

These Three... Await... This Pitch

Terry Hayden, batting for the Orioles of the Birmingham Federal Little League; Mike Halpin, All-Star catcher for the White Sox in that league—and umpire Don Parry each are concerned about one thing: the pitch of

White Sox hurler Jim Whitney at right. The scene took place in the 15 to 14 slugfest. The White Sox won in extra innings to restrain a slim hold on the Federal League first place berth.

Little League All Stars Prepared for Kickoff Games

By BOB WEBB
The bewitching hour is near when area little league all-star teams will have a chance to pit their pitchers and batters against one another in area and district eliminations leading to the state tournament.

Winnings of the two games will meet at Eton Saturday at 1 p.m. to determine the Birmingham district champion.
SOUTHFIELD AREA champions will be determined at the Southfield Community field. At 3 p.m. Friday, July 26, the Southfield Americans will lock horns with Lathrup Village All-Stars. At 5:30 p.m. the Southfield Nationals will play the Farmington All-Stars.

CHUCK WILLIAMS, Pirates' manager, will pilot the National League team in tournament play. The Pirates were first-half champions and leaders of the National League second-half with a 5-1 record.
Dave Kitterman of the Cubs was named an honorary member of the All-Star squad in view of his first-half performance before moving from Birmingham.

managed by Lyle Froberg and coached by Ed Mosher and Jim Conlan, boasts five members of the unbeaten Indians team in its ranks. They are looking forward to a repeat and possible improvement of their good showing of last year. Behind the pitching of Dick Mosher and Bob Heavrich, they may accomplish it.
Just how well they can do against the topflight pitching of possible Federal starter Larry Huffman remains to be seen.

ports from that area. Fenton is a town that takes its community spirit seriously, loves to participate in parades and boost activities like the Little League.
Following are the Birmingham League All-Stars. The Southfield group was published last week.

- B'HAM FEDERAL ALL-STARS
Marvin Carlson, Orioles
Demitt Clark, Orioles
Bill Cooney, Orioles
Bob Crutcher, Senators
Mike Davis, White Sox
Mike Glass, Senators
Mike Halpin, White Sox
Larry Huffman, Senators
Skipper Lindberg, White Sox
Tim Kraft, Senators
Bobby Kettler, White Sox
Rick Miller, Athletics
Bob Rethlers, White Sox
John Thornton, Orioles
Altemose
Jim Kokonec, Orioles

- Felix Mock, White Sox
Chuck Mosher, Orioles
John Rully, Senators
Ed Troutman, Athletics
B'HAM NATIONAL ALL-STARS
Jeff McPartlin, Giants
Chuck Chadwick, Giants
Robert Nichols, Giants
Fred Adams, Cubs
Tom Gray, Braves
Pete Solomon, Braves
Ken Post, Braves
Doug Gibson, Pirates
George Matthews, Pirates
Bob Hubbard, Pirates
Dick Laska, Pirates
Mike Lindquist, Pirates
John Hestwood, Pirates
Altemose
Max Walters, Cubs
John Fleming, Pirates
Don Alcorn, Pirates
Farm Club All-Star teams will be selected soon by various Birmingham managers and the rosters and play-off dates will be announced at that time.

Hebert Wins, Wally Makes PGA Semi's



WALLY BURKEMO
One Hebert Too Many

By BOB WEBB
Wally Burkemo, regarded by fellow professionals as one of the finest match-play golfers in America, survived a wave of upsets to bull his way into the PGA golf championship semi-finals last week at Miami Valley Golf Club in Dayton, Ohio.

BURKEMO, who won the grueling test at Birmingham in 1953, has hit the finals in the event three times in twice as many years. His record of having won 22 of 31 matches in seven years of Professional Golfers' Association championship competition, an .807 average, is surpassed only by the great Walter Hagen, who had an .816 average on 40 victories in 35 matches.

At Watus, veteran Oakland Hills pro, and the oldest man in the PGA field, was defeated 4-3 by Sam Snead in the second round of the tournament.
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BURKEMO HELD a two-up lead over Lionel after the first nine, and one-up after 18, but in the 27-degree heat, he missed three short putts less than five feet each in the afternoon to lose to Hebert 3 and 1.

Experience Pays Off as Mrs. Weiss Wins Fifth State Amateur Crown



MRS. DON WEISS
Five-Time Winner

Mrs. Don Weiss of Flint proudly Friday that experience can be a valuable asset as she finally stopped the 29-year-old upsetter of the tournament, Miss M. A. R. Watkins of Grosse Pointe, 9 and 8, in a 36-hole final at Orchard Lake country club.

IN COMMAND from the start, Mrs. Weiss won the first two holes, was two up at nine, five up at 18 and 12K to get even.
Mrs. Watkins, a jovial lover somewhat surprised to find herself in the finals, admitted to the best golf of her life when she handed Sally Carson a 2-and-2 back in the quarter-final round.

RESULTS in other final matches were:
CHAMPIONSHIP CONSOLATION
Mrs. Bruce Hiltner, WMGA, defeated Helen Grinnell, DGC, one-up.

ALL AREA TEAMS faded out of the tournament by the end of the third round. Birmingham Babe Ruth team, last year's defending champs, 3-1, in the opening game. Southfield lost to Grosse Pointe in the quarterfinal playoffs, 2-0, although Southfield's pitcher, Barry Odum, accomplished a no-hitter. Walled Lake dropped a third round game to the N'west American team after walloping Escanaba in the opener, 17-1. The upper Michigan team was last year's runner-up.

FOR NORTHWEST Detroit Ron Theisen, 15, pitched three games, striking out 11 and allowing four hits against Huron Valley, striking out eight and allowing three hits against Lincoln Park, and striking out 11 and allowing six hits for Benton Harbor in accomplishing the victories.

IN THE OTHER morning semi-final match, Stillwell and Ahern defeated Sam Sanson, of Birmingham, and Floyd Burdette of Oakland Hills, one up.

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Northwest Detroit Wins State Title In Babe Ruth Tilt



MARGIE WATKINS
Jovial Runner-up

Lions Converge on Cranbrook

By BOB WEBB
Nick Kerbawy, the Detroit Lions general manager, put his hands on his hips and took a deep breath of fresh country air at the rolling Cranbrook grounds where Lions begin preliminary season activity today.

He glanced across the practice field at a grove of oaks and pines which followed a gentle hillside down to a point where the trees made a neat encirclement of the field.

THE THREE VETERANS reporting today are fullback John Henry Johnson, center Perry Reichow and halfback Dick Kercher.

Remainder of the Lions veterans, including Birmingham's own Tom Tracy, are due in camp Monday afternoon, with the first complete team workout slated for Tuesday.

Tracy is a holdover at fullback and will get his first real chance during 1957 pre-season games. The former Birmingham High and Tennessee star joined the Lions in mid-season last year and saw only limited action.

GENERAL MANAGER Kerbawy and President Edwin J. Anderson selected Cranbrook after they screened 23 prospective sites from Michigan, Minnesota and even as far away as the Pacific Coast.

COACH Buddy Parker feels his club is improved over the 1956 edition and optimistically believes that if the team can avoid crippling injuries, it will have a good chance to regain the title it held for the three consecutive years 1952 through 1954.

Gay 90's Retains 'Y' Softball Lead

Gay 90's racked up their eighth victory against their one defeat to lead the Birmingham YMCA league by a comfortable margin. Dick Hayes pitched a three-hit game as the 90's scored seven runs against their opponent's three. Jim Sheehan, with three hits in four trips to the plate, led both sides in hitting.

ROTH AND SONS Builders broke its three-game losing streak with a 7-4 win over Miner's Recreation as Connie Adams struck out seven for the victors.

ADAMS held Birmingham All-Stars to no hits in seven innings as Roth and Sons and the All-Stars battled to a 1-0 win.

BUD KELLE singled Dwight Allen home in the first inning for Roth and Sons.

HETZKE and POTTER Take OLCC Tennis
Winners of the Orchard Lake country club invitational men's doubles tennis tournament on Sunday were Al Hetzke and Dick Potter, both former Big 10 doubles champions.

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Pair of Aces at Forest Lake

Two holes-in-one were shot at Forest Lake Country Club last week, one on the difficult uphill number 17, a 215-yard shot from the tee.

A. William Tilder of Farmington got that one, using a three wood to drive over the sloping fairway and onto the green.

"I KNEW IT WAS up there close," he said over the telephone, "because it fell just short of the green and started rolling toward the pin. Dave Calhoun, Clarence Gay and I were really surprised to find the ball in the cup. The hole is an awfully hard par three."

Tilder got a hole-in-one last year on the same course when he poked in a 135-yard shot on the 4th hole, which has since been converted into a number 10.

THE OTHER hole-in-one this week was made by William Egenberger, 1575 Birchwood, Birmingham, on number 10 hole, now 145 yards.

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Tom "Travelin' Man" Tracy
Travelin' Tom—Tracy, that is—will be pouring on the steam again when the 1957 Detroit Lions season gets underway this fall. The speedy fullback reports next week to Cranbrook with other Detroit Lion regulars and is scheduled to get his first real chance during the pre-season games. The former Tennessee star joined the Lions in mid-season last year and saw only limited action.

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