

The best minds of all ages advise against the giving of unasked-for advice. "Too often it is refused, paid no attention to . . . so wait until you are asked for it," they argue. So true. For advice that seems to be thrust upon another is instinctively resisted; one's defense mechanism rises to defend. But when one seeks advice, he then has a receptive state of mind. So wait to be asked.

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when stars get together

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Danny Corrigan and Fred Adams are typical of some 1,600 Birmingham youngsters.

They can tell you the position, batting average, nickname and home town of nearly every player on the Detroit Tiger roster—and the rosters of some other teams, too.

They probably know yesterday's ball scores better than today's school assignments, and they can recite the complete American league standings at the drop of a baseball cap. If you want to find out Ty Cobb's lifetime batting mark . . . or who pitched the third game of the 1945 World Series . . . just ask them.

DANNY AND FRED are two of 1,600 Birmingham kids 8 to 15 years old who live baseball some six months of the year. They're two of the 1,600 youngsters who participate in the local Little League and Babe Ruth programs, small-try version of our national sport.

For Danny, 10-year-old-son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Corrigan, N. Cranbrook road, and Fred, 13-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Adams, Overhill road, last Thursday was a mighty big day in their young baseball careers.

The two secondbasemen—Danny with the Little League Cardinals and Fred with the Babe Ruth loop Titans—spent an exciting part of Thursday afternoon visiting the Detroit Tigers in the Bengals' Briggs stadium home.

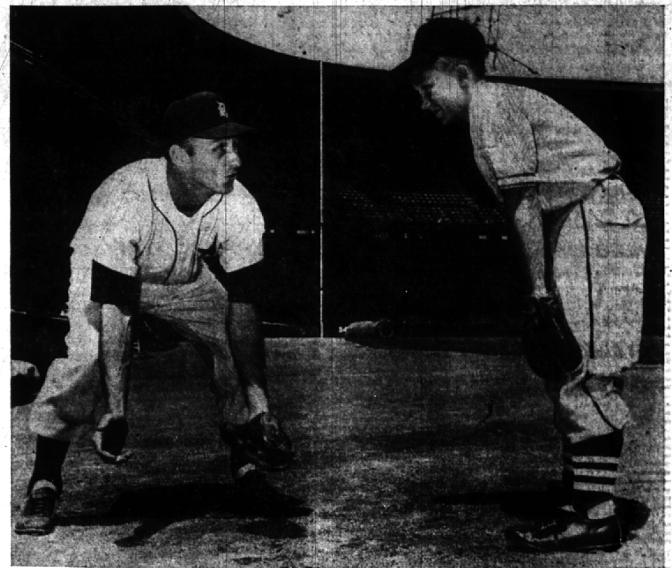
THE YOUNG DIAMOND enthusiasts—baseball stars in their own right—watched the pre-game practice session from the Detroit dugout, then chatted with some of their favorite Tigers and picked up a lot of valuable "this is how to do it" pointers from fellows like Al Kaline, Reno Bertoia, Jim Hegan, Frank Bolling and "Paw Paw" Maxwell.

The Tigers? They couldn't quite come through with a win for their Birmingham visitors in the final game of the Cleveland series.

But the loss didn't dampen the thrills of an afternoon with their big league idols for Danny and Fred, who someday might—just might—themselves be playing in Briggs stadium's green confines.



Danny Corrigan, 10, and Fred Adams, 13. Who knows, maybe someday . . .



From one second baseman to another . . . Tiger second-sacker Frank Bolling shows Fred, who holds down the keystone sack for the Birmingham Babe Ruth league Titans, how he stops a hot grounder.



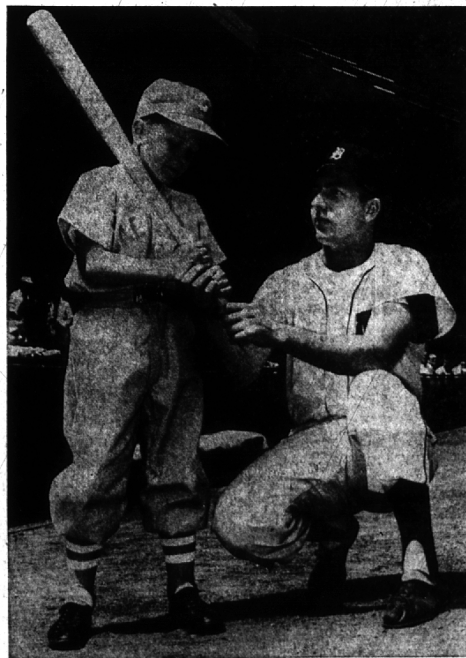
While the Indians warmed up, Danny and Fred chatted with "Paw Paw"—left fielder Charlie Maxwell—and the Tiger star's 7-year-old son, Ritchie, a future Little Leaguer, who had come out to Briggs to watch dad play.

"It cleared the fence there," points out Bengal third-baseman Reno Bertoia, as he tells Danny and Fred about his Briggs stadium home run earlier this season.

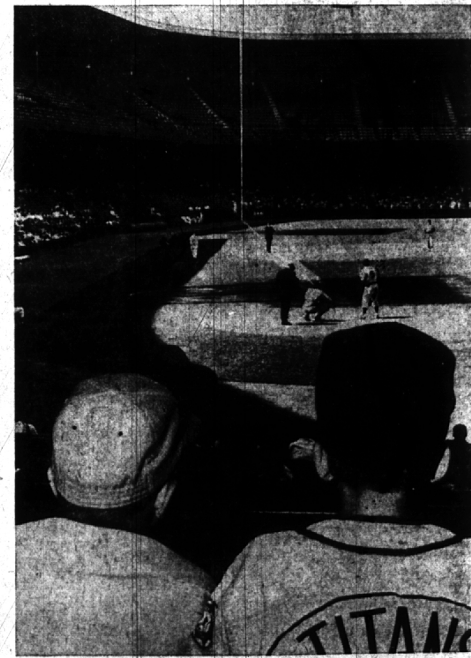


it takes money . . .

. . . to provide 1,600 Birmingham youngsters with an opportunity to play organized baseball. Uniforms, insurance, bats and balls, umpires, head protectors, field maintenance . . . all add up. A lot of men throughout our community are donating a lot of their hours to the city's Little League and Babe Ruth programs. They're working hard as team managers, coaches and league officials to make those programs a success. How about you helping out, too? A combined city-wide fund drive is underway to raise \$15,000 to field this summer's Little Leaguers and Babe Ruth leaguers. Your check—for any amount—to Merrill C. Adams, 975 S. Hunter, will bring that goal one step nearer. And when one of our community's young ballplayers comes to your house Saturday selling peanuts to help raise funds, chip in generously. Be a "Batter-up Booster". Back those wonderful 8 to 15-year-old kids of ours.



For Danny, some batting tips from Al Kaline.



A perfect climax to an exciting day—choice seats for the thrilling Tiger-Cleveland finale.