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'Pudge' Stands Alone

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According to the rules, it takes six men to make a volleyball team. Three stand by the net, while three more form the second line. Among this contingent, some are spikers, some blockers and others specialize as set-up men.

But, as the saying goes, rules are made to be broken and Gordon Adler is doing his part.

Adler, better known to his friends as "Pudge", is a combination of all these volleyball assets. He is, veritably, a one-man team.

"PUDGE", who lives at 6601 Castle Drive in Bloomfield Township, earns his reputation by taking on six-man squads in exhibitions. In 44 matches, he has come out on top in 43.

In his latest sojourn, an exhibition at Pontiac Central High School, Adler whipped a student-faculty team in two games, the first by a 15-0 whitewash.

"Pudge" got interested in volleyball while attending Alma College. His brother, Ken, also a volleyball enthusiast, got him in a game in 1949 at Detroit Turners.

"I found out that the sport wasn't as easy as it looked, so I worked at getting better," he said. It didn't take him long.

He joined a Class A team at Turners which went on to win several national Turners tournaments. Originally a set-up man, Adler, only 5-foot, 8-inches, has tried his hand as a spiker, too, a maneuver usually saved for the taller men.

In 1956, "Pudge" was selected as a member of the U. S. squad that toured Europe. In a Paris tourney with 24 other countries, they placed sixth.

"We made it to the championship bracket. Close to 30,000 watched our game with Russia—volleyball and soccer are the big sports over there.

"The communist countries were good players—they train excessively at it. They play slightly different in that they hold the ball longer. Personally, I like our game better because it's faster, better ballhandling and more spectacular."

"Pudge" doesn't play volleyball competitively anymore but sticks to the one-on-one exhibitions. He does it "to stimulate interest in the game."

"No one would come to see

two full teams, but one against six is different. When they watch the game, they see how exciting it can be with speed, blocking, spiking, etc.

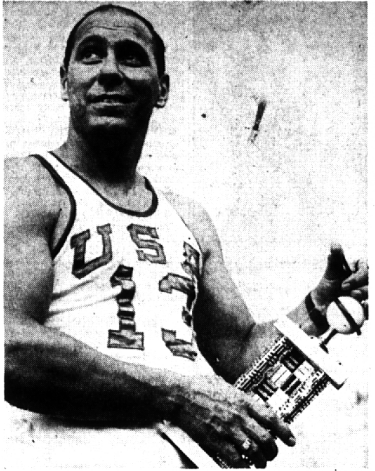
"AFTER ALL, volleyball is one of the largest participation sports in the country on a sandlot basis. We need to push the sport. It takes time to develop good players and most kids would rather not wait around. Only the YMCA's support it in Michigan."

Adler said that the great ball players in this country come from California, where beach-ball and year-round play have contributed to the growth of the sport and the caliber of play.

"Pudge" said that ball-handling is the most important aspect of the game. "You can be a good spiker but still lose games trying to return the ball. Spiking, however, is one of the most difficult maneuvers in athletics."

In exhibition play, Adler uses a combination of shots. He mixes up his serves and hits "percentage" shots.

"I don't worry about losing serves, only about my opponents (See PUDGE, 4-E)



"PUDGE" ADLER HOLDS ONE OF MANY TROPHIES He's won 43 of 44 games against full teams.

NEW FOOTBALL COACH

Shuffle Crane Staff

A somewhat revised coaching staff will lead Cranbrook athletic teams into battle when the 1964-65 school year begins in September.

Most noteworthy of the several changes in the Crane athletic department centers on the football field. Pete Slader, Cranbrook athletic director, has relinquished his post as head football coach, a position he has held for the past three years.

"I'm dropping the job so I can devote more time to my duties as athletic director," Slader said. "It just got to be too much during the fall."

Slader will stay on as backfield coach to assist his successor, Del Walden, last season's junior varsity director.

Walden came to Cranbrook last year. A native of Chiro, Ga., he received his BA from Olivet in 1961 and his masters from Central Michigan University in 1962.

While at Olivet, he played football two years, captained the squad one of those seasons and was also selected most valuable player. He also lettered in baseball and track.

At CMU, Walden was assistant line coach while a graduate student and also field event coach during track season. His first coaching position after graduation was at Marshall High School in Marquette.

traveling to Stowe, Vt., where he has been selected as assistant headmaster of Stowe Academy.

ently looking for a head wrestling coach. Slader will take over as assistant football coach.



PETE SLADER

Slate Seventh Annual City Tennis Tourney

The seventh annual Birmingham Community tennis tournament, co-sponsored by The Birmingham Eccentric and the Recreation Department, will be held July 25 to August 2.

The tournament is for players in the City and school district of Birmingham and will be played in 10 divisions. Trophies will be awarded winners and runner-ups in each bracket.

may enter both singles and doubles, while boys and girls may enter only one. In doubles, both players must make out individual slips and mail them together. Another blank must be mailed for singles.

ADULTS SHOULD be available to play July 25 and 26 and on August 1 and 2. Boys and Girls will begin play Monday, July 27. Default time for all matches will be 20 minutes.

AN ENTRY FEE of \$1 for the men's and women's divisions will be charged and 25 cents for boys and girls. Fees must be paid the first day of play and each player must bring a new can of balls on opening day.

33-Year-Old Record Smashed by Kroll At Franklin Hills

It hasn't taken Ted Kroll, Franklin Hills pro, long to get to know the course.

Despite a bogey on the final hole, Kroll lowered the 33-year-old course record of 64 to 63, nine under par. He is only in his fourth month as club professional.

Kroll had 10 birdies in his record-breaking round. The previous record was set in 1931 by Ralph Giddah and was tied five times by Walter Burkemo, now head pro at Detroit Golf Club.

FROM MAJORS TO MINORS LL Pennant Races Tight

Little League teams narrowed the gaps among the first division teams last week as many first place clubs saw their leads threatened.

In the Federal-Major, the front-running Athletics watched a two-game lead disappear in two games, the Orioles and Senators pulled even with them. The Orioles tripped the A's, 3-0, and the Mud Hens ripped them, 6-1.

The Orioles dumped the White Sox, 5-2, to grab a share of first place.

Eagles, 9-0. The Rams lead the loop with a 10-4 mark.

The Orioles defeated the Titans in extra innings to tie for first place in the Continental Association. The winners took the game, 5-4. Both clubs have two games remaining, the last one with each other.

IN MINOR League action, the

Mustangs lead the National with a 6-2 record, the Cowboys are on top of the American at 10-3, the Oaks top the Federal at 9-1 and the Flyers lead the Continental with a 8-0 mark.

In T-Ball, home runs were hit by Tom Tull of the Mavericks, Chris Wolfe of the Victors and Chris Courage of the Sox.

(See RACES, 4-E)

Pony, Colt Leaders Leave Rivals Behind

The Steers moved into first place in the Pony League all alone last week and the Tigers stayed on top in Colt action as the two Birmingham circuits neared the end of the season.

Brad Host and Rick Seltz pitched the Steers to a 2-1 squaker past the Broncos, while the Mus-

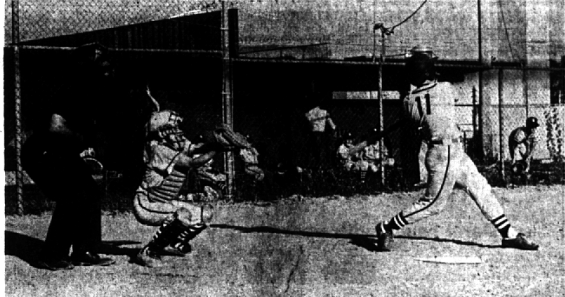
tangs knocked the Rams into second place, 5-2.

The Wildcats dumped the Gophers, 5-1, as Barry Tetrault won in his first performance of the year. Goody Sutz and Bob LaFave were fielding stars. The Pintos defeated the Longhorns, 9-5, despite Bill Holmes' circuit clout.

IN COLT GAMES, the Tigers slipped past the Yankees, 2-1, to maintain their lead with a 9-3 mark. Joe Naud drove in both runs with a homer in the seventh and a bases-loaded walk in the eighth.

The Orioles (7-3) kept pace with the leaders as Larry Kirchner hurled his club to a 10-4 win over the Giants.

The Braves and Cubs split a (See LEADERS, 2-E)



LITTLE LEAGUE BATTER TAKES A BIG CUT IN GIANTS-CUBS GAME First place is up for grabs in most leagues with one week left.

Forest Lake Holds Second Invitational

Forest Lake Country Club's second annual invitational golf tournament gets under way today with 18-hole qualifying rounds.

A jam-packed field of 256 players in 128 teams will be at first places in eight different flights. A shotgun start in both the 18-hole and match rounds will be employed to accommodate the huge entry.

TROPHIES will be awarded to the two top medalists and teams will then begin match play tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Winners and runner-ups in each flight will receive awards.

Teams must have a handicap of five or more in the tournament. "This is to insure that two top golfers don't get paired," said Forest Lake pro Bob Gajda.

Co-chairmen for the event are Dr. Richard Berg and Owen Cline. A banquet will be held this evening, following qualifying play. The tournament will wind up Sunday afternoon.

TO COMPETE IN AREA TOURNAMENT

Babe Ruth League Selects All-Stars

As the regular season draws to a rapid close, the Birmingham Babe Ruth League selected its All-Star team to represent the league in the national tournament.

Fifteen players and two alternates were picked from the nominees that attended trials last past week. The fifteen boys will go first to the area district tournament at Berkeley on July 17, 18 and 19.

Birmingham will meet the Berkeley American League team in the first round Friday, July 17, at

11:30 a.m. Jim Conley, manager of the league-leading Tigers, will direct the All-Star squad.

THE PLAYERS selected are: Jim Stonehouse, Mike Bowen, Greg Stanfel, Senators; Jay Conley, Tom Schearer, Pete Schubeck, Paul Lehman, Chris Pitt, Tigers.

The two alternates picked by the coaches are Steve Wedge, Red Sox; and Randy Dunkel, Senators.

In last week's action, Jim Stonehouse, Indians' pitcher, tossed a

no-hitter against the Senators in a 2-0 victory. He walked none, struck out nine and allowed just three hits.

JAY CONLEY of the Tigers pitched a four-hit shutout over the Indians. The game was a 1-0 pitchers' duel until the seventh.

(See ALL-STAR, 2-E)

Invitational Tennis Meet Scheduled

The Detroit Tennis and Squash Club, Cheyenne and 6 Mile, Detroit, will hold an invitational tennis tournament featuring state and nationally-ranked players Saturday and Sunday.

Top state amateurs, along with five members of the Junior Davis Cup team and several foreign players will appear. Arthur Ashe, 1962 winner and now ranked sixth nationally, may return to the fourth annual tourney. Play starts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.



Bill Farrah Says:
"My Sales Manager And I Don't Agree!"

He says that sales come first and service second when you're building a business like this. In a way, he's right. We can't service a car unless someone buys it, that is, unless someone brings in a car that he bought somewhere else, where he just couldn't get good service. We get more of these every day.

Howard, my Sales Manager, is on fire to sell cars these days. And that's the way a Sales Manager should be. But I'm building this business for the long haul. And my 14 years in it taught me that better service is the thing that brings 'em back to buy again and again. So, who can say who's right? Maybe we both are. Drop in and see what you think!

Sincerely,
Bill Farrah

Water Safety Class Planned by YMCA

The Birmingham YMCA will offer a course in water safety from July 13-27 in a private backyard swimming pool for two hours a day.

Don Grothe, Red Cross instructor, will conduct a junior class for 12-18-year-olds and a senior water safety class for those 16 and older. Interested persons may register at the Y.

Tigers Schedule Baseball Clinic For Area Boys

The Detroit Tigers will hold a baseball clinic at Memorial Park, 13 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak, today, Friday and Saturday.

Boys 10, 11 and 12 years of age are invited to attend from 10 a.m. to noon, while boys 13 and over are invited from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ALL WHO attend the clinic should bring gloves and spikes, but uniforms are not needed. Instructions in baseball fundamentals will be given.

Tiger personnel scheduled to instruct are Jack Weber, director; Scooter Koshorek, and scouts George Dery, Vinco Desmond, John Skurski and Lou D'Annunzio.



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