

**Babe Ruth Leagues Ready for Openers In S'fld and B'ham**

The familiar cry of "play ball" will be heard by two local Babe Ruth leagues as they open up a full season of play with ball games scheduled for Monday, June 1.

Players in this class of league are usually the graduates from the Little League teams or boys who have had considerable playing experience for their age. Because of their background in team playing and several seasons of coaching, the boys play a good and exciting game.

Birmingham's group will start the season on the B'ham high school diamond with game time scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Teams getting the opening day assignment are the Spartans and the Chiefs.

**FIVE SQUADS** are in this league and they will each play a total of 16 games with the season concluded by the state play-offs. Other teams in the league are the Spartans, Wolverines, and the Rockets.

Announcement from the Birmingham league office states that farm team trials and organization will take place. All boys not on a team in the 12-15 age bracket will meet this Saturday, 9 a.m. at the high school field.

**IN SOUTHFIELD** the league opener will also take place on Monday, June 1 with games scheduled at the Southfield high school field. Game time is 5:45 p.m.

The five teams in this league are Optimist Eagles, Canada Life Bears, Southfield Lumber Rams, McBride Tool & Die Co. and the Kiwanis Panthers.

Starting of the season's play will be the Optimist Eagles against the Canada Life Bears. The Southfield Babe Ruth league is also making an effort to establish a four team minor league.

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MULHOLLAND'S champions and their sponsor in the Birmingham ladies' bowling league group together after successfully completing the season's activity. The ladies were awarded a trophy and many congratulations for establishing 84 wins against 48 losses in league play. Members of the Mulholland team who have been together for six years of bowling are, left to right, Mrs. Herma Bick, (captain), Mrs. Rebecca Willis, Charles W. Mulholland (sponsor), Mrs. Avis Wooster, Mrs. Vera McClain and Mrs. Audrey Kemp.

**Cranes Skim By Birmingham, 4-3**

In a local diamond tussle that has always had the interest and following of many fans in the Birmingham area, the neighboring high school squads, Cranbrook and Birmingham, engaged in another tight contest.

The Cranes fought off a sixth inning rally by the Maples batters and went on to win by a one-run margin, 4-3.

Bruce Richards pitched the entire game for Cranbrook, limiting the opposition to three hits and striking out seven.

Big inning for the Cranes was the third, when they pushed three runs across on a series of single and extra base hits.

**JOHN STUBBAKER** led off with a single. Bob Pearson singled and then, George Gary powered a three runner to score two runs. Next up was Chuck Grube who sent Gary home with his single accounting for the third run.

Pete Bradford made the decisive and winning run in the sixth by a single hit, a stolen base and then racing home on Lloyd Adley's squeeze punt.

Birmingham started to roll in the top of the sixth on a combination of hits and Cranes' errors to register their three runs. John Fleeter tagged the only extra base hit for the Maples when he hit a triple.

**Inter College Crew For J. W. Steggall**

John W. Steggall, 2550 Wilson, Bloomfield Township, is a member of the Cranbrook college crew at Yale University. Cranbrook is one of the ten top-class residential colleges at Yale.

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Steggall, a senior this year, was graduated from Cranbrook. At Yale he has been active in Bradford sports, and in several singing groups. He is a member of the Gamma Delta, and is a mechanical engineering major.

**YMCA Softball Play First League Games**

The Birmingham YMCA Men's Softball League got underway last week with four games played and all teams coming again.

In the lead of games, Kingsley beat Michigan Bell Telephone 6 to 1. Michigan Bell out hit Kingsley 7 to 2 but errors in the field permitted Kingsley to score 4 unearned runs. Both Ravine McRide, on the mound for Michigan Bell, and Kunz had six strike outs.

Bob Smith of Kingsley and Russell as they piled up a hit total of 10 hits. John Jones with three singles, a walk and a base on balls had a perfect day at bat for Kingsley. The win gave Kingsley a record of two wins and no losses to date.

The schedule for Thursday, May 31 pits Birmingham National Bank against Kingsley and Russell at St. James field and Kingsley Inn opposes Varsity Shop at Booth Park. Both games are at 6:30 p.m. The public is invited to watch.



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