

observing sports

Funny how thoughts of two different gents can run the same way.

When the introductions were made at Tiger Stadium on opening day, the fans let loose with a big chorus of boos when manager Mayo Smith of the Tigers was presented.

It struck us in a funny way, since in his three seasons as the Tiger Manager hadn't Smith produced teams which finished second, first and second in that order?

Later in the day, sports editor Joe Falls of the Free Press came by and remarked:

"Wasn't it a shame that the fans gave Mayo the reception they did?"

Wasn't it?

WITH A THANKS to publicist Hal Middlesworth of the Tigers, here is some of the lingo, which is reserved for baseball and baseball alone.

ANNIE OAKLEY—Base on balls; also four wild ones, pass and stroll. It's also a free ticket to the oil ball games.

APPLE—Ball. Also pill horsehide, onion, sphere.

AROUND THE HORN—A double play—from third to second to first.

BUSHED—the minor leagues. Sometimes referred to as the sticks.

CHANGE UP—Slow pitch thrown with same motion as fast one. Also pulling string, let-up, change of pace.

CRIPPLE—Pitch following three balls, no strike count on batter.

FORKHANDER—Left-handed pitcher, who also is known as southpaw, portside and crooked-arm.

GOPHER BALL—Pitch hit for a home run.

HOOK—A curve ball; also a jug, breaking pitch.

HOT DOG—Nothing you eat. A flashy player; also a show boat type.

JOCKEY—Player who ride opposition verbally from the bench.

ON DECK—Player in circle near the plate.

RABBIT EARS—Player sensitive to taunts. Or it could be an umpire.

SLAB—The pitching mound which often is referred to as the rubber, hill, peak.

SLICE—Ball hit to rightfield by right-handed hitter, or left field by left-handed.

WHITE WASH—That's a shutout, or blanking job.

WHO'S THE OLDEST member on the Tigers?

It's Norm Cash, born on Nov. 10, 1934. Al Kaline was born on Dec. 19, 1934.

Who's the youngest Tiger?

That distinction belongs to Elliott Maddow, the kid from the University of Michigan who won't be 23 until next Dec. 21.

FROM WHAT we understand, the changes likely in the structure of the Michigan High School Athletic Association hardly will be noticed by the average coach, player or fan.

It is expected that the change will deal strictly with how eligibility cases are handled.

Under the present setup, the executive committee of the Association decides on such matters.

Henchforth, the verdict is expected to be handled by a special group operating under the state superintendent of school.

TALK TO COACHES of baseball teams in the Catholic League where they have the two-strike and out and three-balls and walk rule—and the coaches think it's "the greatest."

Talk to other prep coaches, who never have played under the innovation, they think it's "terrible."

From where we have stood as an umpire, the Catholic League adoption makes for a more interesting presentation of schoolboy baseball.

It's certainly a rule which should be used in the Little Leagues. It would do away with boys standing at the plate and taking a lot of pitches; also pitchers who waste pitches.

Under the Catholic League rule, the pitcher must get the ball over... the batter must be up three swinging.

It's great for everybody considered.

And it hasn't hurt the brand of baseball played in the league!



SUNNY SKIES and near perfect weather conditions brought golfers out for the first big weekend of the season. Area play-play courses reported heavier play over the weekend than in any spring in several years. (Left)



Pro Gary Whitener, of Whispering Willows, gives Mary Gross pointers on how to hold a driver. (Center) Ralph Akorras gets a line on a putt while playing Idyl Wyld. (Right) Paul McKay found himself in this position after a



wild shot landed in a tree stump. He was making an effort to play off the tree when an Observer photographer happened by. (Observer photos by Ken Garner)

Royal Oak, Merri-Bowl Lead In Junior Tourney

The major boys from Royal Oak Bowl and the girls from Merri-Bowl Lanes will be the teams to beat when the area roll-offs for the Michigan Youth Bowling Association championships are decided on Sunday at Southfield Bowl.

These two combinations set the pace during the first week-end before packed galleries and they'll be challenged by a full complement of teams—three squads of 31 teams in the final rounds.

Paced by Ed Phillips, who posted a 573 series, the Royal

Oak Majors registered a 2693-459-3122 to take over top position in the Major Division.

TO GAIN THEIR place at the top in the Major Girls section the Merri-Bowl Chics fired a 2028-894-2922. Debbie Daris was high with a 462 series, but she had to share the spotlight with Linda Jones who came through with a 212 game.

The Ark Lane bowlers took team honor for the first week by leading three of the eight divisions.

Rich Lucito, with a 468,

paced his team to the top in Prep Division with 2068-960-3028 and Scott Grieve, a 104 average youngster, showed the way with a 387 as his Little Rascals team topped the Peanut division with 1590-1308-2888. At this figure the Ark Lanes beat Livonia by 62 pins as Jeff Stigleman, a five-year old fired a 214.

The third Ark Lanes team was the Peanut Girls who had a 150-140-2791.

In the other divisions the Road Runners from Bowlero Lanes in Birmingham, topped

What's Doing In Prep Sports

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

Baseball
MONDAY -- Bentley at Plymouth, Redford Union at Belleville, Royal Oak St. Mary at Sorrows, Glenn at Thurston, Novi at Churchill, Franklin at North Farmington, Clarenceville at Andover.
TUESDAY -- St. Agatha vs. Mt. Carmel at Comstock, Waterford at Stevenson, Walled Lake Central at Farmington.
WEDNESDAY -- Thurston at Groves, North Farmington at Glenn, Oak Park at Franklin.

TRACK
MONDAY -- Bishop Borgess-Cabrini at Thurston.

TUESDAY -- Lutheran West at Clarenceville, Redford Union, Redford at Farmington, Thurston at Lincoln Park, Stevenson and Wayne at Garden City East, North Farmington at Walled Lake Western, Franklin at Groves.

WEDNESDAY -- St. Agatha-St. Francis de Sales at Cooley.

TENNIS
MONDAY -- Bishop Borgess at DeLaSalle, Glenn at Thurston, Churchill at Fordson, Franklin at North Farmington, Clarenceville at Northville.

TUESDAY -- Plymouth at Bentley, Waterford at Stevenson, Walled Lake Central at Farmington.

WEDNESDAY -- Thurston at Groves, North Farmington at Glenn, Churchill at Ypsilanti, Oak Park at Franklin, Clarenceville at Crestwood, Thurston at Groves.

GOLF
Monday -- Plymouth at Allen Park, Belleville at Bentley, Trenton at Redford Union, Stevenson at Walled Lake, Churchill at Northville.

TUESDAY -- Thurston, Henry Ford at Redford Union.

WEDNESDAY -- N. Farmington, Oak Park at Franklin.

Churchill Slips Past Glenn, 9-8

Early baseball games generally are pitchers' duels. Not so in the case of Churchill and John Glenn when the Livonians came up a 9-8 winner.

Five runs in the first started Churchill off with a rear hit by Pat Welch, Dennis Kolakowski, Steve Chlenko, Dave Finelete and Brian Sherman figured in the scoring.

Churchill added two runs in the second on a walk, another hit by Kolakowski and a two run inning by Chlenko.

In the sixth, hits by Chlenko and George Pangoff followed an error and hit batsman for the final two Churchill runs.

Bob Phillips was the winner, working the final four innings in relief of Sherman.

Glenn scored three times in the second with a two run hit by Newsome the key blow.

Two more runs came in the fifth and another pair in the sixth along with a pair of one run inning in between.

IN THE OUTDOORS

All Have Luck But Our Lem

By LEM MESEE

Drafts! Wouldn't you know it, I got here too late. Told that woman to get me up earlier. Those two fellows caught four of those hump shouldered yellow perch apiece but got their last action an hour before I came.

Such is my luck I proceeded to drown my fishing line dependently and just a little cussedly hopeful, with the expected results—nothing.

This little episode occurred the third time I ventured to the Huron River right where it dumps out of Kent Lake in the Island Lake State Recreation area just west of Novi.

THE DAM SPILL creates a favorable amount of oxygen and keeps the bottom rocks clear enough of dirt to provide a haven.

South and westward through the beautiful rugged country the Huron gets progressively slower and muddier wending

its way to Ann Arbor. Got some walleye in the deep impoundments down that way. I hear!

Perch is my passion now both because they're such good eating and because the gamefish season isn't open yet. Cousin walleye, up the scales too far to be called pan fish.

FOR MY SHORT SOJOURN to the perch beds I'm using ultra light spinning gear and tiny spinners, jigs and imitation minnows. One of the fellows this morning got four on spinners. The other got his on live minnows.

WITH SPINNERS YOU have to retrieve them along the bottom just fast enough to cause flash but not enough to make the spinners go wild, and give the rod tip slight jerks every few inches. This is your best way to trap the muzzling rascals. Once they're on the barb, be sure to again tug to really set the hook. You can't be too sure.

RU Fumbles 7, Still Beats NF

Imagine committing seven errors and still winning!

It happened for Redford Union in a 5-3 victory which turned the season opener for North Farmington.

The Townshipers used three pitchers to hold off the Raiders. Bill Herbert started, gave way to Kirk Taylor in the fourth, who in turn stepped aside for Randy Ferguson.

Jim White was the losing pitcher with Harvey Sell working the final two innings for the Raiders.

NORTH SCORED first when Sell was safe on an error and eventually scored on another

error and a hit by John Combes.

An error giving Combes life and a double by Mike Collier made it 2-0 in the third for North.

Redford Union countered with a run in the fourth when Bill Herbert doubled and came home on an error.

In the fifth Neal Thomas doubled and Randy Taylor, Kirk Taylor and Bill Herbert followed with hits for three more runs. Four walks led to the final RU run in the sixth.

Dave McCoy's double, Combes' second hit and an error brought in the final North Farmington run.

Both teams begin bids for league honors Monday-Redford Union in the Suburban Six League, North Farmington in the Northwest Suburban.

HOW RU ENTRIES placed. Shot Put: 1-Tulloch, 2-Benabue, 3-Long. Distance: 46 feet, 10 inches.

Long Jump: 3-Shoof. Pole Vault: 2-Blanchard, 3-Meyer.

800-yard run: 2-Lark, 3-Laguna.

1 Mile: 1-Kuhn, 3-Mihalie, Time: 4:21.

Low Hurdles: 2-Benson, 40-yard: 2-Rodgers.

Two Mile: 1-Kennedy, 2-Hatton, Time: 9:32.3.

220-yard: 2-Tulloch, 2-Peach, Time: 10:6 seconds.

MacQueen, Kuhn, Lark; Time: 3:33.3.

Borgess Wins With No-Hitter

Thanks to Carl Bernhart and Ron Suder Bishop Borgess opened its baseball season with a no-hit, 3-1 victory over Shrine.

Bernhart hurled three innings and Suder finished up.

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HOMEOWNERS CORNER

by Marvin Kemp, President American Hardware & Supply Co.

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