

Indians, Pirates LL Champions

Birmingham's 1954 Little League champions are the Pirates and the Indians.

Coming from behind in a tight playoff game last week, the Pirates defeated the Braves 2 to 1 to take the National League title.

The American League championship went to the Indians in a tight pitchers' battle which Al Forker won by shutting out the Tigers, 1 to 0.

Tim Springer, the losing hurler, allowed only three hits, but two—a double by Rod Ruddy and a single by Forker—combined to provide the lone run.

IT WAS THE THIRD STRAIGHT Indian victory over the Tigers.

Springer got the only two hits off Forker.

The Braves, first half winners, outhit the Pirates, 3 to 2, but were unable to connect in the clutches.

Roger Barrett and Bruce Withers each pitched three innings for the Pirates. Gary Mow, who fanned nine, hurled for the Braves.

| PIRATES | | | | | | INDIANS | | | | | |
|---------------|----|---|----|----|----|------------------------------------|---|---|----|---|---|
| AB | R | H | PO | A | E | AB | R | H | PO | A | E |
| Taylor, ss | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | Umpire, Dickson, Clark, Nabedlian. | | | | | |
| Trebeck, 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Time of game: 1 hour, 40 minutes. | | | | | |
| Robertson, if | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | |
| Barrett, p-3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | O'Dell, cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Withers, 1b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Mosher, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nashboro, cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Rudler, 1b | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Frostner, 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Forker, p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Damon, c | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Quinlan, 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Baker, cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | B. Brown, rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 27 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 10 | Stohrer, lf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| BRAVES | | | | | | TIGERS | | | | | | |
|----------------|----|---|----|----|----|-----------------|---|---|----|---|---|---|
| AB | R | H | PO | A | E | AB | R | H | PO | A | E | |
| Marshall, cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Coons, 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Stanton, 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Jackson, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Homer, cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Springer, p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mow, p | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | Dubane, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kelly, 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Morrison, 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rogers, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Govett, cf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Jacobson, cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ward, 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sotterhoorn, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Smart, if | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hinds, 3b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | P. Springer, rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Schaeffer, 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Twiss, 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 27 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 11 | Stanton, 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

We now seem to live in a world where military might is reported among a few nations that "the race for arms" has become a necessity. We have resorted to the days when every man carried arms for protection against lawlessness.

The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION 4

Thursday, August 12, 1954

American All-Stars Are Farm Champions

Defeat Nationals, 8 to 3

Any Little League manager looking for 1955 prospects as the American farm league all-stars defeated their National farm league rivals 8 to 3 Saturday must have been somewhat bewildered.

Three boys—Joseph Scilla and Joe Ziegenfelder, ten-year-old infielders from the Bisons; and Bob Garvy, 11, Colt pitcher—stood out for the losers.

Scilla made the finest fielding play of the game with a running stab of a hard smash back of second, while Ziegenfelder's bases-loaded double gave the National League a short-lived lead in the second inning.

YET BOTH are transplanted American leaguers who will undoubtedly show up next year on American League uniforms.

Because the older league had almost 100 more boys turn out this spring than did the other, two complete farm teams of American league boys competed in the National farm league this summer. Scilla and Ziegenfelder were among the "visitors."

GARVY, a bona fide National (See FARM, Page 2 Section 4)

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|
| AB | R | H | E |
| Jim Mason, p | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Albert Lanning, c | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Paul Turk, p | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bill Dehart, c | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Larry Vachon, p | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ellis, 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Jim Ruby, 2b | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Dennis Smith, 3b | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| J. Longenecker, 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Gary Poole, 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| James Collier, ss | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Larry Paine, 3b | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| John Stern, ss | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Mike Calahan, if | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Gary Wild, if | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| David Canham, if | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Skip Butman, 1b | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Billings, cf | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Billings, cf | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wadlaw, cf | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Wadlaw, cf | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Jeff Jensen, 2b | 1 | 0 | 0 |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|---|
| AB | R | H | E |
| Bob Sneed, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Gerald Gibson, ss | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| Arnold, 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Richard Franklin, c | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bob Barrett, c | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Doug Moore, c | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Ellis, 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Clegg King, 1b | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bob Schmidt, p | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Richard Green, cf | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Jim Ains, cf | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bill Lightbody, if | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| David Harris, if | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Brown, if | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Tommy Sauerbark, cf | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bill Sharnpe, 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Joe Ziegenfelder, 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Rayman Zehnder, 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Johnson, 2b | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Score by inning: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 | | |
| NATIONAL | 0 3 0 0 0 0 0 2 | | |



FORT MONMOUTH, N.J.—The 1954 First Army golf title, recently won by Fort Monmouth in tournament at Fort Dix, boosts the Signaleers' lead in the race for the Army Commander's trophy. Meanwhile, the golf prize trophy is presented to the Fort Monmouth commander, Brig. Gen. Victor A. Conrad (third from left), by Signaleer golfers whose team score of 582 for 36 holes medal play beat runnerup Fort Dix by fourteen points. Among the Monmouth winners (from left), are: Stan Lenden of Birmingham, Mich.; Jim Mubbig of Old Hickory, Tenn.; General Conrad, and player-coach Jack Hesler of Crawfordsville, Ind. (U.S. Army Photo).



FRANKLIN HILLS CAPTAIN WENDELL SMITH Inserts—George Benjamin, left, Tom Young, right.

Franklin Hills Team Now Veteran Outfit

Few men have ever played polo with more unabated zest than the three mallet wielders who are now in their second decade of competition under the banner of the Franklin Hills team.

Although they have played together longer than any other threesome in Michigan, they ride with the unabashed enthusiasm of newcomers in the indoor polo contests each Wednesday night at the Ivory Polo club, Lahser and Eight Mile roads.

Captain of the aggregation is Wendell Smith, who lives at 2680 Carroll road, Franklin. His sidekicks are George Benjamin, of Saginaw, and Tom Young, of Lansing. Smith is a trustee on Franklin Village's new board.

Their record for sticking together and never appearing late for a game in which they were scheduled is remarkable, since Benjamin must haul his ponies almost 100 miles for each game at the Ivory Field and Young must haul his horses even farther.

THEY BEGAN their association in the late forties in indoor competition during the winter months at Michigan State College. Benjamin had been playing for a couple of years prior to that time, but Smith and Young were beginners. Smith and Young have never played for any other team except Franklin Hills. Benjamin played for one season here with the Pontiac Chiefs in the late forties, but he was soon back in the Franklin Hills lineup.

Benjamin and Young have each sustained serious injuries on the polo field, but these developments have not diminished their fondness for the game. Benjamin had both his jaws broken on one occasion while Young nearly lost the sight of an eye when he was struck with a mallet. A broken hand has been Smith's most serious mishap. The old friends are acclaimed for their sportmanship and their sound polo play. They like to win, of course, but that is not a primary consideration with them. Most of all, they like to play.

"WE DON'T even bother to keep score," says Capt. Smith. "Sometimes, when a game is over and someone asks what the final score was, I can't tell him."

"We aren't so fond of winning that we'd willingly risk injuring another player or a horse just to win."

"As a matter of fact, we've probably lost more games than any other polo team around here. But we've had fun. We've enjoyed every minute of every game."

Smith is manufacturer's agent, Benjamin an auto transport executive and Young owns his own printing plant. They are all in their mid-forties, but they have no intention of quitting the game in the foreseeable future. They're having too much fun to think about quitting.

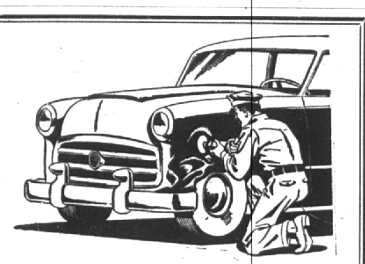
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Dr. John W. Sigler, 1356 Greenlawn, is the 1954 golf champion of the Wayne County Medical Society.

But he had to play the 20th hole before he eliminated Drs. George Pezgas and John Carlisle in a sudden-death playoff.

Sigler posted a gross score of 75 in the annual tournament held last week at Lakeshore country club.

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