

CROSSFIRE

By LOU CHIESI

Ex-Champ Leads Way To Cuba

The recent adventures of Joe Louis, citizen and taxpayer, offer many possibilities for the benefit of mankind. The former heavyweight champion never will catch up on his back income taxes, but the opportunity to serve his country again beckons the Brown Bomber. It seems, he has registered as a foreign agent for Cuba, to promote travel to Fidel Castro's island. At the same time, Joe supposedly is instructing Floyd Patterson how to regard the heavyweight title from Ingemar Johansson June 20.

With Castro preparing for a comic-opera invasion by the United States, and remembering how Johansson dismembered Patterson in their last introduction, it seems plausible to suggest that Louis switch assignments.

PERHAPS HE should teach Cuba how to fight and Patterson how to travel—as fast as and as far as possible.

In that position as a travel chimp for Castro's concentration, camp presents several charming possibilities. May we suggest that Joe first obtain a visa for that savior of boxing, Gus D'Amato, who managed Patterson to a title while establishing new standards of demeanor in a sport famed for flagging and folding?

D'Amato, a self-appointed slayer of the International Boxing Club, accomplished the impossible during his management of Patterson. He made even the International Boxing Club, James Norris, president, look innocent. D'Amato not only outkicked Patterson's opponents, but selected the promoters and the site of the matches, and even dictated that friends get a cut of the challenger's purse.

SIGNOR D'AMATO would be much at home in Cuba, and perhaps could teach Fidel a new trick or two. The visa could be extended interminably, certainly without D'Amato's loss of interest in the cultural life of the United States.

Should Johansson again affront Patterson, that bewildered young man might join his former manager for a life of contemplation in Sloppy Joe's.

Just to keep D'Amato from becoming lonesome, Joe might also send special rates to Havana for Pete Rademacher and Roy Harris. Brian London might want to tag along, too. And why not take along Hurricane Jackson, that pitiful pawn Mr. D'Amato fed to his tiger so happily?

Rademacher, who may recall, was from the Columbia Broadcasting System. D'Amato selected to fight for the heavyweight title in his first professional bout. And Harris, a lightweight of sorts, dutifully fulfilled his role as victim in a farce at Los Angeles. London substantiated Johansen's estimation: "He couldn't beat my sister"—by accepting defeat in that contest with the Diners Club at Indianapolis.

YOU MAY recall a couple of two-paragraph items in the daily sports pages about a month ago. One told how Sonny Liston knocked out Harris in the first round at Houston, and the other told how that London had stopped Rademacher in the eighth round in England—so performance in boxing nothing to dispute Johansen's estimation of his sister, however.

Such little vignettes are Mr. D'Amato's legacy to boxing. With such talent at hand, D'Amato might stage a heavyweight elimination tournament in Cuba. He might manage the winner with the winner qualifying to oppose London for the right to meet the man who has won the heavyweight championship of Cuba.

The title bout could be held on a beach on the island of Cuba during a hurricane. Sports Illustrated, the magazine which exalted D'Amato as the greatest of all time, would send no less than a dozen reporters and some six or seven photographers for exclusive coverage.

CASTRO would referee and brother Raoul count for the knock-downs.

Perhaps Nino Valdes would come out of retirement to challenge the winner. Valdes being the Cuban who trailed Patterson for so long trying to get a title match.

If not, perhaps Miss Johansson would accept a bout.

Let us not scoff at Joe Louis' latest venture. The possibilities are enormous.

Pete Armstrong is a slick bantamweight boxer from Saginaw who made the United States Olympic team. He also is a sports journalism student at Idaho State college, ostensibly to become a sports writer.

Pete won just about everything in sight when an escaped boxer, and while in Uncle Sam's Army. A Fancy Dan, he escaped any serious punishment in more than 100 fights.

Somewhere along the line, however, he must have suffered a particularly stiff punch to the noggin. Otherwise, why would anyone want to be a boxer and sportswriter?



Mr. 'Sports' Holds Trophy

Guy Moats, right, former sports editor of the Pontiac Press, was presented the first place team trophy of the first all-Oakland County track and field meet, which will be held at Southfield high school on June 4.

Monte Charles, meet manager and Southfield athletic director, left, said the preliminaries will be at 2 p.m. and the finals at 8 p.m.

Hot Race In Hills League

In its second week of league play, the Bloomfield Baseball League had some hot action with two teams tied for first place and two for a second place.

Some excellent pitching by George Morris and Bob Oles, winner of the White Sox, resulted in victory over the Indians. Tom Robertson hit a homer with two aboard for the Senators against the Indians.

In the Athletics' win over the Red Sox, Olsen hit a triple with one on and two out in the last inning to drive in the winning run. Two homers were hit by Hal Weckler and Hugh Craney, but the big blow was Tom Kahala's single that drove in the winning run for the Red Sox over the White Sox.

The Orioles beat the Tigers with some good pitching by Dave Pison and Earl Davis. Red also drove in the runs with two doubles.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Red Sox	1	0	1.000
White Sox	1	0	1.000
Tigers	0	1	.000
Indians	0	1	.000
Senators	0	1	.000
Orioles	0	1	.000

At Cleveland, the Crane twins were never heard, taking their fifth straight league crown with 102½ points to runner-up Shady Side Athletics of Pittsburgh with 57.

Barney Cronse was once again the big man for the Cranes, taking first in both dashes and John Olin captured the mile and the half-mile to lead the Cranes on to the top-slip victory.

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To round out the day's action, the Crane team closed Shady Side 3-2 to complete the sports action for the week.

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SUMMER SQUARE DANCING: Outdoor square dancing will be held on the first and third Fridays during June, July and August from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. The dances will be held at Elton Park. Joe Rink with Bill Gracey as caller. The dancing level is intermediate and the fee is \$2 per couple.

ADULT SOFTBALL: The Recreation Department Softball League began the first round of play on Monday night. The first round began defeated Vicker's 2 to 0 while the Gay 90's won over the Nike Site by a score of 9 to 1.

SATURDAY SWIMMING: Saturday swimming for elementary children at Barnum, Derby Pools will end Saturday, June 6. Seasholm classes will end Saturday, June 11. Summer swimming will begin June 20 at all three pools for instruction and family swimming. More information will be in the recreation office.



Hole-in-one Contest

Walter "Wally" Burkemo, Franklin Hills golf pro, watches as his son Carl, 12, attempts to shoot a hole-in-one during the recent Vaughan School country fair. To complete the story, Carl, a sixth grader actually got his hole-in-one and walked off with a king-sized trophy for his efforts. Eddie Anderson, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard V. Anderson, 5250 Deepwood, Bloomfield Hills, and an eighth grader also made a hole-in-one to win the senior division trophy.

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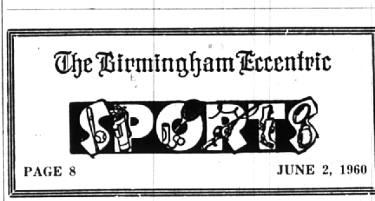
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TEEN CENTER: The dance band to play at the Teen Center on June 11 will be the Rockin' Rebels. The game room and lounge will be open at 8 p.m. Fee is 25c for members and 75c for guests. Officers for Junior Board of the Teen Center will be announced when the election is held.

GOLF: Classes are offered Mon-

Birmingham Runners Near Finish of Track Season



B'ham Little League Starts Season Play

With the Birmingham Little League opening games last month, May 23, more than 1600 boys participating in this well organized program took to the playing fields.

Started some nine years ago when the American league was formed with some 40 boys, the league has since grown to four leagues, with each league having six major teams, and all but the new Continental league having 10 minor league and five T-Ball teams. Each league has six major teams which play at the four diamonds located at the park, starting at 4:00 p.m., with rainout to be played on Saturday.

The American League minor and T-ball teams play at Howarth and Poppleton fields, the Continental teams at Greenfield and Beverly school diamonds; the Federal league teams at Pembroke and Torrey fields, and the National league teams at Quanton school.

The following are the Little League Major team standings for the week of May 23-28:

AMERICAN LEAGUE: George Mosher of the Jets pitched a no-hit, no-run game to open the season Monday night. It was also George's first pitching effort, which makes his feat all the more commendable.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Jets	2	0
Yankees	1	0
Phillies	1	0
Tigers	0	1
Senators	0	1
Indians	0	1
Orioles	0	1

FEDERAL LEAGUE: In the Senators-Athletics game of May 24, Buzz Watson of the Athletics had three hits in three times, at bat, scored three runs and had 4 RBIs. Alan Lindquist, the winning pitcher, Chris Carter drove in two runs with a double in the seventh inning to help defeat the White Sox on Saturday.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Met Bros	1	0
Athletics	1	0
Tigers	1	0
White Sox	0	1
Senators	0	1
Indians	0	1
Phillies	0	1

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Three close, hard fought games were played on opening night, promising a tight, well-balanced race. The Dodgers edged the Giants behind the pitching of Dave Fosse. Teammates Mike Prough and Doug Bacon got two hits apiece for the win. The Braves defeated the Cardinals in a free swinging affair with Dan Corzian hitting a three run homer for the Braves and the sixth to tie the game. Paul Good then homered for the Braves in the bottom of the sixth to win the game. In other action, the Cubs, behind 5-0 in the first, rallied to beat the Pirates 6-5. Tim Thorson got three hits for the Cubs.

CONTINENTAL LEAGUE: Sam Garvin, Badger pitcher threw a no-hitter against the Spartans but still lost the game 3-1. Walks and errors were the deciding factor in the loss. The rained-out Memorial Day game will be played on Saturday, June 4, starting at 9:00 a.m., second game at 1:00 p.m., and the third game at 4:00 p.m.

STANDINGS

Team	W	L
Wolverines	2	0
Howlers	2	0
Spartans	1	0
Falcons	0	1
Indians	0	1

The weekly schedule for the American Major League is: Thurs. 2, Red Sox-Tigers; Fri. June 4, Jets-Yankees; Monday, June 6, Jets-Indians; Tues. June 7, Phillies-Yankees; Wed. June 8, Tigers-Red Sox; Thurs. June 9, Indians-Phillies.

Federal league schedule: Thurs. June 2, Athletics-Mud Hens; Fri. June 3, Orioles-Seals; Monday, June 6, White Sox-Mud Hens; Tues. June 7, Mud Hens-Senators; Wed. June 8, Orioles-Athletics; Thurs. June 9, Athletics-Senators.

Seaholm Ready for County Track Meet

Seaholm's track team will end its season Saturday night, June 4, when it seeks the Oakland county championship on the lighted Southfield track, with finals at 8 p.m.

Barring the Maples' way, as usual, will be Pontiac Central, the 1959 state champion. The Chiefs have finished ahead of Birmingham in three of the four meets in which both were entered. Only in the Huron Relays did the Maples win out.

All high schools in the county will compete as equals, regardless of size.

PONTIAC and Birmingham are favored to finish 1-2. The Maples won't play their dual meet Friday, undefeated, with an easy win over Mt. Clemens. In another dual meet last week, they crushed Redford, the Detroit city league track power.

The large crowd which turned out to see the Seaholm-Redford twilight clash on the local track saw one of the fastest dual meets held in Michigan this year.

THE TIMES in four races—the quarter mile, half mile, mile and 880 relay—were faster than the fastest in the state meet, considerably faster in the last two instances.

Track records tumbled, along with two Birmingham school marks.

In outclassing the school rated the strongest track team in Detroit this year, the Maples avenged last fall's loss in cross-country when Birmingham was state champs and Redford the Detroit club-champion.

Detroit's public schools do not enter state competition.

DAN REID, Birmingham miler ran the fastest mile ever turned in by a Michigan runner. It was five seconds under the winning time in the state meet where the Redford Bill Stewart led all the way and won in 4:28.0, a new Birmingham track record.

Right on Reid's heels at the finish was another Redford miler, Dick Sharkey, in 4:30.5.

Seaholm's crack 880 relay team of Dick Zaino, Scotty Purvis, Paul Simmons and Steve Jacobson won in 1:31.4 to set a new school and track record. The clocking was a second and a half faster than the time with which Flint Northern won at the state meet when faulty timing was the cause.

After lunch the discussion group took up the subject of "The Privileged Class" while other members played games and visited.

The speaker at the Friday, May 27th meeting was Dr. Robert Bruce Furrer, of the Metropolitan Methodist Church of Detroit, but was cancelled due to illness.

Interesting movies of "Exploring for Oil in the jungles of Guatemala" were substituted. The discussion group for the meeting was monitored by Mr. Harry Burch and the subject was "Should the Government Pay Its Debts?"

Arch Skelton, 1788 Holland, was present at the meeting after an extended visit to Florida, and Mr. Mortimer S. Hyde was greeted with a "Happy Birthday" song.

It is hoped that Dr. Pierce will be able to fulfill the speaker engagement on June 3. The discussion group will be monitored by Mr. Harry E. Fromm and the subject will be "Our Privileged Class."

baton passes slowed the Maples. Also faster than state championship were those in which Redford's Kirk Armstrong (50.9) won the 440 and his teammate, Terry Moore, (1:59.3) took the half mile.

BOTH SET new track records. Simmons (.52.0), who finished second to Armstrong, also beat the old mark. Another new record was Redford's mileage relay time of 2:32.5.

Jacobson broomed jump 23 feet 7.8 inch for one new track record and ran the 220 in 22.0 for another. Zaino (2:23) tied the old 220 mark.

In the 100, Kulkerson and Zaino also finished 1-2.

Recreation Round-Up

SUMMER BASKETBALL CLINIC: A summer basketball clinic will be held for six weeks, June 6 and July for all Junior and Senior High School Boys. The clinic is scheduled for weekly mornings from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m., beginning June 20.

Blacks will be available to teach basketball fundamentals. This clinic is designed to aid in the perfecting skills of the young men. Blanks have been distributed in the schools and pre-registration at the recreation office is required.

Guests of the club were Mr. R. Plexico of Arlington Ave. and Mr. Martin Hoover of 1905 River side.

Mr. Byron H. Rich was well at Springdale Golf course for boys and girls 9-15 years old. The first series of classes will be June 20 to July 15, the second series from July 22 to Aug. 15. For 8 lessons is \$4, which must be paid in advance at the recreation office. Enrollment is limited to 50 in each series. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB: Dr. John K. Ormond, Urology specialist, entertained the Birmingham senior men's club on May 29 with his talk on India and the Belgian Congo. Dr. Ormond traveled these areas extensively in studying diseases and the living habits of the people. Especially interesting was his talk on the tribes, languages, superstitions and education in the Belgian Congo.

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Hills Fathers Promote Sports

A number of Bloomfield Hills men, many members of the school's Quarterback club, D. E. Miller, president; and Don Hoff, Bloomfield Hills athletic director. The men hope that the additions will further sports enthusiasm and attendance during the coming season.

He Flipped, Literally That Is

Greg Geiger, 27156 Appletree, Franklin, an eighth grader at Groves high school shows how it's done as he flips through the air while practicing on a trampoline. The school on Woodward, just south of 14 Mile

that Chuck Yearn and Fred Leigh, both elementary school gym teachers, will use when they open their trampoline jumping school on Woodward, just south of 14 Mile