

Hamtramck Hammers B'ham for District Little League Title



DOUG WALTON notches his fourth home run in tournament play and comes across with another run in Birmingham American's win. Doug also pitched a fine game on the mound for the All-Stars against the Hamtramck Nationals.



COMING ACROSS the plate with the first home run of Friday's game is All-Star third baseman Tom Ryan. Tom also contributed a couple of fine defensive plays.

Two Doses of Hamtramck Baseball Teams Too Much For B'ham Am. All-Stars

Hamtramck scored a decisive 7-2 victory over Birmingham's American League All-Stars last Saturday to advance to the regional playoffs in the National Little League tournament as Gary Sine, Hamtramck second baseman, connected for a home run and two singles to run his tournament streak to 13 hits in 13 straight times at bat.

Orowski, Hamtramck pitcher, struck out Birmingham's first four hits, passed one, hit one batsman and struck out seven.

Sine's homer came with one on in the first inning and then, in the third, Hamtramck combined three hits and a walk with a fielder's choice to score three runs and put the game on ice.

Ryan scored Birmingham's first run in the fifth when Muenchinger drove him home with a single to right. Birmingham's Kirby registered a second run in the sixth inning when he walked and scored on a hit by Walory.

Kalosey gave up only one walk for Birmingham and struck out eight, but he yielded nine hits.

Tom Draper Smashes Par To Win Detroit Title

By JACK KEHOE

The youthful aspirants for the Detroit District amateur golfing title attempted to have their day last weekend at the Plum Hollow golf course.

But they didn't count on a large bulk of a man from Birmingham who not only mellows with the years but his golfing proficiency also seems to gain proportionately.

Big Tom Draper who goes along the dimensions of a well-fed right tackle (6 ft. 3 in., 240-pounds) played some of the finest golf seen in these parts for a many a year.

His morning round was the most remarkable as he clicked on all of his shots to take an amazing 9-0 lead with a snappy 53 against the course par of 36.

Although Draper is a powerful built man, noted for his booming drives, he handled his putter with all the grace and command of Heffits playing in the third round. He made his last putt in the last round he used only 23 putts. This included an assortment of putts ranging from a 35-footer, a 25-footer, two eight footers plus several short ones.

ON THE 14TH GREEN he ignored the repetitions chore of putting by laying in his 60-ft. chip shot.

To gain the finals, Draper had to bluff off the challenge of another young fellow, 18-year-old sensation from Jackson, Michigan, Harvey Hill, who played so well in the Michigan Amateur.

Another factor which makes Tom's play even more astounding was the condition of the course for the final day's affair. Sunday's heavy rain had made the course play much slower with many small puddles and ponds on the fairways. (Greens, also needed a heavier putt.)

TOMMY WATROUS, son of the

Bell Says 'No' Tom Tracy Goes

Bert Bell cracked his jaw down in a foul decision on the Detroit Lions' plea for the services of Birmingham's Tom (The Round) Tracy. In doing so, he sent Tracy packing back to his former employers—the Detroit club in the Canadian Football League.

The Lion's are thus deprived of a hard hitting back for the coming campaign, a position they are not particularly strong at.

Ruddy Parker was eager to get the former Tennessee back. Tracy was eager to play for his hometown club, and the fans were eager to see the local boy in action.

B'ham Gal Helps Win Swim Title

The International Team Synchronized Swimming title was brought back to Detroit with the graceful assistance of a young Birmingham miss, Gail Christie, along with her teammates—the Penquinettes—took top honors in the three-day water contest.

Seventeen teams, including young ladies from Canada, England, France and Japan swam at Niagara Falls, New York for singles, doubles and team trophies.

The closest threat to the Detroit girls was another Michigan team—the Lansing Sea Sprites who finished with 481 points while the Penquinettes accumulated 526 points.

GAIL and her girl friends slipped through the water in series of stylish patterns to win the approval of judges and spectators alike. Their formations were composed of single box shapes to a difficult pyramid.

For a group which did not place very high in the nationals several weeks ago, the Penquinettes demonstrated a remarkable amount of improvement to take the international championship.

The better performance can be attributed to the work of the girls and the expert coaching of Loraine Hoggan.

Other members of the team besides Miss Christie are Paula Bonnier, Pat Chapp, Maureen O'Donnell, Judy Elliott, and Jean King.

B'ham CC Has First Hole-in-One

A visitor from out of town scored the first hole-in-one of the season at the Birmingham country club course. The lucky golfer was Emory Moore of Pulaski, Ill.

Moore got his ace on the 200-yard 15th hole using a number 3 iron.

In his foursome were Art Schade, Don Fouzaree and Henry Dahlquist.

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B'ham Gun Club

Birmingham Gun Club's regular club shoot has been set for August 18 for members and their friends. Trap shooting is the order of the day for the club.

The Birmingham Eccentric

Blow 'em out!

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Simmons Leads Diamond's Squad To Tourney Win

The Diamonds won the Birmingham Junior Baseball League season tournament last week as Paul Simmons shot out the wings.

It was the eighth straight victory for the Diamonds, coached by Don DuPuis. They had finished the season tied for first place with an 8-2 record.

It was also the fifth win in a row on the mound for Simmons, Larry Stolberg, the losing pitcher, allowed three hits.

The Diamonds took a 1-0 lead in the second when Gary Andrews came home on an overthrow of first.

THEY ADDED two more in the fifth when Simmons doubled and scored on Dave Harvey's single. Harvey also scored a moment later, coming home from second on a Wing error.

Gerry Storch, Wings' shortstop, got his team's lone hit, a single, in the fourth inning.

The Diamonds entered the finals by trouncing the Royals 13-4 after the Monarchs, unable to field a team, had forfeited.

THE WINGS got there by beating the Eagles 2-1 and the Blues 4-0. The Blues actually tied the score 4-4 in the last inning but the game was called for darkness and the score reverted to what it had been before the final inning started.

HAMTRAMCK scored in the second, but Birmingham forged into the lead with two in the third, one in the fourth and three in the fifth. The visitors managed two in the last inning but Walton fanned the last two men to wrap it up.

HAMTRAMCK		BIRMINGHAM	
AB	R	AB	R
Stalbe, c	4	0	0
Robinson, 1b	4	0	0
Sine, 2b	3	1	1
Quinn, 3b	3	0	0
Orowski, p	3	0	0
Maize, 1b	3	0	0
Marksler, cf	3	0	0
Messersch, lf	3	0	0
Penick, cf	3	0	0
Walton, p	3	0	0
Harley, lf	1	0	0
Davis, cf	1	0	0
Kalosey, p	1	0	0
Stevens, cf	1	0	0
Walters, lf	1	0	0
Wyn, 3b	1	0	0
Shoover, 2b	1	0	0
Harley, 1b	1	0	0
Kirby, lf	1	0	0
HAMTRAMCK	7	2	0
BIRMINGHAM	2	0	0

B'ham Tennis Club Sweeps Past Detroit Club, 4-1

Birmingham Tennis club (BTC) well balanced team of players, displaying a stellar brand of tennis, took the best that the Detroit Tennis club could offer into camp Saturday afternoon by a score of four matches to one at the BTC courts at Kingswood school.

Showing the same brand of fine stroking and poise, Gil Bogley of Birmingham, won from Leonard Brose in the number one singles match 6-4, 6-3.

Bogley had previously beaten Brose for the Detroit City championship in July. When needed, Gil called on his booming serve or hard put-away shots for important points.

Bogley is a former two time National Junior Champion.

JIM TOBIN, former Birmingham Tennis club champion, again

Federal Farm Stars Defeated, 8-3

Federal Farm Farm Team All Stars

Rangers: Bob Simanek, Bob Graham, Bruce Peam

Hawks: Bob Westbury, Don Cote, R. Westbury

Bruins: Marvin Carlson, Scott Bryant, Bob Westbury, Don Cote, Leaf: Ronnie Latero, Jimmy Hart, Skip Poiseak

Captains: Nichols, Jim Hart, Knopf, Ed Troutman

Shows: Bill Bricker, Fred Post,

team captain Don MacKay to defeat Detroit's Ben Siegel and Frank Skierski in a very stubbornly fought battle 8-5, 9-3.

IN THE FINAL doubles match, Dick Gabori, former Birmingham club champion and former Yale university team captain, Charlie Lynch, playing together for the first time, won from Jerry Gurman and Leonard Werner 6-3; 6-4. In this match Lynch showed the players and crowd a big serve.

★★ Scorecard Heartbreakers ★★



America's Finest Swimmers Plunge for Olympic Berths

Swimming records will be given a hearty dunking when the 1956 United States Olympic swimming events get underway this week at Detroit's Brennan Pools.

Coming to the three day water affair (August 7 to August 10) will be the most highly rated collection of swimming talent that has ever splashed in an American pool.

The well matched meet will feature down acts, comedy diving and comedy who will represent the USA in swimming and diving at the Olympics to be held this Fall in Australia.

MOST OF THE TOP swimmers who will compete in the Detroit tryouts have been pointing for this meet for many months by active participation in the Detroit club and AAU contests.

Recently, at the AAU final at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, a member of amazing speeds were set which went under Olympic records. With the same men racing in the Detroit trials, it is expected that the records will be matched or even lowered!

In the women's division the record smashing team from Walter Reed Swim Club is setting a strong contingent of girls. Among the other stars is graceful Mrs. Pat McCormick who will be here to defend her diving title. She has won more national diving titles than any other woman in history.

OF LOCAL INTEREST is the attempt by two young men from Birmingham to gain a berth on the Olympic squad.

Russell Hibbard, 212 Pilgrim, a former All-American high school swimmer at Birmingham, is entered in the 100-meter freestyle event,

AT THE SIDE of the Birmingham country club pool, Jim Myers points out the points to Russell Hibbard who is entered in the Olympic swim trials. Myers, Birmingham high school swimming coach, tutored Hibbard during his high school competition in 1954.

Olympic Swimmers Appear at Carnival

The water carnival at the Oakland Hills Country club will bring together some of the top swimmers and divers now competing for the United States Olympic team at Detroit's Brennan pools.

Saturday's aqua affair will have down acts, comedy diving and college swimming teams. Featured on the program will be Dick Hanley, sensational 100-meter freestyle champion who recently went under the Olympic record at the AAU meet.

TWO SWIMMERS from Great Britain will also give demonstrations. Jack Warrup, world record holder in the 220-yards and Tony Turner, English diving champion. Both men are members of the English Olympic team.

Shelley Mann, America's top woman swimmer will appear along with two outstanding divers, Jeanne Slungo and Barbara Gilders.

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We wish to thank these sponsors for their generous assistance to this worthwhile community recreation program.

Further, we wish to express our appreciation to the Board of Recreation, Board of Education, Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Managers, Coaches, Umpires, and Scorekeepers of both leagues for the many hours they have voluntarily devoted to making this our most successful year.

Last, we would like to thank the mothers and fathers and other friends of the boys in these two leagues for your willingness to put up with disrupted dinner schedules, bus service to and from the games, and for your continued interest in this baseball program. Thank you all very much.

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