

Mike Kilkenny

Moves Up

(By E. R. W.)

Bradford's Mike Kilkenny has received word that he has been placed on the roster of the Detroit Tigers of the American League. Able to protect 40 players (including the members of the present major league team) from the annual baseball draft, Detroit has put young Kilkenny in that select group and he will join the Tigers for spring training in February.

This past summer 20-year-old Mike Kilkenny pitched for Daytona Tigers of the Florida State League where, after a slow start with a weak team, he compiled a 14 won, 15 lost record, including a no-hit, no-run game.

At present Kilkenny is pitching for the Detroit team in the Florida Winter Instructional League at Dadeville where 10 major league baseball teams have some of their present players and their best prospects playing. So far he has pitched 21 innings with an earned run average of 1.2 runs per nine inning game.

Last Friday, Bob Swift, a coach with the Tigers and in charge of their team in the instructional league, informed Kilkenny that he was being placed on the protected list of the Detroit club. He also told him that the Detroit officials were extremely pleased with his pitching and assured him that he had an excellent chance of breaking into the Tiger lineup next year.

This is quite a feather in Mike Kilkenny's cap after only a year in professional baseball and undoubtedly many Bradfordites will watch his progress with interest.