

Catch Kingfish, Hammerheads, And Barracuda

Peeling vacationers from the salty Gulf are returning home with fish stories that should provide attentive ears over tables and cocktail bars for a long time to come.

Take the Joseph Kollys, for example. They motored down the east coast of Florida and then back up the west coast. In the Keys they spent two thrilling days deep-sea fishing for kingfish. At one time they snagged a shark but it snapped the line before they were able to haul it on board.

Again, a member of the party was reeling in a large kingfish when a barracuda struck, shearing the "catch" in half. When the voracious pike turned and struck again it became hooked and put on a 20-minute fight before being hauled on deck. Mrs. Kolly landed the prize kingfish—a 20-pounder.

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Ross of Yarmouth road had an equally rewarding fishing trip in the vicinity of Ft. Pierce, Fla. While Dr. Ross was busy

catching the fish for the dinner table, primarily the delightful dolphin, Mrs. Ross was creating current blisters over sailfish and sharks. After a 30-minute fight, she landed a 7-foot sailfish, then released it to provide sport for the next angler. (Mrs. Ross has a citation and pin from the Stuart Sailfish club for releasing the catch).

The most excitement was caused by a fish that Mrs. Ross fought for an hour and five minutes that turned out to be a 10-foot hammerhead shark. Dr. Ross gaffed the sea-monster by the side of the boat but Mrs. Ross wouldn't let him haul it on board. Ross estimated that it must have weighed 225 pounds.

Nine Strikes in Row Sets New Woman's Mark at Bloomfield

The highest woman's score ever posted at Bloomfield Lanes, a sizzling 270, was bowled by Mrs. S. Del Knoblock 8 Shadow lane, Bloomfield Hills, March 28. She accomplished the feat by sandwiching nine consecutive strikes between first and tenth frame spares. With one strike in the tenth frame, Mrs. Del Knoblock, who had a 168 average with the Oakland Hills country club women's league, left the ten pin standing with her second ball and converted the spare to set the woman's record at the Bloomfield alley.

Mrs. Del Knoblock topped by 23 pins in the high score of 256, set by Mildred Poland of Birmingham, Joe Paulus, owner of Bloomfield Lanes, said.

Allredge Makes All-Conference Second Squad

Met Allredge, Southfield high scorer on the basketball courts last season, made the second squad on the all-conference basketball team of the Inter-Lake league. Bob Shall, also of Southfield, received an honorable mention. Allredge scored 30 points against Bentley in the Jays fifth game. He had a high water mark in individual scoring for the area at that time.

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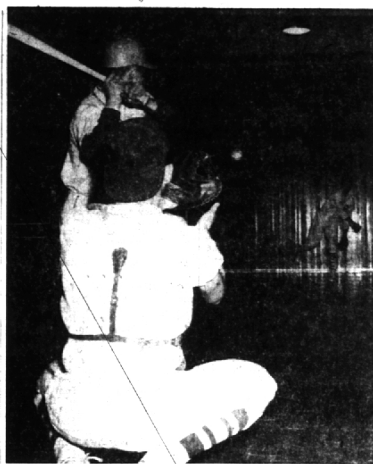
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HOLY NAME MEN

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JOHN LESLIE, Bloomfield Hills pitcher, throws a strike into the mitt of catcher Chuck Mezey when rains weather forced the Barons crew indoors recently. The batter, Mark Sherman, is wearing the compulsory plastic cap that will make widespread debut on prep diamonds in Michigan this Spring.

Church Team Wins Title, 60-58 in Overtime Play

First Presbyterian church proved to be true regulation season champions when they came from behind to defeat St. James Episcopal church 60-58 in the finals of the play-off series. First Presbyterian trailed 6-4 at the end of four minutes of play but moved in front on baskets by Steve Hunter and Bob Proctor to lead 14-10 at the quarter.

Honor Richie, Cook at Dinner

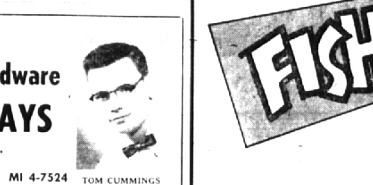
A high scoring third quarter showed each team some of the fast break to good advantage as they both connected on a large percentage of the half time intermission.

THE SCORE at the end of this period was 40-27 in favor of the champions. A nip and tuck fourth quarter saw each team trading baskets with Art Chandler dropping in the tying points for St. James to knot the score at 52 points each at the end of the regulation time.

In the three-minute intermission, Mike Todd sank a lay-up shot in the final seconds of play to give Protestants the win and the trophy. Clutch shots appeared from all corners in the closing minutes and all ten players played brilliantly.

Thursday night, April 1 at the First Presbyterian Church the annual Awards Night Banquet will be held. Two trophies will be presented the First Presbyterian Church and the consolation "Tin Can" emblem for lower half winner will go to the First Methodist church who last week defeated Lutheran Church of the Redeemer 33-19.

Oliver Spencer of the Detroit Lions is scheduled to speak and a colored sports film of fishing will round out the program.



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New Ruth Team May Pose National Threat

The approach of baseball season this year is causing more than the usual amount of excitement in Birmingham Babe Ruth League circles.

Segal Breaks Meet, School Pole Vault Records at Relays

Maple trackmen participated in the Barons relay at Eastern Michigan college at Ypsilanti last Saturday night.

The boys made a good showing placing in most of the events. Tom Segal broke the school and meet records in the pole vault with a 12 ft. 6 1/2 in. vault for first. The two mile relay team of Dick Boyd, Gary Schack, Phil Ingraham and Lynn Benn also took a first place.

Seconds were taken by the 880 yard relay team of Pat Bean, Jim MacDonald, Tony Evangelista and Chuck Nicholson and by the mile relay team with Steve Hunter, Pat Berry and Steve Pow. Bob Stephenson took a second place in the high jump and Pat Berry fourth in the 60 yard dash.

The class A entries consisted of 21 teams. Although team scores were not counted, Birmingham unofficially won the meet with 56 points, one ahead of Flint North.

Maple Ball Squad Getting in Shape

Birmingham's 1957 baseball team will soon be selected from 40 candidates, including nine letter winners from last year. A call is issued last week for pitchers, catchers, and tryouts for the battery included Larry Hower, Tom Estes, Chuck Dickson, John Dixon, Bill Muenchinger, Ron Corbin, Ed Jones, Bob Lovell and John Holliday.

Infielders who also responded to first practice call included Tom Kelly, Bob Ishell, Larry Kelly, Jim Maurer, Bruce Eckert, Phil Russell, Armand Loetter, Len Willis and Tom Leupen. Outfielders were Ed Bush, George Miller, Tom Rutz, Tom Sevely and Bob Woods.

Orlich Named to Rules Committee

Warren Orlich, Tom O'Shanter, president of the Mahajan section and the rules chairman for the national P.E.A. (Professional Educators' Association of America) has been appointed to serve on the rules committee for the masters' tournament at Augusta, Georgia, April 2-4.

The opening Pro-Am of the season will be held at Tam O'Shanter May 6. Tam had the high Pro-Am entry for 1956 with 146 entries.

Designate June 3-8 "Little League Week"

The Birmingham city commission Monday designated the week of June 3-8 as "Little League Baseball Week" in the city of Birmingham.

The Little League Moms Club granted the permission to hold a day June 8 and cancel the day June 9. The town district to provide financial support for the baseball league.

No one is saying much yet, but league leaders believe that this year Birmingham may produce an all-star team capable of making a real threat for national honors.

Since the program's national world series will be held in Ann Arbor this summer, local supporters would find it easy to follow the team's progress should it win the state championship and move on.

THAT MAY be idle dreaming, but many league officials do not think so.

Last year Birmingham reached the state semifinals on fine, alert play. Eight of 15 boys on that team are back.

The returnees include such outstanding players for their age as Phil Ishell, the league's best pitcher and an all-around star; Jay Madson, a hard-hitting catcher; Bill Muenchinger, another fine pitcher; George Digler, last year's first baseman and second baseman; Roger Barrett, a smooth fielding infielder; Roy Ruddy, a slugging infielder; Tim Springer, a real batting prodigy who made the team last year at 13 and was used as a pinch hitter.

In addition, a lot of boys who were stars in Little League are available to battle for the remaining spots.

One reason for optimism is that the boys who are expected to form the nucleus of the 1957 all-star team have winning backgrounds.

Ishell, Muenchinger, Madson, Ruddy and Springer were members of the 1954 all-star team from Birmingham's American Little League that generally regarded as the best Little League group this city has ever assembled.

It made a shambles of all opposition until it blew a three-run lead and lost to Hamtramck in the district final in overtime. Hamtramck then fought its way to the "Little World Series" in Williamsport, Pa.

THEY, like many of the other boys in the league, have also been outstanding in school sports. Most will not enter the high school until next fall. However, Muenchinger, a tenth grader, is one of the top pitching candidates for Birmingham High's team this spring and Springer is a pitcher on the Shrine squad.

Springer was the star of the National Little League's best all-star team—the one that went to the state playoffs two years ago.

Bill Mosier, a 14-year-old who played with the Spartans last season, has been working at second base on the Cranbrook high school team. Several others who have a year's eligibility left with the Babe Ruth League are candidates for the Birmingham High team.

THE ALL-STAR squad is not selected until near the end of the Babe Ruth season and several new stars may pop up in this year's play.

Right now the Babe Ruth League is preparing for its Spring League's other-athon gathering, at Liberty Junior high school the night of April 2-3 and the first tryouts, April 20. But there is also a lot of speculation about tournament play. One gets the feeling that officials think maybe 1957 will turn out to be THE year.

Colts Open Track Season Tomorrow

Spring sports in the Birmingham area will get off to a running start tomorrow when the Troy track team travels to Thurston—barring rain. The meet, scheduled for this Tuesday was postponed until Friday due to rainy weather.

Thurston, which has already run three indoor meets, will enter the meet as the favorite.

Coach Don Hill is putting his hopes on the abilities of Jack Field, Gary Littleton, Paul DePauw, and Ron Shepard.

The all-away Troy track schedule for the spring semester is:

- April 5—Thurston
10—Fitzgerald
12—Rovellville
16—Cranbrook and Berkley
24—Avondale
27—Mt. Pleasant Central
May 1—Ultra Invitational
4—Albion Invitational
8—Lakeview and Lakeshore Triangular
11—Regionals
15—League Meet at Fitzgerald
18—State Meet at Lansing
24—Thurston Invitational
The baseball season starts April 23 on the Colt diamond against

Madison. The seasons schedule is:
April 23—Madison (H)
25—Roseville (H)
30—Oak Park (A)
May 2—Lake Orion (A)



Gary Littleton

- 17—Clawson (A)
25—Avondale (H)
16—Oak Park (A)
16—Fitzgerald (A)
21—Avondale (A)
21—Clawson (H)
24—Rochester (A)

Franklin Tryouts For Little League

Tryouts for Franklin Little League baseball will be held Saturday, April 20, on the field behind the Franklin Community church, for boys between the ages of 8 and 12.

Last year's players who are still eligible should report at 9:30 a.m. and the new boys at 2:30 p.m. All boys wishing to participate must first register. The season is scheduled to start early in May.

More than 100 boys were on the team last summer, says Tom Tashy, treasurer of the organization, "and we are looking forward to having many more this year. That will mean more money for equipment." Contributions may be sent to him at box 701, Franklin.

Receives Award

A Junior varsity hockey numeral was awarded to Ralph L. Polk III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph L. Polk, Jr., Cranbrook court, Bloomfield Hills, at an annual sports award banquet held in Waterbury, Conn.

Recreation Round-Up

Adult Night: Anyone over 18 who is a resident of Birmingham, in the Birmingham school district.

WHAT: Basketball, volley-ball, golf driving, fencing, ping-pong, badminton, trampolining.

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-10 P.M. April 9th and 11th is the next session.

WHERE: Birmingham high school. HOW: Only charge—25c per person.

Senior Men: Men over 65, or retired men. WHO: Senior men's club, promoted by the Recreation department and the Community house, to afford cultural interests.

WHEN: Every Friday, 10 a.m.—3 P.M. WHERE: Community house. HOW: No fee.

Swimming: WHO: Handicapped individuals. HOW: Therapeutic swimming. WHEN: Thursdays in the evening 6-7 P.M. WHERE: Barnum pool. HOW: A doctor's certificate must be on file at the Recreation office in the Municipal Building. No fee. For further information—call MI 4-1800.

Cancellations: The gyms and pools will be closed during the week of Easter vacation.



CHURNING THE WATER white with the breast stroke is Robert H. Bannard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homes Bannard, 123 Hawthorne road, Birmingham. Robert was recently elected co-captain of the 1957 Hebron Academy swimming team. He and his teammates completed a highly successful season, climaxed by the defeat of Portland high school 42-35 to end a 12-year undefeated intrastate winning streak for the Portland squad.

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