

Little Football League Expanded

By adding one unit, Birmingham's Little Football league will be expanded to four freshman and four varsity teams this fall, permitting participation by 25 percent more youngsters than last year. With 30 boys on each team, the number playing will be increased to 240. 180 boys participated last year.

The expansion was voted by the board of directors of the league last week when it approved appropriations for the additional equipment for the 1957 season. At the same time, the directors decided to withdraw from the All American League and schedule all games among its own teams in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area. This will permit each freshman and varsity team to play the other teams in the Birmingham Little Football league twice during the season.

"WE WERE affiliated with the Jack Lovther League in 1955 and the All American League last year as found these associations very pleasant," Mel B. Lindquist, president, said.

"However, there were many differences of opinion regarding the eligibility requirements, such as age and weight, the length of the playing season, time of scheduling games, post season contests and other factors. We concluded that we could provide a more effective program for the boys in our area under a local set of rules and standards.

"With the addition of another freshman and varsity squad, we can give our boys a well-planned season this fall, eliminating the conflicts that have bothered us and the other teams in the larger league. We will eliminate the extensive traveling around the Detroit area for the away-from-home games.

"AGE AND weight requirements will remain the same as last year. The freshman teams are for boys of nine and 10 only. They must weigh between 65 and 105 pounds. The varsity teams are for the 11 and 12-year-olds and they have to weigh between 80 and 115 pounds. All games will be played either on Friday nights or on Saturday mornings rather than Saturday afternoons as last year, thus giving the boys and their parents an opportunity to attend Saturday college games. Practice will start during the first week of September with the first games scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 27-28, and the season will conclude with the final games the weekend of Nov. 12.

The Board of Directors amended the by-laws to extend the number of directors from 12 to 15. The new local members of the board are Frank L. Cavan, 510 Westchester way, and Thomas C. Richards, 4024 Blackthorne road. Lindquist announced the appointment of Ross Pierce, 1387 Chesterfield, as general manager for the coming year. Pierce will administer the program with the help of an assistant manager in each of the four units.

Shamrocks Play Mt. Clemens in B'ham Semifinal

East Detroit, champion of the Eastern Michigan league, will meet Mt. Clemens, a team it whipped easily in two previous encounters this season, in the semifinals of the Birmingham regional tournament tonight.

The two EML opponents will clash at 8 p.m. in the Maple gym. They gained the semifinals by whipping opening round foes Tuesday night, the Shamrocks—led by center Ron Emerick's 23 points—winning 71-41 over St. Joseph and Mt. Clemens beating Notre Dame 62-46.

THE EML champs will be gunning for their 16th victory in 17 starts this year and should have no trouble in downing the Bathers. John Petrakis' Maple varsity Catholic Center Wednesday and the winner of that contest will take on the Berkley-Royal Oak victory on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

Finals will be Friday at 8 p.m.

Birmingham Regional Tourney
Thursday, March 14:
E. Detroit vs. Mt. Clemens, 8 p.m.
Friday, March 15:
Winner of Birmingham-Catholic Center vs. winner of Berkley-Royal Oak, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, March 16:
Finals (Winner of Thursday-Friday games), 8 p.m.
YMCA Church Basketball
Thursday, March 14:
St. James vs. Methodist, 7 p.m., Barnum.
League Playoffs: March 15:
St. James vs. Baptist, 7 p.m., Lathrup Cong. vs. Methodist, 8 p.m.

Barnum Beats Derby Cagers

Barnum junior high won both ends of a basketball home-and-home series with Derby junior high last week.

Barnum won their home contest 30-19 and triumphed 34-29 at Derby's. Faculty salvaged some glory for their school by defeating the Barnum teachers, 34-28. Fred Redloff, Barnum science teacher and 7th grade coach, led both squads in scoring.

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CHUCK ERLANSON, 21220 W. 14 Mile road, Bloomfield township, holds his "Michigan Horseman of 1956" award as he stands beside his mammoth collection of ribbons and trophies. The 15-year-old Birmingham high school sophomore has been riding horses and winning prizes since he was five. He won the award recently along with other top Michigan athletes such as Frank Lary of the Detroit Tigers and Ron Kramer, University of Michigan football star.

Bowling Scores

Birmingham Country Club Men's

Player	W	L
Dillman	1	0
McGinnis	1	0
Overgard	1	0
Peters	1	0
Reichel	1	0
Stewart	1	0
Van	1	0
Greenleaf	1	0
Troy	1	0
Utica	1	0

Score by periods:
Troy 12 12 10 8 3-45
Utica 12 12 10 8 3-45

Birmingham Mixed Classics

Player	W	L
Stewart	1	0
Overgard	1	0
Peters	1	0
Reichel	1	0
Stewart	1	0
Van	1	0
Greenleaf	1	0
Troy	1	0
Utica	1	0

Birmingham Senior House League

Player	W	L
Stewart	1	0
Overgard	1	0
Peters	1	0
Reichel	1	0
Stewart	1	0
Van	1	0
Greenleaf	1	0
Troy	1	0
Utica	1	0

HOLY NAME MEN'S

Player	W	L
Stewart	1	0
Overgard	1	0
Peters	1	0
Reichel	1	0
Stewart	1	0
Van	1	0
Greenleaf	1	0
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B'HAM LADIES' SENIOR HOUSE

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Southfield Gets State LL Tourney
Southfield will host the 1957 State Little League tournament August 9-10. It was announced last week.

A business meeting of the Southfield Little League will be held at Southfield high school March 18.

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Swimmers Drub Final Opponent

By WARREN HARDY
The Maple swim team completed the 1956-57 season by sinking a weak Hazel Park team 67-29 Friday night in Barnum pool.

Jon Overgard took the first of the nine first places for Birmingham in the non-league affair with 25.6 for the 50-yd. free style.

TRYING FOR a national record in the 220-yd. freestyle, Tom Bechtel, Maple 50-captain, smashed both pool and school records for the event.

The old record was set in 1950 by Don Goldsmith in 2:35.0. Bechtel's time of 2:14.9 fell only three seconds short of the national record held by Bill Woolley, Indiana university star from Hawaii. Dave Cook finished second.

DAVE SMITH, sophomore back-stroker, placed first in his event in 1:05.8 with teammate Steve Few a close second.

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Birmingham Spring Schedules Released

The track team will christen Birmingham high school's spring sports season when it meets Thurston here April 11, according to schedules released by the Maple athletic department.

Baseball will get underway in a game against Southfield there April 16.

ST. MARY'S ENDS BARONS' REGIONAL THREAT, 48-33

BLOOMFIELD JUMPED to a 12-8 first quarter lead in the final quarter and a total of nine in the second half, as Bloomfield Hills scored only three points in the final quarter and a total of nine in the second half.

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