

out of sports

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Sports Editor

GOING UP to Midland with the 15 boys on the National League all-star team was as much as a thrill for me as it was for the kids. And the boys were really excited. It wasn't anything new, traveling with a team to an athletic event. For several years the plane rides to Houston, Wichita, Boston, Philadelphia, Tulsa, and a dozen other cities for football, basketball or baseball games while doing college publicity was really a lot of fun.

But this short jaunt up to Midland last Friday was really a novel experience. The entire atmosphere was different. It was a gay atmosphere. IT WASN'T a long day at all in this short time of less than five hours with the boys it was amazing to realize what an extremely interesting human creature a boy was.

Was I like that at the age of 11 or 12? Had I order French fried potatoes and ice cream for lunch? Or did I get a hot dog and a soda? Or did I get a hot dog and milk out of the other? Who can remember, maybe you've all died.

Anyway, the kids had a good time. After getting rained out of the game, they had a picnic. The game, but what a thrill it was for all.

PICKING THE STARS
PICKING any kind of all-star will start a good argument. Especially trying to pick a group of 15 or 12-year-olds as the better of best.

Anyway, during all of the games we witnessed this season in the Little League, and we did see every team play at least once in some six games that would be the team we would pick.

PLAYER TEAM
Jim Stenger—Braves
Carl Kalesny—Red Sox
Mike Jackson—Tigers
Steve Jacobson—Braves
Jim Stephenson—Red Sox
Bob Carroll—Athletics
Bill Mosher—Indians
Sandy Barr—Cubs
Walter Coe—Athletics
Dave McManus—Yankees

This would be our choice for the Little League All-Stars of Birmingham.

Parson, if we wanted your boy, but one would have to admit this would be a fine gathering on one ball club.

THIS KID Jim Stenger, in our book, is the best looking prospect out of the Little League this year. He's got a great potential, and he's a bundle of fun.

When he takes a cut at the ball, there's plenty of polish in that swing.

Up at Midland before the rained out game Friday, Jim Stenger, a little nervous because he was to start on the mound for the Nationals.

"Got a few butterflies down here," he said, "but I think I'll be okay after it gets started."

Guess, sleeping on the thought that night didn't help any, because Jim got beat, but he's a fine competitor and he's got the heart to go with his ability.

Teeing Off
by Sally Sharp

DECIDED to take a little vacation away from golf since the State Women's Amateur at Oak Brook, Ill., had just been won, that yearning for the fairways gets stronger.

Looking forward to what is the climax of the golf season, which is the annual Women's District Golf Association championship.

The top district golfers will be among the contenders in the tournament.

AS OF now Will Smith is not a popular entry in the match play event as she may still be on her amateur circuit.

Some of the favorites expected are Irene Brazloff, Mrs. Keith Le Claire, Pat Devany, Rylina Marquardt, Mrs. C. E. Wilson, all of which were among the top runners in recent tournaments.

The first day play is by medal score to establish flight position. From then on, match play will eliminate the field.

IT SEEMED inevitable, but Bermuda shorts are definitely lacking hold on the golf course.

Pine Lake Country Club gave its consent recently to wear them, with restrictions of course. Most clubs consent to wearing them if they measure no higher than two inches above the knee. There are still some clubs around Detroit which vetoed the idea.

I like the idea of permitting the shorts especially when we get a summer like this one.



OFF TO THE STATE LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT via five court-van Pontiacs were these National League all-stars. The team left Friday morning from in front of The Eccentric office, only to have the game rained out. It was played Saturday morning with Bay City taking a 5-3 decision from the Nationals. A large group of Birmingham followers trailed the Little League caravan to Midland. Most stayed overnight for the Saturday morning game. (Eccentric Photo)

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"THAT'S MY big brother," says Phil Stenger, 9-year-old brother of Jim, the slugging star of the Braves and National League all-stars. (Eccentric Photo)

Horses, Riders Train Here For Olympic Tryouts Soon

Horses and riders, that may represent America in coming Olympic contests are training now at Bloomfield Open Hunt club.

Major Robert J. Borg, who is coaching the American team, is spending the month of August here, with other riders and a group of horses, riding and training daily in the indoor arena and in the fenced and unfenced areas of the open hunt grounds.

JER WOFFORD is here with two horses, and his neighbor, Warren, also has two young horses. Warren is working for the Woffords, and Olympics.



AIMING FOR the Olympics are Major Borg, standing, and Jer Wofford, atop one of his two horses at Bloomfield Open Hunt. (Eccentric Photo)

Deadline Monday for LFL Forms

Monday, Aug. 15, is the deadline for submitting applications for the Little Football League of Birmingham, according to registrar Eric Jacobson.

All boys 9-12 desiring to play football with the Birmingham Little League, must enclose a photostatic copy of their birth certificate, and three small photos as those obtained in a dime store.

"THE BOYS are also reminded that the weight limit is 125 pounds or less," said Jacobson.

Applications can still be obtained at the Variety Shop, Pierce and Merrill; at Wesley Druggs, Pierce and 11 Mile; at Milk Pharmacy, Chesterfield and Maple; at Monahan's, Standard Service, 14 Mile and Southfield; and at the Mobile Garage, Long Lake and Woodward.

First session of calisthenics will start Monday, Aug. 22, at 5:00 p.m. at Torres Field. Boys must wear only shorts or sweat pants and tennis shoes for the calisthenics.

BODY CONTACT will begin Aug. 29. Before any body contact, however, each boy will be given a medical examination. A postcard from the coach will be mailed to each boy telling him when and where to go for his free examination.

The staff of 12 men have been selected to help coach Bill Gray. Two teams a varsity and a freshman team, each made up of 25

Shake and Rattle
The number of rattles on a rattlesnake does not indicate the age of the snake. Depending on the amount of food it eats this reptile will shed rattle from one to three times a year.

ONE OF BIRMINGHAM'S three runs crosses the plate in the state tournament game against Bay City at Midland last Saturday morning. The Birmingham Nationals lost a 5-3 decision to Bay City, which later lost in the finals to Hamtramck, the state champion. (Photo courtesy of Midland Daily News)

Editorially Speaking

WHAT HAPPENED at Eton field last Thursday evening was more than just a mere Little League baseball game ruidant.

It was a deplorable spectacle of human behavior. The language was not Webster's best, and the conduct, by adults no less, was childish.

Especially disgusting was the example given to 10 and 11-year-old youngsters.

Granted that the play evolved itself around the most concerning circumstances, that being an injury to a boy. However, the moral obligation was not the point of dispute. It was an umpire's ruling; a decision correctly made and in conformity with the rules of the game.

THE SITUATION was very simple. With runners on first and third, the batter for Team "A" hit a ball that struck the pitcher in the head and knocked him to the ground. The ball rolled to the first base foul line officially still in play. Meanwhile, the parents and several spectators rushed onto the mound to the injured boy as the runners continued around the bases to score.

Time was yelled by several people yet no one from team "B" made an effort to retrieve the ball and consummate the play. Finally the first baseman for team "B", realizing the situation picked up the ball and threw to second but not in time to get the batter.

What followed was an exhibition to which no man should be subjected.

THE DEGRADING words thrown at the umpire by men and even women and echoed by the children was the low ebb in shamefulness. The contention was that the umpire should have called time.

As the rule exists, the umpire had no basis in regulation to call time.

That he and everyone else is morally obligated to the boys with whom they have been entrusted, but in this situation he could not have the rule to stop the runners.

The crowd had no right on the playing field, and the umpire was not justified in ceasing the action until the play had been completed.

THE POINT in the whole situation, regardless of who was right or wrong, was the messy conduct of those who are supposed to set the good example.

To add humiliation to injury and insult, the game ended at this point with the losing team quitting the field in a garble of rashness.

Nationals Lose 5-3 to Bay City

Two Run Homer Breaks 3-3 Deadlock to Ruin Locals

A 4th inning homer by second baseman Wolf of Bay City with one man on base, broke a 3-3 deadlock to hand the Birmingham Nationals a 5-3 defeat in the state Little League tournament at Midland Saturday.

The game was originally scheduled for Friday afternoon, but was one out after first baseman Skrociek had singled.

ONLY ONE runner reached first for Birmingham in the last two innings.

In the final game of the tournament Hamtramck defeated Bay City to represent Michigan in the regional tournament at Cary this weekend.

A LARGE group of Birmingham followers were on hand to watch the game. Many stayed over after the heavy rain postponed the game Friday.

JIM STENGER, the Braves hard hitting pitcher took the mound for the Nationals and was tagged for eight hits.

Bay City scored in the first inning on two hits and a stolen base. In the second inning after the first batter struck out, Jowisk singled for Bay City and was out trying to get to second. Wolf followed with a single but was out trying to steal.

TWO RUNS in the third inning for Bay City came on a walk, stolen base and a pair of singles.

Birmingham took a 2-1 lead in the second inning in what looked like a big inning. Jacobson singled, Stenger walked, Barr singled and Terhek got on by virtue of an error.

Two runs had streaked and two runners were on base when Bay City pitcher Urban struck out Maxwell, Townsend and Scherer.

IN THE fourth the Nationals knotted the score 3-3 but again left two runners stranded.

The big blow by Wolf came with

the homer. Wolf's homer broke the 3-3 tie and gave Bay City a 4-3 lead.

Bay City scored again in the fifth inning on a single by Skrociek and a walk by Wolf.

Bay City's final score was 5-3.

The game was played at Midland, Mich.

The game was the first of a series of games between the two teams.

The game was a close one, with both teams playing well.

The game was a good one, with many exciting plays.

The game was a great one, with many memorable moments.

The game was a very good one, with many highlights.

The game was a very exciting one, with many great plays.

The game was a very interesting one, with many surprises.

The game was a very fun one, with many laughs.

The game was a very enjoyable one, with many memories.

The game was a very special one, with many moments.

The game was a very memorable one, with many stories.

The game was a very great one, with many experiences.

BIRMINGHAM		BAY CITY	
Player	AB	R	H
Scherer	1b	3	0
Wolf	2b	1	0
Skrociek	3b	1	0
Jacobson	cf	1	1
Stenger	ss	1	1
Barr	2b	2	0
Maxwell	lf	1	0
Townsend	cf	1	0
Wolf	2b	0	0
Shcherer	cf	1	0
Gray	ss	2	0
TOTALS	24	3	5

BAY CITY		BIRMINGHAM	
Player	AB	R	H
Harting	1b	3	0
Wolf	2b	1	0
Urban	3b	2	0
Skrociek	cf	2	0
Wolf	lf	2	1
Wolf	2b	1	0
Wolf	3b	1	0
Wolf	cf	1	0
Wolf	ss	1	0
Wolf	lf	1	0
Wolf	2b	1	0
Wolf	3b	1	0
TOTALS	20	8	5

See Record Field For National Skeet Shoot at Waterford
A good number of skeet shooters from the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Mexico, South America and Europe will participate in the 1955 National Skeet Shooting Championship to be held at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club in Waterford August 28 through September 4.

ACCORDING to Bob White, president of the Oakland County Sportsman's Club, 20 complete skeet fields, operating new automatic traps will be in operation for the event.

The commercial row exhibitors will include the arms companies and numerous gun sight and sporting goods displays.

A large number of the participants are expected to arrive several days in advance to avail themselves of practice shooting over the twenty-five target fields.

ACTIVITY gets underway each day at 9:00 a.m.

Red Sox Capture American LL Title

Tight pitching by Carl Kalesny and a home run by Perry Butler gave the Red Sox a 2-1 victory in a second half doubleheader game over the Yankees to win the American Little League championship.

The Yankees had won five straight games to take the second half title but could get only two hits off Kalesny.

THE GAME was started in the fourth inning when Butcher drove Doug Walden's first pitch high over the center field fence.

The Red Sox added another run before the inning ended. Mike Rowens walked but was forced at second by Gerald Leugen. Bruce McDonald struck out Terry Bosch walked. Bill Henderson then singled.

Leugen and Walden then singled but Bob Henderson struck out the fourth.

A double play Henderson to Heavrinoff, halted a Yank rally in the fifth. Walden doubled to start the sixth but Kalesny set the next three down in order, striking out Paul Simmons and Tommy Angell to end the game.

BOTH TEAMS played with nationalistic fervor.

The Red Sox had made a run-away of the first half play but finished the second on three hits.

The Yankees won the second half championship with three straight victories over the Indians after the Indians had won their first five games.

In a playoff of a six inning 2-1 tie earlier, the two teams split control in the seventh but Dave McManus homered in the eighth and Simmons scampered home from first on a double to give the Yankees a 2-1 victory. The win clinched a second half title for the Yankees.

THE VICTORY made Bob Kirby manager of the 1955 all-star team. Kirby will have four more managers next year. Bob Smart, Terry manager, is moving to Fresno. He and Leugen and three are ineligible under a two-year limitation rule.

League president Boyd Simmons announced that Jim Conlan, former New York Yankee player, will take over the Yankees and either Lyle Fehoberg or Lyman Schroyer, replaces this season, will direct the Red Sox.

NEW MEN from the farm leagues will be appointed to take over direction of the Indians and Tigers. Kirby will remain with the Red Sox as a coach.

FINAL STANDINGS:
Yankees 7 3
Indians 6 5
Pirates 4 5
Tigers 2 7

All-Star Game Carries Memories

The all-star game between the World Champion Cleveland Browns and the Collieries at Soldiers field in Chicago Friday night, carries sentimental values in a game at 1950 Middlesex in Southfield.

This is the home of Mrs. Charles E. Dorais, wife of the late "Gus" Dorais, whose name automatically falls into any conversation about the traditional football classic.

MRS. DORAIS clearly remembers the great game of 1937. It was the year that "Gus" was overwhelmingly selected by national wide vote to coach the college all-stars against the Green Bay Packers.

"Gus" it was, "his greatest day," said Mrs. Dorais as it was the first all-star team to beat the professional champion.

The score was 6-0 with such college star as Sammy Baum of TCU, Bud Wilkinson and Earl Sventenid of Minnesota, Sam Fran-

GUS DORAIS
As coach of the All Stars in 1937.

coaches of Nebraska, Bob LaRue and Averil Daniell of Pitt as the Shinning stars.

ONLY ONE guess is given as to how the all-stars did it, naturally with a typical Dorais forward pass. "He was never one to express himself outwardly," said Mrs. Dorais, who was in Chicago with her husband for the big game.

"On the eve of the game, he was upset however," Mrs. Dorais admitted, "because rain was threatening and his well planned passing attack was jeopardized."

THE REST is now history. On a hot and humid night the former University of Detroit coach and all-star directed one of the most colorful gatherings of all-stars to their first victory in the series, with a forward pass.

Until his death in January 1954, it was his greatest thrill. Today among all the moments of his great white pass, it remains one of the fondest memories for Mrs. Dorais.