

# Little League Scramble to League Mid Season Leaders



**TOP SLUGGER** for the Orioles, Mike Thornton, in the Federal division of the B'ham Little League connects for a solid hit against the Athletics in a tight ball game last week. Mike drove in the first run of the game but his effort went for nil when the Athletics won with a 4-2 score. Besides carrying a lusty 434 percentage batting average, Mike plays a good dependable infield position. The Orioles finished up the first half of the season in last place but continue to play with a great deal of enthusiasm.

## National Recreation Authority Comments on Birmingham's Program

"Birmingham and other communities must start making plans now for the future needs of their recreation program. This activity will begin to play an even more important role in the community services and well-being." These are a few of the statements made by G. Leslie Lynch, designer for the National Recreation Association.

During his visit to Birmingham last week to confer with city officials, Lynch expressed his high opinion of the city by comparing it with some of the finest recreational areas that he has seen.

But your community does fall behind in what is considered to be the ideal for nationally recommended requirements in total area, facilities and financial appropriations, confirmed Lynch.

**THESE REQUIREMENTS** are based on population of the community. For example, the association suggests parks and recreation acreage be based on one acre per hundred residents.

Birmingham falls slightly short of that figure. The city has property but it is mainly undeveloped. Two other items which are essential to creating a good recreation program, added Lynch, is a substantial operating budget and a professional number of personnel to supervise the various activities.

In these aspects the local program is also below the recommended percentages.

**ONE OF THE BIGGEST** problems to be faced by every community in the very near future, declared Lynch, is the increase in leisure time which the population as a whole will share.

The short work week and the increased number of people in the over-60 age category and very

values. It presents an attractive green belt area where children and adults may advanced skills and interests in a wide range of activities. It also keeps the neighborhood infant with combined community participation.

**PROPERTY** destruction and damage created by idle children is greatly reduced along with the reduction in work and prosecution for the local police.

Lynch emphasized that any program must be made attractive in its physical setting and in the content of the activity.

Recreation is not compulsory like the public schools, therefore it must be made most attractive. It remains a form of education without classroom walls.

The possibilities of the disposal plant project are unlimited and will accommodate any number of programs, Lynch remarked.

**THE AREA** of the 66-acre plot under immediate consideration by the City Commission is a section to be constructed for the Board of Education. This section will have a driving training course which has recently been required by the state.

Part of the driving training section will also serve as a much needed parking lot. In addition, plans have been made to have a number of tennis courts constructed adjacent to the parking lot.

According to J. C. Ebert, the property will include, besides the driver training course, parking lot and tennis courts, an auditorium for high school and civic use.

**DR. RICHARD FEATHERSTONE** declared that the plans of the Board of Education have always been to have the proposed auditorium constructed adjoining the present high school building. Nothing has occurred to alter the board's opinions on that matter, Featherstone concluded.

**WITHIN A SHORT** time, Lynch will make a report of his inspection to the Recreation Board regarding the findings of his visit and discussion with city officials.

## Tight Race Expected For Second Half Games

The Red Sox and the Braves emerged winners of their first Little League championships last week in close races.

In fact, the American League rivalry between the Red Sox and the Yankees proved to be the tightest and best-played in the loop's six-year existence.

The Sox settled matters Saturday by noosing out the Yankees 4-0 in a playoff game. It marked the fourth time this season the two teams have met. The Red Sox scored only eight runs, an average of two per game, yet managed to gain three victories. The Yankees got only six runs.

**THE PLIGHT** of Doug Walton, a 12-year-old Yankee pitcher, symbolizes the closeness of the competition. One of the best Little League pitchers in Birmingham has one of the worst worst records because his team saved him to pitch against the Red Sox.

On Saturday Walton struck out 12, did not issue a single base on balls and allowed only one hit.

But Edson Stevens, the Sox catcher, drove that hit over second base in the fifth inning to bring home Bruce McDonald with the lone run of the game. McDonald had reached base on an infield error.

**FOR THE RED SOX**, pitchers Craig Kirby and Earl Kaloosay were even more effective, allowing only three Yankees to get on base. During the last five innings, Kaloosay allowed one hit, fanned nine and gave up no walks. It was his second win over the Yankees, two other starts having ended in ties at the end of regulation play.

Backing up the two aces are Fred Jaynes and Kirby who have lost only one game between them. Kirby dropping that to the Indians 6-2 in the game that forced the tie playoff. It left both the Red Sox and Yankees with 7-2 records.

**BOBBIE TOWNSEND** turned in a fine pitching job and hit three for three to lead the Tribe to the upset.

The Indians also beat the Tigers to tie the Red Sox for first place with 1-0 records in the second half.

**RECOVERING** from a poor start, the Braves won the first half championship in the National League, finishing one game ahead of their main rivals, the Cubs.

The Cubs, however, served notice they are planning to stay in the running by walling out the Braves in the opener of second half play, 5-1. Their runs came on time, by Farrell, Bruce Bates

## S'fld Babe Ruth Race Tied Among Panthers, Bears

That old song "There'll be some changes made" certainly applies to the Southfield Babe Ruth League.

The mighty Panthers were defeated by the lively Colts who had not won a game all season. With a game defaulted to the Bears by the Panthers plus this loss the league now has these two teams tied for the lead.

The squads that were kicked around the first weeks of the season are not being pushed about any more.

**IN AN EXTRA** inning contest, the Colts pulled out a slight margin to take the 10-inning ball game, 1-0. Kagle pitcher Dave Newman did not allow a hit until the ninth inning which accounted for the loss.

Opposing him in the tight pitchers' duel was Bob Filar on the mound for the Colts who pitched a hot game by striking out a total of 21 batters to gain his win.

In their first defeat of the season the Panthers were downed by the Colts in a close ball game 9-3. Porter was the winning pitcher for the Colts while Kiasner was charged with the loss.

**IN A MAKE-UP** contest the Bears buried the Colts under a barrage of runs by the score of 13 to 5.

In other games the Bears also defeated the Rams by the score of 13 to 5.

**LONG DRIVING** Bud Badger takes a bead down the fairway in one of his many practice sessions. Much of Bud's success has been due to his diligence in hitting several hundred balls during a practice period.

## B'fld Teen-ager Nabs Three Golf Tourneys

An early introduction to, and training in a sport is the key to developing a young person into a capable and sometimes outstanding performer. If the individual also possesses a natural ability, his proficiency will be that much more rapid in demonstrating itself.

There are a number of young men and women in the Birmingham area who have been outstanding in a wide variety of athletic activities: football, tennis, track and riding.

One person who has had a most remarkable beginning down the competitive golf road is Bloomfield Hills' Buddy Badger.

Bud is only 15 years old. Still in the classification of a growing boy, the 5' 11" in golfer has definitely established himself among coaches, professionals and critics of the game as a youngster who has tremendous possibilities.

**IN JUNIOR** competition this spring, Badger started a succession of amateur golfing "firsts" which might carry him into national prominence.

Getting right in the swing of things, Buddy began the season back in May with the blessings of a hole-in-one on the course at North Hills. For a teenager who has been playing a relatively short time, this in itself is some accomplishment.

His golfing energies in May and June were directed towards action with the Bloomfield Hills high school team which he led as medalist player.

**THE HIGH SCHOOL** year was topped when he gained the Michigan State Golf title for class C-1 schools. Bud took the championship at Port Huron with a 77 which matched the class A winning total.

Next on the victory march for long-driving Badger was the title in the Metropolitan Junior Chamber of Commerce Tournament held on the Tam O'Shanter links. In this contest he met some tough opposition that forced the play beyond the normal 18 holes.

Bud was tied at 76 with two boys from Grosse Pointe, Jim Nelson and Tom Wilson. Going into sudden death extra holes, Bud withstood the pressure of his older opponents and took the crown on the second hole.

**SPECIAL SOFTBALL** tournament has been announced by Don Hoff at the following playgrounds for boys in the 9-15 year old category:

Monday, July 9—Pierce vs. Quanton  
Tuesday, July 10—Terry vs. Pentlake  
Wednesday, July 11—Pentlake vs. Quanton

Games will be played at fields set in bold face. All games start at 9:30 a.m.

**THE NEAT COUPLE** of years who is very important for Buddy since many of his early attainments will be challenged by tournament competition as he moves into faster company.

His early skill might be only an advanced physical development which puts him far ahead of boys in a similar age bracket. Many high school flashes fizz-out in college and adult competition.

Above all, he will have to maintain the correct mental attitude and not succumb to the swell head which plagues a good many young athletes.

At present, his folks and Bud are agreed that completing school and heading on to college is his main goal. When he has completed these obligations, then the possibility of a fling at the pro golf circuit will be considered.

**THIS VICTORY** allows Buddy to go on for the state Jaycees

**STANDINGS**

Team	W	L
Colts	6	2
Bears	6	2
Eagles	3	5
Rams	2	5
Colts	2	6

## Sportsweek

**B'HAM LITTLE LEAGUE**

July 5—Red Sox vs Orioles (Am.) Eton  
Senators vs Indians (Fed.) Eton  
Pirates vs Cubs (Nat.) Poppleton

July 6—Yankees vs Tigers (Am.) Eton  
White Sox vs Athletics (Fed.) Eton

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Pirates vs Giants (Nat.) Poppleton

**B'HAM BABE RUTH**

July 5—Wolverines vs Rockets  
July 6—Colts vs Spartans  
July 7—Brockers vs Barons  
July 9—Chiefs vs Wolverines  
July 10—Barons vs Spartans  
July 11—Rockets vs Chiefs (games at B'ham HS at 6:30 p.m.)

**S'FLD BABE RUTH**

July 6—Panthers vs Eagles  
July 9—Colts vs Rams  
July 9—Rams vs Eagles  
July 10—Panthers vs Colts  
July 11—Bears vs Rams (games at S'fld HS at 6:45 p.m.)

## Scorecard Heartbreakers



**Dale Rolph**

**OUT-OF-BOUNDS** GREEN

**CREEK** TREE

241 TOTAL

To begin our series on the most difficult holes on the golf courses in the Birmingham area we have started with a nearby nine-hole layout. Springdale golf course is maintained and operated by the Parks and Forestry section of the city of Birmingham.

Selecting the toughest hole, we have chosen the 12th hole, directly in front and to the sides of the tee. This offers a mental challenge for the golfer who has the following explanation for his choice.

**THE FOURTH HOLE** is the one that gives most of our players a rough time, mainly because it is a long (241 yards) par three. Usually you have to drive into a headwind, then a crosswind, and finally you have to hit a hook or slice. The green itself is broad and fairly flat with some deceptive banks around the cup.

**THE SECOND** shot is important on this hole because the lie is usually on a slight hill. A hard shot will put you into trouble since there is about 12 ft. distance between the green and the out-of-bounds. The green is broad and fairly flat with some deceptive banks around the cup.

## Softball Tourney For B'ham Boys At Playgrounds

Birmingham's recreation activities have been expanded in play-ground operation and the sport's program.

Eton park will have new hours so that more people in the area can take advantage of the facilities. Twilight schedule from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. is now in effect.

The former afternoon hours have been discontinued because of the high heat during the afternoon period.

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