

Sports Showup

By Bud Gasser

Looking at the 1946 edition of the Birmingham baseball team, one would perhaps predict a very successful season. And why not? Coach Hal Helmer has a veteran squad of nine starters and many others who have gained experience through American Legion baseball last summer. Every position on the team has stiff competition, and it is this competition for jobs that produces championship teams. Unusual weather conditions have made practice sessions irregular but with two weeks remaining before the initial contest April 26 with Cranbrook, the Maple batsmen should be raring to go.

The catching department this season is heavily fortified with Leon Thurston, John Anderson and Bob Saffell. Thurston and Anderson are both lettermen while Saffell is a veteran of Legion ball. Thurston seems to have the inside track by his batting punch and fighting spirit.

Strong-armed Dick Bluman has shown a lot of stuff already to live up to previous expectations. He is the number one ace of the pitching staff. Deane Cramer and southpaw Bill Bones both lettermen from last season's staff have displayed qualities to make them starters. Cramer has a terrific fastball and has the possibilities of pushing Bluman for the number one spot. Sophomore Al Monroy and Jack Moses are also coming fast.

The Maple infield is well rounded out with three returning lettermen. Dan Grigg has handled the initial sack for two seasons but is being pushed by Bill Bortolucci. Bud Gasser, also a two year veteran; Dick Daeschner, a legion product; and Hugh Morrow are the top candidates for the hot spots at third. Herb Tewillinger seems to show some possibilities. Shortstop is being filled by somebody from the other staffs but will not be a loophole in what should be an airtight infield.

The bids for the outfield jobs

are the tightest on the team with two top rate candidates. Heading these is Ed Davy, all-league centerfielder and veteran of two seasons. Letterman Jack Filkins and John Anderson saw a lot of action last season patrolling the gardens. Charlie Murray, star of the legion ball team, seems to have a permanent job resting on his booming lat. Ernie Anderson has proved himself the most able fly getter of the bunch thus far. Any one of these candidates could be in there on the opening day.

Barring injuries, Coach Hal Helmer should present Birmingham with one of the best ball clubs in many a year. They will play an eleven-game schedule with games on every Tuesday and Friday. Let's see everybody out there backing them up.

A final announcement received from the league headquarters from Brick Fowler brings down the curtain on the 1945 basketball season. This is none other than the official all league selections made up of the choices of the league schools Charlie Murray, Maple ace, was the only Birmingham representative. Port Huron league winners, placed two members on this honor team to lead in that department. Here are the choices:

F.—Chuck Murray, Birmingham.
P.—Don Thomas, Port Huron.
C.—Vic Hahn, Ferndale.
G.—Carl Hill, Hazel Park.
G.—Jerry Alexander, Port Huron.

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Ellen Van Wagoner To Wolverine State

Last Friday Baldwin's junior girls voted Ellen Van Wagoner representative to Wolverine Girls' State at Ann Arbor, July 25. Ellen is being sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Mary Powers will serve as alternate. Girls are selected from all over the state to attend.

The purpose of Wolverine Girls' State is to develop leadership, sociability, citizenship, and training in careers for women.

Those in nomination were Kay Bates, Nancy Chapel, Ruth Keady, Mary Powers, Janet Roosevelt, and Ellen Van Wagoner.

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March 29, 1946

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April 1, 1946

Mathew's Jewelry	85	27
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Cherry Shop	68	38
Triangle Engineering	68	43
Pharm Stores	67	47
Mullins's	54	36
Pharm Stores	50	42
Pharm Stores	49	43
W. White Bell & Co.	45	37
Strop's	42	40
Pharm Stores	41	37
Asler's	38	74

WEEKLY HIGH
Ind. High (1)—H. Toussaint, 194. Ind. High (2)—S. Spry, 509.
Team High (1)—Mathew's, 792. Team High (2)—Pharm Stores, 2189.

JUNIOR HOUSE LEAGUE

Pontiac Cigarette	W.	L.
Mix's Auto Supply	68	48
Acacia's Furniture	58	29
Thornton & Groves	55	53
Red Service	51	28
Birmingham Ford	19	89

WEEKLY HIGH
Ind. High (1)—R. Wessenberg, 269. Ind. High (2)—S. Spry, 509.
Team High (1)—Bird Service, 861. Team High (2)—Bird Service, 2,506.

LADIES "ALIBI" LEAGUE
March 29, 1946

Community Service Station	W.	L.
Maxwell Shop	40	32
Deer's Beauty Shop	34	38
June's Son Be Hive	27	40
Bloomfield Coffee Shop	25	31
Mayhew's	22	56
Pauline's Mack & Grind Co.	22	50
Mair's Market	19	63
Greyhound Lumber	17	16
H-W Controller Corp.	14	73
Pharm Stores	11	71
The Jay Shop	29	83

WEEKLY HIGH
Ind. High (1)—R. Spry, 203. Ind. High (2)—S. Spry, 509.
Team High (1)—Maxwell Shop, 786. Team High (2)—W. White Bell & Co., 2189.

Season High
Ind. High (1)—H. Toussaint, 194. Ind. High (2)—S. Spry, 509.
Team High (1)—Community Service Station, 909. Team High (2)—Maxwell Shop, 2377.

MERCHANTS LEAGUE
March 29, 1946

Gochals	W.	L.
Lion Kittens	49	39
Silvera	48	38
Pecks	45	43
H. Cham Fruit	37	41
H. Cham Recreation	35	53
Red Indian	32	58
Faultless	29	49
The Eccentric	27	52
Burwood	14	61
Lion Cats	13	71

WEEKLY HIGH
Team (1)—Pecks, 925. Team (2)—Pecks, 2,254.
Ind. (1)—W. Florence, 232. Ind. (2)—C. Miller, 628.

Season High
Team (1)—Lion Cats, 2,831. Team (2)—Gandy, Cowell and W. Florence, 246.

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