

# Sport Shots

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# LL Managers Select Over 200 Players

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Birmingham Exchange club honored the late Fielding H. "Hurricane" Yost, the great University of Michigan football coach and athletic administrator, at its weekly get-together Tuesday night at the Community House.

Highlight of the occasion was the appearance of Yost's widow, Mrs. Eunice F. Yost of Ann Arbor, who sat proudly at the speaker's table as author J. Fred Lawton, Michigan coach Wally Weber and program chairman D. E. Hull Travis eulogized her late husband.

TRAVIS read telegrams and letters in tribute of Yost from such famous Michigan alumni as Treasury Secretary George M. Humphrey, former New York governor Thomas E. Dewey, U. of M. president Harlan Hatcher and football coach Jennie Osterberg.

At the start of the program Travis said the purpose of the club was to help the aged and honor the great. The Exchange club recently raised over \$2,000 for Camp Oakland through a toothbrush sale.

THE CLUBS tribute to Yost was given in song and story. Lawton, a author of "Hurricane Yost in Song and Story," and Weber told the story of the program and the splendid Lincoln high school chorus of Ferndale filled the air with "Michigan."

Yost honored the Michigan athletic plant from a 20-acre lot to a \$4,000,000 corporation.

But Yost is probably more famous for his great Michigan football teams starting with the "point-a-minute" squads at the turn of the century.

LAWTON wrote a special song for the occasion, "Great Friend of Youth," which was sung by the chorus along with a medley of Michigan songs including Lawton's "Varsity" march.

"The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" was dedicated to Mrs. Yost, whose husband was a Sigma Chi.

Weber, the "Wizard of Words," turned in his usual witty performance before a largely serious audience with a medley of Michigan songs including Lawton's "Varsity" march.

WEBER cited Yost love of athletics by his definition of sports: "The golden rule in action."

Special guests included Robert Murray of the Detroit U. of M. club and Mrs. Fred Henry of the Birmingham U. of M. club.

The Exchange club tribute to Yost was fitting. He came from the hills of West Virginia to lead U. of M. to athletic heights which were the envy of every college in the country.

Yost died in 1946 but he will never be forgotten.

SPORT JABS  
There is no shortage of track coaches on Cranbrook way. Spring schedule lists seven coaches headed by athletic director Paul A. Thompson. Other coaches are Bill Stays, John Hovest, Ben Snyder, Don McEwen, Tom Wilson and Bob Thompson.

McEwen was the great distance runner at Michigan a few years back.

BIRMINGHAM Community House officials took no chances on the annual Little League player auction meeting this year. Seems some of the managers didn't finish drafting players until 2:30 in the morning last season.

Kept people up too late at the Community House. League officials had to promise to get out by midnight at the meeting Monday night, P.S. They just made it.

Michigan's streams and rivers traverse approximately 39,350 miles—almost one and a half times around the world.

## Maple Thinclads Score Win Over Mt. Clemens

Scoring its 17th-straight dual-meet track victory, Birmingham overpowered Mt. Clemens last Wednesday, 77.3 to 33.1, on the Bathier field.

The Maple thinclads took nine of the 10 races, including the 880-yard and medley relay. Mt. Clemens managed four firsts.

Maples Bill McFarlen, Tom Segal and Ron McCrumb finished in a three-way tie for first in the pole vault with identical jumps of 10' 9".

## Cranbrook Splits With University

Cranbrook took all three places in the 500-yard run. Howard Didier won in 2:08.3, followed by teammates Lynn Benn and Ken Kertz.

Donz O'Camp won the shot put with a toss of 45' 7". Doug Wassinger took the mile in 4:50.1.

Joe Kiewell of Birmingham won the high and low hurdle competition. Kiewell did the lows in 22.7 and the highs in 16.4.



INFELDERS on the Southfield high school baseball team show how to field a ground ball. From left to right are Ken Moser, Steve Klamik, Bill Richardson and Bob Evans. All but Richardson were members of the Jay basketball team. Southfield travels to Walled Lake tomorrow and to Berkley Tuesday for important Inter-Lakes league games.

## Birmingham 6th In Central Relays

Birmingham's track team placed sixth in the Central Michigan College Relays Saturday at Mt. Pleasant with 21 points. Pontiac won the event for the second year with 70 points.

Bill McFarlen and Tom Segal of Birmingham tied for first place in the pole vault at 11' 10" with Jim Collins of Flint Northern.

OTHER point-getters for Birmingham were Doug Kibwell, third in low hurdles; Doug O'Camp, fourth in shot put; Bob Stephenson, fourth in the high jump; Kiewell, who won the one and two-mile relay teams both placed fourth and Doug Wassinger finished fifth in the mile competition.

The Relays annually draw the top high school in the state. Behind Pontiac in the final standings were Lansing Senior, Flint Northern, Saginaw Arthur Hill and Lansing.

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BIRMINGHAM TENNIS CLUB officers go over plans for the summer season and the annual Club dinner May 25 at Sylvan Glen Golf Club. From left to right, Ray Sackett, vice-president; Leon Bramley and Mrs. Ann Holmes, both directors; and Francis "Bill" Henderson, president. There are a limited amount of Club memberships open to tennis enthusiasts in the Birmingham area. The Club season opens the middle of June on the Kingswood school courts. On the table is the Averill trophy which the name of Club's men's singles champ is inscribed yearly.

## BOH ISBELL of Birmingham gets ready to swing in the Maple-Hazel Park baseball game last week on the Birmingham diamond. Birmingham lost, 5-1.

Note the plastic headgear the Maples are wearing this season, just like the Detroit Tigers. Isbell, a junior, was center on the Birmingham basketball team. The Maples host East Detroit this afternoon and Port Huron Tuesday in a couple of Eastern Michigan league games.

## Hazel Park Whips Birmingham, 5-1

Birmingham is still looking for a victory on its home diamond after losing to Hazel Park, 5-1, last Thursday. It was the second loss in as many starts on the home field for the Birmingham baseball team.

Hazel Park scored one run in each of the first three innings on four hits, including a home run by Oscar Lewis, three walks and two Maple errors.

The visitors scored their final two runs in the fifth inning on a walk and two hits.

## YMCA Softball Starts May 21

The Birmingham YMCA Softball League for men gets its schedule underway Monday, May 21 and will be playing two games weekly on Monday and Tuesday evenings through July of this year.

Make-up games, postponed because of rain and wet grounds, will be played on Tuesday evenings.

Teams that have definitely signified their intention of playing are the Birmingham National Bank, the former Sam Reeves Service Station group, the Birmingham Postoffice, and Varsity Sports Shop.

Each group will hold weekly workouts on St. James No. 2 and Booth Park fields. Players are invited to contact the Birmingham YMCA for team assignments.

The league is still seeking two teams to fill out a six team league. Any managers having a group of players who desire to participate in this league are asked to telephone the Y.

## Two Local Boys' On Jayvee Team

Richard M. Adam, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Adam, 1556 Villa road, and John Hincley, son of Mrs. J. W. Woodhart, 584 South Bates, both of Birmingham, are members of the junior varsity track team at Western Reserve academy, Hudson, Ohio.

## Little League Football Final Roundup Saturday

More than 125 boys already have filled applications to play in the Birmingham Little League this fall, coach Dick Kippie has reported to the League's board.

Final Spring Roundups will be held at Pierce Field, near Pierce school, Vaughan Field in Bloomfield Hills, and Bloomfield Village school on Saturday, May 5, at 2:30 P.M.

Kippie said it will be the last opportunity youngsters will have to enroll in the program before August 15.

Birmingham Little League Football, now affiliated with the new sub-area All-American League, will field three varsity and three freshman teams this fall: Boys 11 and 12 years old will be eligible for the varsity squads and boys nine and 10 will play on the freshman teams.

TENTATIVELY, the League has set a maximum weight limit of 110 pounds for participating youngsters. Last year, Birmingham had only one freshman and one varsity squad.

The Spring Roundups are being held, Kippie said, so that interested boys and their parents can become fully acquainted with the Little Football League program.

Boys can obtain applications at any public or parochial school in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills school districts. Those applications not already turned in should be given to coaches during the final Spring Roundup this Saturday. Boys who already have filed applications need not report again this August 15, Sauerbrun said.

## Boys Named Must Compete With Last Year's Vets For Major League Teams

Almost 200 boys were selected for major league squads at the Birmingham Little League player auction Monday night at the Community House.

The new season will compete against 110 other boys returning from last year for the coveted spots on the 12 uniformed teams.

Each team bid on enough boys to bring its roster to at least 25 youngsters. Managers have three weeks to study both old and new players before May 20 when each squad must be cut to 15 players, equally divided by age groups.

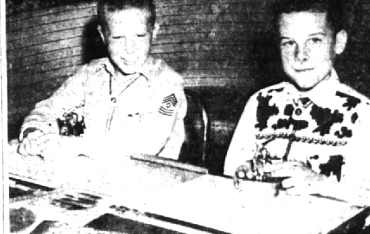
BOYS not placed on the major squads are now being divided into farm teams. Because of the large turnout in the National League of Maple league, its minor league has been increased from 8 to 10 teams.

League officials disclosed that a total of 320 players, including 100 new ones from last year, turn out for Little League practices this spring.

The league has 120 uniforms and 624 T-shirts awaiting those who will play on the various teams.

## SPORTSWEEK

- BASEBALL  
May 3—East Detroit at Birmingham, 4 p.m.  
May 4—Southfield at Walled Lake, 3:30 p.m.  
May 4—Detroit Country Day at Bloomfield Hills, 4 p.m.  
May 5—Western Reserve Academy at Cranbrook, 1:30 p.m.  
May 8—Port Huron at Birmingham, 4 p.m.  
May 8—Berkley at Southfield, 5:30 p.m.  
May 8—Troy at Madison, 7:30 p.m.  
May 8—Cranbrook at Hamtramck, 3:45 p.m.
- TRACK  
May 3—Southfield at Birmingham (Pierce field), 4 p.m.  
May 4—Echelon and Farmington at Cranbrook, 3:45 p.m.  
May 5—Bloomfield Hills at league meet.  
May 8—Orchard Lake at Cranbrook, 3:45 p.m.  
May 8—Bloomfield Hills in Wayne-Oakland Conference meet at Milford  
May 9—Ferndale at Birmingham, 4 p.m.  
May 9—Southfield at Walled Lake, 4 p.m.
- GOLF  
May 7—Southfield at Walled Lake (Edgewood), 3:30 p.m.  
May 7—Oak Park at Troy (Sylvan Glen), 2:30 p.m.  
May 8—Milford at Bloomfield Hills  
May 8—Royal Oak at Troy (Sylvan Glen), 2:30 p.m.  
May 9—Ferndale at Birmingham (North Hills)  
TENNIS  
May 5—Western Reserve Academy at Cranbrook, 1:30 p.m.  
May 8—Birmingham at Cranbrook, 10 a.m.  
May 9—Birmingham at Ferndale, 4 p.m.



WINNERS: Greg Cowman, 8, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thayer M. Cowman, 2939 Lanergan, and Jim Hatmaker, 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hatmaker, 2166 Lanaker, both of Troy, took first place in the Birmingham junior mixed doubles championship Saturday at Birmingham Bowling Alley. The boys rolled a two-game total of 517 for title.

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