

B'ham Out of Bigger League State Finals

A see-saw battle which saw the lead change hands three times was fought by Birmingham and Escanaba Tuesday evening in the Little Bigger League state eliminations. Escanaba finally emerged the victor, 4 to 3.

The win knocked Birmingham out of the tournament and entitled Escanaba to meet Berkley Wednesday evening at Birmingham high school for the state title.

At the conclusion of the game a protest was lodged by Birmingham that the Escanaba team had too many men in uniform on the field. The Little Bigger League national rules indicate that each team is allowed 15 players, a manager and a coach. Escanaba had the 15 players and manager but they also had two coaches.

A meeting was held by the members of the Birmingham Little Bigger League committee and they voted to drop the protest.

BIRMINGHAM jumped off to a two-run lead in the first inning when Bob Olson led off with a walk; Bob Rakich followed with another base on balls. Bruce Johnson moved them along with a single through shortstop and loaded the bases.

Bob Isbell struck out but Tim Baldwin drew a walk and forced in Olson. Larry Hower also walked and forced Rakich across.

Escanaba surged back with three runs in its half of the second to take the lead, 3 to 2. They put together three walks, a single and a balk which forced in the second run.

Birmingham had a chance to tie the score in its half of the second when Bob Olson hit a sharp ball down the left field line which bounced away from the fielder. Olson raced to third but was stranded.

BIRMINGHAM finally did tie it up in the fourth inning when Bob Olson walked, stole second and scored on Rakich's double to center. That was all for Birmingham and they didn't get a hit the rest of the way.

Escanaba sewed up the game in its half of the last inning by scoring three times on two safeties, an error and a hit batsman.

BOX SCORE

BIRMINGHAM	R	H	E
Olson as	2	1	0
Rakich cf	1	1	0
Johnson 2b	0	1	0
Isbell p	0	0	0
Baldwin c	0	1	0
Hower 2b	0	1	0
Appel rf	0	0	0
O'Rourke lf	0	0	0
Callahan 1b	0	1	0
xBell rf	0	0	0
xDeer lf	0	0	0
TOTALS	3	6	1
ESCANABA	R	H	E
Goymerac lf	0	0	0
Rousseau ss	0	0	0
Rodman 3b	2	0	0
Carlson 2b	1	0	0
*Duleck 1b	0	1	0
Warner rf	1	1	0
*Ringvette p	1	0	0
*Trotter cf	1	0	0
Boim c	0	1	0
TOTALS	6	3	0

* In the fourth inning Trotter came in to pitch, Duleck went to center field and Ringvette took over first base.

x Bell relieved Appel in fifth and Deer relieved O'Rourke in fifth.

Highlights of Monday Game

Behind sharp fielding Terry O'Connor, B'ham pitcher, shutout the Huron Valley team 4 to 0 in a Little Bigger League game Monday night at the high school.

The win enabled Birmingham to advance into the second round against Escanaba Tuesday night. Berkley defeated Farmington Monday afternoon 4 to 0 and assured itself a berth in the state finals.

Muddy Reul, director of the Detroit Tiger farm system opened the game by throwing the first pitch, a perfect strike to catcher Tim Baldwin.

IN THE FIFTH inning, after two were already out, lanky Bob Isbell, Birmingham third baseman, poled a home run 285 feet over the centerfield fence.

Birmingham collected eight hits off the two Huron Valley pitchers while O'Connor was limiting the opposition to three. The play of the home team was nearly flawless, only one error being committed.

In the fourth inning, Birmingham shortstop Bob Olson retired all three batters with three spectacular plays from his position.

Plan Board OK's Industrial Use Of City Dump

Disposition, through sale, of city-owned property at the Walker gravel pit location, north of E. Maple approximately a quarter of a mile east of Coakley road, was speeded along Tuesday night when the city plan board approved a plan drawn up by the city's engineering department. Seventy acres of land are involved in the project.

The city commission will act next on the plan, after which it will be sent to the Troy township board for re-zoning consideration.

THE PLAN provides for the laying out of residential streets to the north of a 1300 ft. industrial area fronting W. Maple, with a "green belt" between the proposed industrial area and the residential, and also a similar belt on the west side of the industrial area.

Birmingham acquired the property some years ago, using the old gravel pit for a city dump. This dump is being filled and will eventually be covered and landscaped.

Would Keep Business Off Cranbrook Corner

Property located at the southeast corner of W. Maple and Cranbrook may be re-zoned to residential from "Business A," if a plan approved by the Birmingham plan board on Tuesday night meets with the agreement of all parties concerned.

The board instructed Robert S. Boatman, city planning engineer, to arrange for a meeting with the owners of the seven lots, J. Kirsh & Son of Oak Park, the Bloomfield township board, and representatives of Bloomfield Village, to discuss the problem.

The planners expressed the feeling that it would be best for that area if no business were centered there.

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TOM - ABOUT - TOWN - Suave and cosmopolitan, this sophisticated cat puffs contentedly on his cigar and regards the world through mouse-colored glasses. His name is Tom and he gets a daily cigar.

Relocation of Alley Approved by Planners

Approval for the vacation of an alley and its relocation a few feet to the west between Bird and 14-Mile rd., was given by the Birmingham plan board Tuesday night. It now goes to the City Commission for official action.

The relocation was desired to enable the Birmingham National Bank to provide for vehicular traffic at its new branch at that location, and also to make it possible for the Standard Oil gas station there to revamp its property.

Firemen Called as Things Get Too Hot for Hot Rod

An over-heated hot rod called Birmingham's firemen to the rescue early Tuesday evening.

The cut-down car, owned by Rudolph Wheeler of 4451 Fontaine Trail, was on a trial run down Adams road in Birmingham when it back-fired through the carburetor, starting a fire in the motor.

Firemen quickly extinguished the blaze and brought the hot rod down to a normal temperature. No estimate of damages was made.

Birmingham Y Archers No. 2 in Tournament

The Birmingham YMCA archery team of Dave Eldridge, Mickey and John Staudt, Jim Trussell, Bruce MacDonald, Dale Porter, Del and Dan Doolittle and leader, Bill Martin, took second place in the Metropolitan Detroit archery tournament.

Dale Porter took scoring honors. Each team member shot 20 ends from a distance of 30 yards. The winner was Royal Oak Y with Fisher Y* third in a field of nine teams.

of a plat that will create a "turn-around" at the east end of Sheppard road, and also allow for the construction of several new homes.

Several lots, owned separately by the city and the Grand Trunk Railroad, are included in the project. The city is disposed to sell its property there for residential development.

Provision for a "green belt" between the property and the railroad right-of-way is included in the plan.

Revision of Plat Meets Approval

The Birmingham plan board Tuesday night approved revision

Use the Eccentric Want Ads

BACKSTAGE BARKERS—Puppies and pooches belonging to Broadway stars wait for the final curtain when their masters will take them home. Specialister for the evening is understudy Jimmie Komack who is seen studying lines for the show "New Faces."

Mich. Bell Knocks Edison Off Track Of Y Championship

Michigan Bell continued its winning ways with a 10-3 win over Detroit Edison last Monday night to move into the finals of the Birmingham YMCA play-off.

Although garnering only eight hits, Michigan Bell made good use of nine walks and four errors by Detroit Edison to get out in front early and stay there.

Tom Holmes hit his 13th home run of the season for Edison.

Previously, Detroit Edison defeated Birmingham Merchants 4-1 when Holmes hit a two run homer in the last of the seventh inning to place them in the semi-finals.

In the final game of the season, Michigan Bell opposes Birmingham Merchants for the play-off championship.

This game will be played Thursday, July 30, at Harmon field at 6:30 p.m. Ralph Sturmer will pitch for the Merchants and Reggie McBride for Michigan Bell.

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