

First Entries Filed for B'ham Net Tourney

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Entries for Birmingham's new Community Tennis tournament began arriving late last week, with two Maryland boulevard players the first to file.

Twenty-one-year-old John Kirby, 1142 Maryland, and 19-year-old Mike Oldham, 1293 Maryland, had their mens doubles entry on record Friday. Mike will also play in singles competition.

Another early entry, in boys competition, was 16-year-old John Sison, 120 Overhill, Bloomfield township, John, son of Dr. and Mrs. John M. Sison, will play in the singles division and team with

Steve Smith, also 16, of 887 S. Chester, in doubles activity. Both boys played for Birmingham high this spring.

First entry in women's play came from 20-year-old Barbara Latham, 871 Poppleton. She will compete in the singles division.

THE WEEK-LONG tournament, with The Birmingham Eccentric and the city recreation department as cosponsors, opens Aug. 11 and continues through the following Sunday, Aug. 17.

Eton park's six courts will be the scene of all tournament matches.

An entry form for the tournament is published elsewhere on this page. Blanks are also available at the Varsity Shop, 277 Pierce, the Sportsman, 116 S. Maple and the recreation department office in the city hall.

There will be eight divisions—singles and doubles for boys and girls 17 years old and under and for men and women 18 years old and over.

A PLAYER'S AGE on Jan. 1, 1958, determines in which classification he or she falls. Residents of the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school districts and of Lathrup are eligible for the meet, to be directed by Lew Parry, Birmingham high athletic coach and long-time tennis enthusiast.

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only to golf.

THE BIRMINGHAM prep coach has been heading a morning tennis instruction program for the recreation department this summer, and attendance—both youngsters and adults—has been consistently near the 100 mark.

Parry said he is encouraging his pupils to join the Eccentric-Recreation tournament. A 1941 graduate of the University of Michigan, Parry was named Birmingham high's head basketball coach in April.

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"The number of country clubs with tennis courts and facilities and the large number of public and private courts gives a good indication of the popularity of the sport in and around Birmingham," Parry remarked.

Oakland Hills, Pine Lake, Knollwood, Franklin Hills, Orchard Lake and Tam O'Shanter are among the clubs with tennis facilities, and many have tennis festivals.

There are 13 public courts in Birmingham—six at Eton park, four at Derby junior high, one at Springdale park and two at Bar-nun junior high. More are planned for the new junior-senior high school on Thirteen Mile at Evergreen.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS high school has several new tennis courts. (See TOURNEY, Page 7-E)

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A group with the impressive—but somewhat cumbersome—title of "Birmingham Suburban Bloomerball league" is having a lot of fun this summer with its own novel version of our national sport.

The Charing Cross Crusaders are the hot team in the loop right now. Their latest accomplishments were a 15-0 white-washing of the Charing Cross Buccaneers and a 14-0 drubbing of Charnwood.

The Crusaders have backed their star pitcher, Bob Erickson, with a lot of hits—20 in the Charnwood game—and a lot of home runs—five in that one skirmish. Friday night they'll take over Eton park and meet the Bloomfield Village Vampires. That's right, Vampires. Maybe they're using real bats.

The teams are looking for challengers, too. Interested? Then call Jean Erickson or Reid MacGuilwin.

Couple more holes-in-one were carded by folks from this area recently.

Ray Simanek, 17110 Birwood, Westwood, aced the 170-yard 12th hole at Bonnie Brook. A golfer 25 years he used a six iron.

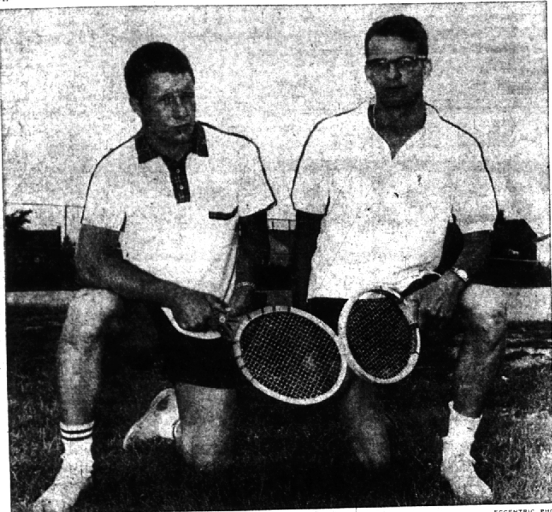
And Bill Graham, veteran pro at Bloomfield Hills country club, picked up the third ace of his career Friday on the club's 165-yard 17th hole.

Bill, who used a four iron, scored his first ace back in 1924 in Scotland and his second four years ago in Florida. He turned in a 32-35—67 round Friday.

City diamonds were busy last week with baseball and softball exhibition games. Birmingham's Junior Legion team had a practice tussle with a class D club from Huntington Woods Friday and drubbed the visitors, 11-2.

The Babe Ruth Satellite all-stars met Walled Lake's stars in a Saturday practice battle and bowled, 11-1. Five errors hurt the local cause.

And in softball, MJA's media department nipped the Detroit radio all-stars at Booth field Thursday night, 4-3.



Mike Oldham (left) and John Kirby, both of Maryland boulevard, take a break from an early morning Eton park practice session in preparation for the Birmingham Community Tennis tournament. They were the first to enter the tourney co-sponsored by The Eccentric and the city recreation department, and will play in mens doubles.

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Varsity Shop to Donate Trophies for Tennis Meet

Birmingham's Mr. Sports—Vince Secontine—has joined the ranks of boosters of next month's Eccentric and recreation department-sponsored Community Tennis tournament. Secontine, former Birmingham high coach and now owner of the Varsity Shop, 277 Pierce, has donated handsome trophies to be presented champions in the tournament's eight divisions.

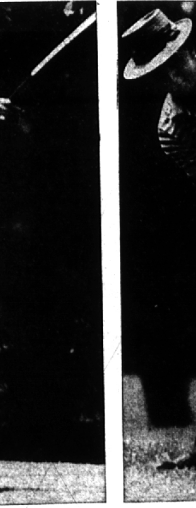
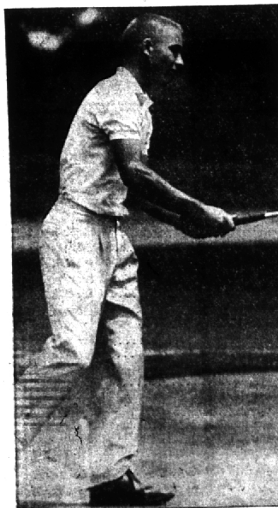
The trophies will be rotating awards, remaining with the champion for a year—or as long as he or she successfully defends the title.

opinion this week the new tournament could become one of the area's most outstanding sports events of the year.

He added that sales of tennis equipment this spring and summer show the booming popularity of the sport here.

Secontine chose a business career in the spring of 1954 after seven years on Birmingham high's coaching staff. He opened the Varsity Shop that year.

AS HEAD MAPLE football programs since he came to this community in 1947. He voiced the



Timber for Pro Ranks?

That's the question golf followers are asking about these Birmingham area youths, three of the finest players in Michigan's junior links circles and three who are also beginning to cut a notch for themselves in the high to the state class A prep championship in May and won the individual state Jaycee title earlier this month. Tom Grace (right) of Lathrup, after finishing second in the Jaycee tourney, turned in the low score last week in the Michigan qualifying for the USGA junior championship July 30-

Aug. 2 at St. Paul. Bud Badger (center), Bloomfield Hills high sparkplug and a third member of the Birmingham team that won the state Jaycee team crown, will go to the USGA meet with Grace, Green and Gary Mouw, also of Birmingham, and two others from Dearborn and Windsor. Green and Grace will also be on the four-man Michigan team in the international Jaycee tournament Aug. 17-25 at Tucson, Ariz. (Photos courtesy The Ann Arbor News).

Chuck Kocsis (right) and Jim Nick . . . Good reason for smiles.

Kocsis, Nick Cop Invitational; Sally Gets 2nd Amateur Title

A 19th-hole birdie by Chuck Kocsis gave the Royal Oak ace and his partner, Jim Nick, the championship Sunday in Birmingham country club's 14th annual invitational golf tournament.

The titlists in the same event in 1956, Kocsis and Nick turned back the team of Jack Geiss and Duke Yager, champs in the Pine Lake invitational earlier this year.

Kocsis reached the green of the 510-yard first hole in two, putted from 20 feet out to within 8 inches, then dropped the ball in the cup for a four.

Geiss missed a 28-foot putt and the match was over.

KOCIS, Michigan's outstanding amateur playing out of Led Run, and Nick, from Westwood and a Birmingham member, turned in 20 birdies in their 87 holes. They defeated Perry Byard of Red Run and Angelo Lotri of Birmingham in their semi-finals match Sunday morning.

Geiss, from Birmingham, and Yager, Oakland Hills player, had beaten Sam Kocals and Elmer Ellstrom to gain the title.

Medalist honors in Thursday's qualifying went to Tom Draper and Dave Machiag. They carded a 65.

Tom Sheehan set a new amateur course record in Friday's first flight play, a 33-33—66.

B'ham Legion Drops Third, Fourth in Row

Birmingham found itself tied for the basement in the 18th district Junior Legion baseball chase last week after dropping its third and fourth straight games, 5-0 to Millford and 8-3 to Southfield.

Waterford's withdrawal from the league left Berkley, Rochester and the local team deadlocked with 5 records, Southfield, although it suffered its first loss of the season July 22, has sewed up the championship.

The Southfield defeat came at the hands of Clawson, 7-4. Birmingham has just one regular game left, Sunday afternoon (See LEGION, Page 7-E)

Local Netters Defeat Detroit Club's Finest

Senior members Jim Tobin and Bob Faught turned in an outstanding performance for Birmingham Tennis club Saturday in its first interclub match of the season at Country Club of Detroit. Detroit won, 1-3.

Tobin, the Birmingham club's singles champion, teamed with Faught to defeat Ralph McElvenny and George Reinde, 4-6, 6-7, in the No. 1 mens doubles match.

Reinde is a former Detroit and Michigan champion, McElvenny former Stanford university national intercollegiate doubles titlist.

ON THE YOUTHFUL side of men's doubles play, Birmingham's Norm Fredericks and Howard Johnson were beaten by George Haggerty and Bob Wood, 6-4, 6-5, 6-2. The winners are the state class C-D high school champions from Grrosse Pointe university school.

Best of the mixed doubles matches was a three-setter that saw Birmingham's Mrs. Ann Holmes and Fredericks lose to Mrs. Hayden and Dan Simmons, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Other results: Boys' Doubles: Leon Bramley and Dick Gabori (B), 4-1, 6-1; Mike Simmons (B), 6-2, 6-1; Jack Calkins and Pete Thorpe (B), 6-2, 6-4; Mike Mackowski and George Reinde (B), 6-2, 6-4; Charles Wright (D), 7-7, 2-6, 6-4; Steve Melch and Steve Bobb (D), 6-2, 6-4; Steve Walker and Jim Murr (B), 6-2, 6-1; Moore and Yalling (D), 6-2, 6-4; Mike Walker and Max, 6-2, 6-1.

Men's Singles: Fran Simmons and George McMillen (B), 11-12; Helen Connelly and Ricky Kanner (B), 6-2, 6-1; Mike Walker and Jim Murr (B), 6-2, 6-1; Moore and Yalling (D), 6-2, 6-4; Mike Walker and Max, 6-2, 6-1.

Keith LeClair of Ann Arbor, 2 and 1, in her semi-finals match. Mrs. Marquardt, matched par of 78 to whip Mrs. John Laboskey of Grand Blanc in her semi encounter.

TAM OSHANTER'S Gene Bone Monday successfully defended his state assistant pro championship with a 72-69—141 on Plum Hollow's par-72 layout.

Bone, 26, had a seven-stroke edge over the runnerup, Tommy Cosmos of Oakland Hills. Cosmos carded a 73-75—148. Third was Davey Hill of Kalamazoo with 150.

The Tam side's share of prize money was \$125. He also won the new Dave Griffith memorial trophy, donated this year for the event. Cosmos took home \$90.

Bill Langau of Plum Hollow copped first in the caddie superintendents division. His 154 was five strokes better than the runner-up 159 by Tex Ardyno of Birmingham.

TOM CSICK of Oakland Hills and Don Gray of Birmingham tied for first in the 18-hole shop assistant's division with 75 cards.

Two area professionals finished in the money in last week's PGA at Hartwood, Pa.

Wally Burkes of Franklin Hills tied for 16th at 291 for 340. Bob Gajda of Forest Lake had a 293 for a tie for 25th at 3425 in prize money.

The Michigan PGA medal play championships—Sunday and Sunday at Sylvan Glen—topped the weekend golf docket. Oakland Hills will be the scene of a metropolitan pro-am tourney Monday.

Change Dates for Heast Qualifying

Dates for the Heast junior golf tournament's Michigan qualifying at North Hills have been changed. The meet, for all boys not 18 yet, will be played Aug. 15-16, according to Leo Conroy of the host club, tournament manager.

The Heast event had previously been scheduled for July 28-29.

EIGHTEEN HOLES will be played Aug. 4, with those with scores of 85 or better continuing into the second day of play. The winner and runnerup will be given an all-expense-paid trip to Balt-more for the national Heast tournament later in the month.

Community Tennis Entry Form

The Birmingham Community tennis tournament, co-sponsored by The Birmingham Eccentric and the Birmingham city recreation department, will be held Aug. 11-17 at Eton park.

The tournament is for players in the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school districts and Lathrup. It will be played in eight divisions. Boys and girls divisions are for persons 17 years old and under on Jan. 1, 1958. Mens and womens divisions are for persons 18 years old and over on that date.

This form should be filled out and mailed to Community Tennis, Sports Department, The Birmingham Eccentric. Entries must be in the hands of tournament officials by noon, Aug. 6.

Players can compete in both singles and doubles. Players from this area may play on a doubles team with a person not from the area.

IMPORTANT: In doubles, both players must make out individual slips. These must be attached and mailed in together. For singles, each player must send in another blank.

Check box as follows:

- I wish to enter the following divisions:
- Boys singles
- Boys doubles
- Mens singles
- Mens doubles
- Girls singles
- Girls doubles
- Womens singles
- Womens doubles

I affirm my age, as indicated below, is correct:

Name (Last) (PRINT) (First)

Address

City

Birth date (Month) (Day) (Year)

My Phone Number