

Interest, But No Real Furor

Perhaps it's almost unpatric to say such things—people have been called Communists for less...

Beyond a doubt there's more interest in the Tigers and baseball this season...

HOW MANY new customers are paying their way into Tiger Stadium? Perhaps not many...

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Television hasn't hurt the game. It probably has helped, despite the moaning...

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Eccentric-Recreation Tennis Tourney News

Tigers Leading American, Just Like Counterparts

The Tigers of the American Major League, just like their "real" counterparts, are leading the pack with a 4-1 record.

The Red Sox and Yankees are second with a 3-2 record. The Dodgers of the National Major League are leading the pack with a 5-0 record.

IN THE NATIONAL Minor League, the Texas partner, lead the league with a 7-1 record.

The Bellarmers defeated the Gobbers, 16-10, to win the American-National Tee Ball championship.

And, the American Tee Ball All-Stars, nosed by the National All-Stars, 11-10.

Spread over some 70-75 home dates this will show only a few thousand more per game.

When comparing attendance this year to attendance in the exciting years of the 1930's...

Population has doubled, transportation has improved, and easier and baseball prices have not risen very much.

Little League baseball has not created hundreds of thousands of new fans, as one predicted.

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Scouts Phillip Schroeder, 1700 Tanton, Birmingham, Larry Cross, 1447 Woodmere, Birmingham, and waterfront staff member Tom Griggs, 1447 Woodmere, Birmingham, are attending.

Schroeder and Cross are members of troop 1029, sponsored by Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Birmingham.

Mike Nelson-Type Conference. Orion "Spud" Schultz, 570 Bird, Birmingham, (standing) gives a briefing to several members of his skin diving class on Union Lake.

Schultz is a teacher in the Birmingham school system and is an experienced diver. He was high scorer at a recent state skin diving meet and will represent Michigan in a national competition in Louisiana.

From left is Jim Donovan, Schultz, Jim Baumman, Troy, Dr. Eugene Donovan, Franklin and Gene Donovan, Eccentric photographer, Mary Stasak will attempt to shoot some underwater shots this week at Union Lake with Schultz's help.

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New Junior Events Added To Tournament

The tennis tournament of the year is coming. Enthusiasts from 3 to 90 will compete in the Fourth Annual Birmingham Eccentric-Recreation Department Tennis Tournament to be held Aug. 16-18.

Better losses to those arms, do a few push-ups, and rule around the block a few times to prepare for the tourney—if you want to walk away with first prize, Martin said.

DON MARTIN, Birmingham recreation director, said that several changes have been made for this year's event.

"We plan to have 10 classes instead of last year's eight," Martin said.

"This will divide the younger people up a little better, and allow them to compete with others around their own age," he said.

The new classes will be the Middle Boys and Girls for youngsters 12 and under, the Junior Boys and Girls for the 13 to 15 and under and the Senior Boys and Girls; 18 and under.

ADULT DIVISIONS are Men's and Women's singles and doubles, over 18.

All ages must be of Jan. 1, 1961, according to Martin.

Entry forms are appearing in the Eccentric and can be found in the Variety Shop, Village Sport and Hobby Shop.

ADULT MATCHES will be played after 5 p.m. Finals will be played Sunday, Aug. 6, at Eaton Park.

"Our new divisions should bring in more kids," said Martin. "Quite a few of them are practicing regularly for the event."

Many of the youngsters enrolled in the recreation tennis classes are looking forward to the event, he said.

Rec Director's Report Tells Recent Activities

SUMMER SWIMMING: The first series of summer w.r.m.m. classes, which ended Saturday, had 589 children enrolled. Registration for the second series continuing to August 12, is being taken this week.

Following is a comparison of attendance at recreational, family and teenage swimming during the two weeks of the 1960 and 1961 summer programs.

Table comparing attendance at recreational, family and teenage swimming in 1960 and 1961.

PLAYGROUNDS: Playground activities began at Eaton, Adams, Pembroke, Pines, Mirvale and Quarters on June 29 with 838 children registering during the first two weeks.

The playground olympics day is scheduled for Tuesday with winners entering the Birmingham Metropolitan Youth Fitness meet at Metropolitan Beach on July 27.

GOLF: The first series of golf clinics ended a maximum of 60 children from 10 to 15 years of age. 21 are currently registered in the second series of clinics which started Monday.

DAY CAMP: There were 108 children registered in the first three weeks of day camp at Springdale Park and registrations still being received for the last three sessions which will continue through August.

TENNIS CLASSES: All three series of the children tennis classes (See DIRECTORS 6-E)

Big Golf Meet Starts Today With 128 Teams

Birmingham Country Club, 1150 W. 14 Mile, starts its Invitational Golf Tournament today.

Golfers from throughout Michigan are participating in the event. Ray Maguire, professional at the club, said that all clubs in this area are represented.

Golfers are divided into 128 teams, half of which start at 8 a.m. and the other half at 2 p.m.

TEAMS ARE positioned at each hole and start when a gun goes off. Don Mattheus is chairman of the event.

Last year's defending champions are Dr. Fritz Adams, Tom Deaper, Smith of the Detroit Golf Club.

Some of the area's top golfers are playing, including Tom Deaper, Red Run Golf Club; Jack Gules, Birmingham; and Ray Palmer, Dearborn.



Gordie Howe was guest speaker at a presentation banquet Monday night in the Community House. Awards were given to two Little League teams for good sportsmanship, as rated by the umpires, of all people. Who rates the umpires?

Good Sports Get Awards

Two Little League teams and two managers were presented with good sportsmanship awards Monday night in the Community House.

In the Pioneer League, the Spartans were awarded the Lakes Trophy.

The most impressive performance of the week was presented by the Olympics.

Both teams were not champions of their league, but were rated by umpires on courtesy, self control, appearance, judgment, and knowledge of the rules.

The Little League managers were also awarded trophies for good sportsmanship.

Al Landino, 427 Southview, Birmingham and Dave Donnelly, 1627 Derby, Birmingham, were honored for "good conduct on the part of the managerial staff."

The team trophies are part of the same team wins for three years, it keeps the trophy.

Olympic Track At Seaholm Tues.

A Olympic development track and field meet will be held at Seaholm High School Tuesday, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Olympic development meets will be given for the first three places in each event.

The meet is sanctioned by the Michigan AAU.

EVENTS WILL BE divided into junior and senior divisions. Girls' events are open.

Contestants 16 years and younger will be entered in the junior division.

Contestants 17 and over, will be entered in the senior division.

EVENTS AND their schedules are: 5:30, registration; 6 p.m., field events—shot put, high jump, pole vault, and broad jump; 6:15, two-mile run over the cross country course; 6:30, 120 yd. high hurdles; 6:40, 440 yd. dash; 6:50, 100 yd. girls' dash; 6:55, 100 yd. dash; 7:05, mile run; 7:20, 50 yd. dash (girls); 7:30, 150 yd. low hurdles; 7:45, 220 yd. dash; 7:55, 880 yd. run.

Competitors must be registered with the AAU. If the competitor is not registered, he may do so at the meet.

Athletes from the Flint Track Club, Detroit Track Club, Suburban Track Club, Detroit Police, Royal Oak Athletic Club, Maple Park Club and Ann Arbor Track Club will be present at the event.

The Olympic development meet is the sixth of the summer.

Southfield Agrees To Purchase New Two-Acre Park

A new two-acre park site will be purchased by Southfield at Tenand-One-Half-Mile Road near Telegraph.

The Southfield City Council agreed by a 6-1 vote to buy the site.

The purchase is subject to the approval of City Attorney James C. Allen.

COST OF THE SITE and its development is estimated at \$22,000.

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Classic Car Wins

C. E. Valentine, Jr. (left), 3108 Broadway, Bloomfield Township, receives a trophy from head judge Donald R. Peterson after his 1937 Mercedes-Benz tied for first place in the Classic Car Club of America's 1961 Midwest Grand Classic at Greenfield Village near Detroit.

Valentine's entry scored 98 points. Last year the same car was awarded 99 points.

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