

Birmingham-Bloomfield Area Athletes Have Banner Year

Prep and amateur athletes in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area enjoyed another banner year during 1959 and came away with many titles in many of the different sports. Their outstanding work again proved that Birmingham area athletes are among the best. Here is a resume of the first six months of sports highlights in the area.

JANUARY
Southfield cagers moved down Livonia Bentley, Monroe and Redford Union by convincing scores to copy their second straight Northwest suburban invitation Christmas tournament. Ferndale and East Detroit were nominated as early favorites in the Eastern Michigan league basketball race.

Birmingham's basketball team couldn't find the win column for the second straight time and bowed to Port Huron. The five home men were going through the thin ice at a tremor.



Good Ol' Summertime

The Birmingham Babe Ruth and Little League baseball players had a good time even during the tryouts last spring as this picture shows. These Little League ballshoppers go all out during the trials in trying to make the team.

Along the Sidelines with Bill Arthur

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FEBRUARY
TWO PRO BOWLERS, Frank Clark and Tony Lindeman, gave bowling clinics at the Bloomfield Lakes and Birmingham Bowl respectively over the week end. The Yellow Jackets grabbed the Recreation department's junior division hockey league crown while the Chiefs coasted in as champs of the senior division and the Bulldogs took the intermediate crown.

Talibulis grabbed the Recreation department's basketball championship. The campaign is divided into two parts. Birmingham eaglers had a nice three-game winning streak going when they bumped into East Detroit again, bowing, 71-62. Key roads caused Detroit Country Day to cancel its game with Harper Woods.

MARCH
Pine Lake country club began plans for the new addition to its clubhouse and the Chiefs lost the semi-final game to the Detroit Monarchs, 3-2.

Both Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills came through with their first district championship. The Maples downed Royal Oak Donders, 56-50, and the

Barons whipped Redford St. Mary, 43-33. The Maples' swimming team finished third in the state while the cagers were honing to Hamtramck, 63-54. Cranbrook Coach Ben Snyder had 30 candidates for his track team.

Prep baseball teams started practicing outdoors during the last week of March and Birmingham was named to host the district and state Little League baseball finals.

APRIL
LITTLE LEAGUE and Babe Ruth officials began handing out applications for would-be ballers, Kuehns and Maxwell.

Both schools had competed in their final match and this was a warm-up for the regional meet to be held the following week.

CRANBROOK WON the regional crown and qualified 17 men for the state wide Birmingham finished third in the regional to qualify for the Class A championships.

Birmingham Recreation department director Robert Girardin resigned his post to take a similar position with the Livonia recreation department. Southfield's baseball team won its 10th straight game by trimming Berkley, 4-2.

Birmingham high's golf team captured its third straight monthly invitational golf trophy with Gary Moux, Oton Pearson and Mike Jackson shooting 77-73.

JUNE
Cranbrook's powerful track team grabbed the Inter-State league title and Little League baseball players, along with their counterparts, Babe Ruth players, started the season.

THE SPARTANS of the Pioneer Babe Ruth league won the championship in a play-off game with the Wolverines, 13-11.

Birmingham's American Legion team won its first game to take an early lead in the district play-off.

The Recreation department's summer program opened with a large and varied schedule that offered something for everyone.

Babe Ruth, Little League Hold Clinics

Baseball Stars Head Programs

There will be TWO baseball clinics this year! One will be for managers, coaches, assistant coaches and fathers who help their sons learn the fundamentals of baseball.

The other will be aimed at the players in the Little League, Babe Ruth league and American Legion team.

JACK TIGHE and Ed Kantalinas, scouts for the Detroit Tigers, will be the featured guests at the managers-coaches clinic to be held Tuesday, January 6, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Barnum junior high school.

Al Kalfon, Gail Harris, Billy Pierre, Art Hootemann, Mill Pappas, Eddie Kavanski, Hobie Landroth and Baltimore Oriole scout Lou D'Annunzio will be the featured instructors at the second clinic to be held Saturday, January 9, at Seaholm high school gym from 1 to 3 p.m.

The Wednesday clinic is sponsored by the Detroit Tigers and the Detroit Times and the Saturday clinic by the Birmingham Babe Ruth League.

COACHES, managers and assistant coaches along with fathers invited to both clinics, but the Wednesday clinic will stress coaching methods.

Saturday's clinic will emphasize baseball as seen by the players.

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Bloomfield Hills Wins First Tourney Game, 67-49

Bloomfield Hills, winner of its opening Flint holiday basketball tournament Monday night, met Fenton Bendle Tuesday evening at Fenton.

If the Barons won last night, they will meet the winner of the Clio-Holly game tonight at 9 p.m. If they lost, they will meet the loser of that game at 7:30 p.m.

THE BARONS HAD little trouble downing Howell, 67-49, as Coach Hal Trott saw three cagers hit for double figures, Tom Maron (23), Art Tregezana (17) and Bruce Billings (17) paced the victory.

At Livonia-Bentley, Jackson downed defending Northwest invitational basketball tournament champion Southfield, 48-38, by scoring 18 points in the third period.

Recreation Round-Up

HOCKEY: Hockey clinic for boys and at Derby pool, Thursday, 7:10 to 9:15 p.m. will be held on December 21, 24, 26 and 31 due to local Christmas holidays. It will resume on January 4 at Seaholm and on January 7 at Derby.

WOMEN'S SWIMMING: Women's swimming instructions are given at the Seaholm pool, Monday 7:30 p.m. for a fee of \$1 which includes admission to family swim sessions from 7:30-10 p.m. The lessons will not be held on December 21 and 28 due to the Christmas holidays.

THERAPEUTIC SWIMMING: Therapeutic swimming is featured at Barnum pool, Wednesday 7-8 p.m. for the physically handicapped. Fee is \$5 for 10 sessions, register at the Recreation office, December was the last session in the first series of classes. The second series will begin on January 6.

MEN'S BASKETBALL: The men's basketball league began scheduled play with six teams on December 17, at Derby gym, 7:10 p.m. Games will not be held during the Christmas holidays.

SATURDAY SWIMMING: The winter series of Saturday swimming lessons will begin at Barnum, Derby, and Seaholm pools on January 9. Registration has been taken for children in the beginners, polyvogue, intermediate, advanced, and diving classes.

TEEN CENTER: The teen center, which meet at the YMCA on Friday evenings from 8 to 12 will be cancelled on Christmas and New Year's Day. It will resume on January 8 with the Dual Tones furnishing the dancing music. Other activities include bridge, shuffleboard, ping-pong, and table games. Memberships for 1960 may be purchased at the door.

ADULT RECREATION: Adult Recreation which is held at the Seaholm gym on Monday evenings from 7:10 p.m. will not be conducted on December 21 and 28 due to the Christmas holidays. It will resume on January 4 with the regular activities of basketball, volleyball, badminton, ping-pong and trampoline.

FAMILY SWIMMING: Family swimming which is held at the Seaholm pool, Monday, 7:30-9 p.m.



Hockey Tableau

This tableau is a daily ritual in a recent hockey game in the league's juvenile division. The faceoff is a tense moment for all players and the momentary freeze just before the puck is dropped is something to behold.

Cocks On Frosh Cross Country

The Occidental college freshman cross-country team won their eighth consecutive conference championship by placing second, third, seventh, 12th, and 14th in a meet held at Keckland university in early December.

Fresh Cocks, graduate of Birmingham high school, planned and led to lead the Occidental freshmen in the meet.

Mt. Christie Open For Area Skiers

Mt. Christie, largest of the ski resorts in the immediate Detroit area, opened for its second year of operation Saturday, December 26.

A number of changes in the facilities of the area have been made during the past summer, all designed for the greater attraction and convenience of the skier, according to manager Robert Jackson.

Smith Wins Frosh Soccer Award

MIDDLETOWN, Conn.—Peter G. Smith, has been awarded a freshman soccer memento by Wesleyan university.

Smith, a graduate of Cranbrook school, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Smith, 1856 Oak street, Birmingham.

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