

Legion Nine Drives for First Place

Pitching Is Key To 11-4-1 Record

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Friday is the big day for the Birmingham American Legion baseball team.

At 5 p.m. at Groves Field Tom Lakos' squad will have a chance to knock off visiting Walled Lake for the third time this year and tie for the league leadership.

The Legion nine, sporting a 11-4-1 record, is only one game behind the Lakers and according to the coach, it's going to be a race to the wire between the two teams with eight games to go.

"They have a real fine team," said Lakos. "We've beaten them two out of three this year and I hope we can win this one."

LAKOS HAPPILY admitted that the team is doing better this year than last, and according to him, the key to success has been good pitching.

Stalwart on the mound for the Legion nine has been Tom Walters, a freshman at Western Michigan last year, who has compiled a 5-2 record.

"Tom's by far the best pitcher in the league," Lakos said. "He has a good fast ball, good breaking stuff and control."

BIRMINGHAM WON two of four games last week and Walters was in fine form in the two victories. Against Royal Oak on Wednesday night, he pitched a three-hitter and struck out 15 en route to a 6-2 decision.

On Sunday Walters worked the first game as a doubleheader against Southfield and recorded a 4-0 shutout. He fanned 14 in this contest.

A game with Troy on Friday was called after five innings because of darkness, with Troy winning, 8-7. Southfield won the second game Sunday, 9-8, because of too many errors by the Birminghamites.

John Martin was the big hitter in the loss with two triples.

IN THE SHUTOUT, the key plays were a hit-and-run as Homer Davidson tripled, scoring Ken Savage from first and a suicide squeeze by Tom Lindeman, bringing in Don Oatman from third.

Also in the pitching department, Mike Fremuth and Brant Conley were pointed to by Lakos as able performers.

It was just three weeks ago that Conley pitched a no-hitter against Berkeley.

Davidson, batting .460, is the Legion's leading slugger and RBI man. Oatman also has been hitting

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CHUCK HATTON (right), catcher for the Birmingham American Legion team takes a throw to cut a run off at the plate. The play was to no avail, however, as Troy won, 8-7, when the game was called in the

fifth inning because of darkness. Hatton, in his second year with the Legion nine, is described by Coach Tom Lakos as one of the best catchers in the league.

Little League Teams Ready For Championship Tussles

With just one week left to play, teams in the Little League majors are making a final effort to improve their positions in the final standings.

In the American League it looks as if the Tigers are hav-

ing pretty much their own way—with an enviable 12-1 record. Their closest competitors are the Indians in second with a 9-4 slate.

Jon Matousek of the Indians tossed a no-hitter last week in

leading his team to a 1-0 victory over the third-place Yankees (7-6). Mike Hilkene of the losers, who tossed a perfect game earlier this year, gave up only one hit in the closely contested tilt.

THE CARDINALS of the National League, boasting a 13-0 record, are fighting hard for their first undefeated season since entering the majors.

There is no pressure as far as the pennant is concerned since the second-place Giants have an 8-5 record, but any of the teams are capable of knocking off a top contender on any given day.

In a Tuesday game Mike Morrow of the Giants pitched a two-hit, eight strike-out game in beating the Pirates, 2-1.

A CLOSE race has shaped up in the Federal League with a down-to-the-wire finish. The Orioles (4-3) are presently in the league, but are being pressed by the Seals, the Athletics and Senators—all boasting 3-3 marks.

In the Continental majors the last week's play will decide between the Badgers (6-1) and the Trojans (5-2). Both eked out 4-3 victories over opponents last week to keep each other hot.

A three-way tie could develop in the American minors where the Colts (8-1) are in command but are being pressed by the Giants (7-2) and the 49ers (7-2). The Packers, Redskins and Cards are bracketed in third place with 6-3 records.

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Emily Does It Again: Wins Two Tennis Titles

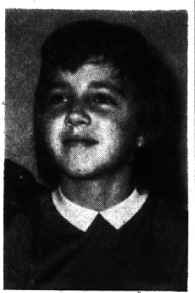
Last year's runnerup is this year's champion.

When 11-year-old Emily Fisher, 150 Brady Lane, Bloomfield Hills, won the state tennis singles championship for 12-and-under two weeks ago, it came as no surprise to those who know her and have watched the youngster play.

In 1962, EMILY was half of the doubles team that won the title and was second best in singles competition. This year, with more experience, she combined with Amy Kieranis of Hamtramck to sweep both.

This week, Emily, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fisher, is in Chattanooga, Tenn., competing for national honors. The tournament, featuring champions from all 50 states, began Monday and will continue through Saturday.

The youngster, who has played



EMILY FISHER
Competes in nationals



PETE SCHUBECK, all-star shortstop for the Tigers of the Babe Ruth League swings for the seats in a recent game. The Tigers, sporting a 14-3 record, have clinched the title in Babe Ruth competition.

BOAST 14-3 RECORD

Tigers Clinch Pennant In Babe Ruth League

With only one week remaining in the Babe Ruth League season, the Tigers have virtually wrapped up the championship.

They achieved the feat in admirable fashion with four impressive victories during the past week. On Monday Chris Pitt was the winning pitcher, tossing a two-hitter enroute to the Tigers' 8-6 win over the Indians. Six Tiger errors made the margin close.

Barry Bates supplied the offensive punch for the winners with a three-run triple.

THURSDAY'S affair was a squeaker as the Bengals downed the Yankees, 4-2. Mike Gerhardt tripled in the sixth to drive in three runs and supply the winning margin. Craig Buggies hurled a three-hitter for the losers.

Over the week end the Orioles and Red Sox were trounced by a solid Tiger attack. The Orioles were whopped, 11-9, in a free-



THERE ARE LULLS in almost every baseball game and the Birmingham-Troy contest was no exception. Third baseman Jim Foster (right) looks as if he wishes play would hurry up and resume. The Troy baserunner doesn't mind the breather at all since third base is a pretty comfortable seat.

Mrs. Hume Wins WDGA Event

Mrs. John Hume of Birmingham fired an 80 last week at Grosse Ile Golf & Country Club to win her first Women's District Golf Association event this year.

Mrs. Hume, who recently transferred her membership from Essex CC in Windsor to Royal Oak's Red Run GC, had a two-stroke margin over Mrs. Dorothy Thompson of Oakland Hills and Mrs. Bruce Hilkene of Indianwood. There were 67 players in the tournament.

LAST YEAR Mrs. Hume led the WDGA circuit by winning six of the one-day events as well as the 54-hole spring medal championship. Two weeks ago she was runner-up in the three-day tournament at Knollwood.

In the championship flight Mrs. E. E. Gawne of Bloomfield Hills was fourth with an 84.

Other local players included Mrs. Joseph Conway of Bloomfield Hills, second flight; Mrs. Ralph Lee of Pine Lake; Mrs. Barney Schwartz and Mrs. Ella Kopy, both of Knollwood; in the third flight.

Resume Hills Summer Rec Registrations

There is still time left to register for the second three-week session of the Bloomfield Hills summer recreation program, according to Director Ed Wichart. The registration period, which began Monday, will end next Tuesday afternoon, July 16.

Classes in golf, tennis, basketball, trampolining, junior, and senior life-saving will be offered.

Golfers will be divided into two classifications—advanced beginners, meeting from 9-10 in the morning; and beginners, meeting in two classes, from 10-11 a.m. and from 11-12. Each class will meet five times a week.

TEEN AND ADULT tennis players will meet from 10-11 in the morning with advanced beginners meeting from 11-12. Two classes, 12-1 and 1-2, will be held for beginners.

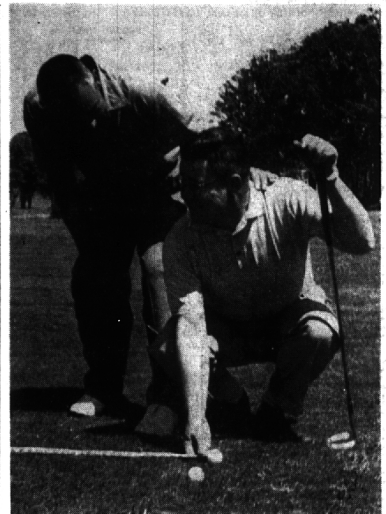
For the benefit of teen-agers who work during the day, senior life-saving will be held from 6:45-8 in the evening. Junior life-saving will be held from 3-4 each afternoon.

Basketball players may enroll in one of two classes. Instructed by Stan Wareck, classes are held from 9-10 a.m. and 10-11 a.m.

TRAMPOLINING, a newcomer to the recreation department scene, will be held from 11 a.m. to noon, five days a week.

A large part of the recreation department's program are the day camps. Held at three sites—Conant, Pine Lake, and Eastover elementary schools—the day camps are also open for registration in the second three-week session.

Handicrafts, games, trips, and fun are key factors in the recreation department's camps. In addition, children are transported to Cass Lake where they are given lessons in swimming by four Red Cross water safety instructors.



BLAINE EYNON (left) of Forest Lake watches carefully as his partner, George Webb of Bloomfield Hills, measures their two drives. The two will be playing together in Forest Lake's first invitational tourney.

AT FOREST LAKE

Golf Tourney Begins

Forest Lake's first invitational golf tournament moved into full swing today with the bulk of the 96 teams scheduled to play qualifying rounds.

Of the early qualifiers, the team of Bob Podlesak of Forest Lake and Frank Jarrard of Flint have posted the low score of 69. Blaine Eynon, co-chairman of the tourney, believes it will take at least a 72 to get into the championship flight.

On Friday morning match play will begin and continue through Sunday when trophies and prizes will be awarded in the six flights. The play is to be an alternate shot Chapman system tournament.

BOTH PLAYERS will drive on each hole, then each will play the second shot with his partner's ball, then the choice will be made of one ball and play continues by alternate shots.

Early favorites are Gale Stringer and Jack Geiss of Birmingham; Harry Naderlander of Forest Lake; and Gene Eyer, formerly of Pine Lake; Dick Robertson and Jim Anderson of B.I.D. Mountain; and Gary Mow of Red Run and Ty Porter of Chicago.

Pete Green will be playing with his father, Ed. Both are from Orchard Lake. Tonight will feature a stag dinner and evening of activities.

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