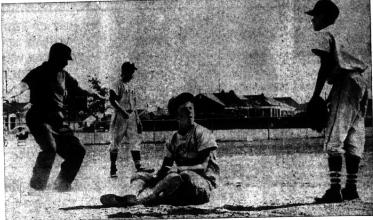
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WON'T THEY EVER START? . . . wonders in-fielder Bruce Pearn of the Birmingham Federals be-fore the semi-final tourna-ment game with the Bir-mingham Americans.



YOU DIDN'T COME CLOSE . . . says Tom McKinnie who holds tightly onto second base as if it might be taken away from him. Umpire Fred Gibson agreed with the runner, but the decision didn't set will with second baseman Dick Fleming, of the Americans. The shortstop, Ken Say-

age, is noncommittal about the whole thing and didn't bother to argue about the verdict. The pitcher and catcher, however, had to discuss the situation before continuing the game.



AND YOU HAD BETTER...lay off the curve ball and come in with the fast one, American catcher Dick Balge-north warns pitcher Bob Wright. Not only were they discussing the pitches and signals, but there were other problems at hand, including another runner at third base in the form of young Ronny Ahlers, who thinks...

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COME ON—HURRY UP
... and he obviously feels
left out, but there wasn't
anything he could do about
it since he wasn't called in
on the conference.



WHERE'S THAT BALL? . . . wonders Federal catcher WHERE'S THAT BALL?... wonders Federal catcher
Tom McKinnie while Ken Heft comes across with another
run. It did him little good to worry about it because the
Americans scored three more times in the inning to practically ice the game.







ONLY ONE TO A BASE PLEASE ... says Federal runner Tom McKinnie (foreground) but he was tagged out when teammate Tom Sheppard took third base away from him (upper left), but the play still caused anxious moments for Coach Andy Anderson (lower left) and players Bruce Landion, Jim Angel, Cory Hartung and Ken Licari YIPPEEEE ... holler Greg Anderson (left) and Dick Balgemorth after the final out that gave the Americans an 8-2 victory and eventually the district championship.





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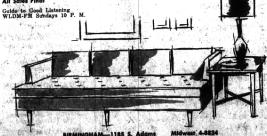


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