

Softball Leaders Hold Positions in Past Week's Play

First Five Teams Are Hard for Rest Of Outfits to Beat

By JACK RIGDEN

McManus kept up his undefeated pace this week to retain sole possession of first place in the local softball league. Buick retained its hold on second place while being idle throughout the week.

These two league leaders were scheduled to clash Monday evening at Barnum but an afternoon down-pour prevented play.

Franklin gained the most ground to tie for third place with Dayner's at seven victories against two losses. Frankin copied three victories and dropped one tilt while Dayner's was winning both of its starts.

As the weeks speed by, the first five teams become more pronounced and seem to be pulling farther away from the rest of the league. Making up the first division at present are McManus, Buick, Franklin, Dayner's, White Cruiser, and Mortimer's. This gain may also be a defeat for the Cruiser line as Mortimer's has lodged an official protest to director Lloyd G. Chapman, claiming Cruiser used an illegal player.

All the leaders face comparatively easy opposition this week. McManus takes on Eccentric to night and Wade's on Monday. Buick clashes with Birmingham Fruit, Mortimer's and has an important engagement with Franklin on Thursday.

The league is nearing the half-way mark and so far hitting and fielding has been exceptional. However, ever good pitching performances have also been turned in.

SOFTBALL LEAGUE STANDINGS (Including Tuesday night's results)

Team	Won	Last	Pct.
McManus	5	0	1.000
Buick	5	1	.833
Franklin	4	2	.777
Dayner's Market	4	2	.777
White Cruiser	4	3	.667
Mortimer's	4	4	.555
Post Office	4	4	.428
Fisham Eccentric	3	5	.375
Pham's Market	3	5	.375
Pham Fruit	2	7	.250
Wade's	1	7	.125
North End A. C.	0	8	.000

COMING GAMES

Thursday, July 18
Birmingham Eccentric - McManus, at Barnum
Mortimer's Post Office, at Hill Birmingham Fruit - Buick, at Poppleton

Monday, July 22
Franklin Post Office, at Barnum Birmingham Eccentric - Fisham's Market, at Hill
McManus, Wade's, at North Birmingham Fruit - Torrey End, at Poppleton

Tuesday, July 23
Dayner's, Wade's, at Barnum Mortimer's, Buick, at Torrey End, at Barnum

Wednesday, July 24
Fisham's Market - Mortimer's, at Barnum
Birmingham Eccentric - North End, at Torrey

Thursday, July 25
Birmingham Fruit - White Cruiser, at Barnum
Dayner's, Post Office, at Hill Franklin - Buick, at Poppleton

Attendance Jumps During Past Week

Last week was the first full week of activity by the Birmingham recreation program this far this summer. This was indicated by the big increase in attendance at the various playgrounds when 4,182 people attended playground activities and the Barnum swimming pool.

Barnum increased the most but Quanton still continued to hold the spotlight because of continuous rains in attendance. This playground at first was feared to fizzle out but now will continue to operate all summer. The Adams playground was closed up, however, and supervisor Bob Hopper and the equipment were moved to Torreyville.

Bicycle Races

One of the biggest attractions of the summer program is scheduled to be held at Pierce Field on July 26. This event is a bicycle race program in which children of all ages may enter.

For children below the age of 10 years there will be two tri-cycle races. For older children there will be a three mile race, a two mile race, one mile race, half and quarter mile races, and a two-man ten mile endurance race. The ten mile endurance race will be run similar to the famous six-day cycling races.

Those people interested in entering the races should sign the official registration slips which they can get from their playground supervisors. These sheets must be turned in by July 19. Prizes will be awarded to winners in each event. As soon as a contestant has signed his registration slip, he may begin to practice on the Pierce Field track.

Music News

Attendance at the recreational instrumental music program has been better than in any previous year, over 1,400 persons having been spent in some form of musical activity.

The evening band which meets on Wednesday from 7:30 till 9:30 and which is made up of adults and high school people has room for more players. Those already included in this evening band are Grim, Manly A. Tyson, Lovel Station, Roy, Bob Peck, Vernon Windsor, Roy, Fred Lloyd, Basch, Melvin, Dave Cole, Mary Grace, Elizabeth Moore, Ruth Savage, Don Erickson, Robert Traylor, Frances Rackeridge, Robert Traylor, Bob Thom, John James and Robert Church.

Monday the Detroit WPA band played a concert at Barnum school before a rain-soaked bunch of Birmingham music lovers. The 41-piece band, led by Director MacDonald, presented many classical and modern numbers which were heartily received by those present.

Tournament Week

Future plans call for a tournament week to be held the last week of the program. Contestants from each school in ping-pong, croquet, and horse shoes will compete.

At Barnum this past week, wear-making has been added and proven exceedingly popular among the younger children. To-day, 20 children went on a bicycle ride to the new sewage disposal plant where they were shown through and ate their lunch at Sleepy Hollow.

Barnum is getting ready for the tennis tournament. Weeds have been cut and the court has been better condition.

At Quanton playground continues to grow. 556 representatives attending last week "Parents Day" was inaugurated at Quanton this week Tuesday with at least 15 parents visiting the playground. Among those present were Mrs. E. B. Struss, Mrs. D. Miller, Mrs. G. C. Hanesworth, Mrs. S. R.

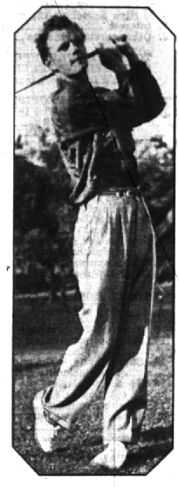
Publinks Stars Give U.S. Its Biggest Golf Tourney

By ART BRONSON

AMERICA'S biggest golf tournament isn't the National Open, the U. S. Amateur or the P. G. A. It isn't any of these high and mighty affairs which attract the top names of golf. Biggest tourney in the country is the National Public Links frolic, which this year is held at the Rackham course in Detroit, July 22-27.

This is the tournament for the week-end golfer—for the plumbers, the steel-workers, the bank clerks, the telephone linemen and the rest of the golfing fraternity who can't get out more than once or twice a week.

But the brand of golf played in Publinks tourneys doesn't have to take a back seat to any other. There are plenty of public links players who can shatter par wherever they hang out. The 275-yard drives like a Jimmy Thomson and come up with a chip shot like a Gene Sarazen.



Walter Burkemo... among those favored for title.

DISTRICT qualifying rounds were held in more than 30 localities at 36-hole intervals. Approximately 200 became eligible for the finals, including all top champions who automatically qualify.

America's greatest source of player supply are the public links and nearest amateurs aren't allowed to enter the National Amateur unless they belong to a club affiliated with the U. S. G. A. A player isn't permitted to participate in both the Amateur and Publinks.

ANDY SZWEDKO, Pittsburgh steel-worker, will attempt to defend the title he won a year ago at Baltimore. A top golfer who qualified for the National Open at Cleveland this year, Szwedko nevertheless has some terrific competitors to turn back on the toughest things in the world to repeat.

At Leach, who as a Cleveland WPA timekeeper won the title in 1935, is another top-rank star who has the shots and the style to win.

But in the Publinks, like most golf tourneys, it's one of the toughest things in the world to repeat.

At Pierce, plans for the week call for a bicycle ride to the Detroit Zoo on Wednesday and more play in the croquet tournament.

Barnum Pool

At the Barnum pool life-saving classes are proving extremely popular. Among those registered for the life-saving classes are Don DeLongchamp, Jack Pittman, Ray Peck, Barbara Westoby, Leola Roomer, Bob LaRa, Betty Steffee, Sue Williams, Beverly Johnson, Spencer Peck, Joy Wangefer, Harry Reynolds, Bob Moody, Harry Bessett, Elizabeth Moore, Eleanor Porter, Mary Craig, Ewald Schadt, A. E. Ebersole, Bob Brookes and Jim Hall.

Community Sing

The annual Community Sing will be held at Pierce Field next Thursday evening with Bill Spencer again acting as MC for the program. It is to be called "family night" to bring out both young and old to the outdoor vocal festival.

Mackinaw Trout New Fishing Thrill

LANSING—The thrill of hauling in a 10 to 20 pound Mackinaw trout from open lake waters as deep as 300 feet is being discovered anew by tourist anglers at 20 Lake Michigan and Lake Superior parks as the 1940 sport fishing season reaches full tempo.

Fished with a short, stiff rod, as much as 1,000 feet of line, and large brass or nickel spoon hooks, lake trout tempt some skill of the angler, yet are not too difficult to land. Hooks are large to hold size of line, such as good quality line, or copper or piano wire. Boat anglers are hired by parties for the day, or by the hour.

Pairings Are Made For First Round In Tennis Tourney

The eighth annual Detroit News Novice tennis tournament got underway this week with approximately 25 entrants participating in this area, at Barnum School tennis courts. All matches must be played and reported by Saturday noon.

Pairings were made early this week by Director Margaret McKee. Those drawing first round byes included in the men's drawings were ten byes for the first rounds. However these idle participants will see action the following day.

Opening matches pit Hank Dahlquist against Harry Kelley, Jack Hayward with Al deNocker, Derek Bolton and Bill Campbell, Bill DeLongchamp and Herbert Doyle, Bill Mutch versus Jack Rigden, and Ray Dennis against Jack Lempyner.

Those drawing first round byes were Bob Laves, Vincent Hobbie, Bill Cole, Harold Wade, Franklin Whitney, Bob Brerley, Jack Emerson, Bud Gross, Warren Watts, and Don Clark.

Birmingham is but one of 100 Michigan communities conducting these novice events. They are approximately 8,000 persons entered in the tourney this year. The winners in each community are scheduled to begin play in the final round at Detroit, July 31.

Medals will be awarded to each regional winner and trophies will be presented to the winner at Detroit.

Stragglers towns also conduct the meets at Pontiac, Royal Oak, Ferndale, River Rouge, Rochester and Mt. Clemens.

Hunting of Turtles Is New Sport Near Manistee

MANISTEE—A novel summer entertainment on the Manistee river near here is the hunting of snapping turtles with bare hands. Caution is the watchword when snatching the hard biting snappers, which make fine soup when the hunt is successful.

Of six common Michigan turtles, the snapping, Hindsley's, musk, western painted and spiny soft-shelled are edible, while the musk turtle, or stinkpot, cannot be eaten.

In Michigan there are no restrictions as to species, size or number for the taking of turtles. But it is unlawful to use set lines. A fishing license is needed for the setting of turtle traps, and their placement must be reported to the conservation officer of the county.

Fisheries investigations have so far found that, contrary to popular belief, there is no evidence that turtles are important predators upon game fish.

Can't Be Done

Soaking the rich is like trying to turn a fire hose on one man in a crowd without wetting anybody else.—Office Economist.

A little girl had been to church for the first time. When she returned home her mother asked her what she thought of church.

"It like it very much," she said "but there's one thing I didn't think was fair."

"What was that, dear?" asked her mother.

"Why one man did all the work, and then another man came around and got all the money."

Sports Showup

By JACK RIGDEN

There will be a manager's meeting Monday evening at Barnum School to discuss the possible suspension of George La Charity, Dayner's pitcher, for an infraction of the rules.

In last Thursday's game between White Cruiser and Mortimer's, the latter team was a man short. So La Charity filled the vacancy in the Cruiser lineup and played a pretty part in downing the Mortimer's squad.

The rules say that after the league has action under way a player of another team performing for a different squad will be liable to a 30-day suspension.

Contrary to other years, Franklin has maintained a steady pace in the upper division of the league. Last year the team would invariably have a commanding lead late in the game and would proceed to blow the game in the late innings.

Unanimous among softball players and managers is the choice of the three leading pitchers of the league. Art Roudsaw, of McManus, Kaymie McBride, of Buick, and George La Charity, of Dayner's are the three.

Plans call for the lighting of Barnum Field in the next couple of years. This would help attendance at games considerably.

One of the main reasons why Franklin is a winning combination this year is the fact that the team finally has a power hitter in Lefty Grambeau, former guardian of the initial sack for Dixie Diner.

One of the potentially best games of the season was rained out on Monday when Buick was scheduled to meet the league leader McManus squad at Barnum. This was figured to be a pitcher's duel between Roudsaw and Kaymie McBride.



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