

Kaline, Pierce, Ginsberg, Delock Star In Local Baseball Clinic Held Saturday

Other Major Leaguers Expected at Clinic

Detroit Tiger star Al Kaline, Chicago White Sox hurler Billy Pierce, Baltimore catcher Joe Ginsberg and Boston pitcher Ike Delock will appear at the first Birmingham baseball clinic to be held Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at Derby junior high school.

Infielders Cass Michaels and Reno Bertoia may also appear along with Tiger coach Don Lund if their schedules permit.

MEMBERS of the Babe Ruth League are sponsoring the clinic in conjunction with local Little League officials.

Pierce, brilliant pitcher for the White Sox, (and a former Tiger), spearheaded the drive to round up major league players to conduct the clinic.

Pierce is honorary chairman of the Babe Ruth League.

The clinic will be divided into three or four sections.

WHILE PIERCE shows youngsters how its done from the left side of the mound, Delock will demonstrate the finer points of pitching from the right side.

Joe Ginsberg, another former Tiger, will give valuable pointers on the coaching and batting aspects of the game.

In another section of the gym, Al Kaline will discuss the outfield positions and give tips on hitting while Michaels (and possibly Bertoia) will demonstrate the different infield positions.

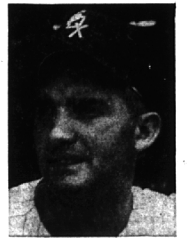
If Don Lund can make it, he will discuss the coaches' position on the field with managers and players-coaches.

BASEBALL players from the Birmingham area are invited to

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The Detroit power squadron, through its chairman of the free piloting courses, has announced that a limited number of additional students may register at a special registration Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. at the Eastland Center auditorium.

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BILLY PIERCE

attend the clinic that is open to the public without charge.

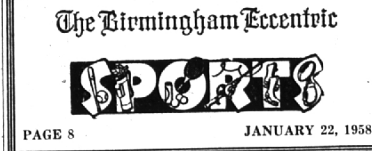
If attendance at the clinic proves there is a demand for future baseball shows, local league officials may plan to make it an annual affair.

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Along the Sidelines with Bill Arthur

When a professional athlete is elected an honorary chairman of some group in his home town, he is usually just lending his name to said group for publicity purposes.

Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, that athlete never even sees the club or meets any of the members because of business pressures and other reasons, both large and small.

Monday night, we met that 100th person.

A YOUNG fellow by the name Billy Pierce, who has cut quite a name for himself in the baseball world, was elected honorary chairman of the Babe Ruth League.

It was a big surprise, therefore, to discover that he would attend the board meeting of the Babe Ruth League at the home of the president, one John Krull by name.

It was an even bigger surprise to discover that he was taking an active part in the Birmingham baseball clinic to be held at Derby junior high school next Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Not only did he spearhead the drive to garner such players as Al Kaline, Ike Delock, Joe Ginsberg and others, he also took the time to discuss the layout and lay the foundation of what appears will be one of the top-notch clinics ever presented.

PIERCE ALSO discussed the problems of obtaining equipment, such as bats and balls, along with other problems pertinent to the local situation.

It was obvious that Pierce was interested in the local youngsters in other ways.

His wife was attending a local PTA meeting (which he had managed to escape by attending the board meeting) and it is easy to gather an excellent impression of the former Tiger who was traded to the White Sox several years ago.

He quietly conceded that the Tigers made a good trade in obtaining the Cleveland pitching duo of Don Mossi and Ray Narleski (he couldn't say much more; he had to play (See SIDELINES, page 7-E)

Jays Host Van Dyke, Lose to Farmington

Southfield Coach Bob Watts is probably beginning to wonder if a Christmas tournament is such a good idea.

The Jays mentor is preparing his quintet for the invasion of Van Dyke tomorrow night after last Friday's narrow loss to a surprising Farmington squad.

SOUTHFIELD won the Christmas tournament by defeating a tough Livonia-Bentley squad and then eased, past Redford Union in the finals.

Following the win over Bentley, Coach Watts said his team was a little bit tired. He repeated the statement after the holiday affair was concluded.

The Jays appeared tired against Walled Lake, a so-so team, and had to work extra hard to extract a one-point victory.

FARMINGTON, which has come a long way during the past three years, dumped the Jays 62-58, last Friday.

It looked as if Farmington would blow the Jays when it attempted to stall with three minutes left in the game. Southfield's Bob Pilar shot the ball and scored with 1:15 left on the clock.

That made the score 60-57. Farmington went into its stalling tactics again, but a Falcon became over-anxious and fouled Pilar as he stole the ball again.

PILAR SUNK the first free throw and then deliberately missed the second. The rebound came back to Cliff Solberg who let go with five seconds left.

His ball hit the rim, bounced around, and then rolled out. Farmington then hit for the final points on two free throws by Ken Cobb.

Cliff Solberg hooked in 18 points for the Jays, but Cobb tallied 22 for the Falcons. Teammate Harvey Chapman had 15.

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Team	W	L	T
Chiefs	3	0	0
Oaks	2	1	0
Varsity Shop	2	1	0
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Cleveland Brown quarterback Jim Ninowski, who is teaching physical education at Birmingham high school, urges his students to get that last possible push-up for the physical fitness test. Ninowski is a practice-teacher and will receive his degree from Michigan State in mid-March. Although trying to build up an insurance business in the off-season, Ninowski still wanted his teaching certificate and each under-graduate must spend one semester as a practice teacher.

Jim Ninowski Does Practice Teaching At Birmingham High

By W. J. ARTHUR
Sports Editor

Birmingham high school isn't too impressed with the fact that it has one of the country's outstanding sports personalities on its staff.

Cleveland Brown quarterback and former Michigan State university star football player Jim Ninowski is practice teaching at Birmingham high until mid-March. He will return to the university at

that time to receive his degree.

WHEN THIS reporter called the school and asked if Jim Ninowski had registered that morning, this was the answer received: "Jim Ninowski? Is he a teacher here? (Yes.) "I'll have to check the attendance sheet—just a moment please." (Pause.) "He's signed in. Just what did you want with him?" (Would like an interview.)

"AN INTERVIEW? For what?" (He's a quarterback for the Cleveland Browns.) And then came the big one: "Who are the Cleveland Browns?"

At any rate, Ninowski was conducting a class in physical education at interview time and here are the impressions of a professional football player who has just finished his first year.

"The professional game is much easier," Ninowski said.

"EVERYBODY knows what they are doing and everything is very nicely organized. Most of these guys have been around five or ten years."

"After a while, you don't have to look for your man; you know (See TEACHING, Page 7-E)

Chiefs Wrap Up Hockey Title Two Games Early

It's all over but the shouting in the recreation series hockey league this week.

With two games left to play in regular season competition, the Chiefs wrapped up the title on a convincing 6-3 win over Wayne Groulx on Sunday morning.

Wayne Groulx broke loose for the hat trick, scoring twice in the first and again in the third.

Bill Jones put the Chiefs out in front early in the first and Groulx scored his goals only a few minutes later.

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Recreation Round Up

SKATING RINK

Hockey clinic will continue for another two weeks with Marty Pavelich taking charge, from 4 to 6 p.m. Mondays. Registration for skating classes will begin Jan. 24, 31, 4 to 8 p.m.

Thursday—4-5, ages 6 to 8; 5-6, ages 9 to 11; 6-7, all ages 6-12.

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Dahlquist Moves Early In Rek Loop

Dahlquist took an early lead in the recreation basketball league last week with two wins in as many games.

Fawcett was the first to feel the sting of the league leaders when it was trounced 67-47, as O. G. White hit for 20 points. Tom Rex had 10 in a losing cause.

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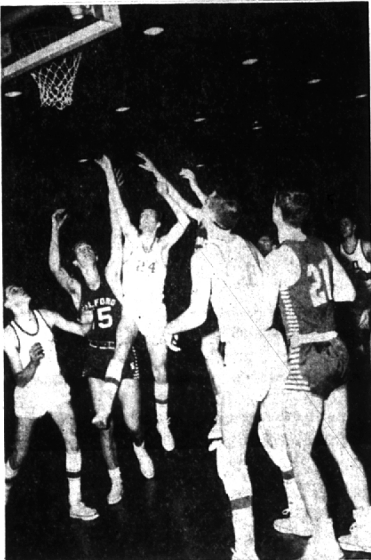
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John Dixon (24) of Bloomfield Hills scores two more points in Friday's game against Milford, but those markers went for naught as Milford dumped the Barons, 56-49.

Dixon managed to score in spite of Terry Anderson (15) and Dick Whitman (with arm outstretched) who tried to block the shot. Bob Barrett (20) waited for the rebound and was closely guarded by John Sheffer (21).

Barons Collapse After Early Season Victories

That two-game losing streak by Bloomfield Hills has now been increased to three games.

And the picture doesn't appear too bright for the Barons who will invade Clarkston tomorrow night in another Wayne-Oakland league contest.

CLARKSTON lost a tough one to Holly last week and it was the first league loss for the Wolves.

The Hills quintet has had a complete reversal of form since the early stages of the season when it was three out of four.

The Barons lost seven straight games in the 1957-58 campaign before posting a win and local fans were beginning to dream about a championship during the first few weeks of this season.

A LOSS to Clarkstonville dimmed the dream temporarily, but the big blow came last Friday when Bloomfield Hills bowed to Milford, 56-49.

Milford's first win of the season came at the expense of the Barons and that all but killed any chance for a title.

After trailing, 25-18, at halftime, the Barons came back to tie it up, 26-26, midway in the third period, but Milford came back with two two-point buckets and took over the lead.

The Indians were never headed after that.

DICK WHITMAN and John Sheffer did most of the damage by scoring 13 points each and Bob Barrett and Bob Thompson had 10 each for the losers.

There are several reasons why

the Barons have dropped so suddenly, but the biggest reason is Bob Thompson.

Last year, Thompson was the second highest scorer on the team, but the senior is experiencing a pole-sitter and nobody has taken up the slack.

THE BARONS are also short on height this season and they haven't been able to hit from the outside.

Thompson hit for 10 points against Milford, however, and may be on the comeback trail.

If he starts hitting again and if the team as a whole can start making some field goals from the outside, the Barons may cause some trouble in the loop yet.

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