

Sport Shots

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Local Little League, Babe Ruth Tryouts Set

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Southfield LL Schedule Annual 'Kick-Off' Rally

Southfield Little League baseball will hold its annual "player-parent" rally at Southfield High School Gymnasium, Lahser and W. Ten Mile Roads, April 17th, at 7:30 P.M.

This meeting will serve as the official kick-off for the 1956 season, at which time newly-elected league president Sid Abel will outline the program, schedule and objectives for this summer.

BOYS, ages 8 to 12, interested in playing organized baseball this summer, and living within the limits of Southfield township are invited to attend accompanied by their parents. The meeting is being held for both Little League veterans who are still eligible for further play, as well as inexperienced rookies.

A full evening of entertainment which should be of interest to boys and parents alike is on tap. Francis E. Davey, commanding officer of the "Youth Byways" in the Detroit area, and whose experiences

Jay Baseball Season Opens With Redford U.

With the first game of the season Tuesday with Redford Union, Southfield baseball practice moved outside this week in earnest preparation for the opener.

The first two weeks of indoor practice was confined mostly to pitchers and catchers. Coach Ed Litogot will not decide on a starting lineup until the final pre-game workouts Monday.

"WITH only a week of hitting practice the boys may have trouble finding the range," Litogot said.

"Our outfield positions are still up for grabs for the most part. With the early starting date this year we'll be experimenting quite a bit for the first couple weeks of the regular season," Litogot said.

The April 10 date is the earliest first game in the school's history. The season in the past, has started a week later.

BUT Litogot is not worrying about the early first game. "Redford Union will be handicapped just as much as we are," Litogot added.

Southfield finished second to

Franklin Village Investigates Little League

A Little League baseball setup in Franklin Village was given added impetus Monday night at a meeting in the Community hall.

Over 30 interested parents attended to explore possibilities for a Little League. Two committees were appointed to speed up the Little League program.

BOB TRACY, Norm Kipfer and Ray Adams were named to investigate the most suitable playing site and times available for Franklin Village.

Wally Burkemo, Franklin Hills pro, was the latest to use matches to save a stroke. Burkemo's ball landed on a web of paper in a tournament the other day and rather than move the ball and lose a stroke, Wally burned the paper from under the ball and fired away.

NILES FREELAND, Walled Lake basketball coach for the past 11 years, resigned his post last week but will remain at the school as baseball coach.

Walled Lake, an Inter-Lakes league foe of Southfield, registered 99 wins and 78 losses under Freeland. The Vikings finished second ahead of Southfield this season in the league cage standings.

Detroit Area Little Leagues To Meet Here

Officials from 29 Detroit area Little Leagues will meet Monday, April 9, at 8 p.m. in the Birmingham Community House to hear a report on new rules and tryout regulations for the 1956 season.



Joe Borovick To Leave Birmingham

Joe Borovick's third season as Birmingham high school golf coach will be his last.

Borovick, who has coached the Maple linkmen to two straight Eastern Michigan League golf titles, will take over as athletic director and head coach of Lamphere high school in the fall.

BOROVICK, who also was assistant to football coach Carl Lemle at the high school, will coach all sports at the new school for the present.

The school will only have ninth and tenth grades in the fall but expects to add the final two grades in another year.

Lamphere school district is located east of Royal Oak.

Camera Fans Meet

Black and white print subjects, "Reviews, shadows, and juxtapositions" are on the agenda for tonight's meeting of Bloomfield Hills camera club at Cranbrook Institute of science at 8 p.m.

Quarterbacks Donate Jackets To High School

Once again the Birmingham Sideline Quarterback club has come to the aid of the high school athletic program.

Club president E. W. "Eddie" Griffith last week presented the Maple 35 maroon warm-up jackets, designed to be used by the various teams.

Want to Empire? Here's Your Chance

Bob Kirby, president of the Birmingham Little League program, has issued a call for umpires for the coming season.

Anyone interested should contact Kirby after 5:30 p.m. at MI 4-0043.

Fred Ziegel and James O'Neill, chairman of the meeting, will ascertain how many boys would be interested in the league and the number of men available for officiating.

Both committees will report their findings at an April 16 meeting in the Community hall.

Still to be determined is whether the league will operate separately or join the Birmingham Little League program for this season.

PROUD MOTHERS: Wayne Geggie won the Goldsmith swimming award and John Fleser was presented the Free Throw basketball award at the annual winter sports banquet at Birmingham high school last week.

Fleser, Geggie Honored At Birmingham Winter Sports Banquet

Flint's loss was Birmingham's gain!

That's the story on John Fleser who was presented the annual speerthrow award at the Birmingham winter sports banquet last week at the high school.

After playing at Flint Central last year, Fleser moved to Birmingham and established himself as the mainstay of the Maple cage squad this season.

Babe Ruth Tryouts April 21

Birmingham's Babe Ruth League tryouts will begin at the high school field, April 21 at 9 a.m., according to president W. E. Barrett.

Boys between the ages of 13 and 15, residing in the Birmingham school district, are eligible to try out for the team.

LAST YEAR 75 boys played on the five teams in the league but in order to extend participation to more youngsters this season, a farm system is being added.

The farm system is a new innovation in Babe Ruth leagues in the United States, Barrett said.

"As far as we know, Birmingham is the first Babe Ruth league to try a farm system. We'll need the help of many parents and friends to put this system over," Barrett said.

The league will begin its regular season June 11.

Local Little League Tryouts Start April 14

Tryouts for Birmingham's Little Leaguers will be held Saturday, April 14, and on the two following Saturdays, April 21 and 28. Little League officials announced today.

King Ruby, Federal League president, Arthur W. Farrell, National League head, and Bob Kirby, chief executive of the American League, said that the tryouts will be held in separate sessions so that managers will be able to scrutinize the candidates according to age groups.

Eleven and 12-year-olds will report at nine o'clock and boys 10 and under will try out at 11 a.m. at the three fields.

The National League will hold its tryouts on Poppleton Field, three blocks north of Maple Road, on the east side of Hunter Boulevard.

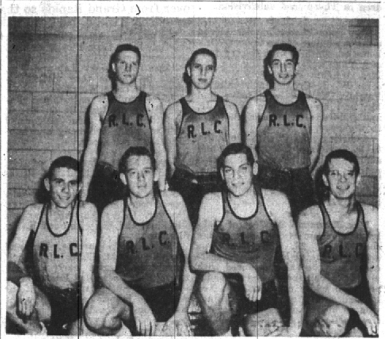
AMERICAN League trials will be held on St. James Field, back of the Y.M.C.A. on Lincoln avenue. Federal Leaguers will report to the Pierce school field.

Boundaries for the three leagues are as follows: American League includes all boys between eight and 12 who live west of Woodward, between 14-Mile Road and Maple Road.

NATIONAL Leaguers are all those who live north of Maple Road.

Federal Leaguers include all those who live outside the above areas.

Players who were squad mem-



SEVEN MEMBERS of the Redeemer Lutheran church basketball team which recently won the Birmingham YMCA Church league title. From left, kneeling, Ron Beyer, Bob Proctor, John Emmerling and John Kirby. Standing, Doug Wuggazer, Marvin Brokaw and Bill Selding. All are Birmingham high school students. Missing from the picture are teammates Bob Pass and Bob Kircheis.

Cranes Win 1st Of Southern Tour

Cranbrook won the first game of its southern baseball tour Monday, defeating Raleigh (N.C.) high school, 4-2.

Captain George Gary of Cranbrook broke up a 2-2 tie in the seventh with a single to drive in Dave Cooper, who had walked and stolen second.

COOPER accounted for a Crane insurance run in the ninth when he singled home John Studebaker. Gary drove in the first two runs with infield outs.

The rout gave the Cranes a 1-2 record on the southern tour. The first game with Covington (Va.) Thursday was a nine-out.

Salisbury and Greenboro, a pair of tough North Carolina high school squads, defeated the Cranes Friday and Saturday, respectively.

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MEMBERS OF THE FOUR SPRING sport teams at Birmingham high school model the warm-up jackets presented the school by the Birmingham Sideline Quarterback club. E. W. "Eddie" Griffith, club president, made the presentation on behalf of the club last week at the high school. From left to right, Ron Cornish, baseball; Griffith; Tim Baldwin, golf; Tom Watson, tennis; and Bob Brown, track.