

CROSSFIRE

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Pros Cause Big Ten To Worry

The New York and Baltimore franchises are strong but certainly not the best in the game.

Only the revitalization of the White Sox by Bill Veck and the Indians by Hank Lane has spared the American League from lagging even farther behind the National in wealth and prestige.

Major league baseball's success in San Francisco and Los Angeles continues to kick college sports into the background. Even traditional rivalries between the West Coast universities no longer attract the usual sellouts; in fact, crowds have dropped drastically in football.

THE PRO FOOTBALL Los Angeles Rams and San Francisco Forty Niners first grabbed attention from the colleges. Now the two baseball clubs have further depleted interest in the colleges. The Coast next winter with the moves of the Lakers from Minneapolis to Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles and Oakland entries in the new American Football League can be further estimated the followers of coast football.

This season can hardly be escaped even some of the raccoon coats who direct the affairs of the Big Ten. They are at least a trend to de-emphasize Big Ten sports, particularly football.

In last week's meeting at East Lansing the Big Ten started to somewhat as a major league college conference should—reinstating the chance to play in Rose Bowl and moving definitely toward eliminating a ludicrous code book that has further demoralized and retained too long merely to save the faces of those who should have been smarter in the first place.

THE COACHES and athletic directors of the Big Ten lost almost all the battles in the faculty representatives. But they won the war against de-emphasis.

Now it remains to be seen whether the Big Ten can adapt a positive program to regain public attention, or continue to learn by West Coast universities should prove an invaluable text book.

San Francisco probably will displace Milwaukee as baseball's leading attendance city this season. More than 500,000 fans already have watched the Giants at the new Candlestick Park base and baseball enthusiasm in the city by the big bay booms as the Giants make a serious run for the pennant.

MILWAUKEE FANS still follow the Braves with the undying love that characterized the city in the first years after the arrival of the Braves. The novelty had rubbed off on Boston, the great thrills have subsided. For a while, the Braves were pennants and even a World Series.

In San Francisco, those heady achievements—a National League flag and a world championship still mesmerize even so sophisticated a city.

The Giants appear certain to draw more than two million fans and further emphasize the wisdom of the move by the Giants and Dodgers to the West Coast three years ago. The Dodgers may well finish just behind the Giants in attendance, or possibly ahead should the club engage in a late pennant bid that fills the Coliseum one or twice.

Incidentally, it appears certain that the Dodgers will play at least two more seasons in the old continued field barriers still stand. The owner Walter O'Malley plans to construct baseball's first park in Chavez Ravine. O'Malley won the principal court fight for the site but other lawsuits have kept him from starting construction.

NONETHELESS, the Dodgers remain a most profitable sports venture. The Giants and Dodgers will rank one-two as baseball money-makers this season.

All of which should explain why those New York sports writers have piled right whumped when the New York Yankees have been named to sink these days. The New York Yankees, with the world's largest population concentrated at their door, aren't setting attendance records.

The success of the Giants and Dodgers on the Coast cannot help but affect baseball in other ways. The two clubs already have established the National League as the dominant circuit in the Majors. And the men who run the professional stores generally end up with more to say about the business than the fellow who has a tough time making even, if money talks, Horace Malley will have the final word on it in the future.

CONVERSELY, the East Coast is in domination of the baseball industry. Boston and Philadelphia have crumbled into two of the lesser franchises in the game. Washington retains the Senators only because baseball's deep thinking is not yet so permeated by statisticians at a time when anti-trust suits threaten sports.



Bloomfield Hills Golf Team

The Barons of Bloomfield Hills have had one of their best seasons to date as far as their golf team is concerned. In the league the team has won nine and lost none in scheduled matches. They have won the regional trophy at Farmington and were also runners up state champions. Pictured are: Handing—coach Don Dennis, Bruce Billings, Jim Kenyon and Chuck West. Kneeling with the Class B trophy is Gordon West, left, and with the league trophy (Wayne-Oakland) is Fred Edwald.

Cranbrook Little League Second In Minor Squads State Meet

This week "play ball" can be heard all over the Birmingham area as hundreds of Little League's pour onto the playing fields for the start of the 1960 season.

Although there are now four leagues in the Birmingham Little League majors, one more than last season, there were so many applicants that even the farm teams are bulging at the seams.

The following are minor league teams of the four leagues: AMERICAN LEAGUE: AGGIES: Robert Boninger, Duell Smith, Kenneth Dill, Steve Bell, John Chaska, Ronny Foster, Tommie Babcock, G. Andrew Hamilton, David Cox, James Juby, Kenneth Waters, Ed J. Collins, Michael Johnson, Charles Cantello, Thomas DeWard, Robert Gray, Michael Phillips, Thomas Wright, Paul Aron, Chris Tasso.

BROWNS: Chris Jones, Chris Brimman, Dick West, Gene Cook, Jack Harbo, Lawrence Kevier, Richard Howard, Randall Johnson, Robert Garrett, William Hestice, Mike Meecher, John Walsh, Mike Sewell, John Adams, Thomas Hill, Steve Hill, Wes Kirtson, Marcel May, Albert Hoffert, Jerry Wallace, Gary Davis, John Galt, Stephen John Park.

REDAYS: Mike Brown, Dave Norcia, Mike Schelling, Mike Seltman, Bob Perry, Max Newhouse, Bill Seabold, Ron Goode, Charlie Kirk, John Seaman, Keith Hake, John Kerfoot, Mark Dickson, Keith Rodney, Pat Coan, Jeff Hester, Rocky Settle, Jim Henderson, Steve Mac, Perry, Brian Schick, Bill Reddy. ORIOLES: Bruce Hatcher, Stephen Chaske, David Liden, Stephen Parks, Bill Fox, Michael Swales, James Merritt, James O'Connor, Cliff Howell, David Roberts, Phil Kuter, Richard Maud, Craig Colburn, Powell Hill, William Hildart, John Manning, Rocky Messer, James Hildart, Gregory Hill, Michael Mitchell, Jack Frank, Leonard Hartzel, Bill Bates, Jay Bennett, Fred Vanhook, Doug Jones, Jay Kilham, Dave Eborst, Doug Davis, Mike Swales, Jerry Donald, Tommy Hill, Ken Perry, Jeff Matthews, Alan Miller, Dave Jones, Jeff Swaid, George Spurr, Larry Jeffery, Steve Swaid.

THE FINAL score was Egoose 43-11, Cranbrook 36-6/11, both boys and girls, at third place Fenwick with 17-3/11.

Free Golf Clinic Offered to Kids

The Sportland Golf Range, Northwestern Hwy., corner Lahser road, is planning a free golf clinic for 10-15-year olds, starting June 4 through July 2.

The clinic will be held each Saturday for six weeks, starting at 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Boys and girls are invited to attend, but must bring their own clubs.

Those who are a pro and member of the PGA will be on hand to conduct the clinic.

FALCONS: John Brown, Hank Bart, Dick Hill, Dierbach, Don Douglas, Mike Jones, Tony Janis, a pro and member of the PGA will be on hand to conduct the clinic.

Carp Carnival Winners

The annual Carp carnival held May 14 was a huge success according to recreation director Don Martin, who said that nearly 150 boys and girls entered the event. From left, Mayor Willett presents awards to Scott Cameron, largest fish for boys over

12; David Bradbury, largest fish for boys under 12; Gal Gibson, largest fish for girls under 12; and Paul Davock, largest number of fish caught. Mr. William Spense, right, recreation board member was also a judge for the event.

Seaholm Thinclads Improve Over '59 State Meet Mark

Maples Finish Third In State Track Meet

Steve Jacobson, a virtual one-man team, gave Seaholm third place in the state track meet at Ann Arbor Saturday by winning the broad jump and finishing second in both dashes.

It was Birmingham's best finish since achieving Class A status. Last year the Maples wound up fourth.

A dozen other Seaholm athletes made the trip but, as it turned out, except for Dan Reid who gathered two points by placing fifth in the mile, it was all Jacobson in the scoring.

FOR A WHILE the big junior must have thought he had ended up in East Lansing where the Big Ten track meet was being held instead of at a high school finale.

He ran the 220 yard dash in :31.4, the same time with which he won the 880 relay. Stephenson in the high jump, Sweeney in the broad jump and Pete Moorten and Chuck Tower in the pole vault.

AS IT TURNED out, the best of the Maples could not win the third place, Pontiac Central and Flint Northern ran away with the meet with Pontiac finishing in the 44 to 41 Birmingham had 18 points. Dearborn was fourth with 16.

Earlier in the week Seaholm easily defeated Fort Huron in one dual meet and won over Pontiac Central by four points in another in which those athletes who had dual meets in the state finals did not compete.

Tomorrow the Maples go to Mt. Clemons for their last dual meet of the year. The Eastern Michigan league meet will be held at Kimsall next Tuesday at 4 p.m.

THE SEASON will end Saturday, June 4, with all Oakland County schools meeting in a night meet at Southfield under the lights.

James F. Pedder and T. F. MacMarius are vice chairman in charge of advertising program; Dan O'Madigan, Jr. is vice chairman in charge of the automobile exhibit.

Others include Wendell S. Smith, Robert G. Wild, Merrill O. Bates, David Eicher, Carl J. Theobald, George E. Master, Mr. and Mrs. A. Howard Maedel, Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Swan, Mrs. T. P. MacMarius and Richard S. Wilson.

Mrs. Fred W. Davis is secretary of the show. John C. Emery, Jr. is secret counsel and the show manager is Bert C. McIntire.

43rd Annual Horse Show Opens Soon

Dates for this year's Detroit Horse Show have been set for June 22 through June 26. This will be the 43rd Annual Show and based on last year's outstanding success, it will be the largest in the show's history, according to Stanley M. Humphrey, show chairman.

A few of the highlights in the American league were the hitting power and pitching prowess of the Indians in sweeping to two victories, the come-from-behind of the Orioles in beating the Red Sox for their first victory in two years; and honor by Jeff Beardsall with two out in the last inning to win for the Yankees over the Senators.

AS IN THE PAST, horses from all over the country are expected to compete for prizes and awards. Humphrey said. Serving as advisory council for the show are Mr. G. E. Fisher, Irving A. Duffy, W. O. Bridge, John R. Davis and G. Fred Morris.

The vice chairman in charge of judges and officials is G. Fred Morris. The show will also be in charge of prizes and awards.

ALL BIRMINGHAM area high school boys are eligible to try out for the team which finished third in the standings last year behind Royal Oak and Southfield.

With some growing interest in this newest of new family sports, Peterson is trying to establish a local Birmingham club, since there is no real club in the Birmingham area who own hot karts but who have no real track close to Telegraph and U.S. or the Ford Administration building parking lot in Dearborn to drive on.

My wife and son are both good drivers," said Peterson, "and on a Sunday we take the kart and drive over to a local parking lot or Dearborn to drive on.

LeRoy Peterson, 1917 Cole, and his wife Ann, display some of the enthusiasm that is evidenced by many go-kart owners as they roar down the final stretch (in this case their backyard) of the straightaway.

Western Rodeo At Tip Top Ranch

The Tip Top Ranch at 8500 E. Highland road (M-59), near Millford, is planning a Sun Dance Rodeo for Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 29, with starting time for both days at 3:00 p.m.

Western Dance enterprises expects to have shows every Saturday and Sunday this summer, with all events for the first two shows being contested by members of the Midwest Cowboys Association.

There will also be a contest for rodeo for Saturday, May 23 and Sunday, May 29, with starting time for both days at 3:00 p.m.

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