

Doug Ford Wins Western Open, Watrous Takes World Senior Crown

Oakland Pro Beats J. Burton

Forty years ago Al Watrous, a freckled-faced youngster fresh out of the Navy, came into town with a song in his heart and a deadly putter in his golf bag.

Today, the 68-year-old pro of Oakland Hills Country club is still at it. Last Friday he beat John Burton of Britain 8 and 6 at Glasgow to capture the International Seniors Golf championship.

Takes Bayer On 3rd Hole Playoff At Plum Hollow

"Ford has had it," one of the pros was saying after Ford double bogied the first hole and bogied the third at Plum Hollow Sunday during the 1957 Western Open Golf tournament.

When he returned to the same holes later in the day in a sudden-death playoff, he had the fortune to be better.

FACING GENE LITTLE, Billy Maxwell and Big George Bayer in the playoff, Ford parted company with the first two when they collected bogie-5s on the first hole. Then he proceeded to underhook Bayer on the third hole when Bayer missed a vital 15-foot putt for a par.

Bayer is the outstanding "name" player in the game today who never has won a tournament. And nobody in golf can hit longer balls.

AT TIMES it was a struggle. When he signed with Highland Country Club as a pro in 1923 for \$250 a month, he lacked train fare back to Royal Oak. A friendly golfer advanced the needed passage and since then Watrous has never been broke.

HE HAD IT all wrapped up, then blew a three-stroke lead with three holes left and eventually ended up in a playoff in which he took a third place, with Fitchick winning.

PATIO PATTERN

My dear! Have you seen the cute little patio at McCLELLAND-BALL CO.? . . it is the MOST . . . even though they don't serve cool beverages (they say they are too busy and, anyway, their superb coffee maker . . . that sublime PERSON . . . has gone to Brazil to teach the natives how to brew their own beans) but the comfortable REDWOOD CAPTAIN'S CHAIRS and languorous CHAISE LONGUE will send you, if the unusual and handsome WROUGHT IRON BENCH and foreman of the area doesn't, as you sit in them while they graciously weigh out 2 lbs. of rabbit pellets for 16 cents. What I mean is, they are SO GOOD to you it's a shame we take such advantage of them. But of course while you sit there waiting, your eyes, if you are at all curious, rove around the exterior of the patio (which is the warehouse) and light on such fascinating objects as the perfectly beautiful POTTERY imported from Italy (not a few of which are unbroken) and BIG BOY GRILLS sitting serenely on vari-colored PATIO BLOCKS running right up to those beautiful, inexpensive, extensible, white REDWOOD FENCES which in turn are enhanced by those cute in-ex—(see above) ARBORS on which your climbing roses would make a better display than your husband's rose and which provide a lovely entrance over the multi-colored 8" x 16" PATIO BLOCKS (gray, green, peach, lemon, red) to the area devoted to the guy with the CHEF'S CAP & APRON standing over the sizzling steak sizzling (excuse please) on the BIG BOY GRILL (adjustable up as well as down) from which the COVER has been removed and into which the BAR-B-SORB has been placed before putting on the CHARCOAL or BRIQUETTES and lighted with non-explosive GRILLITE and who is about to turn over the slab with the non-piercing TONGS before yelling frantically to his frau . . . "Bring the sauce, ring the GONG, set the TABLE, where's the-the-are you ready 'cause I, that is, the steak is, unless you want it well done."

And with that everyone subsides into a comfortable CAPTAIN'S CHAIR and tries to be polite while carving the charcoal chunks on their plates and exclaim to their hostess as they leave, "That was the most wonderful salad and the roquefort dressing was superb and my dear, WHERE did you get that divine SALAD BOWL?" And the host shrieked, "AT . . . McCLELLAND-BALL CO. . . Where do you suppose!?"

And then he screamed again . . . a frustrated sort of scream . . . "Do you know what those inkers are going to do? No? Well I'll tell you!

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JIM GANZ and Wally Lacky at Western Open; it was wet.

DOUG FINSTERWALD, left, watches Doug Ford putt on number 9 green during the \$25,000 Western Open match at Plum Hollow golf club Sunday. Ford's putt missed, but it didn't keep him from tying at 279 with Bayer, Littler and Max-

Indians Still Unscalped at Mid-Season

The Birmingham American Little League Indians finished the first half of the season undefeated by downing the Yanks 8-3.

Although outhit by the Yanks, the league leaders took advantage of wildness on the part of Yank pitchers to give 10-year-old hurler Jim Horner the victory.

In a well-played game, the tail-end Tigers put up a good fight before losing to the Red Sox 4-2.

THE SECOND HALF of the season began Wednesday and the Indians made it 10 in a row by walloping the Tigers 10-3.

Ten-year-old Kenny Savage's perfect 3 for 3 record at the plate plus Peter Hutton's three hits enabled 11-year-old Dick Mosher to notch his fourth consecutive victory without a defeat.

THE YANKS got off to a good start by overcoming the Red Sox 5-4 behind the excellent pitching of Donald Fouracre.

The American League standings are:

Team	W	L	T
Indians	10	0	0
Yanks	1	0	0
Tigers	1	0	0
Red Sox	0	1	0

Barons, Rocketts Tied for Second in BR First Half

Any boys' baseball team that is having rough going this season can gain inspiration from the play of the Barons in Birmingham's Babe Ruth league.

The League doorman in 1956, the

THE FOUNDERS that are to be honored are Don Chaffee, Ed Dear, Ed Leavenworth, Hugh Loveland, Jim O'Connor and Max Hower.

Certificates of appreciation will be given them at the ceremonies.

At the time they started a program for 13 to 15-year-old boys, there was no national organization.

THE 1957 ALL-STAR team will also be named at the ceremonies. This group will participate in the tournament at the end of the month.

The Barons and Spartans will play at 10 a.m. on the Fourth and the Wolverines and Rocketts will meet at 1 p.m.

"We've been a pretty good defensive team," he says. "The boys aren't hitting too well but they have been hitting when we needed hits. We still haven't strong pitching, but we've been getting by."

TOM BURGUM, a stocky 15-year-old, saved his best performance on the mound for the crucial game with the Rocketts. He allowed only three hits and fanned nine. Sandy Barr stole home for the first Baron run and Gary Van Gieson singled home Phil Isbell with the other.

BARONS DOMINATE the league in one way. They have the tallest players. Bob Barrett and Chuck Angel, who alternate at first base, are both 6-3. Phil Isbell, an outfielder, is 6-2.

Here is the way the league ended up in the first half.

Team	W	L	P.P.
Spartans	7	1	.875
Rocketts	6	2	.750
Barons	6	2	.750
Chiefs	1	7	.125
Titans	1	7	.125

WHAT HAS caused the Barons to be more firm in future games, and for boys and managers to refrain from riding opposing players and umpires.

IN PARTICULAR, certain practices of unnecessary body contact by players running bases, unusual by hard directives from managers to ballplayers that might place greater emphasis upon winning the game than upon good sportsmanship, have been pointed out as unfattering to the whole purpose of the Babe Ruth program.

The board has requested the umpires to be more firm in future games, and for boys and managers to refrain from riding opposing players and umpires.

THE BIRMINGHAM Babe Ruth League board of directors has served notice on umpires, players and managers in a recent bulletin that it is definitely opposed to practices of unnecessary roughness exhibited by certain ballplayers within the league.

The bulletin stated, "It shouldn't be necessary to mention that Babe Ruth League directors are not only completely opposed to these practices but insist upon their discontinuance at once."

OTHER PLAYERS showing exceptional talent are Dave Newsom, Eagle pitcher; Bob Filar, Colt pitcher; and Dave Boyd, Bears third baseman.

Games will continue to be played Monday-Friday 8-9 at Southfield high school through July 19.

Babe Ruth Umpires Urged to Get Tough On "Poor Sports"

BILL MOSHER: One good reason why the Spartans won the first-half crown. Pitcher Bill Muenchinger is another.

Barons came roaring back this year to earn a 6-2 record and a tie for second place in the first half.

THEIR MOST impressive victory was last week's 2-0 win over the Rocketts in which they upset Tim Springer who had been considered the league's best pitcher.

The Rocketts' defeat gave the Spartans the first half championship with a 7-1 record. They had been in a first-place tie with the Rocketts.

The final games, a 13-7 Baron win over the Chiefs, and a 10-shutout of the Wolverines by the Spartans, failed to change the standings.

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It Rained Low Scores for JCs

And Now for State: Slightly wet but happy are the four golfers who came in low in the recent Jay-Cee sectional qualifier tournament at Birmingham country club. From left to right are Joe Brisson, who shot 34-38-72; Tom Grace, 39-35-74; Pete Green, 38-34-72, and Bud Badger, 37-38-75. The four will be Birmingham's team entry in the Jay-Cee State tournament at Grand Rapids July 8 and 9. If any should wind up in the top four there, as Badger did last year, they would continue on to the nationals on Ohio State university campus, August 19 through 24. Michigan will be national defending champs in the team category.

Pick All-Stars, Honor Founders At July 4 Game

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Spartans Blank Wolverines 12-0

FOUL BALL! cries umpire Holland Hallquist of Pontiac, as Tom Kershner of the Chiefs pops one over the screen in a recent game between the Spartans and the Chiefs. Spartan catcher is Jay Madonna, who later homered to help his team win 11-2.

Kasco Special Wins Hooligan at RO Track

GARY KASCO in his Kasco Special here crosses the finish line in first place in a Hooligan event recently at Royal Oak Wolverine 1/4-Midget Track. Gary, 13, and his brother Kenneth, 7, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kasco, 3793 Lincoln Drive, Bloomfield township. The boys will drive their 1/4-midgets next in the Fourth of July Trophy race at the Van Dyke Drive-In theater. Competing in the same races that day will be Michael and Lindsay Ann Cotter, children of Murray A. Cotter, 16926 Locherie, Southfield township.

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