

Three Champs End Season for Little League

The White Sox, managed by Carl Matson, took top honors for the second half of the season in the Federal Little League with a 7-2 record and wrapped up the entire season with the loop's championship.

The newly crowned champions also won the first half of the schedule with an identical mark which eliminated any need for a league playoff.

Second place in the first half and also in the second half gave the Senators the runnerup position. Each half the Senators won 5 and lost 2.

The second half of the season was decided during the final week of play. The White Sox and the Senators with 5-2 records were tied for the lead and both headed their final two games to share in the championship.

THE WHITE SOX, playing championship ball took the Orioles 13-8 to move nearer the crown. In its final game, the Sox came from behind to down the Athletics 8-0 to clinch the championship. At one time during the contest the Athletics led the Sox 5-0 but could not hold the line on the hard hitting titlists.

After winning over the Athletics 12-1 in its first game of the week, the Senators lost to the Orioles 17-5 and with it a chance to share in the second half title.

A 5-2 VICTORY over the Indians in the last game of the season gave the Red Sox the championship in the American Little League.

The Sox, first half champs, had entered the game tied with the Indians in second half competition. Both had 7-1 records.

The Indians took a 2-0 lead in the second on singles by Harley, Mortimer and Dave Kaloosay followed by two walks.

The Sox tied it up in the third and went ahead in the fourth when Gibson drove in Shroyer who had singled.

In the fifth Ryan and Kirby doubled and Shroyer singled to make it 5-2.

The winning pitcher, Carl Kaloosay, allowed three hits and struck out 12. Harley was the losing pitcher.

Rockets Win B'ham Babe Ruth Race

Waiting until the last minute before they started to flex their muscles, the Rockets dilly-dallied for 7-innings to get one run while the Chiefs rolled up seven imposing looking runs.

In the seventh inning the Rockets exploded for 6 runs on 4 hits to tie up the ball game. Then, one again someone hit the fuse and the Rockets lived up to their name and got another 6 runs.

Final score was 13-8 and gave the Rockets the league championship.

In other final contests in the Babe Ruth league the Barons edged the Spartans, 4-3. The Chiefs lost to the Wolverines, 6-3.

TWO FRONT leaders tangled in a close one with the Rockets edging by 6-5. In this game Bodier singled to score the winning run with Hawkins coming over the plate.

Wolverines finished up their activity with a big 10-1 victory over the Barons.

	W	L
Rockets	6	2
Spartans	7	2
Barons	3	5
Chiefs	2	6
Wolverines	2	6

Ex-B'ham HS Star Shines in Minors

A former standout athlete at Birmingham high school is starting down the road to major league pitching via bush league training.

Young Dick Sheldon hurled his first game recently for the Palatka Tigers of Palm Beach, Florida. He is in the Detroit Tiger farm system.

His first appearance for the southern minor league club was quite successful as he held their opposition, West Palm Beach, to a skippy 3-inning. His most effective pitch was a fast breaking curve.

THE NATIONAL League race was seven in doubt as the Braves finished out the season on the credit side of the ledger with the victory over the Giants. With their 8-1 record for the second half of the season and a clean sweep in the first part, the Braves become the champs.

Following in second place are the Cubs with a 6-4 listing and in third position are the Pirates with a 3-6 final standing.



Our Mermaid Splashes At International Meet

By JACK KEHOE

Any of the old mariners who sailed before the mast years ago, would cast an approving eye on a young Birmingham gal who can frolic through the water as gracefully as any of the mermaids who formerly lived in the seven seas.

Our local ballet swimmer is tall, blond, Gail Christie, who combines her aqua talents with three other young ladies to form one of the country's top synchronized swimming teams—the Pinguettes.

This style of swimming is a combination of a number of skills but basically it is a ballet in water. The performers swim through a number of figures and stunts to an accompaniment of music.

THIS ROUTINE is a warded-off points on the basis of how well the series is executed. Rhythm, grace, unity and progression of movements, as well as spectator appeal determines to a large extent the vote of the judges.

Since synchronized swimming as a competitive sport, is relatively new, most people assume that it is something in the Esther Williams category with barrels of dandelions floating about.

HER BROTHER Chris, is also carrying on the family leavings towards sports with his football playing in college and golf playing in the off season. The family lives at 701 Southfield, Birmingham.

Gail, who is a B'ham high school senior had just returned from Las Vegas where she and her teammates placed fifth among 20 teams in the National trials. She is presently entered in the International held at Niagara Falls, New York.

Gail's association with the sport goes back seven years, when she lived in Atlanta and received her first instruction. Preceding this,



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HE FLOATS through the air—Little Johnny Wells, 5, gets a helping hand on the swings from Mary Jo Stenger, Quanton playground director.

Swings, slides, jungle bars and the merry-go-round are all a popular part of the summer program.

Mighty Hole-in-One At Springdale

Doing it the hard way, James Green, Jr., 1167 14 Mile road made his first hole-in-one that approximated cross country proportions.

At Birmingham's Springdale golf course, Jim jacked into his drive on the third hole and sent it rocketing 254 yards—count 'em—to gain his long distance ace.

Jim used a brassie on the drive. The shot was witnessed by Warren Smith, 1102 Bird, Birmingham and Jim's brother, Melvin Green, of Farm, Michigan.

That type of shot would unnerve most linksters and Jim was no exception, as he shook through six putts on the next green. Total score for the nine holes was a 16.

B'ham Nat. Bank Are YMCA Champs

The Birmingham National Bank lost its last game 1-0 to the Varsity Sports Shop but managed to win a 15-1 decision over Kimball and Russell in the other game last week which provided the margin to give the Bank the regulation season's championship in the YMCA softball league.

Varsity Sports Shop had come up with two tie games and lacked one point in tying the Bank at the season's end.

	W	L	T	Pts
B'ham Nat. Bk.	12	3	1	25
Varsity Sp. Shop	7	2	2	24
Kimball & Russell	8	7	1	17
Kingsley Inn	6	8	2	14
Mich. Bell Tele.	0	16	0	0

Accept \$30,100 For City Lots

Three city lots at Hunter and Webster have been sold for \$30,100. Birmingham city commission accepted the offer of A. K. Arnold, but plans to complete the deal next week following a rezoning of the property to business B use.

Arnold said it will be a week or two before he can announce how the property will be developed.

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