

# Community Tennis Tournament Expecting Record Field

"Registrations are pretty slow now, but we expect them to really pick up next week," said Don Martin, director of the Birmingham Recreation Department Friday, while talking about the forthcoming community tennis tournament.

And pick up they have, to the extent that this year's registration total for the 11th annual tournament, held July 31-Aug. 5 at Eton Park, may well top the 115 of last year.

Co-sponsored by the Bir-

mingham Eccentric and the Department of Recreation, the popular event is under the direction of Jerry Potter, recreation tennis instructor at Eton Park.

POTTER, teacher and tennis coach at Farmington High School, conducts a six-week series of classes at Eton for children and adults. Composed of 152 students, 118 of them children between ages 10-15, the course stresses tennis instruction for the first five weeks, and

devotes the final week to the tournament.

Four classes are held each morning in the first five-week segment at Eton, two each afternoon at Crestview courts, and two each afternoon at West Lincoln courts.

TOURNAMENT entries are primarily individual players not connected with a local tennis club.

"Many applications are received from club members, however," said Martin, "usu-

ally from the Birmingham Athletic Club, Birmingham Tennis Club, and players from Birmingham Country Club and the Kingswood courts at Cranbrook.

Limited to players in the Birmingham and Bloomfield school districts and Lathrup, the tournament will be played with 10 divisions.

"THERE IS one change in this year's tournament," said Martin, "which is in the tenth division. What was called the women's doubles

in 1961 has been altered to a mixed doubles (18 and over) match this year."

The other nine divisions, unchanged since last year, are midget boys (12 and under), and midget girls; junior boys (15 and under) and junior girls; senior boys (17 and under) and senior girls; men's singles (18 and over) and women's singles; and men's doubles (18 and over).

Ages are figured as of Jan. 1, 1962.

AN ENTRY fee of 50

cents for the men's and women's division and 25 cents for the boy's and girl's division will be charged, fees payable the first day of play.

Two players from last year's field, Greg Stumpf and Anne Holmes, went on to state competition after winning prizes in the Birmingham classic. Stumpf, a double winner in Birmingham, was knocked out early, but Anne Holmes went on to win the state recreational championship at Jackson.

Other winners last year, none of which had entered this year's tournament as of noon Tuesday, were Steve Smith, Laura Smith, Susan Smith, Charlie Adams, Sue

Fitzgerald, Steve Anderson, Bob Tigelaar, Barbara Latham and Phyllis Cowin.

ALL CONTESTANTS beneath and including the senior division will compete in the morning and early afternoon until 5 p.m. Men and women's singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles will be played in late afternoon and early evening.

Trophies and medals will be awarded winners and runners-up, and winners will qualify to advance to state competition.

Martin stressed that tournament entry forms must be taken to Eton Park weekdays between the hours of 6-9 p.m. The final day for accepting entries is July 27 at 5 p.m. (see entry form on this page).



TAKING TIME OUT from practice for a family portrait are these brother and sister swimming groups from Birmingham Country Club. (From left) Carolyn, Chris

## Families Lead Unbeaten B'ham CC Swimmers

By WALLY FROMHART Sports Editor

Large families, they say, breed competition among youngsters. But what happens when inter-family and family-against-family competition is combined?

Well, ask Fred Leigh, swimming coach at Birmingham Country Club. Reports Leigh: "You simply don't lose under these conditions."

At least his 70-member club swimming team hasn't, yet, with their Suburban Inter Club swimming league season more than two-thirds over.

THE BIRMINGHAM squad has collected three straight victories in as many attempts, beating Meadowbrook, 178-86; Pine Lake, 172-96; and Bloomfield Open High, 154-106.

It's not that winning streaks are so unusual, but rather the way they're built that makes interesting reading.

Take the Birmingham CC method. Four families compete, three children apiece from the families of William Pisch, Tobin Rote and Carl Koch, and four from the household of Dr. Dale Christmas.

"THE TEAM is loaded with talent," enthuses Leigh, "but those brother and sister groups are really unusual. Each child in a family swims in a separate event, because of age differences, and everyone has won at least one race."

Meets are run in five classes: 8-and-under, 10-and-under, 12-and-under, 14-and-under, and 16-and-under. There are 21 events—18 individual and six relays (four swimmers in each relay).

Leigh, aided by pool manager Carl Leude, said he uses every team member in at least one event each time the team competes.

POWER IN the separate events has been fairly well balanced en route to a possible unbeaten season, but the deciding meet against the Birmingham Athletic Club Sunday will settle any championship questions for Leigh and his charges.

"The winner of this meet (BAC) also undefeated) will take the title," he said.

The families have been strongly instrumental in Birmingham's unbeaten streak. Rote's son, Tobin Jr., competes in the 12-and-under grouping, and his two daughters, Robin and Tony, swim in the 10-and-under and 8-and-under classes respectively.

THREE children from the Pisch family contributing their talents are Marty, 16-and-under; Maggie, 14-and-under; and Cathy, 12-and-under.

From the Carl Koch home camp come Carol, 12-and-under; Chris, 10-and-under; and Connie, 8-and-under.

But the family of Dr. Dale Christmas, not to be outdone, have four children competing with the Birmingham CC team. Sandy swims in the 14-and-under; Donna, 12-and-under; Linda, 10-and-under; and Tom, 8-and-under.

BALANCING off team strength are several consistent individual swimmers. (See SWIMMERS, 8-E)

## Fifth Annual B'ham Community Tennis Tournament

The Birmingham Community tennis tournament, co-sponsored by The Birmingham Eccentric and the Birmingham Recreation Department, will be held July 31 to Aug. 5 at Eton Park.

The tournament is for players in the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills school districts and Lathrup. It will be played in 10 divisions.

An entry fee of 50 cents for the men's and women's divisions and 25 cents for the boys' and girls' divisions will be charged. Fees must be paid at the courts the first day of play. All players must report to the first match with one can of new balls.

Trophies and medals will be awarded winners and runners-up.

This form should be filled out and mailed to Community Tennis, Recreation Department, Birmingham Municipal building or taken to Eton Park weekdays from 6-9 p.m. Entries must be in the hands of the tournament officials by 5 p.m., July 27.

Players can compete in both singles and doubles.

IMPORTANT: In doubles, both players must make out individual slips. These must be attached and mailed in together. For singles, each player must send in another blank.

Check box as follows:

I wish to enter the following division:

- Midget boys' (12 and under)
- Junior boys' (15 and under)
- Senior boys' (17 and under)
- Men's singles (18 and over)
- Men's doubles (18 and over)
- Midget girls' (12 and under)
- Junior girls' (15 and under)
- Senior girls' (17 and under)
- Women's singles (18 and over)
- Mixed doubles (18 and over)

Ages as of January 1, 1962.

I affirm my age, as indicated below, is correct:

Name (Last) (PRINT) (First)

Address

City

Birth date (Month) (Day) (Year)

My Phone Number

Call MI 7-0064 on Monday, July 30 for pairings.

### Pistons Hold Clinic At Groves Tuesday

The Detroit Pistons basketball club will hold a clinic at Groves High School July 31 at 1:30 p.m. Piston players will instruct athletes from Groves, Seaholm and Brother Rice high schools.

All boys ages 8 through 18 are invited, but only those in high school may compete.

### S. O. Artist Leads Legion To Second

Birmingham's American Legion baseball team, currently sitting in second place behind Southfield with a 13-5 record, have come up with possibly the best strikeman in the league in the person of Tom Walters.

Walters, sidelined for the first part of the season with a broken hand, struck out 17 of the 23 men he faced in a solid victory two weeks ago against Farmington.

Sunday he walked off the mound with a 6-3 victory and 15 strikeouts to his credit against Berkley.

YET WITH all these recent accomplishments, Walter was left of the District 18 all-star team, scheduled to play the District 7 all-stars July 28 at Berkley.

The bitter price of injuries. Post 14 did land four spots on the all-star squad, however. Chosen were Homer Davidson, Charly Simmonds and Carl Kalocsay, Birmingham's top three hitters. Pitcher-shortstop Mike Davis was also selected.

Birmingham has two games remaining. They play Southfield, away Sunday and Walled Lake at Seaholm High School Friday.

### Fitness Winners Go to Belle Isle

Two hundred and five children took part in the Birmingham Playground Olympics Tuesday at Pierce playground.

Winners of the competition, which included children six through 15 years old, will participate in the Detroit Metropolitan Youth Fitness meet today at Belle Isle.

## B'ham Driver In Canadian Trophy Races

Art Cutliff, 2820 Yorkshire, Birmingham, will compete in the first Canadian Trophy races at the Oakland County Sportsmen's Club in Waterford, July 28-29.

Cutliff, who drives an Elva formula junior has been motor racing for 10 years, is looking for his first big win in the Canadian race.

This race, sponsored by the Essex County Sports Car Club of Windsor, Ontario, will be the first in sports car racing in the United States.

A CANADIAN sports car club has never held a race meet in the United States nor has any motor racing club of another country been the sponsor of racing in another foreign country.

The Canadian Trophy Races will be held under the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A. and the competition rules of the Royal Automobile Club and the Canadian Automobile Sport Club, the governing body of sport car racing in Canada.

The officials for this meet are (See DRIVER, 3-E)



"THIS IS THE WAY racquets are held." Or is it the way tennis tournaments are won? At any rate, the advice the girls are receiving from recreation tennis instructor Jerry Potter will help them in the forthcoming Eccentric-Recreation tennis tournament. (From left) Potter, Karen Sarzynski, Kathy Walker and Christine Sallee.



### Bloomfield Hills Babe Ruth Champions

Beaming victory smiles are the new National League champions in the Bloomfield Hills Babe Ruth league. The Giants, managed by Bill Pettibone (standing, right) and John McLure (standing, left) won the title with a 4-2 victory over the Braves last week. The Giants and Braves reached the championship game by surviving three-team, first-place

ties in regular season action. (Seated, from left) Robert Moore, John Murtaugh, Gar Eoff, Russel Monahan, Mark Beaudry, George Horton, Steve Gullane and Dennis McNab. (Standing, from left) John Burton, Joel Higgs, McLure, Steve Kuzma, mascot Owen Murtaugh, Peter Kuzma, Mike Pettibone and manager Pettibone.

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