Sunday but because of the change had to be done again. West Brownsville teams are to be selected later this week.

The two leagues will operate independently. Officers have yet to be selected for the West Brownsville league. The officers for the original six-team league will serve with the East Brownsville league with the exception of Jim Hazzar, elected vice-president at the original organizational meeting.

Since he is affiliated with the West Brownsville Lions Club team, he will be in the west side group. His office will be taken over by Art Norton.

The original six team schedule of 20 games will be amended to include only 18 games for each team with the starting date set ahead to May 10.

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