

# It's Sports

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ALL THE HEAT we've been complaining about for the past few weeks may be fanned away in Birmingham with the heat that will generate out of Eton field this weekend.

The showdown between the American and Federal leagues at 6:00 p.m. Friday in the opening round of the Little League tournament will be like cooling a couple hot coals with a blow torch.

And in event the Nationals should win their game against Fenwick tomorrow they look out for the hot foot game Saturday afternoon.

NEVER before have any of the Birmingham leagues faced each other in the heat of the tournament playoffs, and as it appears it could very well be an all-city final Saturday. That is what the National League wants.

We have heard American leaguers brag that they are better pitchers of the more experienced and consistent players in their league and we've heard counter-claims about the big bats in the Federal league. What makes it interesting is the fact that with the birth of the Federal league this year, many former American league youngsters have changed their league allegiance.

Who, whichever league has the better pitching or hitting, or the better fielders will win Friday night, and that should prove interesting.

THE AMERICAN league all stars on paper look like the favored crew, but on the field with two groups of boys in the same category giving their best effort anything can happen.

We've watched every team in each league at least once this season and every game has been as unpredictable as the weather, but there was never a dull moment.

Things out of the National league's all-star camp are pretty quiet, but it could be the case of the mouse stealing the cheese while the two cats go at each other.

"Well worry about Fenwick first," said Art Farrell, president of the National League which has won a record of the first round for the past three years.

As for it stands, your guess as to the entry for the state playoffs at Midland is as good as anyone's, and even Fenwick may change the odds of these Birmingham games.

SPEAKING of tournaments, the title aspirations of the two local Babe Ruth Little League teams, Birmingham and Southfield, went up in smoke in the opening rounds last weekend.

There were no doubts about Northwest Detroit's 13-0 win over Birmingham in the all-city game.

Young Bob Beach, 15-year-old southpaw of the defending champion Detroit squad, had a starring job on the mound and deserves every bit of recognition for the performance.

HE HAD power, he was fast and he was ready to get it simply he is a pretty good prospect.

Of course the questions always pop up, "what happened and "whose to blame?"

The obvious fact is that South-west Detroit had a fine ball club and as it appears, looks like the team to beat.

WE HEARD a few murmurings and even took instant thought to wonder why any pitcher would still be on the mound after giving up eight runs and running a full count on every batter.

Again the fact remains, one just don't win a ball game on one hot pitcher.

FOR SOUTHFIELD it was a lucky break to get into the first round, and it was a tough break losing the 1-0 game to Bessemer. So now the Babe Ruth playoffs will continue next weekend on the Southfield high school field without a lead entry.

**Varsity Captures Y Softball Title**

Regular season action in the YMCA softball league winds up tonight with the Varsity Shop already declared the champion, having won nine, lost one and tied four games.

HIGHLIGHT of the week's action was a no-hitter pitched by John Kirk of Reeves Service in blanking the Merchants 11-0. Alan Joyce, led Reeves at the plate with four hits in five trips.

Varsity Shop clinched the title by defeating Reeves 7-4 behind the pitching of Connie Adams.

National Bank kept a hold on second place with a 7-1 victory over the Merchants and 3-2 with the Varsity Shop. In each game the Bank team held a lead until last inning rallies knocked the count and forced the game into extras.



SOUTHFIELD ALL-STAR Hank Kopke slides into third in the first inning against Bessemer but was left stranded. Kopke led the hitting for Southfield with three for four. Bessemer won the game, 1-0, to eliminate Southfield from the Babe Ruth tournament. (Eccentric Photo)

## Les Bingaman at Football Kickoff Of LFL Monday

Big Les Bingaman, 300-pound stalwart of the Detroit Lions' football team, who retired just this year, will be the guest of honor at the Birmingham Little Football League at the Football Kickoff Monday night in Birmingham high school.

BINGAMAN will do the commentary on one of the Lions' game films at the meeting which will begin at the meeting which will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the school.

## Sportsweek

**LITTLE LEAGUE**  
July 24, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0  
July 25, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0  
July 26, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0

**LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYOFFS**  
July 27, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0  
July 28, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0

**FARM LEAGUE PLAYOFFS**  
July 27, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0  
July 28, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0

**JUNIOR LEAGUE**  
July 27, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0  
July 28, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
July 27, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0  
July 28, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0

**SOUTHFIELD SOFTBALL**  
July 27, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0  
July 28, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0

**Y.M.C.A. SOFTBALL**  
July 27, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0  
July 28, 6:00 p.m., Fenwick vs. American League, 1-0

**TOY RECREATION**  
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# L Tourney Starts Frisco



## Nationals Meet Fenton in First Game at Eton

Last minute withdrawal of Farmington in the district Little League tournament has paired the Birmingham National League team against Fenton in the opening game at Eton field, 1:00 p.m. Friday.

In the second game at 5:30 p.m. Friday, the Birmingham American and Federal leagues will face each other, with the winners of the two games facing each other at 2:00 p.m. Saturday.

SATURDAY's victor will start the night to compete in the state championships at Dow stadium, August 1-6.

The National League will be seeking to end a first round jinx which has eliminated it from the district tourney for three straight years.

completed in the Bay City elimination tournament. The team is four years old and last year the Fenton stars were beaten in the first round.

THE NATIONALS will pin victory hopes on the slugging punch of its all-stars, Jim Stenger and Steve Jacobson of the Braves. Stenger, batting .177, has six doubles, a triple and three homers while Jacobson, hitting .500 has five doubles, a triple and four homers for the Braves.

Sandy Barr, who may get the starting nod for the Nationals on the mound, has blasted three homers and has six doubles with six RBIs during average leading hitters from the National team are Carl Gierok of the Braves, with 17 and Bob Terbeck of the Braves with 12.

CARL KALOUSKY, the slugger, hit three homers in one game last week, may get the nod to starp. The 17-year-old son of the Federal's 45-year-old star is hitting .500. He has six homers and four doubles with an average of .391 along with three RBIs with 148 of the Yankees and the Jackson of the Tigers with 106 head the American attack.

JACKSON has been the regular all-star pitcher on the team that won the final in 1953 and 1954. He is 12 years old and this makes his fourth year with the stars.

The Power League Federal league may face a stiffer test in American league territory.

Led by Bob Carroll, whose .614 average with the Athletics includes seven homers, seven doubles and a triple, the Federals have strength in the hitting of Bill Lightbody of the Braves with .400, Carl Lasseus of the Senators with .360 and Bruce Benjamy and Gary Van Gosen, of the White Sox hitting .352 and .308, respectively.

THIS IS the first year for the Federal league in the tournament. Glenn Murray, president of the Birmingham Little Leagues has announced that two Greyhound buses will be chartered for the necessary Midland trips should a local team continue in the tourney. One bus will be for players and the other for parents who wish to receive tickets from the league for the trip to Midland.

**Hold 11th Annual Invitational at Birmingham CC**

Qualifying rounds for the 11th annual invitational at the Birmingham Country club got underway today with 112 teams in seven flights participating.

After the qualifying rounds of initial play, the tournament will conclude in match play through Sunday.

WALLY SMITH, Royal Oak professional, is defending champion.

Art Giff of Lansing Country Club was the title two years ago. James Beck of Birmingham is chairman for the tournament.

## Birmingham-Southfield Eliminated

Neither Birmingham nor Southfield could cross home plate in the first weekend of Babe Ruth Tournament play on their respective fields.

Both were whitewashed and eliminated from the tourney in their opening games. Birmingham dropped a 12-0 decision to defending champion Northwest Detroit and Southfield was edged by Bessemer 1-0.

IN THE FIRST game of the tournament at Birmingham high school field, before large partisans crowded the local Babe Ruth all-

stars were held to one hit by pitcher Bob Beach, a 15-year-old southpaw and son of a former professional pitcher.

The only hit for Birmingham came in the third inning when first baseman Len Willis blasted a clean single into center field.

BEACH was never in serious trouble as he struck out eight batters and walked three.

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The Michigan State Amateur tournament at Oakland Hills last week came to a final climax when Welf Smith beat yours truly in the final round.

It was really a great experience to play with Welf and to see how his beautiful drives were a thrill all its own.

I played even par the first nine with a 39, but I was three down with Welf, so a splendid 30. I lost the match 4-5 but couldn't have been defeated by a greater golfer.

The next big tournament is the annual 2-ball foursome Invitational at Western Country club. This tournament always provides loads of fun for all of the contestants. I will be teamed up with Mary Marcell, handling of the Birmingham Country club.

**Caddy Tourney At Oakland Hills**

Under the joint sponsorship of the Detroit District Golf Association and the Michigan Caddy Students Association, the Detroit District Caddy Championship will be held at the Oakland Hills Country Club August 8.

CADDIES will compete for individual and team championships with Gordon Birnbaum, District Golf Chairman and James Reddy, handling of the Memorial Trophy award.

Leon Jackson is the individual defending champion and Wally Beck is the defending team champion.

## STANDINGS AND BOX SCORES

NATIONAL LEAGUE			SENATORS VS. ATHLETICS			
Team	W	L	Senators	Athletics	Senators	Athletics
Braves	4	2	Beck	1	2	1
Yankees	3	3	Beck	1	2	1
Red Sox	2	4	Beck	1	2	1
White Sox	1	5	Beck	1	2	1
Tigers	1	5	Beck	1	2	1
Phillies	1	5	Beck	1	2	1
Giants	1	5	Beck	1	2	1
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