8 Veterans Bolster Birmingham Baseball Prospects

Vet Repays Favors

Houston, Texas — Ann Gordon, returning from a trip to New York City, told friends that a cab driver there found out, she was from Texas and offered to drive her on a sightseeing tour for free. The driver explained, "I was in the Army in Texas and the folks there were so nice to me, I've been wanting to do something to pay them back."

Uranium-Paved Road

Sydney, Australia — A road on the outskirts of Carcoar, in western New South Waies, has been found to be paved with uranium. So are the bush tracks leading to the town's long disused iron-ore shafts. Tests conducted by the government revealed that the iron-ore shafts are rich with uranium and that the hills surrounding the town also contain large deposits.

ECCENTRIC PHOTOS

HERE'S HOW: Birmingham baseball coach Lou Parry studies the delivery of pitcher Larry Milford during drills for the spring campaign. Parry has eight lettermen back. The Maples will be seeking its third straight Eastern Michigan league baseball title.

Maple Baseball Drills Attract 70 Prospects

Over 70 prospects turned out for the opening of baseball practice last week at Birmingham high school which will be seeking its third consecutive Eastern Michigan league diamond championship this season.

Coach Lou Parry has eight returning lettermen to form the nucleus of his 1956 squad. Biggest loss is pitcher Dick Sheldon, ace of the Maple mound staff last season and now a Tiger property.

BUT PARRY has three experienced pitchers to call on this season. Seniors Larry Milford and Don Picmann and junior Larry Hower will share the mound duties.

Other lettermen are Bob Isbell, 1st base, Bill Deer, 2nd base and Jim Tras, Bill Appel and Bob Bell, outfielders.

THE SQUAD is working out indoors and most of Parry's time is spent selecting the top talent from the large turnout.

"It is always a problem trying to find the best boys in such a large group," Parry said, "I like to give every boy a chance to show what he has got but our time and facilities are limited during indoor workouts."

"I hate to think every boy didn't get a chance to show his worth," Parry said.

ASKED how the Little League and Babe Ruth league helped his job, Parry said: "I try to follow some of the boys during the summer leagues and keep track of them until they reach high school. The training they receive helps my job considerably.

"The boys who have participated in the junior leagues learn a great deal about the game which makes them fine high school prospects."

BIRMINGHAM won the EML title last season with a 6-1 record and finished the regular season with a 9-1 mark. The Maples reached the state tournament semi-finals before bowing to Kalamazoo Central.

Parry expects some help from John Fleser, a transfer from Flint Central, who sparked the Maple basketball team this season.

Fleser played 1st base and outfield at Flint and could be the key man in the Maples' drive to a third-straight league title.

Jays Prepare For Spring Sports Debut

With opening dates rapidly approaching, Southfield's spring sports teams are readying for the initial contests.

Eight returning lettermen bolster the Jay baseball picture this season. Coach Ed Litoget's crew open the season April 10 against Waterford.

In the second game of the season, April 17, Southfield will travel to Birmingham for a meeting with the Maples who whipped the Jays last season, 6-2.

COACH Monte Charles has 19 lettermen to rely on this season in track. The Jay thinclads have 12 meets scheduled, starting with Hazel Park, April 13.

Plum Hollow will be the home course of Bob Hall's Jay golf team this season. Southfield will open the season, April 16, with Waterford and Plymouth.

KARL Buttenmiller has big job ahead of him preparing for the tennis season. Only one letterman returns from last year's squad.

Six tennis matches are set for this season with the opener, April 17, at Clarenceville.

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BOWLING SCORES

HOLY NAME LADIES LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Bellan Lumber Co.	65	47
Dorothy Reise Beaute Salon	62	50
Petrol by Murphy	61	51
B'ham Community Market	57	55
Bloomfield Hills Barbecue	56	56
Wesley Drugs	54	58
Kay Baum	54	58
Birmingham Movers	39	73

BIRMINGHAM JUNIOR HOUSE BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Auto Metal Craft	69½	38½
Adams Shell Service	66½	41½
Suburban Motors	64	44
Torrence Oil	62½	45½
Varsity Shop	62	46
Harold Turner	61½	46½
Unlucky "3"	60	48
Davis Mfg. Co.	60	48
Bloomfield Lanes	60	48
Land Development	57	51
Beresford-Thomp.	55½	54½
Lake Jewelers	52	56
Nat. Cyl. Gas	50	58
Manus Dist. Co.	49½	58½
R. C. & P. Tool	48	60
Walnut Lake	43	65
The Parts Store	30	78
Birmingham Eccentric	23	85

BIRMINGHAM SENIOR LADIES HOUSE LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Tel-Huron Shopping Center	63	37
Peabodys Market	62	38
Liberty Cleaners	58	42
Mulhollands	57	43
Bird and Griffith	57	43
Wesley Ice Cream	55½	44½
Adams Shell	53	47
Birmingham Grill	53	47
R. B. Shop	51½	48½
Tool Specialities	51	49
Birmingham Eccentric	50	50
Bloomfield Lanes	46½	53½
McBride Hardware	45	55
Milks Appliances	43	57
Floyd Foren	43	57
Birmingham Cleaners	40	60
Averill Press	37½	62½
Twin Pine Dairy	34	66

B'HAM SENIOR HOUSE LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Tibbits Contractors	63	37
Bloomfield Lanes	62	38
Calbi Music	62	38
Cox Coal	61	39
Cooley Lounge Bar	58½	41½
Wilson Pontiac-Cadillac	54	46
Huron Bowl	53½	46½
Quik Auto Wash	52	48
A. & A. Asphalt	51½	48½
Oakland Sweets	50	50
Wolverine Potato Chips	50	50
Harold Turners	46	54
Birmingham Bowling	44	56
Birmingham Drugs	42½	57½
Huck's Millwork	42	58
Eynon-Dakin	38	62
Fryling Custom Uphol.	37	63
Birmingham Movers	33	67

BIRMINGHAM MERCHANTS LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Coca Cola	66	34
A. & A. Asphalt	55½	44½
Community Market	55	45
Northwood Hardware	50½	49½
Sumner Bulck	49	51
Peeks Mens Wear	48	52
Huck's Millwork	47½	52½
Bird & Griffith	47½	52½
Pepsi Cola	47	53
Lions No. 1	47	53
Ladde Service	46½	53½
Biorganic Fertilizer	40½	59½

TRACTOR AND IMPLEMENT DIVISION WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Fancy Pants	60	44
Alley Cats	57	47
Niflies	54	50
Frantic Five	50	54
Five Freckles	48	56
The Strikers	43	61

NEWCOMERS LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Zombies	67½	36½
Manhattans	59	45
Screwdrivers	53½	46½
Bloody Mary	53	51
Flying Fortresses	50	54
Teetotalers	48½	55½
Grasshoppers	48½	55½
Stingers	47	57
Whiskey Sours	46½	57½
Daiquiris	42	62

OAKLAND HILLS LADIES LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Dynamiters	28	5
Mashies	25	8
Chippers	21	12
Mid Irons	20½	12½
Mash. Nib.	19	14
Niblicks	15	18
Bunkers	16	17
Putters	15	18
Pars	14	19
Tees	12	21
Spoons	12	21
Eagles	12½	20½
Greens	12	21
Birdies	9	24

LADIES JUNIOR HOUSE LEAGUE

Team	Won	Lost
Accurate Foundry	67	37
Adams Greenhouse	66½	37½
Birmingham Bowling	65	39
Soo Bol	62	42
Twin Pines	61	43
R. Stout Atl.	55½	48½
Bloomfield Barbecue	56	48
Sealtest	50	54
Johnstone Plumbg.	50	54
Fishers Market	48	56
Tibbits Contr.	47	57
Teds Inc.	44	60
Mints Ice Cream	44	60
Seaholm Farms	40½	63½
Young's	39	65
Village Store	34	70

Bowling Shots

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