

Defending Champs Fall By Wayside in Tourney

The Birmingham Eccentric



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Nationals, Federals Win Opening Playoff Games

The Birmingham Nationals defeated North Farmington 4-3, and the Federals trounced Novi 9-1 Monday at Birmingham in the opening rounds of the district playoffs.

In the fourth, Novi scored its lone run. Two walks and a double by Dick White produced the run.

HEYDON was the winning pitcher. He struck out 15, walked six and allowed only two hits. The Southfield Nationals beat the lead by scoring three runs in the fourth.

An error and a single by Ralph Steadman was preceded by John Thomas' home run.

Southfield scored one run in the first. Lloyd Hester singled. Buddy Straw, who had walked and stole second.

Another run came in the third when Bobby Rozith singled and came home on Hester's double.

FARMINGTON beat Milford 4-1 on a two-run homer by Mike Wall. Gary Newcombe had a homer for the losers.

The Birmingham National League all stars are: from the Giants; Jeff O'Neill, Don Crawford, Bob Cliff and Steve Orth. The Cubs are: from the Dodgers; Ed Gray and Doug Hamilton from the Braves; Charles Nessels and Jim Gray from the Cardinals. The line Pirate is Bob Spinning.

Mike Fremuth and Pete Hendrix are the pitchers for the Pirates.

GARY VAN GEISON paced his clouting teammates in the Sunday victory.

Van Geison had five for six which included six RBIs while George Didier and Jay Madonna each had three hits.

George Forrest smashed a home run and knocked in four runs. John Miller and Bob Becker shared the four-hit shut-out with Miller winning his second game of the season.

Birmingham started off fast and scored three runs in the first inning. Madonna and Forrest walked and Van Geison singled Madonna home.

FORREST scored on an outfield error after Bob Arnold's first single.

In the second, Birmingham came through with five more. Miller singled and Tom Bardley and Madonna walked.

One run came in on an error and two more came across on Didier's opposite field double. Then it was Van Geison's turn again and he knocked in two with a single.

RELIEF Bill Howard stopped the Birmingham attack in the third but was nipped for one in the fourth. Madonna led off with his first two trips and scored on Didier's single.

Birmingham exploded again by scoring five times in the fifth. Miller walked, as did Madonna for the third time. With one out, Forrest sent a line drive down the right field line for a homer.

Didier singled and advanced to third. Van Geison's single, Arnold walked, filling the bases.

Mike Muthish hit into a fielder's choice and both lead runners scored.

IN THE SIXTH, Bardley was hit with a pitched ball. Madonna smacked a triple but was thrown out at the plate trying to stretch industrial centers.

THE WATER Wonderful's more than 90,000 miles of rivers and streams, 11,000 inland lakes and 5,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline have stimulated widespread resort development.

This resort boom has bolstered the general economy of the state. It has strengthened the tax structure of local units of government and has provided jobs for thousands of people who live outside industrial centers.

ALMOST completely surrounded by the Great Lakes, Michigan is a keystone in the vast shipping industry on these waters. The port of Detroit is one of the busiest in the nation.

Tonnage through the world famous locks at Sault Ste. Marie is more than three and one-half times that of the Panama Canal. The Detroit river ranks as the busiest waterway in the world.

The opening of the St. Lawrence Seaway this year will greatly magnify Michigan's foreign trade.

EVEN BEFORE this, the state's exports approximated a billion dollars annually while its imports totaled 600 million dollars a year.

Water is literally the life-blood of industry in Michigan. It is converted into electric energy that keeps the wheels of industry turning. It is used for refining, for

DR. CARV MIDDLECOFF is an early favorite because he has done so well in past Motor City Opens, especially when they were held at Michigan. He has won the prize outright twice and tied for the crown once in the past six meets.

Elbowing Middlecoff for the role of pre-tournament choice are (See OPEN, Page 7-E)

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Patent Parents Share Prize

Little Kathy Kerr, 12, shares a happy moment with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Kerr, 17825 Kirkshire, Southfield township, after winning the junior girls title in The Birmingham Eccentric Recreation department tennis tournament last week.

They are admiring a duplicate trophy that will be awarded to her when she returns from her vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr delayed their vacation one week to allow Kathy to enter the tourney.

Netters Move Into Last Round

Defending champions of The Birmingham Eccentric Recreation community tennis tournament fell by the wayside as competition continued to grow more stiff each day during the two-week grind.

Two new champions of the junior girls and boys singles events were crowned last week as was the new champion of the girls singles division.

LITTLE KATHY Kerr downed Sue Fisher 6-1, to become the first junior champion, but the Fisher family put their name on one of the trophies anyway.

Young Mike Fisher defeated Peter Elliott, 6-4, to reign as the boys singles champion of a last-minute rally by Elliott.

The junior division played only one set.

FRAN GREEN came from nowhere to edge defending champion Starr Walker in the girls singles event.

In a hard-fought battle, Miss Green downed her opponent, 6-3, 6-4. Miss Walker forced nearly every game to deuce before bowing.

Boys, mens, and womens singles were to move into the final rounds today and tomorrow along with the doubles events.

NORM FREDERICKS unexpectedly returned to summer school at Cerritos College, Calif., and did not defend his mens' singles and doubles title and his partner last year, Howard Johnson Jr., also attended summer school.

Mrs. Anne Holmes was bumped from the womens singles event by an ex-Californian, Mrs. Beatrice McKee.

Mrs. McKee was the amateur womens singles and doubles champion of Palm Beach, Cal., before moving to Birmingham.

STEVE SMITH and Don Kelber joined forces to enter the semi-finals of the boys doubles yesterday by downing John Sisson and Bob Tinsdale 6-3, 6-4.

Ironically enough, Sisson and Smith were the defending champions.

Miss Walker has a new doubles partner in Sharon Foster and had won their first match in the girls doubles.

The second round of the mens' singles was played Tuesday and the finals are expected to be held Friday evening at 6 p.m. All matches are at Elton park.

American Legion

Southfield W. L. 0 1.000
Birmingham 4 2 .667 1/2
Novi 2 2 .667 1/2
Troy 2 2 .667 1/2
Milford 1 5 .167 4/5
Clemson 0 5 .000 0

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Southfield 15, Novi 0
Troy 16, Rochester 12
Novi 15, Birmingham 10

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Royal Oak 4, Birmingham 3
Birmingham 7, Troy 3
Rochester 3, Milford 1

YESTERDAY'S GAMES
Rochester 15, Birmingham 10
Clemson at Southfield
Troy at Milford

W. L. 2B hr RBI
Didier .22 7 10 1 0 0 9 .455
Rudy .29 5 14 1 1 2 16 .300
Forrest .27 14 19 1 0 1 7 .316
Arnold .21 14 11 4 5 8 12 .207
Lavin .42 2 11 0 0 0 3 .282
Miller .5 2 10 0 0 0 .200
McManus .45 7 9 2 1 1 9 .176
Rube .61 12 15 0 0 0 .286
Roch .15 1 2 0 0 0 2 .134
Hester .20 3 1 0 0 0 1 .000
Springer .29 3 1 0 0 0 0 .000
Released .6 2 2 0 0 0 0 .167
w-l 127 11 17 77 .500

Springer 3-2 50 17 18 9 1 57 1.62
Hester 18 19 3 0 0 1 0 2 1.11
Miller 21 14 11 4 5 8 12 .207
Rudy 20 6 3 4 3 7 4 2.26
Becker 20 6 3 4 3 7 4 2.26
10-4 132-2 51 59 51 81 119 2.05

FAMED TRACK COACH
Michael H. (Dad) Butler, 89, head trainer and track coach at University of Detroit from 1927 through 1944, is a member of the track and field hall of fame of the Helms Athletic Foundation. He was selected in 1957.

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Kelly Holds Onto Men's League Lead

The race for the championship in the men's league at Springdale golf course continues to get "hot-ter."

Larry Kelly held on to first place by defeating George Sterling, 38-40, Tuesday and has a record of 11-3 for the season.

Dale Rolph took over second place with a 38-47 victory over Harold Speak and has a 10-3 record.

Loe Sharfow used only 11 putts to nose out Bob Gent, 34-36 and gained the third spot with a 9-3 record.

Two more weeks of play remain in the 30-man league.



Young Andy Robinson, 7, of 4445 Parklane court, Bloomfield township, is a youngster who refused to let a childhood disease put him in bed for life. Andy suffered a crippling attack of polio, but still drives his racer in the quarter-mile events at Miracle Mile track. He and his father, Donald, are members of the Wolverine Race Club that holds the races every Sunday.

Here, his father makes adjustments to the small motor in the rear of the racer. The club will inaugurate its new lighting system to-night and Andy will probably participate in the 15-vent car beginning at 8 p.m. The lights were donated by the W. D. Gale Co. and the Fyfe Electric Co.

Along the Sidelines with bill arthur

Somewhere else in these sport pages is a story concerning a young lady named Kathy Kerr who defeated one Susan Fisher for the junior girls title in The Birmingham Eccentric Recreation department last week.

When the match was completed, the comment was heard that the father of the young lady and the rest of her family could finally start their vacation.

It was soon discovered that William W. Kerr had spent one of his three weeks vacation at home while his daughter rolled through one opponent after another—patiently waiting until this nonsense was over.

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Satellite Coach Carl Hill brings in Jeff McPartlin in the fourth inning to halt a Milford uprising and gave him instructions to keep the ball low. McPartlin followed the advice and was the eventual winner as the Satellites came back to score four more times for a 9-6 decision.

Pioneers Enter State Playoffs at Ypsilanti

The Birmingham Pioneer Babe Ruth all-stars will play Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Ypsilanti for the state championship. The manager is Fred Harris, and Tom Lakos and Bill McGovern will coach.

The Pioneers beat Northwest Detroit Americans, last years state champs, 12-4. Detroit started the scoring in the fourth by chalking up two runs. Birmingham retaliated and scored six in its half of the inning.

KALOCOSAY then smashed a home run into right center. Heydon and Bob Townsend followed with singles and Heydon came home on an error.

The Pioneers earned a chance to play the former State champs by beating the Satellite league All Stars 7-6. Pioneer Craig Kirby started the scoring by belting a long home run into right field.

Starting pitcher Stew Harley of the winners had a perfect game going for four innings.

THE SPELL was broken when Doug Hayes led off the fifth with a single. Bob Billings, Lou Kemp and Mike Davis followed with singles anyway, pushing Kalocosay home.

Mike Harris also walked to tie it up. With the bases still loaded, Delmore Gowing singled in two more runs. Harris scored on an error and Gowing scored on Larry Ducharme's single.

Birmingham scored four more times in the sixth. Ducharme singled and went to second on a passed ball. Jim Farrell knocked him home on a single.

Lions Face Rams In Pre-Season Test

BOULDER, COLO.—In the earliest start in their history, the Detroit Lions meet the Los Angeles Rams in a pre-season game in Folsom Field on the University of Colorado campus in Boulder, Colo., Saturday afternoon.

The game is sponsored by the Air Force Academy Foundation as part of Colorado's centennial "Rush to the Rockies" celebration.

A SQUAD of 46 players arrived in Denver this morning and will hold workouts at Manual high school today and tomorrow.

Thirty-three veterans and thirteen rookies are included on the roster.

Two veterans, defensive half-back Gary Lowe and end Dave Middleton did not accompany the squad. Lowe is attending a two-

week National Guard training camp and Middleton is at medical school in Memphis, Tenn.

COACH GEORGE Wilson has indicated that all three of his quarterbacks, Tobin Rote, Earl Morrall and Jerry Reichow will see action, but that the latter two will carry most of the load.

Veteran personnel must of necessity carry the burden of play in the opener with only thirteen first year men on the squad.

However, Coach Wilson plans to use the newcomers for a good share of the game in an effort to find out if they can hold their own against NFL opposition.

THE RAMS, one of the pre-season favorites in the Western (See LIONS, Page 7-E)



There's Nothing to It, Boys

Detroit Lions' quarterback Tobin Rote shows these Birmingham youngsters the proper way to throw a pass. Watching closely from left, are Jerry Folk, 10, 608

Humphrey; Little Gene Folk, 4; Mike Bosak, 11, of 967 Ruffner, and John Folk, 8. Rote, who had an operation on his arm earlier this year, is passing as well as ever.

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