



RESPONSIBLE for gaining the 1957 Babe Ruth World Series baseball tournament for Michigan are these four men, all leaders in programs of athletics for youth. Left to right, Albert W. Bates, 922 Mohegan, Birmingham, former state director of the Babe Ruth League; Harold Klein, Ann Arbor; Bill Young, Detroit, and H. O. Fritz, Crysler, athletic director, University of Michigan.

Babe Ruth World Series Brought To U of Michigan

For the first time in the history of the Babe Ruth League, the baseball program for junior players embracing 7500 teams in the United States and Canada, the world champion deciding tournament will be held on a university campus.

Recently the national board of the league announced they were awarding the highly coveted tournament to the University of Michigan being the first time the junior classic is being played at a college campus. It will mark the initial appearance in the Midwest.

Among the many individuals instrumental in bringing the World Series to Michigan is a Birmingham man, Al Bates, well known to local sports fans for his various and active roles in both Little League Baseball and the Babe Ruth program.

BATES HAS been working on a Michigan bid for the last two years and was able to win the designation by presenting the advantages of the U. M. site and the sports' enthusiasm of the metropolitan Detroit area, Fritz Crysler, representing the University of Michigan made available the school's athletic plant and dormitory facilities to house the young diamond stars.

The eight day tournament (August 17-25) will bring together the outstanding teams in the nation to battle for the Babe Ruth crown. The one game knockout pits the best teams from the eight qualifying regions. Last year Portland, Oregon was the location of the tourney.

Recreation Round-Up

Adult Recreation Night, Tues. Dec. 4, Thurs., Dec. 6 Birmingham High School Gym. 7 to 10 p.m. for adults 18 and over.

Swimming, Swimming for elementary age children from 9-12 a.m. at Barnum Pool, Saturdays. Registration for 2nd session December 3-December 21.

Therapeutic swimming, 6 to 7:00 p.m. at Barnum Pool, Thurs. evenings. Doctor's certificate required.

Sled and ski slopes, located at 14 Mile and Cranbrook across from high school.

Artificial Rink, Located at Eton & Lincoln Roads. Revised Final Schedule.

Natural ice rinks, Located at Poppleton, Quanton School, Pembroke Park, and St. James Park. These rinks will be flooded about the 21st of December.

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Barons Open Cage Season

A core of five lettermen, all regulars last year, will lead Bloomfield Hill's basketball team into the first conference play in the school's history this season.

Coach John Trost will probably stick with last year's combination, from which only one regular player was lost. Seniors Dave Drury, Randy Barrett, and Bill Stouffer will lead the way along with juniors Chuck Meszy and Dick Sloan. Stouffer may be sidelined for a while with a football injury.

Drury, a six-footer, is the team's best set shot and probable scoring leader. Last year, he lost the team scoring honors in the last game by going scoreless. Versatile Randy Barrett, another six-footer, will switch to the pivot spot this season. Barrett played guard and forward last year. Sloan is the tallest man on the squad at six-one. Both Sloan and Barrett are good rebounders.

Jan. 21—Huron Valley
Feb. 1—Fraser
Feb. 8—Smith
Feb. 12—Oak Park
Feb. 15—Harper Woods
Feb. 18—W. Bloomfield
Feb. 22—Country Day
March 1—St. Frederick*



JOHN TROST, head hoop coach for the Barons, has a veteran squad back.

Coed in the Swim

Janet Webb of Birmingham will be one of the coeds participating in the Catalina club swim show at Eastern Michigan college, November 30-December 1.

"Great Books" is the theme of the show, to be held in the college pool.

2nd Swim Session At Barnum Pool

Registrations for the second Recreation Department instructional swimming session will begin 8 a.m., on December 3, and will continue until December 21. The classes will start Saturday, January 5, 1957.

To qualify, you must live in the Birmingham school district with your children in elementary or junior high. They must measure 45-in. from the chin to floor in order to stand in the shallow end of the pool.

There is room in the six classes for 240 children. Registration fee is \$2.00 for the 10 Saturday sessions. Classes commence at 9 a.m. and go through 12 noon.

Little Football Season Ends With Big Banquet

Even after playing their last game and turning in their equipment, the Birmingham Little Football League didn't officially end their year until the entire league—players, coaches and officials—gathered together for season finale, a banquet.

The league hosted 180 boys, members of the three Birmingham units, varsity and freshman, to a dinner and football evening at Devon Gables a week ago. This ended the most successful year in the brief history of the organization and pointed to the future expansion of junior football activity in the community.

THIS YEAR because of the large number of boys participating in the league, the dinner had to be restricted to only the players. Last year the proud parents had been included in the festivities.

Introducing the program was Mel B. Lindquist, president of the league, who declared, "the boys would still be there, talking and asking questions about the game if we let them." Much of the credit for this enthusiastic response goes to the well planned program and guest speakers, Sonny Gondee and Stan Campbell of the Detroit Lions.

In addition to showing a Lion movie, the two pro players answered a lot of great many questions concerning all phases of the game.

OTHER SPEAKERS at the banquet were: Carl Lemle, football coach at Birmingham high school; Al Bates, director and several league officials; Harold Gasser, director and treasurer and Dick Sauerbrun, general manager.

Also introduced to the boys were the following coaches: Unit I—Same Henderson, Howard Buck, Dick Kieppe, Don Horvonen, Jim Lansing, Fred Ristick; Unit II—Dick Jamigan, Gene Hannum, Harold Kritz, Ray Cragin, Maurice Stern; Unit III—Joe Anderson, Walter Perkins, Al Schumm.

Leading some spirited cheering were 15 little cheer leaders coached by Mrs. C. B. Quilan and Mrs. H. C. Woolson, who had given the teams energetic support throughout the season.

As a conclusion to the good fellowship affair, certificates of participation and sportsmanship, as well as, team photographs were presented to each boy.



Beginners' Luck Runners In Family

Successful deer hunting is not always the result of long years of experience, as was proven conclusively by two Bloomfield brothers, Dale Stanton, 14, and David, 15. Each bagged a buck on his first stalking venture while hunting in Insko County near Long Lake.

While failing to match their sons' prowess with a rifle, Mr. and Mrs. David Stanton of 5629 Orchard Bend nevertheless got quite a kick out of taking lessons from the two beginners.

DALE'S BUCK, a seven-pointer, was brought down only an hour after the boys started out on Thursday. Dave missed it first, but Dale finally managed to nail it on the second shot, using a 32 special Winchester.

Dave found the range Sunday with his dad's 30.06 Weatherby, to nail a six-point buck.

Hunter Shot Outside Car

Carl T. Naumann, 44, 183 Poppleton, was shot in the thigh while hunting a coon in a lion, Harvey Lodge of Northville, accidentally discharged his rifle while unloading.

The mishap occurred on Neeshish Island in the St. Marys river. Naumann is in fair condition at War Memorial hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

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