

Babe Ruth Rockets Soar To 1957 League Title

The Rockets are champions of Birmingham's Babe Ruth League again this year. In a playoff for the title, the Rockets defeated the Spartans 8-4 behind the three hit pitching of Tim Springer.

The Spartans took a 3-0 lead in the first inning when Rod Buddy singled home John Walker but the Rockets came back with three runs in the second. A barrage of successive hits by George Didier, Bob Hawkins, Bill Henderson and Jerry Jurica turned the tide.

Rockets three more tallies and this time they kept their lead.

THE SPARTANS WERE the first-half winners with the Rockets finishing second. In the last half the two teams reversed the order.

Final second-half standings are:
 ROCKETS 6 1 857
 SPARTANS 4 2 571
 BARONS 4 3 571
 TITANS 4 4 428
 WOLVERINES 2 5 285
 CHIEFS 2 5 285

B'ham Reveals '57 Fall Cross Country Schedule

Boasting one of the largest cross country squads in the state, Birmingham high school coach Kermit Ambrose sent notice this week to prospective members of the 1957 team to "start work now" to get in condition for the fall sports program, which begins when Birmingham faces Walled Lake in a home distance run Sept. 17.

The 1956 team was probably the best cross country group in the history of Birmingham high. They were undefeated in dual meets, League and Regional camp, third at the Albion College Invitational and fifth in the state meet.

IN THE RELEASE, Ambrose said, "There is every indication that you men will be able to better that record. I can see tremendous potential in your combined efforts."

The cross country schedule states eight dual meets plus the Eastern Michigan League meet, the Albion College Invitation meet, the Regional meet and the State meet.

They were Eastern Michigan League champs all three years, both Varsity and Reserve. And they were sixth in state each of the first two years and fifth last year.

"WE HAVE NEVER lost a contest to an Eastern Michigan League team in the past three years," Ambrose states. "Over 40 boys have signed up at present and there probably will be more. There are no doubt many 'dark horses' that can come on and surprise even the most experienced runners."

The 1957 Birmingham Cross Country Schedule is:
 Sept. 17—Walled Lake (H)
 Sept. 24—Port Huron (H)
 Oct. 1—Hazel Park (A)
 Oct. 1—Ferndale (H)
 Oct. 4—Mt. Clemens (A)
 Oct. 8—East Detroit (H)
 Oct. 11—Royal Oak Dondoro (H)
 Oct. 17—EMI Meet at Mt. Clemens
 Oct. 19—Albion College Invitational
 Oct. 22—Royal Oak Kimball (A)
 Oct. 26—State Regionals
 Nov. 2—State Finals at Ypsilanti

Farm Nat. All-Stars

The following boys are assigned to the Birmingham National League Farm Club's All Star Roster for 1957:

Name	Team
John Brown	Stellers
Bob Carr	Stellers
Joe Carr	Stellers
Bob Carr	Stellers
Jim Eickner	Stellers
Paul Francis	Stellers
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George Smith	Stellers
Tom Schaefer	Stellers
Cliff Schaefer	Stellers
Don Schaefer	Stellers
Larry Anderson	Panthers
Don Schaefer	Hungas
Cliff Williams	Calts
Bob Carr	Redskins
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Irene Munn Wins 18-Hole Event

Birmingham's Springdale Golf course held an 18-hole handicap tournament for women last Thursday.

Irene Munn took first place with a 87 card. Kay Peterson won a sudden-death playoff for second on the first extra hole. She and M. Moriarty were tied with 75.

Other scores were:
 Betty Yoder, 76; Wanda Stewart, 86; 2nd place, 87; 3rd place, 88; 4th place, 89; 5th place, 90; 6th place, 91; 7th place, 92; 8th place, 93; 9th place, 94; 10th place, 95.

B'ham Gridders

Tom Tracy, former Birmingham High school grid star, is one of the top fullback candidates on the Detroit Lions squad this fall.

Individual play ground winners for Pierce are Bob Holmquist, 571 Bird, and for Quarton, John Beckman, 441 North Glenhurst Dr. They will receive albums. Congratulations to all the winners, but more important is that we have another interesting activity to stimulate the incentive of our youngsters.

Activities to continue until Aug. 16 are:
 Swimming at Derby and high school pools
 Tennis at Baldwin school
 Tennis at Eton park
 Teen Center at Eton park—from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.



Recreation Softball Champs

Pembroke Park softball team, with eight wins and no losses in regular season play, were named champions of Birmingham's recreation league play. Members are: (left to right, top row) Jon Hawley, Dale Smith, Roger Choape, Tim Stoughton, Bill Hicks and Coach Earl Steinhart; (second row) Dave Kilbury, Al Johnson, Mickey Phalen, Pete Stoughton and Mike Wilkinson. Absent are Jeff Meyers, Bob Roofner, Tim Twomey and Tim Hirtler.

Gay 90's Romp, Capture YMCA Softball Crown

Gay Nineties Softball team clinched the regular season championship of the Birmingham YMCA Softball league with three impressive victories this past week in the Birmingham Babe Ruth league. This is a repeat for the team that played under the banner of the Birmingham National Bank last year.

IN THE ONLY other game of the week, Kimball and Russell was defeated 10 to 1 by Miner's of Bloomfield Hills as the winners backed John Kunz with 11 hits.

Play-offs a t a r i n g Thursday, August 8 pit Roth and Sons Builders against Miner's on St. James No. 2 diamond while Birmingham All Stars meet Kimball and Russell on St. James No. 1 diamond. Games start at 6:30 p.m. with the losers meeting Monday evening.

FINAL STANDINGS W L
 Gay 90's 10 0
 Roth & Sons Builders 10 6
 All Stars 7 9
 Miner's Stars 7 9
 Kimball & Russell 1 18

Walk Spoils Perfect Game

IN DESPERATION at his inability to hit, a 14-year-old ball player in the Birmingham Babe Ruth league shifted to a left handed batter's stance—and spoiled an opposing pitcher's perfect game.

THE WOLVERINES went down in order until the sixth inning when Dave Harvie, the third baseman, came to bat.

A natural right-hand hitter, Harvie decided to try the other side of the plate "just to worry him a little."

HARVIE WENT TO first—but no further. Springer continued to retire the Wolverines as they came up to gain a no hitter and 12 strikeouts. The Rockets won 12-0.

S'field UTC Plans Bowling Tournament

Southfield Upper Teens Club is getting ready for the opening of a bowling tournament to begin Saturday September 7 and last until April 26.

Each team will be composed of five men and any member of UTC may join the bowling league, as long as his dues are paid.

All-Star Series

FRANKLIN — Two all-star teams of the top players in Franklin's five-team Little League opened a five-game post-season schedule last Saturday morning.

THIRD PLACE went to Robin Baer, also 15, who tied Sue at the end of nine holes with a handicap-corrected 42 for the nine holes.

OTHERS PARTICIPATING in the match were Greg Frontiera, Richard Heaverich, Larry Kelly, Jim McDorlin, Janet Neale, Ross Dault, Alice Fliht, Dale Porter, Barbara Lick, Paul Simmons, Robert Heaverich, Jeff McFurth, Tom O'Connor, Tim Twomey, Grant Moore, Fred Anderson, Fred Hall, Ricky Thornton and Karl Guirock.



Nats Hum New Tune—Bay City Blues

The "Dog Days" have been happy days for the Birmingham Little League Nats, who won a hotly contested 2 to 1 ballgame with Southfield last weekend to become the champions of Michigan District Three playoffs. This week the Nats are rehearsing a new tune to sing to the state semi-final visitors from the Saginaw Bay area—"Bay City Blues," but only figuratively, of course. In the other state semi-final match at Southfield Little League diamond tomorrow Kalamazoo will meet Hamtramck and the survivors of these games will play for the state championship on Saturday.

Rhubarbs, Rhubarbs, But Ump's Word Is Law

Tense and exciting from the start, the Little League championship game Saturday between Birmingham and Southfield literally exploded at the finish.

Birmingham's Pete Sobelton singled and 11-year-old Doug Gipson dashed home with the winning run. The Birmingham players swarmed around their top hero, jumping and shouting with joy.

THE TWO TEAMS battled on even terms for 5-2 1/2 innings until Gipson's fly dropped safely in centerfield to set the stage for Birmingham's 2 to 1 victory.

By that narrow margin, Southfield in its first entry into tournament play missed a chance to enter the four team playoffs for the state championship at their field tomorrow and Saturday.

BY THE SAME MARGIN, Birmingham got the chance to play in the Michigan District Three playoff in which 16 teams had been entered.

EMOTIONS HAD reached such a peak that tournament officials had to take the umpires and managers to the center of the diamond and order everyone else away so that they could have enough quiet to discuss the situation.

CAUSE OF THE uproar was the action of chief umpire George Gary, of Fontaine, who ruled play with one out in the last half of the sixth inning and motioned Gipson to go from second to third. He ruled a balk.

At this point Hall charged from the dugout, a picture of indignation.

SPECTATORS IN the Southfield stands accused Gary of having called time before the pitcher threw the ball.

IN THE PINNACLE cluster, Gary explained his position. The rules, he said, bar a catcher from being in his box before the pitch is thrown.

Planning an intentional pass, the Southfield catcher had stepped to one side before the pitcher threw the ball.

RULE BOOKS WERE produced and studied. A paragraph was found: "A ball shall be called off a pitcher throws the ball when the catcher is not in his box."

THE MILWAUKEE Railroad clerk, 37, walked by one point Tom O'Rourke, 24, a student at University of Detroit, as O'Rourke took a first, second and third place and tied for another first in the grueling 10-mile race.

Lions Go Through Paces

A group of Detroit Lions linemen go through blocking drills at the Lions' summer training camp at Cranbrook institute in Bloomfield Hills.

A Man's World?—Sez Who?

Who says it's a man's world? That's the question Tom Birmingham gals posed by coming out first and second in the annual Junior Handicap Golf tournament sponsored by the Birmingham recreation department at Springdale golf course Monday.

Rides French Bike To Win State Title For Eighth Time

Flashing around Chandler Park one-mile track on his French-made Urugo, Clair W. Young, 539 Smith street, Birmingham, pulled a repeat performance for the 15th year in a row when he qualified July 14 for the national bicycling races to be held this year on August 17-18 at Kenosha, Wisconsin.

He won the one and two mile races, placed second in the 10-mile event, and took third in the 10-mile event, racking up a total of 22 points, enough to win the Michigan State Bicycling championship for the eighth time since 1946.

HOWEVER, ANY APPEAL on Simmons' ruling could be taken only with the state tournament director, in this case Siry Abel, president of the Southfield Little League.

SIMMONS WENT to the public address system and announced the decision: the umpire had been acting in accordance with the