

The sequence camera captures Birmingham's Dick Mosher scoring winning run in state title game with Hamtramck.

# B'ham Little League Stars Bound for Sectionals

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## Illinois Next Stop for New State Champs

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A chartered bus winds its way southwest today, its passengers a group of Birmingham youngsters who have captured the hearts of sports fans throughout Michigan.

Naperville, Ill., is the destination. That suburban Chicago community of 7,000 will host the sectional Little League championships tomorrow and Saturday.

The Birmingham lads—14 of them—are one of four teams who will vie there for a coveted berth in next week's Little World Series at Williamsport, Pa.

They will enter the Naperville tourney as Michigan's new Little League champions and as the champs of the Ohio-Michigan region.

years old—and Coach Don Oatman and Dick Savage, Birmingham district tournament director, left here at 7 a.m. this morning.

They will not know who their opponent will be until a banquet this evening. A flip of a coin will decide the pairings.

THE OTHER three teams assigned to the Naperville sectional are the Indiana and Illinois champions and the titlist from a regional covering several western states.

North Central colleges in the host town will be the Birmingham team's "home" during the tournament.

The Little World Series begins Tuesday, eight teams—four from the United States and four from foreign nations—seeking the crown.

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## Fine Play Marks Tennis Meet Start

Outstanding action in both age groups marked the start Monday and Tuesday of Birmingham's first Community Tennis tournament.

The four semi-finals berths in the men's doubles division of the big new event, co-sponsored by The Birmingham Eccentric and the city recreation department, were decided in Tuesday evening play.

One final post in women's singles was also won. The other will be determined in a Saturday play-off of an incomplete Tuesday match.

All Monday and Tuesday results are published elsewhere on this page.

SEVEN OF THE eight title matches are scheduled for weekend play at Eton park. Finals in women's doubles will be at 5:30 p.m. Friday, according to Lew Ferry, tournament director.

The women's singles championship match Sunday at 2 p.m. will feature a veteran player against one of two outstanding youngsters.

A 6-3, 6-1 win Monday over Julia Smith and a 6-3, 6-1 victory Tuesday over Joan Pederson gave Anne Holmes, outstanding Bir-

mington Tennis club player, one of the two final berths.

THE OTHER will go to either Starr Walker or Barbara Latham. Starr won the first set of a featured Tuesday match, 6-4, with darkness interrupting the second with the two tied at 5-5. They will complete the match at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Both players blanked their first round opponents.

Mrs. Holmes, former Cleveland women's singles champion, was a member of the Cleveland junior Wightman Cup team and a finalist in the 1951 New London, Conn. championships.

Four skilled teams were left after Tuesday's second straight

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## Gridders Register

SOUTHFIELD — Registration for Southfield's Little Football club, sponsored by the Optimists club, will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at Southfield high school. Boys 9 to 12 years old and weighing under 125 pounds are eligible.



Michigan's Best

Birmingham's American league all-stars, Michigan's new Little League champions. Front row, from left, Jim Pleschmann, Terry Schaeffer, Skip Sather, Ken Savage, Dean Oatman, Jerry Kurz, Jim Horner, Dick Wisniewski, Bob Heavenrich, Dave Kaloc-

say. Standing, from left, Manager Ed Mosher, Mike McCassey, Chuck Hatton, Don Oatman, Tom Angell, Dick Mosher, Coach Oatman, Jerry Kurz, Jim Horner, Dick Savage, district tournament director.

## Local Boy, 16, 4th in Regatta At Put-in-Bay

PUT-IN-BAY, Ohio—Don Vandoren, 16-year-old Birmingham sailing enthusiast, finished fourth here last week in the annual Great Lakes area junior sailing championship.

The son of Dr. and Mrs. James H. Vandoren, 1266 N. Glenhurst, and a Birmingham high junior, Don skipped Pontiac yacht club's representative. Growing with him were Doug Johnson, 17, of Livonia and 15-year-old John O'Dell of Rosedale Park.

Don won his first five races in the regatta to qualify for the Wakefield memorial trophy, then won the last of the final series of five races. The champion, Edgewater Yacht club of Cleveland, will represent the Great Lakes area in the North American junior sailing championship at Vancouver, B. C., next month.

Teams from 20 yacht clubs completed Bayview of Detroit placed third.

THE BIRMINGHAM youth captured the meet's gold sportsmanship trophy and a pennant for high score in the eliminations.

Winners in Birmingham newcomers club's handicap golf tournament were Mrs. Max Morden, "A" flight; Mrs. John Heal, "B" flight; and Mrs. Perry Brunk, "C" flight.

## Net Tourney Results

### Boys Singles

#### First Round

Jeff Hoelke d. Dick Tohn, 6-4, 6-4.  
 Bob Tuelcar d. Bruce Cameron, 5-0.  
 Don Symons d. Howard Kutshai, 7-5.  
 Bob Kammert d. Charles Fiers, 2-6, 4-1.  
 Steve Smith d. Victor Stumpf, 6-0, 6-0.  
 John Sisson d. Paul Simmons, 6-0, 6-2.  
 Ted Erzer d. Dave Bree, default.  
 Robert Wadsworth d. Greg Stumpf, 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.

Eric Pederson d. Edward Fisher, 6-4.  
 Herb Ward d. David Schulz, 6-0, 6-0.  
 Jon Wadsworth d. Jerry Leupen, 6-0, 6-2.  
 Louie Rice d. Terry Heydon, 6-1, 6-0.

### Boys Doubles

#### First Round

Sam Walker-Chetley Fiers d. Ted Erzer d. Dave Bree, default.  
 John Sisson-Stevie Smith d. Victor Stumpf-Greg Stumpf, 6-0, 6-0.

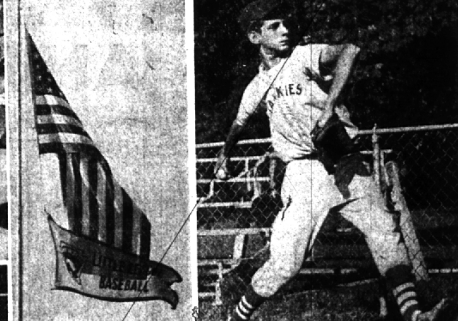
### Girls Singles

#### First Round

Hea Stumpf d. Joan McDonald, 6-1.  
 Julie Fitzgerald d. Rosalind Daly, 6-4, 6-2.  
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## Newcomer Golf

Winners in Birmingham newcomers club's handicap golf tournament were Mrs. Max Morden, "A" flight; Mrs. John Heal, "B" flight; and Mrs. Perry Brunk, "C" flight.



## City's Young Baseball Stars on Their Way to the Big Time

Saturday was a mighty big day in what has been a thrill-packed two weeks for Birmingham's American league all-star team. And more is yet to come for the Little League baseballers. The club Saturday upset the defending titlist, Hamtramck, 3-2, to win the Michigan Little League championship at Ypsilanti. Top left, the Birmingham players wait while their foe gets its team picture

taken. Top second from left, local all-stars huddle with Manager Ed Mosher for last minute briefing before the start of the title clash. Top second from right, the Little League banner and Old Glory fly over Ypsilanti's Recreation park. Top right, Birmingham hitting and pitcher star Tom Angell warms up before the game. Bottom left, First-baseman Don Oatman Jr. gets batting instructions from

his dad (center), the Birmingham coach, and Manager Mosher. Bottom second from left, substitute Birmingham outfielder Dean Wisniewski works on a piece of chewing gum while intent on the goings-on outside the dugout. Bottom second from right, several hundred Birmingham fans were among those jamming the Ypsilanti stands for the state championship battle. Dave Kalocsay is the Bir-

mingham batter. Bottom right, a Hamtramck batsman clutches his arm after being hit by a pitch. He continued in the game. Birmingham left today for the Little League sectional championships in Naperville, Ill., with the Little World Series in Williamsport, Pa., awaiting the winner.

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