

Two Donkey Baseball Games to Be Played at Barnum Aug. 6, 7

Proceeds Will Go To Buy Equipment For Recreation

Donkey softball will make its first appearance here in six years, when Ralph Gouffrey and his original Birmingham donkeys will play a two-night engagement at Barnum Field the evenings of August 6 and 7. As an extra attraction, Tom King, who was associated with Will Rogers for many years, will do a rope-spinning and whip-cracking act before each contest.

Negotiations with the company, covering several weeks, were completed late last week by the recreation director, Lloyd C. Chapman. Donkeys, lights and advertising matter are to be furnished by the company while four teams and a playing field are to be provided by the commission.

Barnum Field was finally selected as the site for the games after vain attempts were made to secure the use of Pierce Field. The teams have as yet not been selected, but present plans now call for two all-star teams from the local softball league to meet one night and possibly the local Lions Club will engage the Rotary the following evening.

Donkey baseball was held here several years ago and proved a huge success, large crowds appearing each night. Proceeds from the two games will go toward buying new equipment for next year's recreation program.

Tom King, Oklahoma cowboy, has been doing his rope spinning and whip cracking act with huge success. He is rather elderly and appeared with Will Rogers many times before the latter's untimely death.

Rules of the Game
Rules of the game call for all of the fielders to ride donkeys except of course the pitcher and catcher. No player must dismount, walk or strike out, when he has to hit every time up at bat. When a play is made, a hit he must then mount his donkey and proceed around the bases. If he can, fielders must come with a step of the ball before he can dismount the donkey and

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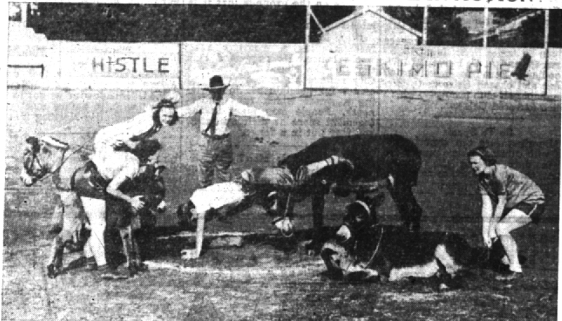
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Community Sing, Bike Races, Water Show Next on Recreation Program

SHOWING DONKEY BASEBALL GAME IN ACTION



retrieve the ball. There are nine players on a side and each game consists of five to seven innings, except an hour and a half.

Tickets will go on sale as soon as they are available. Mr. Chapman revealed, "Certain recreation workers will have them or they may be bought at the game. However, people are urged to buy them from recreation workers as the Recreation Commission receives 50 per cent of these receipts while the remainder of the money taken in at the gate.

The cantankerous critters have many odd names, mostly taken from the comic strips or famous people. The first base mule is called Kate Smith; second base, Tillie The Toiler; third, Joe Louis; short stop, Sallie Land; left field, Shorty; center field, Silver; right field, Andy Gump.

Included in the base running donkeys are such names as Sluggo, Wingo, Fuzzy Death, Olive Oil, Jody Garland and Little Henry.

Hard Times
High—Yes, I've seen a few bad ones year in my time, too. One year our string didn't even pay for the string.
Silas—That's nothing, H. In 1914 our corn crop was so bad that my old dad, who had a very poor appetite, ate up fourteen acres of corn at a single meal.

Speaking of all-star squads, your reporter has picked a couple he thinks would do very nicely. Catchers, Libarda, (Buick), and Cummings (Franklin's) pitchers, Roudou (McManus), LaCharity (Dayner) and R. McBride (Buick); first base, Grambeaux (Franklin) and Hunt (Buick); second base, Muloch (North End) and Green (Dayner's); short stop, Bedard (Dayner's) and Bolton (White Cruiser); third base, Moss (White Cruiser) and Canever (Buick); outfielders, Deimer (Buick), White (McManus), Germain (White Cruiser), Upward (McManus), Jack Boomer (Post Office), and Andrews (Dayner's).
Please, boys, don't all hit me at once!

It seems as though Joyce Olson's girls' team might hit bars of steel the way they bowled over all opposites. How about it, girls, what's your secret?

Song Fest Tonight; Only 2 More Weeks Of Activity Remain

With the Summer Recreation Program nearing its close, events are coming thick and fast, with bicycle races scheduled for tomorrow, community sing tonight and tournament week coming up first week in August.

Attendance has continued steady at all playgrounds, except Pierce, where the crowd was so large that the reason is known why there should be a slump in attendance there, unless perhaps the children have been transferred to other playgrounds. Total attendance for the entire week was 3,500.

Community Sing Tonight
The spotlight this week is shined by the community sing and the cycle races. The sing is scheduled to get under way promptly at 8:00 p. m. and is featuring a "German" quartet and the "Coney Four," a male quartette.

Bicycle Races Friday
The bicycle races will be run off at Pierce Field track tomorrow afternoon at 1:30. At least 32 entries are expected. The races include races which include both bicycles and tricycles, in all ages. There will be five races, and the two-mile, two-mile, three-mile, quarter mile, and five-mile races. The public is invited to attend these races and cheer their favorite on to victory.

Tournaments Next Week
Next week playground activity will be taken up with the running of tournaments at the various playgrounds. On Tuesday, the champion in ping pong, croquet, and horse shoes. Thus far 25 people have signed up for the tournaments. Each winner will receive a medal for his efforts and will have a chance to compete for the city championship Aug. 9.

All-City Jamboree
Plans for the All-City Jamboree, to be held Aug. 9 from morning till 11 o'clock at night, are rapidly being completed. On this day there will be tournament finals in ping pong, horse shoes, and croquet to decide the city champion. Displays of handiwork done at the various playgrounds. There will also be regular and donkey softball games, swimming events and various other contests. Picnic tables will be set up at the Barnum playground and parents are urged to come and make a day of it. The recreation commission will also furnish picnic luncheon. The program will be concluded with a street race and donkey softball tournament court at which contest winners will receive their medals.

On Tuesday, July 30, the first water activities are to be given for the benefit of the public. This will consist of dives and races by the regular pool attendants. There will be regular and donkey softball girls from 10 through 17 years. These aquatic events include a 25-yard freestyle, and two 50-yard 25-yard breast stroke, 25-yard backstroke. At least 20 people are expected to take part in these races and diving contests. People wishing to attend these races should arrive at the pool at least many people had to be turned away.

In Bike Races
Those entered in the bicycle races tomorrow at the Pierce Field running track are Hugo Quinn, Bill Moody, Sonny Earle, Bob Lundv, Bill Goldberg, Kenneth Durr, Jimmy Tuggay, Walkwitz, Don Turner, James Coulter, Gene Hadjisky, Spencer Peck, Don DeLongchamps, Mickey Durr, Edson Grandfield, George Allen, Fred Kaarsberg, Robert Dunn, Jr., Randall Johnson, Bob La Dick, Allen, Bob Hart, Edward Smith, Frank Barber, Philip Berl, Herbert Doyle, Barton Brown, Ray Dennis, Lawrence Westoby and Dick Morrison.

In Tournaments
Those entered for the tournaments include, ping pong, Howard Atwell, Jack Ripien, Jack Hayward, Richard Carie, Ed Smith, Eugene Tsaot, Dick Morrison, Robert Dunn, Jr., and Bob Leslie. Registered for croquet are Betty Lou Thurman, Einar Hart, Marion Monroy, Martha Moody, Dolores Monroy, Bill Moody, Hank Toweliger, Dexter Gillis, Frances Earle, John Kvott, Philip Martz, Arlene Phoebe, Rosa Ann Phoebe, Barbara Devins, Patsy Carper, Burt Johnson, Inezburg Ruffer, Arthur Marcotte, Norma Cruise, Kenneth Leslie, Russell Blaisis, Dorothy Jackson, and Don Turner. Those competing in horse shoes, Lawrence

Softball Standings Remain Steady; Mortimer's Now in 4th, Cruisers in 6th

What's What in Softball

By JACK RIGDEN

Last week's games in the local softball league failed to change the standings with one exception. Mortimer's moved into fourth place while White Cruiser slipped to sixth in the standings.

This all came about when at a meeting of managers Monday night a replay of a past game between those two clubs was ordered. White Cruiser won the disputed game 17-10.

The McManus steamroller remained at the head of the list with a perfect record of ten victories and no defeats. This was a gain of two games over last week.

By downing a stubborn Birmingham Fruit squad 7-1, Buick managed to lose only one place while capturing their ninth victory in eleven starts this week. Bob Carson, Frank Butler, Gene Hart, and setting the tone bucket by holding their highly touted Buick team to six hits.

Dayner's remained in fifth spot by breaking even during the week by winning over North End 15-10 and losing to Mortimer's 6-3. Podge Cameron, of Franklin, pulled straight out of last week's slump to help lift his team into third place.

The match everyone anticipated between McManus and Buick was rained out on Monday and will be played at a later date. North End, which has been in cellar most of the season, finally emerged to tenth position with Wade's falling to the bottom of the heap. North End lost Birmingham Fruit, 8 to 3.

Tonight's games held Birmingham Fruit taking on White Cruiser at Barnum, Dayner's versus Post Office at Hill, and Franklin against Buick at Poppleton.

Recreation League Standings

| Team | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|------------------|-----|------|-------|
| McManus | 10 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Buick | 6 | 4 | .857 |
| Franklin | 9 | 2 | .818 |
| Post Office | 6 | 3 | .750 |
| Dayner's | 6 | 3 | .667 |
| White Cruiser | 6 | 3 | .667 |
| Post Office | 4 | 4 | .500 |
| Hill | 4 | 4 | .500 |
| Fishers Market | 3 | 7 | .300 |
| North End A. C. | 2 | 9 | .200 |
| Birmingham Fruit | 2 | 9 | .152 |
| Wade's | 1 | 9 | .100 |

*Games to be replayed.

SCHEDULE OF COMING GAMES

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

Monday, July 29
McManus-Mortimer's, at Barnum
Fishers, Franklin, at Hill
Eccentric-Bham Fruit, at Poppleton

Tuesday, July 30
Eccentric-White Cruiser, at Hill
Buick-Wade's, at Torrey
North End-Post Office, at Poppleton

Wednesday, July 31
Bham Fruit-Dayner's, at Hill
Franklin-McManus, at Poppleton
Post Office-Buick, at Barnum
Mortimer's-North End, at Torrey
Wade's-White Cruiser, at Poppleton

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Playground Review
Activity has been high at the four playgrounds this week, especially at Barnum where a ping pong tournament was held which attracted 17 competitors. Bill White finally captured the tournament after a hard struggle with Melvin Boomer. Others in the tournament were Jack Hayward, Frank Boomer, Dick Burgess, Jack Ripien, Malcolm Ross, Ed Brungaber, Bill Morrison, Harry Lee, Bill Meraw, Bill Gilbert and Eugene Tsaot. Weaving and wood carving have proven to be extremely popular throughout the week and have attracted both young and older students.

Quarion under Ithone Schadt, has steadily improved to a point where it is outstanding. During the week, stories, games and hand work have been the attractions. Parents' day was had Tuesday with 15 mothers attending.

Pierce continues to be a very good playground. Elizabeth Brelsford has art work, stories, swimming, tag games, baseball, ping pong, and horse shoes going at a good clip. On Wednesday a bike race to the zoo was made by several of the children.

At Torrey swings were put up and also the old basketball court that used to be Springleland park was erected during the week. The swings were donated by O. E. Borek. A full-time supervisor has been put at Torrey now.

Tennis Tournery For Novices Here Drawing to Close

With preliminary battles out of the way, the quarter-final round of the Detroit Area Tennis tournament was scheduled to be run off in the next day or two with the semifinals and finals completed this week. The finals will be held on Monday.

Quarter final pairings include eight players who have reached this round through earlier victories. Pairings in this round are Bob Lows versus Bill Cole, Derek Lows versus Frank Whitney, Bill Berrier versus Bud Corns, and Jack Umney against Don Clark. In the girls' division, Phyllis Allen and Marilyn Lows have reached the final round by virtue of victories over Jane McKee and Carol Clark respectively. Phyllis defeated Miss McKee by a 6-4, 7-5 score, while Carol Clark lost to Marilyn Lows by a 6-4, 6-0 score.

Two of the toughest matches to date have been the Jack Umney-Bill Match battle and also the Bob Berrier-Jack Emerson fray. After capturing the first set 6-4, Match fell before the onslaught of Umney's drives in the next two sets to go down to defeat. It was the same way in the Berrier-Emerson battle when after Berrier won the first set 6-4, Emerson came right back to capture the second set only to lose the deciding match at 6-2.

Preliminary round results: Bob Lows defeated Vincent Habel, 6-2, 6-1; Henry Dahlquist defaulted to Bill Cole after winning a similar match from Harold Kelley. After winning on a default from Bill Campbell, Derek Lows disposed of Jack Hayward while

Frank Whitney was winning from Harold Watts on a default.

Other first round results: Bill Match took Jack Ripien into camp 6-4, 6-2 while Jack Umney took Ray Dennis over 6-2, 6-0.

The two winners here will go to the final round at Waterworks Park, Detroit, next Wednesday, July 31. Both winners are well known to the community and will receive medals as their awards for being crowned district champions.

By the way, where were the managers from Franklin, North End, Wade's, Birmingham Fruit, Fisher's and Mortimer's the other night?

Those managers present were German for White Cruiser, LaCharity for Dayner's, Gerard Roudou for McManus, Prentice for Buick, Ellison for Post Office and your reporter representing the Eccentric.

Names of counties will not appear on the 1941 maroon and white Michigan license plates, Harry F. Kelly, Secretary of State, announces.

This decision was reached following tests at the General Motors Testing ground at Milford, which showed that the name of the county would fill up the plate and therefore reduce the visibility.

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