

All-Stars Selected for State Babe Ruth Tournament

Out of Sports

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THIS COULD have been called the "too poised to participate" department as a result of one hectic day late last week.

Starting out at 10:30 a.m. on a 12-hour whirl around the Birmingham sports scene carrying nearly 25 pounds of camera equipment with the temperature pushing 96 degrees and higher on some athletic fronts, isn't exactly the most refreshing way to spend a day.

Heat or no heat, the different athletic fronts were as busy as ever.

After a few recreation program pictures around town, I stopped at the Birmingham high school football field where things seemed to be humming.

THE NEW metal bleachers had arrived and a couple sun-baked humans under the protective sun-pith helmets were busily engaged in installing the stands.

After a few more identified men to be Kermit Ambrose, Maple track coach and Carl Leslie who is the most interesting thing from his football team next fall.

According to Lemie the additional seating will bring the seating capacity of the field to 5,000, which is 1,500 more than the present seating space. Another 2,500 people can be handled with standing room around field level.

A THIRD figure at midfield was Athletic Director Frank Whitney wearing personal attention during the scorching heat has made the turf of the field a beautiful green.

"It's the best this field has ever looked," said Whitney as he proceeded to check the newly seeded areas.

From his high school down Cranberry road I found Maxine baseball coach Lew Perry at the Police rifle range conducting his classes under the city's recreation program.

Low supervises the rifle program daily from nine to noon and the boys do a right good job in puncturing the little black circle on the target.

"DAVID CROCKETT, at this age didn't have anything on some of these kids," said Lew jestingly.

Already 10 minutes late I hastened under the trees and limed out to the new Bloomfield Hills high school site where we met Eugene Johnson and the new Hills football coach Donald Hoff.

I found it hard to believe, but Johnson says the new secondary school will be open September 1st. "It may seem impossible," he said, "but the doors will be open on that date, he said. So who are we to doubt the builder."

Hoff has now moved into the area, and he is eagerly awaiting the chance to take the ball by the horns and give the Hills a well rounded athletic program.

It will be a big task for Hoff who moved into the job with a background of building an extensive physical education program at Ngunare. But he has 230 pounds of body and the aggressiveness to give the Hills just what they need.

WITHOUT lunch I stopped in at the Birmingham Tennis Club on the Kingswood courts. Here's an ideal spot for the tennis enthusiast. Five newly surfaced tennis courts with plenty of shade and quiet to concentrate on one's game.

For the next two hours I made our way back and forth between the Birmingham Gun Club, Richardson road and Hagerly, for a picture of the state gun shoot which was going on.

At 5:30 Al Robertson was telling his Little League Pirates that their opponent for the game was Poppietto, the Giants, had beaten the league-leading Braves the day before, so they had to get out there and hustle.

Apparently they did, because the final score was Pirates 19, Giants 3.

OVER AT ETON field the Indians were taking possession of the second-half race in the American league by beating the Yankees, and the first-half Federal champs the Athletics had just scored seven runs in the first inning on the neighboring diamond.

The stands at the field where the Athletics and Orioles were playing sounded like a shouting contest between a couple of mothers. "Come on Orioles," "Let's go Athletics," "Strike him out," "Let's get a hit."

And so it went on, two women sitting next to each other and rooting for the opposite team. There was no ill feeling between the ladies, but they were taking their baseball seriously.

At Booth field there was some softball action in the YMCA League, and in semi-darkness I finally got a picture.

THE LAST stop was the Little League football meeting. It was 8:00 p.m. and the group had gathered at the Varsity Shop to discuss organization of the Birmingham franchise.

Plans for the Birmingham team are progressing rapidly with all of the best available equipment having already been purchased.

At 10:00 p.m. with a ton weight on each finger, feeling as if I had been put through a washing machine cycle, I entered my aide who pooped and hungry and heard the coach that only the little woman could ask and get away with "Tired!"



THESE PIRATES ARE HAPPIER THAN THEY APPEAR! Pirate manager Al Robertson (extreme right) and coach Jim Sanborn look seriously concerned in different directions over something on the playing field. They shouldn't have been too worried however as the Pirates went on to trample the Giants in this game 19-3, scoring six runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings. (Eccentric Photo)

Little Leagues Name All-Stars

Three all-star teams representing each of the Birmingham Leagues, have been picked by the managers as entries in the state tournament which will start play in the Detroit area district July 29, and continue with the state finals at Midland in the first week of August.

SEVERAL of the district games are expected to be played on the Eton field diamonds and after the state finals at Midland, the national championship will be determined at Williamsport, Penna. in the last week of August.

In the Birmingham American League, the semi loop of the three, six boys were unanimously chosen among the all-stars for the league.

Those who led the balloting were Carl Kalesary and Perry Butler of the Red Sox; Dave McManis and Bob Hendrickson, Yankees; Mike Jackson, Tigers and Bill Mosher, Indians.

MOSHER is the only holdover from last year's team, and he is one of the leading hitters in the American loop.

Three boys were picked from each team with two selected at random. Others named were Bill Henderson and Jim Stepperson, Red Sox; Chuck Angell and Bill Schmidt, Yankees; Jack Quimlan and Bob Townsend, Indians and Jack Coons and Doug Ward, Tigers.

They were also cast for replacements who will substitute should any selected players be forced to withdraw. They are Bob Alexander, Tigers; Paul Simmons and Doug Walton, Yankees; Craig Kirby and Edson Stevens, Red Sox; Bob Appel and Dennis Ferguson, Indians.

Ed Mosher, whose Indians won 1958 state championship, will manage the American all-stars.

THE BRAVES dominated the National all-stars with representatives headed by the loop's 200 hitters Steve Jacobson and Jim

Ray Robertson, a 476 hitter and teammate Bob Terlock (391) were picked from the Pirates.

The other Braves were Mike Horner (290), and Jim Hinds (264).

Doug Moore was the fifth Brave selected.

FOUR CLUBS including Sandy Harp, a 415 hitter, Chris Schaefer, John Walker and Tom Maxwell were selected.

Jim Townsend, Carl Gierok and Buzz Howling were the Giants named.

Manager Cliff Stanton and assistants Al Robertson, of the Cubs will direct the Nationals.

The all-star teams of the Detroit area have been broken into two eight-team sections with Birmingham, two Hamtramck, one Grosse Pointe, one Algonaic and one St. Clair Shores team in this section.

DATES of the district games are July 28-29-30 and it was expected that the semi-finals and finals would be played at Eton field.

THE ATHLETICS and White Sox each contributed four players in the Federal League voting of the all-star All players selected were 12 years of age.

Sloggers Bill Baby and Bob Carroll, the Athletics leading hitters in the Federal loop led the poll. Carroll has been hitting near 400 and Baby better than 550 all season.

Carl Lisewski, the Senators 500 hitter was picked along with teammate Jim Rubly who has been batting .231. Gary Wilds was the other Senator chosen.

Pitcher Walter Coe and Tom Hicks were the other two Athletics named to the team.

THE ORIOLES are represented by Bill Lightbody, Larry Johnson and Bill Johnson and the White Sox have Larry Beck, Bruce Baginsky, Larry VanGeisen and Ed Soma.

Van Geisen batter .388 for the first half of the season.

Jim Bowman manager of the Athletics and manager John Cole of the Orioles will direct the Federal all-stars.

Polo a Family Tradition With the Williams Boys

The Williams brothers, Larry and Dave, hold a proud polo tradition in their keeping.

The brothers, who live at 4740 Adams road are indexed as two of the finest young players in Michigan. They play with regularity at the Ivory Polo grounds, Eastover and Eighth Mile roads, where indoor doubleheaders are booked each Wednesday night and a single game is offered each Sunday at 3 p.m.

Larry and Dave must have inherited their enthusiasm for polo.

THEIR DAD, Perry Williams, was one of the best of the malle-tiers in Michigan in the early thirties in the days of the Gold Hats, the Freebooters, the Lancers, and the Middlebelt roads.

Williams, a prominent businessman, owns a fine stable of trotting horses and he is often on hand to watch his talented sons play polo in the hard-driving, sharpshooting manner that was once his hall-mark.

THE WILLIAMS brothers began playing polo at the Ivory Club in 1952. They have played there regularly ever since, and with steadily increasing skill. Their Strawberry Hill team last season dealt the Ivory Rangers one of the two defeats the Big Red team suffered in a 28-game schedule.

Larry has been carrying on the family tradition also during the Spring and early Summer. Dave, a junior at Michigan State College, has a similar record. The Ivory season is just finishing a string of active duty with the Air Force. He will be back in action at the Ivory Polo grounds next week.

BOTH BOYS have seen service in the Ivory Rangers lineup in big games and have acquired themselves nobly. They may likely be back in the Ranger battle front more than once before the present season ends.

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Leading Hitters Picked in Birmingham and Southfield

Leading sluggers from Birmingham and Southfield were named this week to represent their respective leagues in the annual Babe Ruth state tournament to be played on the two high school fields July 29-24 and July 30-31.

Pete Hurley the leading slugger of the Barons for the Birmingham Babes with 588 and Dick Cionan of Suburban Motors' Rockets with 541 were the top hitters selected.

BOTH are pitchers who also play regularly at other positions. Close behind were Phil Russell and Jim Maurer of Abstract Title's Spartans with 528 each.

Pat Baldwin of Wilson Pontiac Cadillac Chief completed the 200 bracket.

Other all-stars elected by vote of the five managers in the league were: Len Willis (476) and Jeff Boucher (400) of the Rockets; Jay Madonna (410) and Bob Squires (416) of the Spartans; Tom Leupen (437), Dave Hurne (350), Ron Cornelia (300) and



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Another Golf Title For Wally Burkemo

"Mr. Michigan" on the golf links must be a title concession to Wally Burkemo. Franklin Hills pro who has swept the state's two big tournaments.

Two weeks ago Burkemo captured the Michigan Open at the Whitehawk Country club in Ypsilanti with a 72 hole 279.

LAST WEEK with a tremendous push, he swept the Michigan PGA title in a two-hole playoff with John Barnum of Grand Rapids.

Each had 138, four over par, after 36 holes. On the first play-off they matched birdies, but on the second sudden death session, Burkemo fired an eagle three, the 533 yard second, to take the title.

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National All-Stars Win in Southfield

The Nationals pushed across nine runs in the first three innings and then took things easy in beating the Americans 10-3 in Southfield's Little League All-Star game played before more than 500 people on the high school field.

Little Dave Walgest, who played for the Giants started the fireworks with a walk to start the first inning, and after two strikeouts Gerry Odum blasted a triple that scored Walgest. Odum then scored on an error for a 2-0 lead.

FOUR RUNS in the second inning led by Dennis Rich's triple, and three more in the third inning was too much for the American leaguers to overcome.

Jim Gatti scored the American League's first run in the third after hitting a single and coming around after a wild pitch and an error.

In the bottom half of the sixth, the Americans scored twice with two runs coming in ahead of Van Brunt who doubled the runners got on base by virtue of a walk and an error.

ONLY TWO hits were given up by three National pitchers, while American hurlers pitching two in-

nings each gave up seven hits.

A standing room crowd filled the diamond at Southfield high school with township supervisor Eugene Swen highlighting the colorful pre-game ceremonies.

MANAGING the township team will be Alex Billesdon, assisted by Gordon Milton.

Fred Petrucci, manager of the Barons, 1954 city champs, will manage the Birmingham stars with assistant Walt Hurley.

Southfield and Birmingham have joined forces to host the state tournament this year.

Sixteen teams will play in the one game knockout tournament to be played on the Birmingham and Southfield high school fields.

WINNER of the Michigan tournament will compete for the regional title in Trenton, N. J. last to a fall Texas team there.

Previous state winners were Birmingham in 1952, Escondido in 1953 and Northwest Detroit in 1954.

The Birmingham all-stars went all the way to the World Series in Trenton, N. J. last to a fall Texas team there.

BABE RUTH state director A. Bates leads the two-weekend tourney, with the assistance of officials from both leagues.

They Hit 'em —He Gets 'em

It wasn't Al Kaline playing for the Yankees of the Little League at Eton field last week. The Little Leaguer was Paul Simmons, who after playing infield most the season for the Yankees, returned to the outfield for the game with the Tigers.

It was a fortune more for Yank manager Roland Walton because a couple sensational fielding plays by Simmons in one inning ended what might have been a disastrous inning.

WITH TWO men on base and no outs, Paul raced into deep center field and made a one-handed stab of Bob Swart's line smash that appeared headed for extra bases.

A moment later after the Tigers had scored one run and had the bases loaded Jack Coons lined another drive into the same spot.

SIMMONS made a belly-smacker lung for the ball, took a few rolls and came up happy with a single. The final score read Yankees 11, Tigers 4.



DAVE WALLGAST, second baseman of the Giants, carries the mail around third to score the first run for the Nationals, who beat the Americans 10-3 in the Southfield Little League all-star game. (Eccentric Photo)

Name LL Officers

Officers were elected and organization plans were completed for the Birmingham Little League Football League Monday night.

Twelve men were named to the Board of Directors of the Birmingham franchise with Bill Robertson, president, Al Bates, secretary and Harold Gasser, treasurer.

DICK SAUERBRIN was elected general manager of the team and Eric Eastman was named registrar.

The team which adopted the name of Birmingham Little League, under the colors of scarlet and white, will include 70 boys from age nine to 12.

One team of 35 players will make the varsity of boys 11-12 who are the minimum maximum weight of 125 pounds. A junior varsity team of 35 players of boys 9 and 10 is limited to 95 pounds or less.

THE FOOTBALL kickoff for all interested boys and their parents will be held Monday night August 1st at the high school. Application cards will be distributed at this meeting and coach Bill Guay will give a run-down on the league qualifications for the boys. Movies will be shown with several members of the Detroit Lions as guests.

Polo in Pairs

Brother combination, Larry (left) and Davey Williams, 1740 Adams road, follow in their dad's footsteps.

Novice Tennis Tourney Starts At Eton Tuesday

Entry blanks in Birmingham for the world's largest tennis tournament to start Tuesday July 19 can be obtained daily from 9:30 a.m. till noon at the Eton tennis courts.

The tourney which will include nearly 3,500 tennis entries for the 1958 Greater Detroit Novice Tennis Tournament, started in 1923 and is jointly sponsored by the Detroit Patrons Tennis Association and the Detroit Department of Parks and Recreation.

LOCALLY the tournament will start at Eton park July 19 with all the qualifiers playing in the finals at Palmer Park in Detroit July 27 through July 31st.

Participants can play in either of two classifications, the Junior division for boys and girls who do not



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Dog Show Sunday At Detroit Track

Some 50 different breeds of dogs are expected for the Lion's Animal Club show Sunday, July 17, at the Detroit Race Course, Schoolcraft and Middlebelt roads.

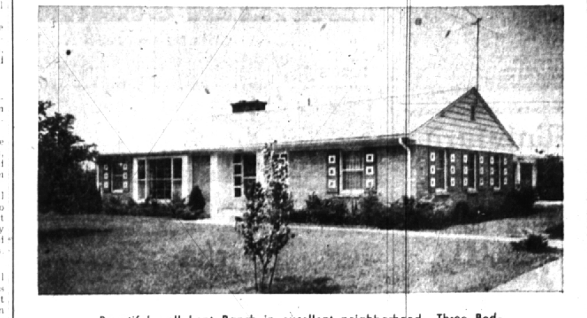
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