

out of sports

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Sports Editor

PLAY BALL! This old familiar cry reverberated from major league cities around the nation this week in what is usually considered as the official opening for the national pastime.

It won't be long before the same sound is heard on the amateur diamonds of the junior leagues, Y.O.A., American Legion, YMCA and dozens of other sponsored baseball units throughout the country.

Here in Birmingham there will be plenty of opportunities for youngsters to join the ranks of some organized team and adults and parents should do everything possible to encourage their little men to join a group.

There is plenty of room for boys of all age groups. The local Little Leagues and Babe Ruth Leagues are expanding to make room for more boys and there is added activity offered by Y.O.A. and YMCA groups.

NO BOY should have to get his baseball playing done of some yard lot with an unorganized and unhelped group, that is of course, if parents and the other brothers of each family see to it that their youngsters are encouraged and given every opportunity to play with an organized team in his vicinity.

Supervised summer recreation on a good competitive basis with instructions on playing the game will do a lot more for the boy who thinks that the seclusion of some alley lot is his destined area to play.

Give your boy a break. When tryouts start around town get him to go or take him to tryout yourself. You could have another Ted Williams, but better yet you will help him to grow into a happy and healthy man.

Birmingham-Southfield Clash in Baseball and Track



CORNILA HECK FLACK MILFORD SHELDON WATKINSON Returning Maple lettermen. (Eccentric Photo)

Troy Cindermen to Face Clawson in Initial Meet

First of Troy high school's spring athletic teams to swing into action is the "always-touring" track team which must participate in all road meets during the season because of lacking facilities.

The cubs open the season Monday against the Clawson thrifolds, and follow with a Tuesday visit to COACH DON HILL had seven lettermen back from the team that won its league title by some 30 points, however Hill admits that his early dual meets are somewhat experimental.

HILL hopes to shift our boys around to their best suited events in these early meets, since we can't really tell what they can do without, leaving them on our own track," he said.

Quarter mile event should be the strong point for Troy, but Hill is worried over the slow start of his quartermilers.

Baseball Juniors Ready for Team Tryouts

The roster of managers for the five-team Birmingham Babe Ruth League was filled this week with the appointments of Tony Stiel and Art Birkholz.

Stiel is scheduled to manage the Wilson Pontiac-Cadillac Chiefs and Birkholz to handle the new fifth team sponsored by Jamie Martin Insurance Agency.

Ruthmen Hold Tuesday Trials

PREVIOUSLY named as managers of the other three teams were John Madonia, Brad Springer and Fred Petrucci, whose team won the city championship last year.

The managers and their coaches will be on hand for the tryouts which start next Tuesday April 19 at 5:00 p.m. at the high school field.

FORMS for new players to fill out have been distributed to schools in the Birmingham school district. They should be turned in at the tryouts.

In the Babe Ruth league the age bracket is for 13-15 year olds. Any boy born before August 1, 1945 or after August 1, 1950 is eligible to report for tryouts according to the following schedule.

ALL 13-YEAR olds will report to the high school field Tuesday April 19.

ALL 14 YEAR olds will report Wednesday April 20.

ALL 15 YEAR olds will report Thursday April 21.

The expansion of the league to five teams will make more positions available for boys in this age group.

TRAINING games are scheduled for May and early June with the regular six-week season starting in late June or the high school athletic program in June.

Martinas Capture Newcomers League

Martinas edged Manhattan by one more victory with 65 wins compared to 64, to win the Newcomers League at Bloomfield Lanes this week.

Working for the victorious Martinas were E. Banga leading with a 142 average, C. Miller, J. Kershaw, W. Yoder and L. Bruce.

Maple Nine Opens Friday; Face Bluejays on Tuesday

Rival Birmingham and Southfield baseball teams will each have one game under their belts before facing each other on the Bluejays diamond Tuesday afternoon.

Coach Lew Parry and his spunky Maple crew travel to Waterford Friday for the season opener, minus four regulars who will be in Washington, D. C., with the high school's capitol group.

DICK SHELDON, the team's leading pitcher will be in Washington, therefore Parry is planning on splitting the first game's assignment with Larry Hower as the starter and Larry Milford taking the second half of the seven innings.

Hower won his only starting assignment last year by shutting out Waterford 2-0 in a fine pitching performance.

SOPIHOMORE Arnold Issette will start third in place of veteran Bill Watkinson, and senior Bruce Johnson will fill the second sack in place of Bob Deer, both of whom will be away.

Catcher Kirk Flack also on the trip will be replaced by freshman Rickstop Ron Cornila.

Coach Parry expects Waterford to counter with its pitching ace Jerry Krasnie who turned in year-man's job against the Maples last year before suffering the 2-0 loss.

ON THE SOUTHFIELD diamond, coach Ed Litoggt will send pitcher Dick Covrea to the mound this afternoon against Redford Union, and then try to rest him early enough to start him again next Tuesday against Birmingham.

The Bluejays have five lettermen back from the team that beat Redford with a ninth inning five run blast 6-5 last season.

For Tuesday's game at Southfield, the Maple will see Dick Sheldon on the mound and the entire squad intact against the Jays.

"Southfield is an upcoming ball club," said coach Parry. "they are well coached and will be very tough," he added.

BLUEJAY coach Litoggt will have hitting strength from his two senior outfielders, August Rica in right, and Dave Juhne in center. Rica led the team with a .312 average and Juhne, a long ball clouter, hit for .294 last year.

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Came time at Southfield next Tuesday is 4:00 p.m.



COVREA RICCA COLLIER KLAMIK JUHNKE Southfield's returning lettermen. (Eccentric Photo)

Bloomfield Lanes Open Mixed Doubles Entries

Bloomfield Lanes has scheduled its second annual Spring Mixed Doubles Handicap Tournament for the week of the weekend starting April 23 through May 29 with an estimated prize fund reaching \$2,500.

Based on entry of 500 couples, approximately 80 prizes totaling \$1,025 in prizes of 325 pairs participating.

Joe and Rita Ruhman will serve as tournament secretaries. All inquiries can be made by calling the Lanes at Midwest 4-5125.

Tennis Entries Open for Girls

Entrants are being registered for the annual Michigan State Girls' Open Tennis Championships to be held May 12-22 at Kingswood School Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills.

Final entry date is May 7 in the singles tournament for girls under 15 years old. Playoffs for this group will take place May 12 through 15.

Girls from 16 to 18 years old will compete May 19 to 22. Entries for this group must be in by May 14.

Tournament regulations permit unlimited entry in both events.

Said No to Baseball—He's Not Sorry

Nine years ago Bud Chamberlain, young Birmingham braker thought that at the age of 26 he was too old to accept a professional baseball contract offered him by the late "Wish" Logan to play third base for Dallas in the Texas league.

Bud decided to go into the real estate business instead. Is he sorry? That's not likely since he and his brother, Calvin, partners of the B. F. Chamberlain Real Estate firm, are averaging nearly \$400,000 worth of sales a month.

New Golf Pro at Stonycroft Course

Stonycroft Golf course, East Long Lake road and Grand Trunk trail, opened the season under the guidance of a new pro, Don D'Onofrio, former assistant at the Country club of Detroit.

D'Onofrio reported playing conditions to be excellent, with enlarged tees and fine conditioning of the greens.

BOWLING SCORES

Team	Won	Lost
1. Wesley Druzs	25	76
2. Eham May	26	74
3. Bham Com. Mkt	23	68
4. Petrol by Morphy	22	61 1/2
5. Hmg. & Stovch	24	49
6. Kay Baum	21	48 1/2
7. R. A. Bellan Lumber	28	47
8. Don Beauty	27	42

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Bluejays Lose Dual Opener; Await Maples

While Birmingham awaits its season track opener with Southfield Tuesday, the Bluejays unsuccessfully opened dual the season by suffering a 68-73 40-73 loss to Redford Union Tuesday afternoon.

The Jays did not run in their best form, said coach Mont Charles. "All our times were poorer than usual," he added.

TOP POINT-MAKER for the meet was Southfield's Gordon Hart who won 10 points for first place in both the high and low hurdles.

Best race was the mile run which was won by one second, Jack Lew of Southfield posted a time of 5:00 flat while Clark of Redford had a 5:01 time.

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Next Tuesday meet with Birmingham on the Maple cinder promises to be an interesting event. The Maples seem to have the strength in the dashes, but may have to contend to Quirk and his shot put.

Maple coach Keith Ambrose has a little more depth than the Jays, with veterans Bill Dove, John Appleford and Dave Long as the top point men in the 100, 220 and 800 events.

A GOOD new show should develop in the hurdles between Gordon Hart of Southfield and Gordon Dove of Birmingham.

The meet is slated for the Pierce field track Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.

★ Smile a Minute...

"Hey, you can't turn around in the middle of the block."
"Oh, I think I can officer, just give me time."

Sportsworld

BASEBALL

Apr. 14 Ferdale at Cranbrook 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 14 Redford at Southfield 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 15 Birmingham at Waterford 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 16 Assumption at Cranbrook 2:00 p.m.

Apr. 16 Little League Tryouts 8:00 a.m.

Apr. 19 Berkley at Cranbrook 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 19 Birmingham at Southfield 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 19 Babe Ruth Tryouts (Ages-13) 5:00 p.m.

Apr. 20 Babe Ruth Tryouts (Ages-14) 5:00 p.m.

Apr. 21 Babe Ruth Tryouts (Ages-15) 5:00 p.m.

TRACK

Apr. 15 Berkley at Cranbrook 3:45 p.m.

Apr. 15 Southfield at Hazel Park 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 18 Troy at Clawson 3:30 p.m.

Apr. 19 Troy at Cranbrook 3:45 p.m.

Apr. 19 Southfield at Birmingham 4:00 p.m.

GOLF

Apr. 18 Birmingham at Royal Oak 3:30 p.m.

Apr. 18 Farmington-Fitzgerald at Southfield 3:30 p.m.

TENNIS

Apr. 14 Cranbrook at Ferdale 4:00 p.m.

Apr. 15 Fitzgerald at Southfield 3:30 p.m.

Apr. 18 Cranbrook at Grosse Pointe 3:30 p.m.

Apr. 20 Hamtramck at Cranbrook 3:30 p.m.

Apr. 21 Pontiac at Cranbrook 4:00 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Apr. 18 YMCA Softball meeting (All athletic schedule and activities for 1955-56 season will be discussed at this time should be at the Eccentric sports desk by noon each Tuesday.)

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"Y" Archery Spots Yet to Be Filled

Placed remain in the archery club for both boys and girls at the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. This group meets Saturdays at 10 a.m. and endeavor to have periodic meets with other archery groups. Such a meet will be held Wednesday, April 13, at the Northeast Branch Y.M.C.A.



ELMER PRIESKORN, newly named pro at the Pine Lake Country club, checks his new supply of equipment. Formerly the assistant at Plum Hollow, Elmer has Doug Jetter and Bob Mackinnon as his assistants. The Pine Lake Club has been remodeled and opens the social season April 30 with a full membership.

Field Trial Entries Close for Springers

Entries close April 18 at 15:30 for the 27th annual Springers Field Trial, to be held at the A.K.C.-licensed field trials of the northern Michigan Springers training club, to be held April 23, according to Keith Van Dusen.

Events will include puppy, novice, limit, shooting dog stake and open. The public is invited to witness the trials at the Pontiac Lake recreation area of M-59.

MRS. WALTER HEAVENRICH, 815 Ridgeland, has been elected president of the Birmingham Little League and Mrs. Roy D. Bowers, 376 Baldwin, secretary.

Other officers for 1955 include: Mrs. Spencer C. Hinds, 768 Oakland, vice-president; Mrs. Hattie Storch, 376 Baldwin, secretary; Mrs. Robert E. Townsend, Jr., 17058 Dunblaine, treasurer; and Mrs. Edwin Mosher, Jr., publicity director.

Little Leagues Test Saturday

Almost 500 Birmingham area boys have already registered for Little League baseball tryouts which start 9:00 a.m. Saturday, and according to league officials a record turnout of 750 is anticipated before the managers bid for their players May 2.

More than 600 candidates last spring, but the establishment of the new Federal loop this year has made 60 more uniforms available to the 8-12 age brackets.

Saturday's schedule for Little League candidates:

THOSE LIVING NORTH OF MAPLE—report to Poppleton field on Hunter boulevard, three blocks north of Maple. (Not at Pierce field as originally planned.) This is National League area.

THOSE LIVING BETWEEN MAPLE AND 14 MILE ROAD, West of Woodward—report at St. James field behind the Y.M.C.A., Lincoln and Edgewood. This is the American League.

ALL OTHERS—go to Howard field, Davis and Cummings (Three blocks north of 14 Mile road and one block west of Woodward.) This is the new Federal League.

Boys who played on unformed teams last season do not have to report until after the players auction.

Blank slips are available at the tryout fields for newcomers. The National and American leagues will each fill about 25 vacancies while the entire Federal League roster of 60 players must be filled. Those failing to meet the 12 uniformed teams will be assigned to minor league farm clubs.

places in all. Points will be given toward the Danforth challenge trophy and Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Chapin of Grosse Pointe will offer their silver challenge trophy for the open-all-age stake.

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SILVER TROPHIES will be awarded for all stakes along with AKC ribbons for the first four

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