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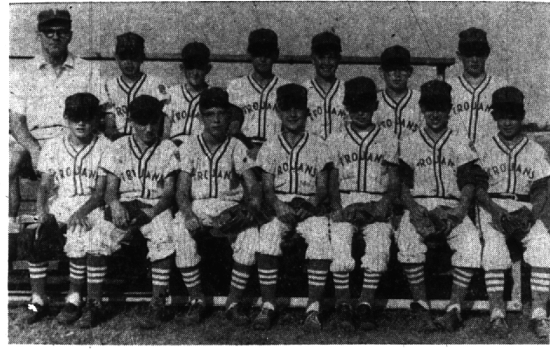
By LOU CHIESI

Ninowski: Lions' Last Big Hope

Jim Ninowski never quite fulfilled great expectations at Michigan State.

Spartan football coaches agreed that Ninowski possessed the strongest passing arm of any quarterback at East Lansing during the Reggie Mann, Duffy Daugherty coaching era.

And Michigan State fielded several outstanding marksmen during that time—Gene Gluck, Al Dorow, Tom Yevich and Earl Morrall, among them. But Ninowski, they learned, lacked the play-calling touch so necessary to any quarterback.



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Little League Baseball Novice Bears Down, Keeps Promise

By LES LANGLOIS
Sports Editor

Someone once said, "Everything comes if a man will only wait." That's exactly what Leon Ricelli, 16255 Amberst, Birmingham, manager of the Trojans Little League baseball team, did, and to his surprise, it paid off.

When league officials asked Ricelli, a candy manufacturer, to come from his Detroit office onto the ball field to manage one of the newly formed Continental League teams, he was disappointed. He was completely lacking in the technical "know how" of the game.

Infidel practice procedures, playing the ball in tight spots, when to steal a base were all Greek to him. There was just too much of a gap in his limited experience with baseball, he argued.

Sure, he took over managing a team that had lost the last couple weeks of the previous season, but "this is the big leagues," he thought. Many young kids in the tee ball were one thing, but big league play and rules was another.

his ability to manage the team. Winning their two practice games, one at the expense of the previous year's National League champs, left the novice riding high. "Man, we got a team," he thought.

"Then the season started and we lost."

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B'ham Group Organizing Soccer Team

Birmingham may give birth to another community sport in the near future. That is, providing a local house of Hungarian soccer enthusiasts have any luck in organizing a league team.

Leucy Szabo, 726 S. Ruffner, his son, Cuki, 17, and their two brothers, Leslie Szabo and Steve Szabo, both Hungarian immigrants, are interested in getting a soccer team together to compete in the Detroit soccer league.

The group needs 11 players to make up the team. They have five now and are looking for at least six more players. Once organized, the team will play scheduled games from September through December with weekly practices held at one of the city parks.

PINTER figures it would cost about \$300 to completely outfit an 11-man squad. Although the group is looking for a local sponsor, Pinter is willing to finance the initial cost, which could be repaid through team sponsored dances and other social events.

The Pinters and Szabo made the boat trip from Hungary and settled in Birmingham in November of '56. Shortly after, Szabo, who left Hungary after the Second World War and went to Germany until '56, joined his Birmingham friends.

With such planning experience under their belts, the foursome should have little trouble organizing a community group.

Oakland Hills Women Golfers Do It Again

Oakland Hills' women's golf team did it again last week for the fourth time in 11 years. Compiling 41 1/2 points on their home course, the girls capped the Women's District Golf association team championship with a victory over Mrs. Robert J. Vinton, 747 Parkwood, Birmingham, who carried an 80 and Mrs. F. L. Thompson Jr., 6800 Oakhills, Bloomfield township, with an 81.

The Detroit Golf club is the closest team to the winners with 55 1/2 points for runnerup honors.

B'ham Gunner Wins State Shotgun Crown

Ron Priebe of Orchard Lake took a break from the routine of his vacuum cleaner repairs business at 1287 S. Woodward, Birmingham last weekend to explore something more exciting.

Armed with his trusty Remington 31 and Winchester 50 shotguns, several boxes of 12-gauge shells and loads of enthusiasm, the 29-year-old gunner shot his way to the 6th annual Michigan Shotgun Championship in Davison.

With an amazing score of 73, the unique champion requires each contender to shoot a round of 25 targets on the skeet field, 25 on the trap field and 25 on the difficult bird field. Only in this way can a true all-around champion be determined.

Despite only 20 per cent vision in his left eye, Priebe recorded perfect scores on the skeet and trap fields, scoring 23 in the bird contest.

It was Priebe's third crack at the title, not quite able to make the pace in previous years.

USING A TOWEL to keep his glasses dry, the champ shot his last 50 targets in a downpour. "The rain must have helped me," he said jokingly. "It kept me cool outside of a couple of trips to



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Resident Shoots for State

Thomas S. Maxwell, 17, 897 Mohegan, Birmingham (extreme right) placed second among a field of 65 with two 75's in the class B competition of the 15th International Jaycee Junior Golf Championship in Waterloo, Iowa last week. Maxwell was one of Michigan's four junior champions competing with champions from 50 states as well as entries from Japan, Panama and Hawaii. Above Maxwell prepares for a practice round with other Michigan representatives (from left) Dennis MacDonell of Kalamazoo, Robert Wagner of Owosso and Robert Kayser of Kalamazoo.

North Downs South 19-12 In County All-Star Contest

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EVEN THE SPOTTING of the recently orbited U. S. Satellite wasn't enough to distract the near capacity crowd of 7,315 engrossed spectators, although the shiny manufactured planet, maneuvering among the celestial bodies, provided a timely halftime feature for squinting fans.

The game, played under college rules, offered everything from the speed of track to the rough stuff of boxing while strategy stretched from the T-formation to the old statue of liberty.

The key drive for the game broke loose in the fourth quarter when the red jerseys of the North marched 60 yards in eight plays to set up the tie-breaking touch-down.

Quarterback Bill Bryce of Waterford handed off to Bob Hocking of Pontiac Northern who took it over from the four to break the tie 18-12 with four minutes left in the fifth.

With three minutes to go, the South's all-star quarterback Ron Bishop of Shrine exploded with a desperation passing attack, but it was broken up twice by the great defensive playing of halfback Bob Cavanaugh called Luke.

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LOU CREEKMUM'S South team led off the scoring in the opening minutes of the game as the white jerseys drove 74 yards in six plays for the score. Halfback Bob La-totte of Bloomfield missed on the end zone with Bishop's 50-yard pass. The conversion was no good as Bishop connected with a bullet on the end zone with Bishop's 50-yard pass. The conversion was no good as Bishop connected with a bullet on the end zone with Bishop's 50-yard pass.

With eyes glued on the action of Friday's Oakland county all-star game, kicker Phil Isbell (right) of Birmingham and halfback Gene Schuett (left) of Michigan anxiously wait for the North's defense to break through the South 19-12.

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THE NORTH displayed superior strategy by mixing their plays. Led by the line bucking of full-back Sam Keeve of Birmingham and Luke Jones of Pontiac Central, the North gained 133 yards in running while Luke and Horritt ran for 82 yards passing.

The June graduates from some 25 high schools throughout the county worked surprisingly well for having only two weeks practice. The success of the game convinced the Pontiac junior champion.

THE NORTH'S rushing strength, led by tackle Jerry Rush of Pontiac Central, penetrated the beefy South line, forcing Bishop to take to the air. The North regained possession of the ball after a series of hurried unsuccessful Bishop

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Gridiron Tryouts Start Soon

The football season is moving in on little league gridgers as league officials prepare to kickoff the 1960 program for 9-12 year-olds in the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school districts.

Tryouts are scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 6 and will be held daily, except Saturday and Sunday, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday until Sept. 24. Thereafter, practices will be held four days a week.

By Sept. 24 each division will be reduced to 90 boys, 30 on the varsity team and 30 on each of the two freshman teams.

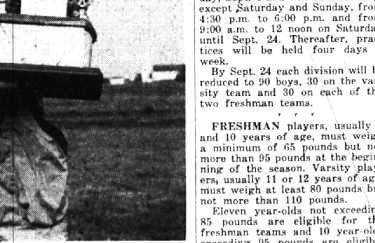
Recreation Round-Up

ALL-SUMMER RECREATION ACTIVITIES: All-summer recreation activities have ended and plans are being made for the fall and winter program. Activities beginning in the fall will be children's swimming classes, therapeutic swimming, family swimming, adult gym, ladies slin-trim, and teen center. Program flyers will be distributed in September.

BIRMINGHAM SENIOR MEN'S CLUB: Each year in August, when the Community House is closed, the club has a fall outing. This year, July 23 was the day of their Fourth Annual Picnic held at the Pontiac Yacht club on Cass Lake. August 5 they were guests at the home of Mrs. Ewald E. Schaffer on Commune Lake. August 12 they were entertained at General Motors Technical Center in Warren, Michigan. August 19 they were the guests of Mrs. Fred C. Gould at her home in Foxcroft.

A golf tournament is scheduled for Aug. 26 by Roger Ingalls, chairman of the club's games committee. All members who play golf are invited to participate. Tee-off only 3 o'clock. At the Pontiac Municipal Golf course, located on South boulevard and Cass avenue in Pontiac.

Resumption of regular bi-weekly meetings in the Ranch Room of the Community House on September 9 will herald the beginning of the fall season.



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