

# Young B'ham Gridders Expected to Turn Out for Little Football

## Little Football League Offers Much to Little Football Players

By JACK KEHOE  
Many parents and the general public may look with a cautious gaze towards the determined activity which has been generated on the fields of the Little Football League. Now that the second season for Birmingham's program is on its way after a very successful initial start in 1955, it might do some good if we were to review some of the aspects and history of the junior size football organization.

The purpose of this activity was summed up very well by Ed Sauerbrun who is a director in the All-American League and one of the original Birmingham league founders. "We attempt to protect, at all times, the physical welfare and emotional health of the boys. The game is played in a safe manner and not according to the expectations of some over-enthusiastic parent," Sauerbrun added.

THE GAME itself is played on a regulation football field according to National Federation of High School rules and regulations. The local league makes a number of changes so the boys will have a contest that is equal to their abilities. A smaller ball is used, approximately 20% reduction in size. All players are required to use rubber cleats. Game time is set at 15 running minutes for each quarter. That is, the clock is not stopped for incomplete passes and other play situations, consequently the actual playing time amounts to about seven minutes per quarter.

ALL GAMES will have a physician in attendance in case any harm might come to a boy. This year there are two doctors who have volunteered their assistance—Dr. William H. Pierce and Dr. Donald A. Aikens. For the coming season, the Birmingham league has set a limit on the number of players for each team—a maximum of 50 and a minimum of 25. In that way every boy will be given the opportunity to play as much as possible. Wight advantages are also checked regularly with all boys.

## Drills Start 1956 Football

Birmingham Little Football League will open its fall practice season Monday with a week's drill in calisthenics. Final date for boys 9-12 to file applications for the fall season was Wednesday (August 15). Only formally left before drills start is the turning in of physical examination reports. These must be in the hands of the team coaches by Monday (August 20). Beginning August 27, coaches will issue fall equipment to the youthful players and start drilling on football fundamentals.

Football and varsity teams in Unit I will practice at Pierce field because the Bloomfield Hills School Board has made the two Vaughan School fields available to the League. Units II and III will hold their practices there. The primary purpose of the Birmingham Little Football League is to assure boys of the proper training in both sportsmanship and football in a way that will eliminate the hazards so often found in sand lot football.

THE BIRMINGHAM League has increased from one freshman and one varsity team last year to three of each this year. It also has affiliated with the suburban All-American Little Football League and the Southfield area and weight groups will be able to compete with others on an equal basis.

Rich Weyand Out Of National Meet  
Southfield's Rich Weyand went into the third round of the USA National junior golf tournament before being eliminated. He lost to Jack Rule of Waterloo, Iowa, 3 and 1 at the Taconic golf club, Williamstown, Mass.

## ★★ Scorecard Heartbreakers ★★

LOOKING FROM THE back side of the 11th green at the Forest Lake country club. Down to the left is a steep hollow that follows the fairway on this difficult hole. Elevated tee is directly front-center of fairway, 220 yards from green.

Forest Lake country club, one of the newest private courses in the area, is now completing its third successful year. The youthful club has won a reputation for its best course. This year they hosted the Ladies Professional Golf Tournament and last year they conducted the Wolverine Open which was the forerunner of the annual ladies classic.

LANKY BOB GAJDA is the home grown pro who heads the club's golf activities. When questioned about the hardest hole of the hilly 6,200-yard layout, he offered two holes, 18 and 11, as the trouble makers. After further consideration, he decided on the 220-yard 11th, calling it one of the most difficult par-3 holes in the area. What makes it so difficult is the slope of the fairway that begins gradually in front of the tee and keeps increasing in angle until it drops off very sharply for about 20 yards to the front right of the green.

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THE SECOND PLACE position was taken by Orchard Lake CC with 519 points. Team scores were: Joe Sawyer, 16-82; Duke Martin, 15-84; Gerry Martin, 16-84; Gary Mowbr, 14-84; Twigg Acosta, 16-90; Joe Ramirez, 16-99.

SOUTHFIELD RECREATION Men's League Class "B"  
Taylor Wildrats 9- Westmore Controls 12  
Naylor Roberts 8- Goldenrod 10  
Goldenrod & Goldenrod 6- Tiger Cement 9  
Score: 40-40

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## The Birmingham Eccentric

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## Tennis Club Divides Matches With Canadians

Following on the heels of an inter-club match with the Sarnia Tennis Club at the local Kingswood courts three weeks ago, the Birmingham (BTC) journeyed to Sarnia Saturday.

HERE'S a really big fish that was caught almost in his own back yard. Tom Nauman proudly holds up this large mouth bass.

## Large Bass Taken From Pine Lake

Most fishermen make fairly elaborate plans when they set out on their fishing expeditions. Some travel great distances, over rough terrain to get to a hidden spot where the big ones are still to be found.

THIS IS a notable catch for any fishing area and even more so, when it was brought from a lake which popular opinion has assumed couldn't harbor anything of that size.

## Boys Plug Targets In Recreation's Rifle Tournament

Birmingham recreation department's junior rifle tournament was a real "rootin', shootin'" affair as 12 sharp shooters lowered their sights on 100 scorecards for the two week contest.

OTHER BOYS in the tournament were: Sam Manning, Bill Muma, Alan Dadd, James Dean, Lynn Smith, Bill Spencer, Kim Dobson, David McGowan, Herb Marr, Ron McGregor, Donald Hartwick, Janie Cook, Don Johnson, David David, David Kent, Jerry Dave, Bob Givens, Richard H. Harkness, Scott Woodson.

## Local Riders Perform Well At Northville

Junior riders from Birmingham and surrounding areas scored important victories at the Northville Junior horse show, Saturday and Sunday, sponsored by the Optimist club.

THE OUTLAND Equestrians which is an A team received four wins and the final event, teams and the first event.

ON SUNDAY at Chicago's Tam O'Shanter golf course, Wally came bringing together only two birdies for a 73 to check out with a 260. Mild mannered Pete Cooper of Knoxville country club had continued his steady play with a 70 and tied Burkemo for the fifth place money.

Wally Burkemo  
Pete Cooper

TOP SHOOTER in the Birmingham recreation department's rifle tournament was Sam McCormick, 11, who receives his first place trophy from Bob Girardin, recreation director.

Springdale Ladies Tues. Golf League  
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Gowling & Heikenen  
Munn & Bangs  
Kirby & Mulford  
Case & MacKenzie  
Gargill & Reiser  
Shand & Babajoff  
Dixon & Hollingshead  
Low Gross Burkemen  
Low Net Gergie



## Burkemo and Cooper Tie For Fifth at Tam Tourney

Before the largest golf crowd—estimated at 61,000—for the largest pile of cash prizes—\$50,000 first place—two local pros, Wally Burkemo and Pete Cooper, were right on the heels of winner Ted Kroll challenging him for the first place slot.

BURKEMO and Cooper's efforts were not without their due compensation, as both players received an equal share of the prize money amounting to \$2,050. Another familiar winner of George May's extravaganza is golfing fan of the area, Mrs. Marlene Bauer Hauge who topped the women pros with a score of 208 and tied Burkemo for the fifth place money.

MEANWHILE back at the 18th hole, Ted Kroll completed a par breaking round of 66 with a birdie by 62.

## Radger Wins Weekly J. District Golf

Thuddy Radger, young golfer from Bloomfield Hills won the weekly Junior District golf tournament at Bloomfield Hills last week.

He defeated Pete Jackson in the first extra hole with a par after tying in the regular 18 holes with a 76.

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