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National All-Stars Beat Americans 6-5 To Enter State Tournament at Midland

Meet Lincoln Park-Bay City Winner Friday at 3:00 in Dow Stadium

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STATE TOURNAMENT hopes in Midland rest in the arms of these National League pitchers, John Walker and Sandy Barr of the Cubs, Jim Stenger and Jim Hinds of the league champion Braves. The Birmingham Nationals play in Midland Friday at 3:00 p.m. (Eccentric Photo)

Little Football League Begins Drills Aug. 22

Application forms are available for all boys 9-12 interested in playing with the Birmingham "Little Football League" of the Jack Lounsbury Football League.

At the kickoff of the Little Football League Monday night at Birmingham high school, general manager, Richard A. Stuermer, announced that first drills for all boys 9-12 who weigh 125 pounds or less will be held Monday August 22 at Pershing Park.

Boys must furnish own shoes which are standard Little Football League shoes.

In submitting the application, boys are also required to include a photograph and three small photographs which can be obtained in the coin machines of dime stores. They must be in by August 4 according to registrar Eric Jacobson.

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LOOK at the thermometer and you'll find it hard to believe, but football is here.

Rookies out at the Lions training camp in Ypsilanti for three weeks, and Monday the veterans got into the swing of things.

To really make it official, one week from Friday (August 12) the World Champion Cleveland Browns and the College All-Stars will meet in their annual game in Chicago.

So as the season line goes, away we go into the pigskin parade.

AS HOT the weather and as saturated with perspiration he was, Birmingham spent 2 1/2 hours talking football, and all for the love of the game.

"This Little Football League is a good thing for you," he told the boys "but you have to go into this game with the idea of giving it everything you've got."

"I'm sick of seeing mud, raps and heavy headsets in the papers," he said "and I know that will supervene athletics can help prevent such things."

Eyes widened when the boys saw the flashy uniforms which 20 of them would wear when the season got underway.

More than just the looks, the kids can be assured that for their protection, the best possible equipment was purchased to outfit the Birmingham Little Tigers.

THE HELMET which will be used is identical to that used by the Lions, and a "must" is that every player will have to wear a face guard.

In testing the cushion strength of the head gear Big Lee gave the lad wearing the full uniform a kicking box on the head.

"Feel that," asked Lee "Nope," said the boy "How about this?"

Lee as he "tapped" another spot on the helmet. "Didn't feel a thing," replied the boy "Even we didn't have helmets like this," laughed Lee.

WHAT it goes to prove is that every effort is being given to protect the boys from personal injury and the parents from fear.

Of course injuries are common to every sport, football or baseball, and added protection such as being given in this equipment can do much to thwart the seriousness of an injury.

IF YOU think that this Little Football League will be just a hazardous affair, you're wrong.

Arrangements have been made for physical examinations for all boys, for complete insurance coverage and for immediate medical attention at every game with the presence of a doctor.

SO WHEN August 22nd rolls around, and you know that you'll be between 9 and 12 will play football without regard for how and where, taking place in a field where the Birmingham Little Tiger training camp opens under the watchful eyes of a dozen able football men.

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By 12 o'clock to get forms can obtain them at the Varsity Shop, Pierce and Merrill at Wesley Branch, Pierce and 141 West at Pharmacy, Chesterfield and Maple at Monahan's Standard Service, 14 1/2 and Southside at Maple, Car Long Lake and Woodward and at Dick Sauerborn's home 2780 Pennbrook.

Co-champions in Federal League

Co-champions were named in the Birmingham Federal League with the first half champion Athletics and second half winners the Senators sharing the title.

DUE to the rain Monday which postponed the playoff game, league president Glenn Jensen, said that the standings for both halves would remain as they are with the Senators and Athletics as co-champions.

Most of the boys are heading for camp or vacations with their families, so it would be very difficult to arrange a date for the playoff game, he said.

Ellstrom-Schwab Birmingham CC Tourney Winners

Floury Ellstrom, Birmingham and Pat Schwab of Dayton captured the invitational best-ball tournament of the Birmingham Country club Sunday by defeating Perry Byard of Red Run and Ed Ervetti 3 and 2 in the finals.

Harness Racing Closes Saturday

Saturday night August 6 will be the last day of the 12th season of harness racing at Northville.

Low attendance record is expected to be set this year. The all-time record for a single night's wagering was set last Friday when fans wagered \$349,150 through the windows.

Saturday closes 78 nights of racing at an average of 6,500 fans nightly.

A TOTAL of 120 teams were entered in the annual tournament.

Redskins End Warpath as Only Unbeaten Team in LL

Hottest team in the baseball circuit around Birmingham was the Redskins squad of the National Federal League.

Under manager Ross Pierce and four coaches, the "Skins" compiled the 10th 9-1 to finish the year as the only unbeaten team in the Little League baseball in July.

IN WINNING eight games the Redskins overpowered their foes by five or more runs in every game and with 28 players on the squad the team batting average was a phenomenal .336.

A total of nine players hit over .400, two of which hit over .500.

"We had a strong team because we had nine players over 11 years of age," said coach Pierce.

Aug. 8 Deadline For PKC Outdoor Dog Show Entries

Bench show chairman and president of the Pontiac Kennel club, Rudy Buchmann this week announced the PKC sponsored all breed show will be held at Warner school stadium, Oakland avenue, Pontiac on Aug. 21.

Buchmann said show entries must be made no later than Monday, Aug. 8.

ELIGIBLE dogs must be six months of age and registered with the American Kennel club. Entries are planned according to age and breed, with each being judged for best of breed.

Broken into six groups, these best of breed winners will compete for best of show rating. This final judging will be handled by Duane Post of Kalamazoo, Mich.

ENTRY blanks for the show can be obtained from PKC's secretary, John P. Siefen, 27740 West 14 Mile.

This will be an outdoor, unbenched show.



By BRUNO L. KEARNS

With a surprising display of batting power, Birmingham's National League battled its way through a pair of district tourney games beating Fenton and upending the Birmingham Americans to enter the state playoffs starting today at Midland.

The Nationals drew a bye for the first round which starts at 2:30 p.m. today in pitting Lincoln Park against Bay City. In the second game today at 4:30 p.m. Midland and defending champion Holland trank tangle.

FRIDAY, Birmingham will now be the winner of Lincoln Park-Bay City game in Dow stadium in the first game to start at 3:00 p.m.

Players will leave for Midland in courtesy cars and private autos at 5:00 a.m. They will gather in front of the Eccentric office.

In the second game Friday, Gary Rapids will meet the winner of the Hamtramck-Midland game and the two Friday winners will meet at 7:00 p.m. Saturday for the state title at Midland under the regional at Gary, Ind.

IN HEATING Fenton 10-6, the National all-stars jumped to a 3-0 lead highlighted by pitcher Jim Stenger's home run over the left center fence in the second inning, followed by two forced-in runs. Stenger had two homers in the game.

Fenton scored twice in the second after an error, but had man and a walk loaded the bases, and then the rightfielder and second baseman collided on a fly ball allowing the runs.

After Fenton pulled within one run, 7-6 in the fifth, Bob Terwick relieved John Walker who succeeded Stenger, and stopped any further scoring. The Nationals closed it with three in the top of the sixth.

IN THE second game of the local journey, the Americans reached the finals by leading a scrappy Federal team 3-1 behind the fine pitching of Carl Kalesway, who allowed only two hits and struck out 11.

Kalesway himself accounted for the first two runs with a two-run homer in the first inning, scoring Bill Mosher ahead of him.

THE FEDERALS loaded the bases in the seventh with one out but Kalesway stopped any scoring by getting Bob Carroll to bound out and striking out the next batter.

LOVE RUN for the Federals came in the fourth when Carroll doubled with two men on base, scoring Gary Van Geisen.

Third run for the Americans came in the fifth inning to end the scoring.

Walter Cox of the Athletics did a fine pitching job for the Federals, holding the Americans to only three hits, two by Kalesway.

Detroiters Cop Babe Ruth Title

Northwest Detroit won its second straight state Babe Ruth title by whipping Grand Pointe Wood 12-5 in the finals played at Southfield.

In the semi-final, the Detroiters defeated Huron Valley 7-2 on a two-hitter pitched by Bob Beach and Roy Temple while the Grand Pointers were beating Bessmer.



'Twas a Nightmare

Thursday July 14 was a nightmare for puncheaters. There were 26 men called upon in the majors to pinch hit, and not a single one of them got a hit. Five got on base via three walks and two errors.

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games ever played here.

A by partisan crowd in opposite bleachers watched the Nationals surprise the favored Americans 6-5 with a dramatic game that kept the crowd stirred to the last minute when with the bases loaded Sandy Barr struck out Bob Hendrickson to end the game.

AMERICAN pitcher Bill Mosher started what looked like an easy win by striking out the first four National batters, but then the fire works began.

Jim Stenger doubled and later scored on a bad throw to home plate.

In the third Walker doubled and Jaroson got on by an error and Stenger singled them both home.

The American stars got one run in the third when Mike Jackson got to first on an error and scored after singles by Dave McManus and Bill Mosher.

NATIONAL outfielders grabbed two long hits, straddled by the wind to end the threat.

In the fourth the Americans got three runs to go ahead 4-3 on a clutch.

THE BOTTOM of the sixth was the futile but exciting climax Jack Coons a pinch batter walked and went to third on Jackson's single. Barr bared down and struck out. McManus and Mosher, and Coons scored on a passed ball.

Barr scored on a passed ball, a third strike past Hendrickson to send the Nationals into the Midland playoffs.

JIM STENGER, 12 year old ace of the Braves, could have been termed as the outstanding player of the series, with Carl Kalesway, Walter Cox, Sandy Barr, Steve Jacobson, John Walker, and Mike Jackson shining in the three runs to go ahead 4-3 on a clutch.



Braves Beat Cubs 8-0 To Win League Title

Good clutch hitting in a playoff game Tuesday gave the Little League Braves an 8-0 victory over the Cubs to clinch the National League title for 1955.

Steve Jacobson, slugging left fielder for the Braves, came through with three hits in four trips to drive in three runs.

IN THE first inning the Braves tallied four times on two hits and two walks, the big single coming with the bases loaded by Pete Scholtzen.

In the fifth inning Jacobson got his second hit and drove in the Braves fifth run on the game.

The Cubs biggest threat was in the first inning when runners on second and third, pitcher Jim Stenger struck out the side.



THE BRAVES won the first half title and by winning Tuesday swept their championship without a title game.

NATIONALS

Pos.	AB	R	H	E
Torbert	3	0	0	0
Harlow	3	0	0	0
Walker	3	0	0	0
Jackson	3	2	0	0
Barr	3	0	1	0
Harlow	3	0	1	0
Hinds	3	0	1	0
Horner	3	0	1	0
Howard	3	0	1	0
Totals	27	6	2	0

AMERICANS

Pos.	AB	R	H	E
Jackson	4	2	0	0
McManus	3	0	0	0
Mosher	3	0	0	0
Ward	3	0	0	0
Hendrickson	3	0	0	0
Harlow	3	0	0	0
Harlow	3	0	0	0
Schmidt	3	0	0	0
Coons	3	0	0	0
Totals	27	6	2	0

(Batted for Schmidt by C. H. E. Nationals 012 Rbs. 6 6 2. Americans 012 Rbs. 6 6 2. Hinds, BARR, Howard, MOSHER and Jackson. Two base hits, Jackson, Barr, Walker and Stenger. Strikes out by Mosher in 1st, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Walks off Hinds 3, Barr 2, Mosher 3, Hinds off Hinds 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Hits off Hinds 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. 2 1/3 innings, Mosher 3, Hinds off Hinds 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. WP—Barr, LP—Mosher.

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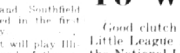
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TOUTED AS ONE of the top prospects for the Babe Ruth league is catcher Mike Jackson of the Tigers, a 12-year-old who plays with the American all-stars.



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