

CROSSFIRE

By LOU CHIESI

Detroiters Want Part Of Tigers

A group of wealthy Detroiters—not now connected with professional sports, has quietly informed the proper people that it's willing to buy any part of the Detroit Tigers.

Two of the three combines which joined to purchase the Tigers from Walter O. Briggs estate have been approached by the interested Detroiters. The New York-California group and the combine headed by John DeWitt, Kalamazoo radio and TV executive, have been informed that their interests will be purchased if they want to sell.

It was the New York-California stockholders, headed by Kenyon Bowen, which approached DeWitt as president and complete boss of the Tigers. DeWitt's position depends completely upon the group remaining in the Tiger syndicate.

It's no secret that DeWitt runs the show. He has taken over the duties handled by holders from the Briggs management and in the complete control in the announcement that Harry Sison, a longtime Detroit executive, will retire as a vice-president. Harry had nothing left to do.

Behind the scenes, DeWitt has been exerting pressure on general manager Jimmy Dykes, despite denials. And DeWitt lets the players know what he thinks of their shortcomings. Many realize they won't be around next season.

JERRY REICHOW's departure to the Philadelphia Eagles in a trade for ex-Michigan State back Walter Kowalek, advised might have been an embarrassing hassle for the Detroit Lions.

REICHOW REFUSED to sign a new contract, but he was held by the Lions by the league contract clause which stipulates that a club has an option on a player's contract for one year after expiration of his contract.

After ending up in the cellar in the first half of the little league baseball season, the Trojans turned around their spirits and drove to place first in the second half and become the Continental League.

It's been a great season for manager Leon Riccielli and his inspired club as a "great bunch of boys" kept plugging to climb from cellar to first place.

Playoffs Close Little League Baseball Season

Teams Prepare to Vie In District Tournament

The day of reckoning for the majors of Birmingham's little league baseball is close at hand as teams plan practice sessions for the district tournament Aug. 2-5 at Eton park.

The district contest, which leads to the state, sectional, regional and finally Williamsport, Pa. for the world series, allows each league to enter only one all-star team.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Bruce Landino, Richard Balgerson, George Moser, Robert Gleason, Timothy Stitt, Richard Lovrie, Thomas Lawton, Timothy Rauh, Lawrence Kirchner, Craig Moorhead, James Moore, Blain Wright, James Angell and Nicholas Bosak.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: John Annas, Dan Corrigan, Mark Dwy, Jim Eschner, Mike Fernald, Terry Fernald, Paul Good, Brad Jayne, Mike Kenally, Walt Mackenzie, Dave Prase, Mike Perry, Tom Starr, and Dick Wallace. Alternates are Tom Scheerer and Kevin O'Connor.

FEDERAL LEAGUE: Jim Shryock, Art Kilo, Tom Rohrer, Bozz Downey, Ricky Vusler, Jack Nelson, Jim Hurrell, Charlie Moore, Allan Lindow, Buzz Watson, Mike Rafferty, John Rafferty, Jim Kirk.

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Parents Play Big Role In Little League Ball

Where would Birmingham little league baseball be if it wasn't for the hundreds of parents responsible for its existence and growth? We hear about the wins and losses, the no-hitters, the home runs and the close at hand championships, but what about the money it takes to finance Birmingham's 2500 little leaguers?

With the season drawing to a close, parents' contributions are rapidly reaching the league's \$11,000 goal which will cover this year's expenses and get next year's off to a good start.

AS PARENTS REALIZE their closer ties with the league through their financial support, they will come as interested as their sons in league activities.

Under Birmingham's parents supported system, every boy in the community gets a chance to play baseball regardless of his ability. Youths interested but not gifted do not look out for their best part concept upon which many little league programs are based.

Old Timers Swing In Senior Tourney
A field of nine senior golfers ranging from 67 to 79 years of age proved "you're never too old to swing the ball" in the Springdale Golf course's Senior Golf tournament held Wednesday.

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'Play Ball, Shout Little League Moms

Birmingham's little league mothers donated their sons' baseball caps and borrowed their equipment to do a little ball playing of their own. From left are Mrs. Clarence Hatch, 316 West Arlington, Mrs. Claude A. Welles, 10023 Worthington, Mrs. Harry L. Murray,

31666 Nixon, Mrs. Allen Mays, 1737 W. Lincoln, and Mrs. Henry Redder, 1691 Taunton. Mrs. Welles is chairman of the group of league mothers whose job it is to raise money for little league equipment and operations.

While the DADS are organizing, coaching and managing, a committee of "moms", the grass roots of the league, are busy campaigning for funds. Seldom acknowledged, these behind-the-scenes supporters make up the life line of Birmingham's little league baseball.

Net Entries Must Be In Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the last day to file entry forms for the Eccentric Recreation community tennis tournament to be held at Eton park courts Aug. 1-10. Early returns indicate this year's turn out will exceed last year's contest.

Pairings and times of matches can be obtained by calling the recreation department office, Midway 4-1800, extension 9 on Friday, July 29, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon or 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. They will also be posted on the east door of the municipal ice rink located adjacent to the Eton park tennis courts.

Resident Aces Hole
It was a great day for Mrs. F. J. Kreisal, 150 Lowell Court, Bloomfield Hills, who aced the 136-yard elevated hole in the 11-hole team Country club last Thursday.

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Newcomers Move Into Final Rounds
Despite a few brief rains Friday, Birmingham Community House newcomers club golfers invaded the course for some stiff competition in the semi-final rounds of July's major tournament.

Baseball Scoreboard
SCHEDULED LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL GAMES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BIRMINGHAM AMERICAN LEAGUE
NATIONAL LEAGUE
FEDERAL LEAGUE

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Youths Bid for Fitness Titles

Birmingham's future track stars jumped into action last Friday as the Princeton Prep-Birmingham Recreation department's annual Physical Fitness Field day got underway at Pierce school.

Major Florence Willcutt and recreation board chairman Mrs. William H. Jackson were on hand to see the youngsters take part in place. Pembroke, Pierce and Eton playgrounds followed in that order with ribbons awarded the first three place winners.

In addition, all first place winners of individual events received emblem T shirts which they will wear to Trenton tomorrow where they will compete against 34 communities in the Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness program.

Results of the 10 track and field events are as follows:
Class A 1st - Donna Engard, Quanton; 2nd - Jane Diehrich, Adams.
Class B 1st - Bob Heller, Midvale; 2nd - Charles Adams, Midvale.
Class C 1st - Ned Heuserich, Adams; 2nd - Dave Baldwin, Pierce; 3rd - Craig Ruggles, Pembroke; 4th - Mike Fisher, King.
Class D 1st - Sandy Heuserich, Adams; 2nd - Rick Hale, Pembroke; 3rd - John Sandquist, Pembroke; 4th - Bob Bailey, Pierce.
Boy's Fall only.
Class A 1st - Scott Woodson, Pembroke. (See YOUTHS, Page 7-E)

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Biting his lip, Jay Cappell, 1835 Cole, gives it all he's got as he whirrs and hurls in the boy's softball throwing event of Birmingham's physical fitness field day last Friday at Pierce school.