

Out of Sports

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ONLY TWO short weeks ago at the Oakland Hills Country Club during the Detroit District Caddie championships, Les Perkins jested when I got him to get into a picture with a couple of his buddies from the Birmingham Country Club.

"Think it's safe for the camera, my getting into this picture," he laughed.

I got the shot, and afterward chatted with Les for a few minutes about the tourney which was going on.

"IT'S MIGHTY hot out there but these kids have carried golf bags around for everyone else in all kinds of weather, so they wouldn't mind it too much today," he said.

"This is their day."

"Was it you who has no further need for that picture after using it in the paper, maybe you can drop it off at the club when you go by some day," Les remarked as we parted.

Well the Eccentric used the picture just two weeks ago, and I never did get the chance to drop it off at the Birmingham Country Club where Les had the position of Superintendent of Caddies.

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DAVEY'S COMEBACK

You've probably heard the silly expression, "It's better to be a has-been rather than a was-not."

WHEN a guy enjoys a period of success in a sport or activity, and the time comes around when he has to give way to a better or younger successor, they say he's washed up, he's no longer a has-been.

I guess there's really nothing wrong in being called a has-been. At least the has-been can still stay close to that sport as coach or instructor, a teacher in writer or many other ways.

THE WAS-NOT, who actually never participated in the sport, is never any more than just a spectator.

Now how about a guy who decides he's all washed up, and then after all a couple years, decides he's still good enough to get right back into full participation.

They call it a comeback, but what do they call the person making his return?

Whatever it is, that's the name for Chuck Davey.

CHUCK is a fine person, an intelligent guy, but he just won't admit that he has long moved out of the "still is" stage, and into the "has-been" period.

His "comeback" against Pat Manzi, a member of the veteran order of "has-beens" was far from his days in the pre-Kid Gavilan era.

A GUY like Davey who drew the attention of the sports world so rapidly several years ago, and then lost it as fast in the beating from Gavilan, has to be admired.

Admired because he's got the guts, but pitied because he won't concede those guts to common sense.

I knew Chuck during his fling as a TV sportscaster, and had the occasion of playing some handball with him.

IT SEEMED that Chuck strongly missed the fight game. It tortured him to know that he could talk about, but was not taking an active part in the game.

For while it looked as if he would be back in the sport as coach. All of a sudden he was making his comeback.

The press reports of the fight with Manzi weren't heartening, and even though I and many others think this was a wrong move, we sure wish him the best.

More than Half

Lake Michigan produced 14,200,000 pounds of the 27,000,000 pounds of fish which commercial fishermen took from Michigan's Great Lakes water in 1954.

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Area High Schools Open Football Camps Monday

Cranes Wait Till Sept. 5 For Opening Grid Season

King football takes over the local spotlight with all of the area high schools opening grid drills bright and early Monday morning.

Only at Cranbrook will things be quiet until September 5, Labor Day, when the Crane gridders arrive into camp.

The later start will not hinder the cranes since each Fred Campbell's squad does not start the season until a week after the other schools.

CAMPBELL isn't primed with optimism for the 1955 team. He has lost 15 lettermen and will find only three rejoining the squad this year.

At Birmingham high school, coach Carl Lemle will greet 70 varsity candidates at 9:00 a.m. Monday.

THE MAPLES will have eight lettermen missing from the 1954 squad which posted a 4-5 record in their first season under Lemle.

Among the 22 experienced players returning are 12 lettermen, 10 of which are seniors who may fill regular starting positions.

SENIOR quarterback Bill Swaney and senior end Jim Tuck, co-captains elect of the 1955 team.

The Maple candidates reported for physical examinations and their uniforms today.

Missing from the turnout were regulars Bill Watkinson, end Tom Beck, first string left half, and Kirk Flack.

COACH MONTE Charles and assistants Cecil Foote and Will Shonke are checking in 60 players for physical examinations and uniforms today at Southfield high school.

The Bluejays begin their third season in athletic competition with prospects for a bright campaign.

Big problems for Charles will be in the backfield where such losses as Fred Courville, Dave Jabnik and Jerry Gatti, all regulars last year, will have to be replaced.

FRONT runners among the 13 lettermen expected back are ends Sam Manderschar and Len Lamb, Manchester's star at conference flanker is rated as one of the better ends in South Oakland county.

Coach Charles is planning on several moves to switch players to more needed positions.

THE PICTURE at Troy high school isn't gloom, but the Colts can see moving only one way from the all-beaten 0-8 record of 1954.

Coach Bob Nyquist will find a shortage of seniors among his 60 candidates.

Among his 14 lettermen, Nyquist hopes to have five juniors and eight sophomores.

The reason why the coach isn't sure he will have these players-back is an odd situation.

DUE to a variation in school district boundaries, several former Colt players may find themselves in the Clawson high school grid camp.

The Colts are hoping to gain varsity from prospects for the varsity from the unbeaten junior high school team of last year.

A NEW high school with a new football coach will open Bloomfield Hills its first official grid team.

Coach Don Hoff is poised with the big task of not re-building but to start building a team from the 40 candidates who are expected to answer the call Monday.

Hoff knows little about any of the boys but is hopeful of fielding a representative eleven.

The new high school will open for classes in September, but grid drills and games will be held at the Vaughan school site.

BIRMINGHAM, Southfield and Troy all begin their season September 16, while Cranbrook and Bloomfield Hills start on September 24.

INTERNATIONALLY famous, coach Monty, Rev. Hezelle, will open the week long shoot at 3:00 p.m. Sunday with a demonstration of rock and fanny shooting.

Shooters will utilize the fields August 28 for practice and shooting will officially get underway at 9:00 a.m. Monday.

J. T. Jones Wins Trapshoot Title

John T. Jones, 258 Chesterfield, won the class A championship against 782 marksmen in the Grand American trapshoot at Vandalia, Ohio, Tuesday.

Jones tied three other trapshooters at 197 and broke 25 straight in the shootoff.

The class A championship was won by George Genevex, 20-year-old medical student from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada.

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AREA POLOISTS who will participate in the benefit polo match for the youth program sponsored by the local YMCA and Kiwanis club, are the Williams brothers Larry and Davey, 4740 Adams road, and Rich Gibson (standing) 299 S. Woodward. Match is Sept. 11 at Ivory field.

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Skeet Shooting Browns Set for the Nationals

When the National Skeet Shoot starts in Waterford next week don't be surprised to see the Browns in captivity.

These Browns are Edward, Bud, Bill Jr., and William Brown, Sr., members of the well known shooting family who live at 910 Safford.

Two weeks ago, Bill, now 13, won the state junior championship on 94, while brother Ed, only 10, walked away with the sub-junior title on a scizzing 95 of a 100, at the Detroit Gun Club.

THIS IS Ed's third year at the sport, and with his title he also gained the Most Improved Shooter award in the state shoot.

The middle man in the trio of youngsters is Bud, who started shooting at the age of 10. Now 12 years old, Bud has already won a National Shoot under his belt.

The man, however, who gets the ammunition bills for the quartet is William Brown, Sr.

He started shooting about 20 years ago and he recalls winning his first big shoot at Tawas City in 1937 by copying the Grand Lakes Open.

LAST YEAR Brown, Sr., was the 410 gauge Michigan State champion.

All of the Brown men are hunting enthusiasts, but in this case it's Mrs. Brown who rules. "Only one of the boys goes with Mr. Brown each year on the two-week hunting trip to Canada," said Mrs. Brown.

"This year it's Ed's turn, he's never been on the trip," she added.

NEXT WEEK in the National Skeet Shoot at Waterford, Bill will shoot in the junior division, Bud and Ed in the sub-junior, and William, Sr., in the seniors.

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Week Long National Skeet Shoot to Start

Approximately \$15,000 in sterling silver trophies, comprising the greatest array of trophies ever presented in a National Skeet Shoot, will be awarded to participants of this year's event which gets underway at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club, Waterford, August 24-Sept. 4.

In addition, the National Skeet Shooting Association is putting up \$1,200 in added money for the Optional event, \$200 in small gauge (10's), \$200 in small gauge (2's), \$200 in 20-gauge and \$500 all boys.

THE PRELIMINARY day event Gun Hammer, Monday, August 29, carrying a \$1,000 prize is sponsored by the host club.

The National sub-small gauge 410 championships are scheduled to be held on Tuesday, August 30, with the National Sub-Junior and Women's Junior championships scheduled for the same day.

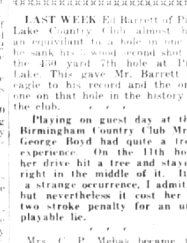
The National 20-gauge championship will be held on Thursday, September 1, with the following three days set aside for featured events of the entire tournament, the National all-gauge championship.

Playing on guest days at the Birmingham Country Club Mrs. George Lloyd had quite a tree experience. On the 11th hole her drive hit a tree and stayed right in the middle of it. It's a strange occurrence, I admit, but nevertheless it cost her a two stroke penalty for an unplayable lie.

Mrs. C. P. Melas became the new holder of the Pine Lake Directors cup by defeating Mrs. Ralph Lee 2 and 1.

IN THE WIGA district team play competition, Birmingham Country Club's 603 points took first place over Grace Hill's 593 points in blue division.

In the red division Lechmere C.C. and Orchard Lake are tied for first and are to play off at Red Run to determine the team to compete against Birmingham for the championship September 7 at Detroit Golf Club.



Teeing Off by Sally Sharp



JOE ANDERSON, equipment manager at Birmingham high school, is ready for the opening of football drills Monday.

Birmingham CC in WPGA Title Play

Birmingham finished the season a 2-5 and a 6-6 split with Western with 60 1/2 points to 59 1/2 for runner-up in the final rounds, Birmingham netted 69.5. Birmingham won the Blue Division championship of the Women's District Golf Association, the district title at the Detroit Tam O'Shanter last week.



Baldwin Ninth in Hearst Golf Meet

Tim Baldwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Baldwin, 288 Harbort, took 9th place in the 10th annual Hearst Junior Golf tournament held last week at the Riviera Country Club in Los Angeles, California.

AFTER fring a troublesome 80 in the first round, Tim shot 76.78 in the two succeeding rounds, but followed to an 83 in the final 18 to finish with a 417 total.

Bill Seaton, 17, of Bakerfield, Calif., won the tournament by defeating Don Bois of Seattle in a sudden death playoff on the 32nd hole.

The other Michigan entries, Steve Miller of Jackson, finished with 328 for 18th-place play.

BALDWIN will be a senior at Birmingham High school next season.

He represented Michigan in the Hearst National at Baltimore last year.

Spare that Tree

Conservation department has issued a record 12,000 seedling and transplant trees this spring.

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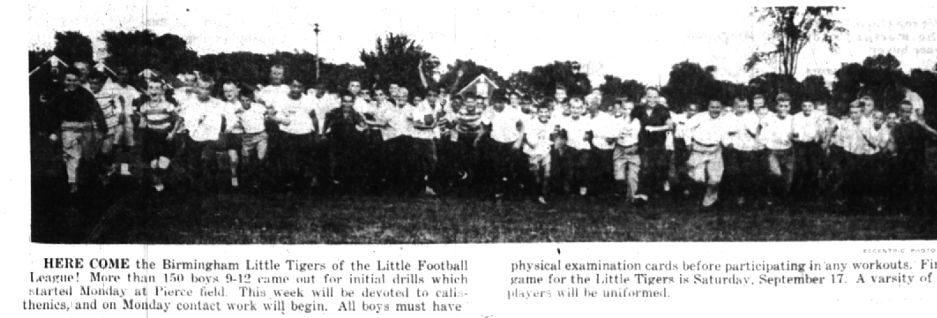
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HERE COME the Birmingham Little Tigers of the Little Football League! More than 150 boys 9-12 came out for initial drills which started Monday at Perce field. This week will be devoted to calisthenics, and on Monday contact work will begin. All boys must have physical examination cards before participating in any workouts. First game for the Little Tigers is Saturday, September 17. A varsity of 35 players will be uniformed.