

Birmingham Thinclads Capture Huron Relay at Ypsi

B'ham Little League Prepares for Season

Little League baseball, for the most part asleep all winter, has begun to show signs of awakening. All has not been idle during the winter months however, with the addition of a new league, the Continental.

With this new league, nearly 700 boys will have a better chance of making a major league team than only three leagues.

THE LEAGUE boundaries include the area covered by the Birmingham school district except the Village of Franklin, Birmingham Farms and Walnut Lake, which are in the Franklin Hills Little League area.

To be eligible you must be between the ages of 8 and 12 to play. Your age is figured according to Little League rules. Simply stated, you are eligible if you will be 8 years old on or before July 31, 1960 or will not be older than 12 years on or before July 31, 1960.

THE BIRMINGHAM Little League system has four leagues: the National League, the American League, the Federal League and the Continental League. The league boundaries are as follows:

National League — Poppleton Field, east of Hunter and north of Oakland.

American League — Pierce school, on Pierce north of 14 Mile road.

Federal League — Derby Junior high school field.

Continental League — Eaton south of 14 Mile road and east of Telegraph.

American League: bounded by 14 Mile on the south, Woodward on the east, Maple on the north and the east Maple district boundary on the west.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Maple road on the north; Adams-to-Big Beaver, to Woodward, to school boundary as an eastern boundary, and the school boundary on the north and west.

Federal League: Ahal, portion of the school district east of Woodward and Adams, north of Big Beaver, and south of Maple.

EVERYONE MUST register regardless of previous Little League participation. Last year's players

B'ham Boy Recipient Of Trophy

Richard J. Williams, Jr., a freshman swimmer has been selected as the recipient of Princeton University's Nash Memorial Trophy for his "outstanding sportsmanship and performance" during the past season.

Without any previous competitive swimming experience, Williams competed in the freestyle events and as a member of the 400-yard freestyle relay team.

HE ESTABLISHED new freshman records in the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle events and took part in a standard-setting performance by the 400-yard freestyle relay squad.

The freshman member recorded 11 victories in 12 meets, losing only to powerful Yale in establishing the best win-and-loss mark for a Tiger yearling swimming team in over 20 years.

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Coaches Attend Football Clinic

Bump Elliott, left, head football coach Michigan high schools coaches association, from the University of Michigan greets Michigan coaches attending Seaholm; Tom Carson, Groves basketball coach, and assistant football coach; and Carl Lemle Seaholm football coach.

Birmingham Ski Club Ties in Slalom Race

The Birmingham Ski Club and the Ski Niks of Royal Oak held their first inter-club slalom race Wednesday night, at Mt. Christie, resulting in a tie between both clubs. The three first place winners in each division were:

Men's - Class A-1. Gil Risk - Ski Niks; 3.2.0. A. Tal - Ski Niks; 2.0.3. Duncan Laidlaw - Birmingham Ski Club; 4.1.1. Men's - Class B-1. Ted Hageman - Birmingham Ski Club; 2.1.2. John Broderick - Ski Niks; 4.1.5. Roger Gettel - Birmingham Ski Club; 4.5.5.

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Seaholm Captures Huron Track Meet

An amazing show of strength in all of the 13 events swept Seaholm high school's track team to the Class A championship at the Huron Relays in Ypsilanti Saturday and offered promise of one of the best seasons in the school's history.

Stepping into what had been foreseen as a battle between Pontiac Central and Flint Northern, Coach Kermit Ambrose's boys ran away with the meet, scoring 45 points.

Pontiac Central was second with 29 1/2. Flint Northern and Ann Arbor tied for third with 27.

THE MAPLES snatched victory from a group of 45 schools including all of the top Michigan track teams and three from Ohio.

Two mile runners Steve Jacobson and Dan Reid, turned in five individual performances. Jacobson finished 2nd in the 600 yard race with a leap of 20 feet 11 inches and placed fourth in the 90-yard 4x4 relay.

Reid, pacing himself through the first six laps, then sprinted past everyone but Joe Anderson, of Pontiac Central, in the mile, finishing second in a field of 15 with a time of 4:43.8. Reid was right on the heels of the tiring Anderson at the finish.

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CYO City Champions
 The Holy Name grade school girl's varsity won the 1960 CYO City championship by defeating Detroit's Our Lady Queen of Peace 25-21 in the final game at Visitation center, Sunday. Front row left to right, N. Pienemann, G. Keeffe, M. Stuecheli, P. Serba, V. Matuzak. Middle row: P. Cutting, J. Herrrodt, B. Alderista, B. Bode and manager Rita Reilly. In the back row: P. Schmitt, M. Anderman, K. Sullivan, S. Tighe and C. Granke.

SPORT TALK with Lou Sugo

Bump Elliott, head football coach at the University of Michigan, told more than 250 coaches and players that "basically speaking, the most important single factor in a winning team is the spirit that it displays."

Elliott was addressing members of the Michigan High School coaches association, region seven, during a special football clinic held Friday at Southfield High School, 10 Mile and Lashar roads.

THE UNIVERSITY of Michigan coach and members of his staff were the featured speakers at the clinic, with Elliott explaining the various offenses used last year by his Wolverines.

The clinic got under way with Elliott talking on the principles of the winged-T offense. He said, "planning, based on certain ideas and coupled with high team morale is a difficult combination to beat."

Developing this statement, Bump told the high school coaches that he and his staff are striving for real team spirit. "If we can't have that we will be in pretty bad shape," said Elliott.

"IT IS ALSO important that you have a well conditioned team, for you cannot have fine team spirit without being in good physical shape.

The head coach continued his requirements for a good team when he mentioned the word "toughness," both mental and physical.

He said, "By this I mean that a team has to know how to lose as well as how to win. A boy, a man, what have you, that doesn't know the meaning of defeat, can never fully appreciate the real meaning of victory."

ANOTHER EXERCISE that Elliott touched upon was the need for practice, both for the individual and the team. He said that in order to help the individual improve depending on his ability, "he must practice, practice, practice."

One of the most factual parts of the entire program was the excellent manner in which Elliott and his staff demonstrated their team plans for the coming season.

A most enlightening part of the program came as Elliott emphasized the importance of a simplified offense. Using a simple offense is the best offense that a team has.

ELLIOTT TOLD how it was actually well into the season before his quarterbacks really understood the clumsy signal system previously employed.

He hastened to emphasize that "our boys are not backward by any means, we have some real sharp boys, but I mean that the old system of having to remember 60-70 plays is outmoded.

TODAY, USING a certain combination, such as 1-2-3 and building on that series, a large variation of plays results and yet never creates a burden upon the players.

Non-Trout Streams Now Closed Until April 30

LANSING — A legislative change closing non-trout streams in Michigan to muskellunge, northern pike and walleye pike fishing until April 30 is being called to the attention of fishermen by the Conservation department.

The regulation did not go into effect until last week and does not appear in the 1960 Fish Law Digest which was distributed to license dealers during early November.

As a result of the change, pike, walleye and muskellunge fishing are barred on virtually all of the state's inland waters until the opening day of trout season.

NOT INCLUDED under the closing is a stretch of Muskegon river downstream from Rogers dam in Mecosta county, the connecting waters of the Great Lakes, and a number of lakes listed in the "special provisions" section of this year's Digest.

Bluegills, perch, sunfish, rock bass and certain other species remain legal catches throughout the year in non-trout lakes and streams.

The new restriction, a departure from the general trend of liberalizing regulations in recent years, is designed to protect the three species during their spawning seasons.

BASED ON recommendations by Department fisheries biologists, lower peninsula and around mid-April above the Straits.

B'ham Pro Plays In DeSoto Open

DE SOTO LAKES, FLA.—Tommy Cosmos, 1760 Melton, Birmingham, assistant home pro at Oakland Hills Country Club, is among golf world stars in the field of 150 who qualified at the country's newest major tournament, the De Soto Open, held at De Soto Lakes Golf and Country Club in \$40,000 earnest, second only to the upcoming Masters, in the South, and among the top 10 nationally, and Florida's richest event.

Charles R. Hummel, 21, of 2435 Devon, Birmingham, has received Princeton's Trade Trophy for top contributions to wrestling through a spirit, sportsmanship and brook School, was captain of his high school wrestling team.

Hummel, a graduate of Cranford, N.J., is a member of the Princeton wrestling team. He wrestled this season at 180-pounds.

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Ball Players Last Chance

Officials of the Southfield Little League, 1321 Parlan and Mike Gier, 1295 Maryland blvd., Birmingham, were among the medal winners during MSU's recent intramural athletic championships.

Stark, a freshman representing Father Hall dormitory, paced the gymnastics division with title-winning efforts on both the parallel bar and high bar. He also took a second place medal on the flying rings.

Oldham, a senior representing Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, was runner-up in the doubles handball competition.

Local Student Awarded Letter

Henry H. Beam, 321 Larches drive, Birmingham, was awarded his varsity letter as a member of the Princeton varsity sports team.

The Tiger's varsity team won nine of 10 matches this season, losing only to the Ivy League champion, Harvard.

Recreation Boxes To Meet Saturday

Winners of the semifinals bouts of the Sixth Annual Junior Boxing tournament sponsored by the Detroit Parks and Recreation department will meet for title fights at the State Fair Coliseum Saturday night.

Seniors MRN'S CLUB: Typical of the activities of the Seniors' club of Birmingham were the events of last Friday, March 25th. At 10:30 A.M. the members assembled in the Ranch Room of the Community House.

A short business meeting was held at 11:00 a.m. The speaker of the day, Colonel Cox of the Salvation Army, related to the members the activities of that organization.

Lunch was enjoyed at noon. After this the club's discussion group exchanged ideas on how to remember names and the importance thereof.

The bridge and shuffleboard players journeyed to the Congregational church at 10:00 Southfield Rd. for an evening of bridge with the Bushnell retired men's club.

The Birmingham men were victorious at bridge but their shuffleboard players have no comment to make.

Next week on Friday, April 1, the Birmingham Senior Men will enjoy a feature film, impact which pertains to the history of our southern oil and gas companies, and a short film showing our Boy Scouts at the Annual jamboree at Valley Forge.

The discussion group will have a Capital Punishment for Michigan for their topic of discussion.

Going for a Strike

Roy L. Thurman, 1178 Brookwood, president of the Birmingham High Twelve club shows how it should be done as he delivers the ball for a strike. The State High Twelve Bowling tournament was held last Saturday at the Thunderbird Lanes. A smorgasbord dinner was held after the meet, in which both men and women participated.