

Indians Tops in Southfield Little League, Pirates Average .373 in Birmingham Play

Pirates Batting 373 in B'ham LL

Chuck Williams' Pirates with a team batting average of .373 who line-up includes six hitters who are hitting .400 or better, are undefeated after three games in the first week's play of Birmingham's National League race. Led by Ransy Matthews who has a home run, two triples, a double and a single in seven at bats for the Pirates, the firsts have defeated the Giants, 4-3; the Braves, 3-1; and the Cubs, 7-5.

JOHN FLEMING at 400, John Hoagland and Hunter Hopwood at 425 and Mike Lindquist and Doug Gipson at 500 are the leading hitters. These players have accumulated 14 runs in the team's 25 hits in three games. Matthews has yielded only two hits and four walks in seven innings of pitching, while striking out 13. Dick Laula has struck out 15 right-handed batters. He has allowed six hits and six walks.

Bob Hubbard permitted one hit and struck out three in his game-winning stint. Matthews and Laula also have victory apsees.

BILL PATTON homered for the Giants and Jamie Cook struck out in a losing cause when the Cubs beat the Giants, 8-3.

Jim Henderson of the Braves honored opening day against the Cubs, as the Braves won, 11-5.

400 Horses Entered in B'field Open

More than 400 horses have been entered in Michigan's largest horse show, the Detroit Horse show which will open Tuesday, June 25, at the Bloomfield Open Hunt club, and run through June 29.

"The 40th anniversary event will be the best in the Club's history," said the chairman, H. D. Duffy. He declared that entries indicate that a new record of excellence will be set.

The Detroit show is the largest of its kind in the state and this year will draw participants from Va., N. Y., Mo., Ill., Ohio, Ind., Md., Pa. and Canada.

The six-day event will give spectators the opportunity to see horses work in 91 classes in nine divisions of hunters, jumpers, and western as well as in Equestrian Teams and Dressage Events. Ten thousand dollars in prizes will be awarded as well as ribbons and trophies.

Duffy pointed out that the show is open to the public.

Sportsweek

Date	Team	Time
June 13	Sparks vs Titans	5:00 pm
14	Titans vs Braves	5:00 pm
15	Wolverines vs Braves	5:00 pm
16	Braves vs Titans	5:00 pm
17	Braves vs Sparks	5:00 pm
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Little Leaguers Today—Big Leaguers Tomorrow

By BOB WEBB

At one little league game this week the last batter stepped up to the plate with two out and bases loaded in the last inning of a game his team was losing by two runs. A good hit could have tied the game and a triple could have won it. It was a tense moment.

"THE BATTER" rubbed his palms in a distasteful manner. He glanced down at third where his teammate was perched in his Major League uniform.

A note of determination crossed the batter's face when he took a wildiff glance at the newly constructed honorarium fences in the outfield.

"THE PITCHER" was flushed and visibly unnerved for having walked two men in succession and he knew that any further walk would serve a run.

Everyone was quiet as the pitcher raised his arm and threw with a couple of balls. The wolverines had even stopped razing the umpire.

"BUT TO MAKE a long story short, our little leaguer, like the major leaguer, had a moment with a swing that, had it connected, would have had the team manager wonder if the fence should not be moved back another hundred feet.

The infield rushed to the winning pitcher, threw their arms around him, bent him on the chin, pushed him to the ground and at the plate the batter's chin sunk down on his chest, tears blurred his eyes and he began praying about in the infield.

"THE WHO" POINT of the episode is simply that something is happening in these pint-sized leagues that parents and neighboring communities might best be watching.

From the minute the boys don their Major League uniforms, they become important in their own right . . . and they become the number one attraction.

Undoubtedly the youngster who felt he betrayed his team so miserably will have many more happy moments than sad ones in baseball games to come.

"THE HOME-RUN" fences were a great morale booster for the youngsters who will be official fence outs which are being planned by the Little League management.

Spartans Setting Babe Ruth Pace

Some timely hitting by Frank Tatomir and Duane Dunham and fine all around play by the Spartans nudged the Birmingham Babe Ruth League last week as the Spartans took the lead with three wins and no losses.

Tatomir, a 15-year-old infielder, blazed a home run to give the Barons a 5-4 victory over the Titans in extra innings. Dunham, also 15, the baseman for the Titans, ended an overtime contest between his team and the Wolverines by striking home shortstop Greg Frontiera in the eighth for an 8 to 7 win.

THE WOLVERINES, after trailing 6 to 0 at the end of the third inning rallied to tie things up 7 to 7 in the sixth and then ran out 11-5 in the eighth and then ran out 11-5.

It was the Spartans' performance, however, that appeared to give an indication of what lies ahead.

Taking their third game in eight days, they battered the Wolverines in a 10-0 victory. The Spartans got only three Wolverine players to get on base and then promptly hit them out.

EARLIER, they had beaten the Chiefs 7 to 6. Bill Mosher, who had been playing shortstop for Cranbrook and for the Spartans, took the mound against the Wolverines.

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AL Old Timers Getting in Shape For Red Wings

According to Mike Treash, former Chicago White Sox catcher, the American League Old Timers are rapidly getting in shape for their charity game against the National League Old Timers, scheduled for Saturday, June 27, at the Southfield Babe Ruth field. Southfield high school baseball players will be playing on Sunday, June 28, at 2 p.m.

Playing one to two games each week, the former professionals are doing a great job in raising funds for juvenile boys baseball leagues and other worthy charitable organizations.

McDaniel's '67 Sets Low Mark In Springdale Tourney

Springdale golf course held an 18 hole low net tournament for men Sunday, June 9, and Tom McDaniel took first prize with 67.

Robert Woodworth shot 71 to take second and Hyatt Eby had 73 for third.

McDaniel's score for hitting closest to the pin on the par-three sixth hole ended with Ed Wassell walking down the honor roll and finishing under 18 inches from the cup. George Moughler's five feet 9 1/2 inches was last.

Other Participants in Tourney

Other participants in the tourney were: 151 Marvin Street, Robert G. 74; Jess Pavery, 80; Swede Erickson, 75; and Virgil He, 77.

A July 28 men's tournament is scheduled at Springdale for next month.

S'field LL Indians Unbeaten

Southfield Little League baseball team is bearing out the old adage that history repeats itself: the Braves, last years National League champions, and the Indians, 1956 American League titleholders, have jumped into the lead in this years competition in their respective leagues.

The Braves, winner of the 1956 Southfield World Series, despite the loss of considerable talent from last year, have won four of their five games under their new manager, Lewie Costello, with Ed Jensen, 12 year old pitcher and Rick Milne, 12 year old Catcher providing most of the teams drive.

JENSEN PITCHED a 13-0 no-hitter against the Chiefs in the season opener and since has pitched steady ball whenever called on.

Milne has provided excellent catching with close distance hitting to help his team in that department.

The Indians managed by veteran Louis "Gene" Lombardi, are again showing that good coaching, plenty of practice and the will-to-win pays dividends.

PROBABLY the surprise to Southfield Little League fans is the mediocre play of the "Tiger" team to date. A no-hitter against the formidable Tiger team, winning 2 to 1, while Marion's pitching, field and distance hitting have been a major factor in the team's successful standing.

At present they show a 3-2 record, 2 of their victories against weak opposition.

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Bernard Stuechel, who will be 16 years old Sunday, recently was given the top award of the National Rifle Association, the "distinguished rifleman" medal. Here, his mother, Mrs. Milton B. Stuechel, 1084

Local Youth Earns Top Rifle Award

Bernard Stuechel, 15, who recently received the rifle world's highest award, the "distinguished rifleman" medal, is looking forward to two things this month.

One is his birthday Sunday, when he will be 16. The other is the state highpower shooting match in Grayling on June 22 and 23.

THE GRAYLING match will be the "baptism of fire" for Bernard and for his 14 year old brother Steve, who received the distinguished rifleman medal in the state highpower shooting match in Grayling on June 22 and 23.

THE two will try for the first time the powerful .30 caliber rifle instead of standard .22 Winchester's which they have used to date.

Bernard a U. of D. high school student, received the "distinguished rifleman" award at the Detroit Editors Rifle and Revolver club Presentation Night recently.

JOINING the country's select group of top marksmen, he had

Wilow lane, Birmingham, pins the gold badge of proficiency upon her son as Lt. General Floyd L. Parks, executive director of the NRA offers his congratulations.

Women's Suburban Golf Association Scoreboard

Semi-finalists will be decided this week in the June match-play tournament of the Women's Suburban Golf Association. A "mayday event" will be held along with flight play.

Last week's Tuesday 9-hole winners in an event based on "low on odd numbered holes" were: First, Do Jernan; second, Kay Houston; and third, Ellie Burton.

IS-HOLE winners were: First, Helen McKeerrell; second, Bunny McPhail; and third, Ruth Galtner. On Friday the 9-hole winners were: First, M. Catright; second, Vera Graham; and third, Martha Bromman.

Qualifying rounds for the Eighth Annual Pine Lake Country Club Invitational will be played off today and the match play tournament will be played tomorrow, June 14, 15 and 16.

Entrées have been received from such strong contenders as Bob Babbish and Bill O'Brien, Blaine Eyrone and Dave MacHarg, Tommy Sheen and Bud Gould.

Unlike most club invitationals, the event will be played with selected

Orioles Bounce Back Into Lead With White Sox

The Orioles flexed their muscles this week by downing both the Senators and the White Sox during the second week of play, earning a tie for top League honors.

The White Sox took an 8-5 victory in the Memorial Day opener. The Sox went out ahead 1-0 in the first inning, but the Orioles exploded in the second and third to collect six runs.

A powerful drive by Jim Kokones over the center field fence with Rick Thornton on base in the third proved to be the margin required to earn a 6-5 win.

SOX RELIEF pitcher Jon Cauley came in the third inning with no one out to finish the game, pitching a no hit ball.

Mytty, Maksims Take Openers

Southfield Upper-Teens Softball league got under way Sunday as Ed Piper and Nelson Realty won their games against A. K. Miller and Jim McMillan.

BILL MAKSIMS was the winning pitcher for Ed Piper and Ron Mytty the winning hurler for Nelson Realty.

Then - Little League: Executing a proper slide at the right time has won many a game.

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