

# Polo Squads Tangle for Benefit of B'ham Youth Charities

## Tight Pitching Sparks Little League Play

by Jack Kehue

It is about time that some of the people involved in the local baseball activities start placing some rational braking action on their ebullient enthusiasm and take into account some of their damaging influence.

There is a highly ostentatious group of adults who have apparently lost sight of the main purpose in the junior type sports program.

Basically the little fellows want to play a game. If it wasn't baseball, it would be cops and robbers, basketball, soccer or walrus hunting.

WIN, WIN, WIN! Seems to be the code rather than some of the more lasting values of sportsmanship and good fellowship.

Other assets in the idea of a "completed" game are...

A pitcher's duel which would do credit to any of the top moundmen of the big leagues was fought last Monday by three hurlers in the National League.

On the mound for the Braves was a pair of durable twirlers who shared in the one-hit pitching honors.

RAPPING OUT the only hit for the Cubs, a double, was another fairly hurler, Don Pierce, who didn't allow the Braves a single run.

The Cubs and Braves now share the first place position with identical 2-1 records.

THE TIGHT GRIP the Red Sox and Yankees held on the American Little League race during the first half of the season...

WEAKENED BY a shortage of pitching, the Athletics took it on the chin when they dropped two games by overwhelming scores.

IN THE OTHER LOOP tilt the Senators dropped the Orioles 9-3.

BOB TOWNSEND'S homer with two on in the third set the stage for the Indian victory.

THE SOX went back into a first place tie in the next game, however, shutting out the Indians 10-0.

THE HOME run came in the first at-bat of the game.

OTHERS ARE so constrained with a bellies taste of victory that they forget about some miniature guy who's hanging dejected.

ANOTHER NOTICEABLE detriment to the youngster is the way mamma and pappa want to tell the entire city and the United Nations, what an outstanding boy your boy is.

IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR each Wednesday night at the Barnum swimming pool.

THE game is supposedly for the kids, yet some of the grown-ups are out there behaving like press agents for a touring minstrel show.

AT THIS POINT, bouquets are due to the many people connected with the various leagues and teams who have offered so much to so many ways for the boys.

TIDYING UP my thoughts on this subject, I couldn't conclude on a better note than by quoting from the late grand daddy of sport's writers, Grantland Rice, who wrote:

"When the greater scorer comes to write against your name. He marks—not that you won or lost—but how you played the game."



THUNDERING HOOPS and cracking mallets will ring out at the Ivory Polo field when two top polo squads clash in the annual charity game.

Some of the local players who will be in the thick of the action are (left to right), Rich Gibson, Bob Peterson, Roy Pulver and Gwen Brown.

## Polo Match Pits Two Local Teams In Tight Battle

Rich Gibson, who will lead the Birmingham All Stars against Franklin Hills on the grass field at the Ivory Polo Grounds Sunday, July 15, is a polo player's polo player.

The annual duel is co-sponsored by the Birmingham Kiwanis Club and the Birmingham YMCA to raise money to carry out their work, especially in the area of providing additional recreation facilities for underprivileged children.

GIBSON has real class," says Ivory. "He rarely makes a wrong move on the polo field."

When he turned to polo, Gibson had one major attribute in his favor: He was already a superb horseman.

DAVE, A RECENT GRADUATE of Michigan State University, is widely acclaimed as the most promising young poloist in the Midwest.

DAVE AND LARRY WILLIAMS, N. Adams road, Bloomfield Hills, the sons of former polo star Percy Williams, are two of the most talented young polo players in the area.

B'ham Tennis Club Sweeps Matches Against Canadians

Birmingham Tennis Club's (BTC) first inter-club match of the year turned out to be a highly successful one with an international flavor.

IN THE DOUBLES, Russ Frantz and Woody Bare (BTC) came from behind to win over Dr. George Lukk and Gordon Cook (STC), 8-6, 6-3.

ED EPPINGER, manufacturer of Bardsley lures has laid the plans for the 1956 event and are offering some 25 prizes for winners of this year's competition.

Prizes include an outboard motor, an array of rods, reels, tackle boxes, lures and varied fishing equipment.

The ladies doubles match will see Ann Holmes and Phyllis Cowan (BTC) winning over Ann Nelson and Marge Kitchcraft (STC), 6-2, 6-2.

Next club match for the local courts will be against the Indian Valley Tennis Club on July 25.

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### Troy Sets Up Recreation Time For Local Kids

The City of Troy will sponsor a summer recreation program again this year.

Each playground will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Activities at each area will consist of arts & crafts, baseball, ping pong, horseshoe, badminton, croquet, checkers, letter ball and volleyball.

THE RECREATION commission plans to run the program to August 10th and possibly longer, inquires may be directed to Don Flynn, Chairman of the Troy Recreation Commission.

### Close Race Continues In Southfield

It remains a two team race in the Southfield Babe Ruth league as the Panthers and Bears continue in a tie for the first place spot.

ROBIN LIND, for the Eagles a little leaguer of last year, pitched a fine ball game as he downed the Bears.

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