

# Predict Good Turnout for Tennis Clinic

If the weatherman's predictions are correct, a good turnout is expected at the first annual tennis clinic to be held at Eton park Saturday morning.

Long-range forecasts call for sunny skies and warm weather Saturday when University of Cincinnati tennis Coach Harry Egleman and his squad open the clinic at 10 a.m.

THE CLINIC will be highlighted by the first college match in Birmingham when Wayne State University Coach Fred Mulhouser brings his team from Detroit.

This clinic is a forerunner to The Birmingham Recreational-Tourism tournament to be held in August.

Varsity Shop owner Vene Secotine and the Recreation department are sponsoring the clinic.

"From the response we've been getting and the number of people inquiring about the clinic, I'd say there will be a pretty good turnout," Secotine said.

"IF THE weather holds up, we should see a good crowd for the match, too," he commented.

The clinic will open at 10 a.m. with an introduction to tennis for beginners by the U. of C. team members and they will cover such subjects as the correct grips for forehand and backhand and footwork exercises.

Ball-hitting exercises and service technique will also be discussed and covered by the players.

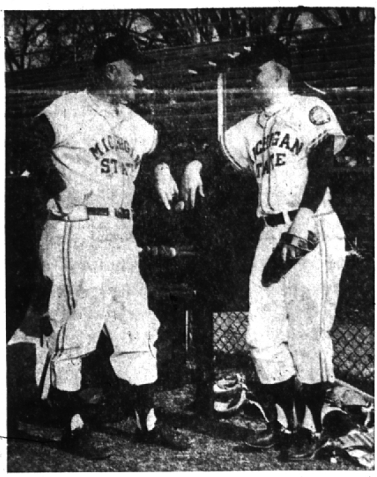
A 11 a.m., an exhibition match between two Cincinnati team members will highlight the clinic for the beginners while Coach Egleman discusses the finer points of the game with advanced players.

THE CLINIC will end at 11:30 a.m. for a lunch break and the tennis match between the Cincinnati

and Wayne State university teams is scheduled for 1 p.m.

There will be three singles matches and two doubles events in the match.

The match was originally scheduled for the home courts of Wayne State, but Coach Mulhouser agreed to move the match to Birmingham for the benefit of area players.



## Former B'ham Star

Michigan State baseball standout John Fleser (right) talks over the Spartans' new season with Coach John Kobs. Fleser, former Birmingham high prep star, is one of MSU's top performers. Rated a good, solid hitter by Kobs, Fleser rapped the ball at a .340 average last season. He plays left field.

## Springdale Ladies Golf Starts Tues.

The Tuesday Springdale Ladies Golf League held its first meeting last week and set up its schedule, rules and regulations for the coming season.

First day of play has been set for 8:55 a.m. next Tuesday and a foursome will tee off every 10 minutes, according to league official Marion Teege.

TEAMS for the year have already been selected and trophies will be awarded to first and second place teams. Trophies will also be given to the most improved player and the player with the lowest number of putts.

Teams selected for the year are Mary E. Hill and Carol Hollingshead; Duffy Streeter and Lee Thibault; Vinnie Katschoff and Betty Shand; Marion Teege and Wilis Stewart; and Helen Brennan and Myrtle Calvert.

OTHER PAIRS in the league include Hazel Kreidler and Mugsie Olson; Betty Yador and Dolly A. King; Kay Beach and Virginia Pray; Helen Savage and Louise Fowler; and Pat Fleming and Mary Lou Vandervoort.

Handicaps allowed players will be adjusted throughout the season.

Bloomfield Hills' athletic fortunes rose during the past week with the exception of the baseball team which suffered two straight defeats.

Baton teams face another busy week and the baseball team will try to find the winning touch today when it hosts Brighton. The

BASEBALLERS will remain at home on Monday to greet West Bloomfield.

TRACK TEAM members will be on the road when they meet Milford and Northville in a triangular meet tomorrow and will host Northville on Tuesday.

The Indians team will visit West Bloomfield on Monday and host Oak Park on Wednesday and the tennis team hosts Pontiac Northville today.

## This One Did Not Get Away

Getting a double birdie is no mean feat in any golfer's bag, but Clifford Kelstrom, Bloomfield Township, managed it last week-end on Pine Lake country club's 500-yard, par five, 16th hole.

The hole started off normally enough, but Kelstrom's second shot sliced high and wide.

JUST AS THE ball was about to go out of bounds it hit a south-bound duck.

Both the duck and the ball fell inbound, and Kelstrom hooked out the hole with a birdie four.

The other birdie was consumed this evening in the club's grill-room.

HOOSIER TOUGHNESS - University of Detroit's basketball team will meet Notre Dame twice in Indiana and Purdue once in the 1959-60 season.

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## Cranbrook Thinclads Crush Ferndale Team

Cranbrook's powerful track team ran roughshod over Ferndale last week, 70-39, the baseball team split two games, but the tennis squad dropped its only encounter to Hamtramck.

All three teams face a busy week ahead with the tennis squad meeting Oak Park today.

University School of Cleveland will invade the Cranes' home court on Saturday as will the Wayne State freshman squad. The Cranes will visit Dearborn on Wednesday.

The baseball team will visit Ferndale tomorrow and then host University School Saturday. Ellet Central Monday and Green Point university school on Wednesday.

IN TRACK, the Cranes will encounter the Central Michigan Relays on Saturday and then host Waterloo on Tuesday and Orchard Lake on Wednesday.

FRANK HOFFMAN won the 100 and Rick Williams the 850 while Charles Hubbard was winning the pole vault.

Tom Williams came in second in (See THINCLADS, Page 7-E).

FOUR ERRORS allowed Northville to score three unearned runs in its 6-0 win over the Barons. John Dixon was tagged with the loss when Northville scored three in the first, one in the second and one in the third.

(See TEAMS, Page 7-E)

## Babe Ruth Holds Final Trial Sat.

Babe Ruth League managers will begin drafting players next Monday following Saturday's final try-out session at St. James park.

Of the 125 players who have tried out during the first two weeks, 100 were in the 13-year-old group, the rest were in the 14 and 15 age bracket.

OFFICIALS of the league announced there were still many openings left on the teams since two new teams were incorporated at the end of last year's play.

Player drafts will be held in the Community House Monday at 7 p.m. when the managers will select players for this year's play.

Babe Ruth players will start action on Memorial Day with three games at Birmingham high school and three at Derby junior high beginning at 10 a.m.

FINAL tryouts will be held for 13-year-olds beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday and for the older boys at 1 p.m.

## Along the Sidelines with Bill Arthur

A discussion was in progress and disrupted Tiger fans were offering suggestions as fast as they could break into the other's conversation as to what could be done to help our little pussycat . . . er . . . Tigers.

After much hickering back and forth, it was finally offered that one big change would help those poor excuses for baseball players.

That would be to trade them to the Yankees whereupon they would all become .350 hitters who belted 30 to 40 homers a year and knocked in 150 runs each.

SINCE THE proposal was offered by yours truly, it was greeted with rather frosty silence (this, as you can readily see, was a loyal group of Tiger fans) and the query was put forth as to what the Detroit Baseball company would receive in return.

Since much thought had gone into this little proposition (all of about 10 seconds) an answer was available immediately.

After giving the Tigers to the Yankees in a wholesale transaction, (which should guarantee those Bronx Bombers at least a seventh place finish in the American League) the baseball owners could then probably get the Yankees' Denver farm team with a few hundred thousand in cash—providing they give up their bat boy.

After picking up the Denver club, trades between the Tigers and the other six teams in the league (who could discount the Yankees now) would bring front-line players from each of the other clubs in exchange for a Yankee farmhand.

THIS LITTLE gem of literature, however, is being written on a Monday evening and the Yankees have just lost a double-header to the Baltimore Orioles and this plan was based on the premise that the Yankees would not be needing their farm team that resides out west.

Since the Yankees now have a .67 record as of this writing, they undoubtedly will send their first stringers to Dooney and bring up the reserves. This leaves us in the same place we were before.

Current stories emanating from the typewriters of the scribes downtown all relate how wonderful the Tigers seem to accept defeat.

THERE ARE NO scenes of chair throwing, locker kicking or pop bottle throwing or unseemly displays of temper. In other words, the Tigers are well educated gentlemen who do not allow their emotions to get the upper hand.

Gentlemen they may be. Baseball players they are not. (See SIDELINES, Page 7-E)

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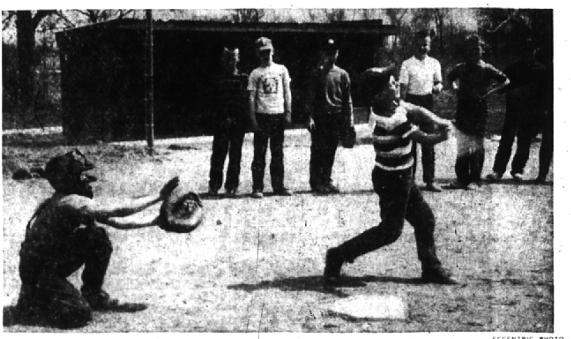
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## "Get Your Numbers Here, Boys"

Baseball-minded youngsters line up at the registration desk at St. James field Saturday for the Babe Ruth League tryouts which have one more week to go. Final tryouts will be held next Saturday at the same field. Standing in line, from left, are Dick Wright, Ernest Dunn, Dick Beaubien, Hugh Nickel, Russ Bitzer, Dave Layle, Steve Billings and Bill Lemet. Sitting at the table are league officials Tom Fleming, John Kroll and Don Wallace.



Slinger Ricky Hatch, 9, of 18201 Beverly, W. Beverly, gets in some batting practice while trying out for the American league of the Little League at Eton park Saturday. He was one of nearly 300 boys who tried out

## 1,350 Youngsters Try For Babe Ruth League

More than 1,350 youngsters tried out for the Little League baseball teams during the three tryout sessions held during the past three weeks.

There were 450 youngsters in tryouts for the American league, 500 in the Federal league and 400 in the National league, according to publicity director William Corrigan.

ALTHOUGH 1,350 were in the tryout sessions, more than 1,000 Babe Ruth League youngsters will be playing Little League baseball this season, Corrigan said.

Little League baseball will start action on May 25 and several games will be played during the week, but the official opening will be held at Eton park on Memorial Day with a full schedule of games.

THE MANAGERS each have nine boys from last year's team and the 16 additional players will be added to the rosters temporarily.

During the next three weeks, practice sessions will be held to cut the squads down to 15. Players cut from the squads will be sent to a minor league team.

In another announcement, league officials revealed the league would have paid umpires for the first time this season.

Volunteer fathers will continue to manage, coach and umpire the bases, but the head umpire will be in charge of the game.

Good Prospects - Three returning lettermen on University of Detroit's football team have been drafted by National Football League teams. John Jerock, tackle from Battle Creek, was drafted by the Green Bay Packers in 1958. John Jerock will tackle from Lackawanna, N. Y., and Bruce Maher, halfback from Detroit, were drafted this year. Maher was drafted by the Detroit Lions. Dingens was drafted by the Chicago Cardinals.

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