

Nations, like individuals, often allow themselves to be misled by the chatter. Most of today's leaders in America know the difference between right and wrong, yet so many of them continue to tolerate the creation of a situation that bring trouble.

Loose Fielding Loses State Title

By PETE KASS

One poorly played inning proved to be enough to keep the Birmingham Babe Ruth league all-stars from being the new state champions when they dropped a 6-3 decision to North-west Detroit No. 2 in the finals of the three day tourney last Sunday.

With no score in the game entering the third inning, the locals committed two errors to put men on first and second, and a walk to center field. Coons then sent a hot shot at the shortstop who missed up the play allowing two more runners to cross the plate. Bleakley fled to center to end the inning.

Berkley knotted the score in their half of the sixth when the Birmingham defense fell apart and committed four miscues while Hower gave up the second and third hits off him to send the tie game into the final frame.

GLEN GOODE slashed a grounder through Tom Kelly's legs to score a fourth run and place men on first and second. Mill Siverter singled home a fifth run and went Goode to second and still only one out. Detroit Pitcher Zolie Vargasee pitched a long fly to center field which Bill Coons grabbed and then threw out Goode who tried to advance to third.

Slightly demoralized, Birmingham fought back in their own half of the frame. After two were out Bill Deer, Bill Appel and Doug Wuggazer singled to second and third. Jerry Millsap struck out but when the ball got past the catcher Millsap sprinted for first. Appel strayed a bit too far from the base to be safe when he tried to alert backstop fired the ball to third for the final out.

OUT IN FIELD the locals settled down to playing fine ball behind Hower's pitching and Northwest went down in order in the fourth. Birmingham fans again had something to shout about in the bottom of the frame when a double and a pair of walks filled the bases with one out. Bob Bishop came in to quench the fire by striking out Hower and inducing Deer to pop out to end the threat. Detroit added a sixth run in the fifth before Birmingham made its strongest bid in the sixth. Opening the inning, singles by Coons, Kelly and Bill Bolle loaded the bases. Hower lashed another sharp hit into center field to bring in two runs, but a mix-up on the base paths forced Bolle into a tag out at third base. Bishop set down the next two men to end the last Birmingham hope.

HOWER ALLOWED only five hits and struck out six but could not pitch over the eight errors made behind him.

On Thursday, Birmingham opened its quest for the state crown with a 6-4 victory over Berkley. Hower was the winning hurler but he again was plagued by poor support. After Berkley drew first blood with a single run in the first inning, the locals came back to tie the score in the second.

Terry O'Conner reached first when the catcher dropped his pop fly in front of the plate. Coons drew a base and Fred Bleakley followed with a single to fill the bases with one out. Bolle drove a high fly to deep center and O'Conner scored after the catch.

THREE MORE tallies came across in the fifth on two hits and a pair of errors. After one out Appel reached first on an error charged to the third baseman.

MILLSAP LED off with a walk and moved to second when O'Conner was safe at first as the Berkley defense couldn't decide where to throw the ball. After Coons popped to the catcher, Bleakley was put out by the first baseman. Millsap moved to second and third. Bolle singled, sending in Deer and Wuggazer walked. Deer hit sharply to the second baseman who booted the ball into short right with O'Conner scoring and Appel scoring on the play. Hower set down Berkley with two outs in the second round against Northwest No. 1.

O'Conner pitched a beautiful two-hit shutout as the locals triumphed 2-0 over this team. Birmingham tallied quickly in the first frame and held them there on in to gain its second straight win. The locals moved to third when the fielder bobbled. Wuggazer's single and Bolle was thrown out at the plate on the play.

APPEL walked to fill the bases and Deer followed with another pass to force in a run. Millsap allowed a deep center fly to chase Appel across the plate. Bob Williamson came in to pitch and got O'Conner to hit to second and Appel was forced at home. Coons forced O'Conner at second to end the inning.

O'Conner was in trouble only once and some tight defensive work got him out of the jam. The bases were loaded with nobody out in the fifth when O'Conner fanned Jim Tabeing for the first out. Clean-up batter Pat Sartorius grounded to Bolle who fired the ball to Deer at the plate to trip the runner coming home.

Bob Waughtier drove a fly ball to deep right center which Coons grabbed over his shoulder for the third out. It was clearly the defeated key of the series for Birmingham.

With the regular season already over, this marked the wind-up of the third season of Babe Ruth league baseball in Birmingham.

Thursday Northwest #1, 4-Huron Valley, 0 Kalamazoo, 11-Adrian, 4 Birmingham, 6-Berkley, 4

Friday Kalamazoo, 7-Farmington, 0 Northwest #2, 12-Escanaba, 0 Birmingham, 2-Northwest #1, 0

Saturday Rain, both games canceled

Sunday Northwest #3, 4-Kalamazoo, 3 Northwest #2, 4-Birmingham, 3



GORDON MILLER GWEN BROWN DON HARNESS
Birmingham name carried into battle on polo field

Writer, Lawyer, Rodeo Star Play for B'ham Ramblers

A commercial movie writer, a patent attorney and an ex-rod champion are adding luster to the name of Birmingham in Michigan polo. They compose the line-up of the Birmingham Ramblers, a combination that plays regular in the Wednesday night programs on the indoor ring at the Ivory Polo Club, Eight Mile Near Evergreen.

Gordon Miller, the veteran mainstay of the Birmingham Ramblers, finds the game as exciting as any of his movie scripts. His father, who served in the British cavalry, taught Gordon to ride at an early age but he didn't find out how much fun organized polo can be until he joined the Birmingham aggregation at the Ivory field in 1949.

Don Harness, the attorney, 1181 E. Long Lake, Troy township, and Gwen Brown, erstwhile two-time all-around rodeo champion of Michigan, now complete the Ramblers starting lineup. Gwen joined the team two years ago and Don became a member last year.

Howard Miller, 14, Gordon's son and a promising youngster, has broken into the lineup a couple of times this year as a replacement—and a very capable one, too.

Gordon has been the driving force behind some very fine Birmingham Ramblers teams. He has always sought robust contact sports. He started at fullback at Mt. Clemens high and later handled the same line-busting assignment at Michigan State, although through school scrimmages with friends around Mt. Clemens shortly after World War II. The move to the Ivory Polo Club was inevitable for anyone who enjoyed the sport so much.

He now has eight horses, three of them polo ponies on his farm at 5730 North Rochester Road in Rochester.

and some friends began playing polo during the Winter months to keep shape for the rodeo season. Brown became so wrapped up in polo that he never got back to the rodeos.

"Polo is faster and it's more fun," says Brown, who concedes that the only sports in which he has ever been interested are those that involve horses.

Brown, who lives at 7551 Walnut Lake Road, Walnut Lake, sets all the riding he wants. He works almost every day at his father's riding stable, Roy's Ranch, at Hazzerty and Walnut Lake Road.

What does he do in his spare time? He plays polo, largely because it gives him the chance to ride some more.

Although he is an expert rider, Harness had never had a polo mallet in his hand. He was thrust into the Birmingham lineup without any preliminaries. It was a "sink or swim" process, but Harness made good from the start.

"It's a complicated and exciting game," says Harness, a thoughtful young man who studied engineering at the University of Michigan and law at Wayne University. "You haven't only yourself to worry about, you've got to control the horse, too."

Brown is a big (6 foot 2, 195 lbs.) 22-year-old who looks like a football lineman. For five years he was a steady blue ribbon winner on the Michigan rodeo circuit, twice earning the mythical state championship.

A COUPLE OF years ago he

'Kill The Umpire' Cry Dies for Another Year

It is 5:30 on a sultry July evening. Mr. Umpire has just arrived home in great haste. Hurriedly he changes clothes to blue slacks and white shirt. The usual hunt goes on for one item or another, finally the last item, the cap, is located where the junior male member of the family tossed it after the temporary loan. By this time he has to forego a quick lunch because the 6 p.m. starting time of games is pressing.

LL Farm System Stars To Clash

The second annual all-star game between the outstanding farm team players in both the American and National Little League divisions will be held at St. James Field at 2 p.m. Saturday.

A preliminary contest between two teams of eight-year-olds will start at 1 p.m.

The younger group, separated from regular farm team play this year as an experiment, set a batting tee instead of facing a pitcher. Each farm team will send its three best players to the all-star team.

Eight boys will be selected from each of the four junior (batting tee) league teams.

In farmteam play, which ended last week, the Steers and Eagles tied for first place in the American League with only one loss apiece. The Browns won the National farm league title.

Saturday's contests will bring Little League competition in Birmingham to a close.

Holy Name Team

The Newman Club of Holy Name church is planning to sponsor an entry in next fall's NMAA basketball league. The team, club officers point out, will enable high school boys in the church to both represent the church and enjoy the competitive sport.

Hold Stag Day

The annual stag day for members of Oakland Hills Country Club was held Wednesday, August 4, at Glen Oaks golf club.

Set Shoot Dates

Regular shooting dates during August for the Birmingham Gun club have been set for Saturday, August 7 and Saturday, August 21. The events will be held on the club grounds on Richardson road in Commerce township.

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Indians, Pirates Win Second Half Crowns in LL

Playoffs for league championships were necessary in both divisions of the Birmingham Little League as both halves failed to repeat in the second.

In the American League, the Tigers—forced to play without Phil Ibbell, their star pitcher and home run hitter, who was in Texas—suffered three defeats last week.

The Red Sox upset the league leaders to start the Tigers' downfall and then the Indians shut them out twice. Phil Forsker held the Tigers to three hits in the first game to win 8 to 0. He also hit a home run.

The first two defeats left the Indians and Tigers tied, with six wins and three losses, at the end of second half play.

In a playoff Friday, the Indians won 5 to 0. Jim Rich and Larry Stolberg shared mound duties for the winners. Jack Coons, a 10-year-old making his first start, pitched effectively for the Tigers but received little support from his mates.

THE PIRATES won the second half title in the National League. They beat the Cubs 5 to 0 and the Braves 9 to 0 to remain undefeated in the National League.

Playoffs between the Braves and the Pirates for the National title and the Tigers and Indians for the American championship were held Monday.

Hamtramck, which ousted the American League all-stars from tournament play in the Detroit area final, won the state championship last weekend by defeating St. Clair and Muskegon.

Final Standings American League

Team	Win	Loss	Per Cent
Indians	6	3	.667
Tigers	6	3	.667
Yankees	3	6	.333
Red Sox	3	6	.333

National League

Team	Win	Loss	Per Cent
Pirates	7	0	1.000
Braves	7	0	1.000
Giants	3	4	.429
Cubs	3	4	.429

Playoffs

Pirates 5, Cubs 0
Giants 5, Braves 5
Pirates 9, Braves 4
Indians 10, Cubs 0



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