Local CC Pros Head for Play and Pay in Motor City Open

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Forest Lake

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Bloomfield Hills

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B'ham's All-Stars Elected for 1956

Named to the 18th district's All-Star team recently from Birmingham's American Legion Junior baseball team were Bill Bowle, Bill Coons, Fred Bleakley, and Dick Kloonan.

The four men were elected at a district meeting at the Birmingham legion post last Thursday evening.

National League Final Batting Statistics

Player — Team	AB	Runs	Hits	2B	3B	HR	SB	SAC	HP	BB	SO	Pct.
Farrell — Cubs	45	24	24	6	0	4	8	0	1	12	5	.533
Baumgartner — Pirates	57	28	27	7	0	2	2	0	0	6	4	.474
D. Pierce — Cubs	42	16	19	4	0	0	1	0	0	11	14	.452
Mitchell — Pirates	46	14	20	3	1	3	5	0	1	9	14	.435
Matsuzerv — Cubs	53	12	21	3	0	0	12	0	1	7	12	.396
Apple — Pirates	44	20	16	4	0	0	11	0	1	11	7	.364
Farrisher — Braves	11	5	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	.356
McFarlin — Giants	59	13	17	6	0	2	5	0	1	5	5	.340
Otto — Giants	41	7	14	3	0	2	1	0	0	5	9	.326
Pool — Braves	40	6	13	4	0	0	5	0	1	9	9	.325
Tragesna — Braves	59	22	16	6	2	0	9	0	1	9	10	.329
Clark — Pirates	41	7	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	.317
Bates — Cubs	54	19	17	6	0	0	11	0	2	5	15	.315
Sestok — Cubs	44	8	17	4	0	2	2	0	0	2	8	.386
Olmsted — Braves	42	11	13	2	1	2	0	0	0	11	15	.310
McTigue — Pirates	43	6	12	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	11	.279
Soltis — Cubs	46	11	12	3	1	0	12	0	0	6	14	.260
Stenger — Pirates	7	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	.286
Brown — Giants	49	15	12	5	0	0	4	0	1	14	15	.245
Sobelton — Braves	38	20	9	3	0	0	5	0	0	5	15	.237
Hyde — Giants	8	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	.250
Kuehler — Cubs	18	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	.222
Waitz — Braves	15	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	.200
Sutton — Giants	24	5	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	.208
Nellis — Braves	25	11	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	7	.200
Kmetick — Pirates	16	9	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	8	.188
Gray — Braves	32	11	6	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	12	.188
Boyle — Giants	40	10	7	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	12	.175
Gipson — Pirates	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.125
Jacobson — Braves	48	12	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	6	.104
Laula — Pirates	49	9	5	2	0	0	1	0	0	6	21	.102
Briegel — Giants	29	9	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	14	.103
Smith — Cubs	29	3	4	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	8	.138
Chadwick — Giants	39	5	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	19	.103
Stuart — Giants	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	.067
Klippstein — Braves	15	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	.067
King — Giants	33	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	12	.121
Slater — Cubs	33	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	12	.121
Adams — Cubs	12	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4	.167
Lindquist — Pirates	15	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	.133
Alcorn — Pirates	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	.111
Koch — Cubs	11	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	.091
Bowers — Braves	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	.091
Hopwood — Pirates	15	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	.067
Cheney — Giants	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	.067
Quilici — Giants	8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.125
Posey — Braves	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	.083
Williams — Pirates	11	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	.091
Kilbury — Braves	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	.000
Fleming — Pirates	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Lettier — Pirates	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Henderson — Braves	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Crawford — Giants	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000
Tower — Pirates	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Orth — Giants	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Wessells — Giants	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
R. Pierce — Cubs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

Burkemo and Cooper Rate as Strong Threats In Detroit's Top Tourney

A star-studded field of the country's finest professionals, the elite of golfdom, will shoot for the winners' share of the $20,000 purse in the sixth renewal of the Motor City Open from August 30 through Sept. 2 at the Western Golf and Country Club.

An additional $2,500 has been tossed into the money pot for the tournament. The extra prize money goes to the pro who is able to notch a hole-in-one during the 72-hole play. If several players card the lucky aces on the short hole course, prize money will be divided up equally.

Experts predict that at least a few of these classic shotmakers will take the 6,770-yard, par-72 layout apart. Bill Brown, the host professional anticipates that a 276 total for the 72 holes of medal play —an average of 69 strokes per round and 12 under par for the distance—will be good enough to win. Other observers think that even such stylish shooting may not top the field.

THE COURSE RECORD of 67, set by Al Besselink in the 1951 Michigan Open, is in grave danger. Also in peril are the Motor City 18-hole record of 63, established by Bob Hamilton at Meadowbrook in 1949, and the 72-hole low of 278, which was set jointly by Dr. Cary Middlecoff and Lloyd Mangrum in 1949.

A band of half a dozen superb tournament competitors rate as the early favorites. Jack Burke, the reigning Masters and PGA champion, is at the top of his great game. Doug Ford, the 1955 PGA title holder; Gene Littler, former National Amateur champion and probably the best of the younger professionals; the fiery Tommy Bolt, who has never won a big one but is always a threat; Walter Burkemo, former PGA monarch and the best of the Michigan delegation; Pete Cooper, another solid and competent Michigan entrant — these men have imposing records to shore up their hopes for the crown.

CHICK HARBERT the mighty cluster from Meadowbrook, is another Michigan contender who could win it all. Fred Hawkins, from El Paso, comes here fresh from his runner-up performance in the recent World's Championship. Mike Souchak, the former Duke grid ace who is one of the game's most powerful hitters, must be considered. The same is true of Bob Toski of Holyoke, Mass., the 1954 World's winner.

Others with a real chance include Jimmy Demaret, Gardner Dickinson, Dave Douglas, Jack Fleck, Freddie Haas, Walker Inman, Don January, Jerry Kessler, Bill Maxwell, Dick Mayer, Arnold Palmer, Bob Rosburg, Frank Stranahan, Jim Turnesa, Art Wall and Dan Winnie.

The drama of Michigan's biggest golf tournament of the year is heightened by the possibility that some relative unknown may suddenly hit a new perk and upset all the favorites. The tournament list is loaded with capable golfers who are still hungry for their first big payoff.

THE WESTERN GOLF and Country Club is located at 14600 Kinloch Road in Redford Township near the intersection of Beech and Five Mile Roads, only a mile beyond the Detroit city limits. All approaches to the club will be clearly posted for the tourney.

Dining and refreshment facilities of the club will be open to the public beginning Tuesday morning, August 28. Parking will be provided for 2,500 cars adjacent to the club. Professional parking attendants will be on hand.

One forecast is sure in this tournament: There will be a new champion. None of the former titleholders will be back. As a consequence, a wide-open battle is in prospect.

BEN HOGAN won the first Motor City at Meadowbrook in 1948 when he beat Dutch Harrison, 73 to 74, in an 18-hole playoff. Dr. Cary Middlecoff and Lloyd Mangrum shared the crown in 1949 when they couldn't resolve their stalemate after 11 holes of sudden-death playoff. Mangrum won all alone at Red Run in 1950. Middlecoff beat Ted Kroll on the first sudden-death playoff hole in 1952 and won again in 72 holes in 1954.

Ladies-Caddie Day at B'ham CC

Last week the ladies of Birmingham Country Club combined their golfing talents with their caddies for honors in the annual Caddies Ladies Day.

Prizes for the best performances will be presented at the caddies' banquet to be held at the end of the season.

Results of the tournament:

TEAM—LOW NET

1.	Mrs. O. Wilson, Norm Dufrin, Pug Urevic	222
2.	Mrs. T. Lowery, Barry Melnick, Carl Knaus	222
3.	Mrs. R. Turner, Bill Mold, Dave Scouler	223
4.	Mrs. H. Haeussler, Dave Robinson, Larry Griffiths	224
5.	Mrs. H. Dunne, F. DeKinderen, Keith Haskin	224
6.	Mrs. D. Mathews, John Meeks, Bill Richardson	224

LADY—LOW GROSS

Low Gross—	
Mrs. Don Watkins	89
Mrs. O. Wilson	92
Low Net—	
Mrs. D. Mathews	73
Mrs. C. Barlow	74
Mrs. O. Wilson	74

CADDY

Low Gross—	
Norm Dufrin	85
Bill Demick	86
Low Net—	
Keith Haskin	71
Carl Knaus	71

TEAM—LOW GROSS

1.	Mrs. Lazarby, Bill Demick, Bob Pass	275
2.	Mrs. O. Wilson, Norm Dufrin, Pug Urevic	284
3.	Mrs. H. Haeussler, Dave Robinson, Larry Griffiths	286

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Linden Bar	13	.765
C. M. Lumber	12	.706
Federal Industries	11	.647
Pauls Painting	9	.550
Richwall Tile	8	.470
Hall of Distributors	8	.470
Chets Landscaping	7	.437
Robotron	2	.118
Plywood Builders	0	.000

Metamora Hunt Show Set This Week-End

The 26th annual Metamora Hunter-Breeder show will take place Saturday and Sunday in the new ring on the Metamora Hunt property, on Barber road.

The show will begin Saturday morning at 9:30, with the judging of mares and foals and junior classes Saturday afternoon and Sunday the Hunters and Jumpers will be judged, climaxed Sunday afternoon with the championships.

General admission and parking space will be available at the gate on both days. Among the committee members is Mrs. Graham J. Graham, North Woodward, Bloomfield Hills.

Are you thinking of buying a new home? Then read the "For Sale—Houses" columns on the Classified Ad page of this week's Eccentric.

Former Tennis Champ Looks Back at Career

By JACK KEHOE

If you happen to meet this slim, freckle faced young man on the street, your first reaction would be that he is a pleasant fellow, but you would never guess he had any particular claim to athletic prowess.

He has an easy smile and his conversation will generally fall into topics other than sports. He doesn't make ready mention of his accomplishments.

Yet, Gil Bogley of Birmingham was at one time, one of the outstanding young tennis stars of the country. Especially in his junior tennis competition did he capture a number of championships that ranked him above his contemporaries.

WHETHER REAL greatness would have followed him along into the higher arenas of tennis, such as the Davis Cup level, it is difficult to say.

But in his early formative stages, he gave ample evidence of court skill and ability. In progressive steps Gil won the National Boys' Singles Championship in 1944, the National Junior Singles Championship in 1948 and repeated the title again in 1949.

Along the road in his early amateur attainments, he disposed of several players who later represented the United States in Davis Cup matches. Bogley eliminated Tony Trabert at the National in 1948 and Ham Richardson at the same event in 1949.

BOTH THESE VICTORIES, Bogley is quick to discount and attribute to the breaks of the game. Naturally he still remains immensely proud of the titles and especially when he successfully retained his Junior crown.

First introduction to the net sport came to Gil when he was nine years old. At that time his family home was in Washington, D.C. Buddy Goeltz, tennis pro at the nearby Columbia Country Club gave him his first lesson and acted as his tutor throughout his junior playing days.

Looking back to those beginning days, Gil can single out the one thing that helped make him become a better tennis player. He stressed, "Practice, practice and more practice! I was prompted by Buddy to work against the boards and against players who were just a little bit better than I was."

FOR HIS SECONDARY education Gil went off to a private school in Maryland, the Landon school, where he continued his tennis activity as well as lettering in basketball and baseball.

Much of his athletic ability came easily to Bogley since he was always well coordinated and quick to learn a new sport.

ADVANCING into the college ranks, Gil directed all his tennis energies toward the Princeton University team. In the three years he played for the Tigers the squad established a modern collegiate record. In all three seasons of national competition the team did not lose a single match. During the same period Gil kept close pace with the team's performance and lost only two of his matches.

THE NEXT SEQUENCE of events found Gil in the army like most other American men of his age. Through his ROTC committment in college he received a second lieutenant's commission in the artillery. His military assignment carried him to three months duty in Japan and ten months in Korea.

Tennis playing during his Army days was limited but he did manage to win the US Army's Korean title and place second in the All-Far East Tournament.

Leaving the east coast and settling in Michigan was prompted by a desire to work under a man whom he believes would give him the best training in his insurance career. His connection is with the Prudential Life Insurance Company.

MAKING HIS home in Birmingham took on an additional attrac-

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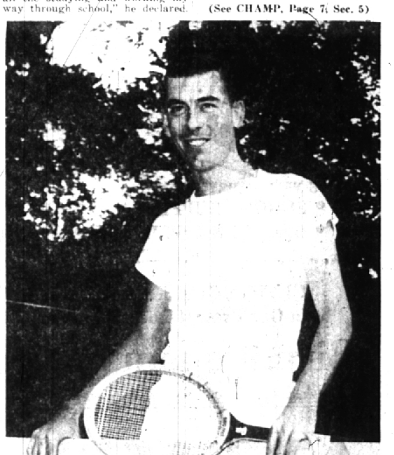

G. L. BOGLEY

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★ ★ Scorecard Heartbreakers ★ ★

Twenty-six years ago a slim Scotsman came to the Bloomfield Hills Country Club with golf bag, baggage and burr. He took an immediate liking to the sedate, beautifully kept club and the club membership took an immediate liking to him.

William R. (Bill) Graham has been there ever since.

The easy going and pleasant Graham looks with a certain amount of affection over the trim, rolling 6,491-yard course. It is not only his place of business but he makes his home in the middle of the club property.

WITHOUT A DOUBT his knowledge of each hole and its particular hazards is the most expert that can be found anywhere. The layout has remained approximately the same over Bill's 26-year-tenure.

In response to the question of picking the toughest hole on the Bloomfield Hills course, Bill replied, "We have some awfully good holes here but I think I'd take the 16th".

He went on to mention, "it's actually longer than the 445-yards the scorecard lists — more like 460. Now for a par four, that's a lot of distance".

FROM THE TEE, number sixteen fairway stretches uphill for about 240-yards and then takes a moderate dogleg to the left. From there, it drops down again for the remainder of the yardage (about 205-yards).

The green is nestled down in a little natural cup which must be reached by going over a series of tricky ground swells and dips.

At the crest of the fairway, trees close in from each side and narrow down the opening to about 30-yards.

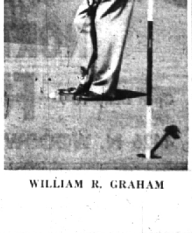
Bill remarked, "even a better than average drive will still leave the shooter in a blind spot for his second shot. It is also very important that the drive be placed well on the right side of the fairway. If you can't get it there, it is a heck of shot from the left side," Bill added.

THE GRASS along the fairway is very heavy and matted, therefore little or no roll is possible even on a hard hit ball.

The circular shape green falls away quite a bit from the top side. This deceiving slope has another difficulty in the amount of break which will pass a putt away from the cup.

In Bill's estimation the hole will be played by the average golfer with the woods (second shot a four wood), then a 9-iron to get on the green. The third shot possesses an additional difficulty in that, it will usually be a down hill lie.

The 50-year-old Scotsman has shot a 65 but the course record is held by the two great Sammys—Sammy Byrd and Sammy Snead.



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