



SPORTS PAGE

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Sports Calendar

July 10-11	B.C. Men's Fastpitch Softball Eliminations Class A, B
July 10-11	Bay City Invitational Slow Pitch Tourney 32 Team Dbl. Elim.
July 11	B.C. Kickers Soccer Team
July 12-17	Bay County Fair Bay County Fairgrounds
July 19-22	Senior Divison Tournament Midland & Bullock Creek H.S.
July 23-24	ASA State Finals Men's Fastpitch Softball Midland, Emerson Park
July 23-24-25	Pony League District Tourney Coryell Field
July 26-31	Major Division Little League Tournament N.E. & S.E. L.L. Fields
August 7-8	American Legion Baseball District One Finals
Aug. 7-8 & Aug. 14-15	N.W. Little League Blooper Ball Tourney (More than 75 Teams)

Pony League Names All-Star Candidates For Bay City Tourney Team

The top twenty Pony League players from the Eastside and the Westside met recently at Coryell Field. On Saturday night, the West defeated the East 2-0. Saturday, the East came back and tripped the Westsiders by a 4-3 margin.

League officials have picked 25 players from these two teams as candidates for the Bay County Pony League tournament representative.

District tournament action begins July 23 at Coryell Field. By that time, the original 25 will have been reduced to 15 and starting line-ups will have been determined.

The District Champion will advance to the State Finals scheduled for July 30 at Walled Lake, Michigan. Regional play this year will be held August 6 at Rockford, Illinois. Regional winners will advance to Divisional play the following week and the World Series is scheduled for August 20 at Washington, Pennsylvania.



BAY CITY ARROW TV displays their runner-up team trophy and individual awards for their strong showing at the 8th Annual Bay City Men's Fastpitch C/D Tournament held June 18-20 at Vet's Park. Pictured from left to right (Front Row) are: Chalky Talaga, Jim Velasquez, Dick Walraven, Rossi Flores and Bill Pacholka. (Back Row): Del Benson, Mike Demming, Jerry Blake, Gary Thompson, Kevin Wirgowski, Al Tacey, Lyle Meyer and Tim Tacey. Missing from photo is Dave Emme who was injured. In the bottom photo are the Port Huron Dukes, Champions of the tournament. The Dukes defeated Arrow TV 7-5 behind the pitching of Most Valuable Pitcher, Ron Joseph. (More photos and story on Page 4.)

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Editorial

There's A New Paper In Town

Whenever men and women have settled along the banks of rivers, built cities and created civilizations, they have always competed in games of skill and daring. Sports as we know it today is much like those games of early civilizations. We, too, play recklessly, with little regard for our personal safety. The Greeks and Romans frequently fought to the death. It is no longer required in our sophisticated societies to face death during competition. However, the familiar "Thrill of Victory and Agony of Defeat" motto is still the major driving force throughout local amateur athletics. Winning is important! Defeat can be devastating.

It may not be a life or death struggle, but the anguish and tears of crushing defeat or the glorious emotion after victory may be the closest any of us can come to know the experiences of those Greeks and Romans.

That is what THE BAY COUNTY SPORTS PAGE is all about — EXPERIENCE. We will attempt to share the emotion of your wins and losses with the readers of this publication. We will attend the games played in this County during the year. We will report what we see. We will comment on what we feel. We will interview the coaches, the players, the fans and even the officials. We will take your picture at those moments of success and failure. And then we will print the stories for others in this community who have the same interests and can understand the experience of thrilling victory and agonizing defeat.

We will need your help. Phone THE BAY COUNTY SPORTS PAGE office when you have a story. Take pictures on your own. We can use them and return them safely to you. Use the Letters To The Editor column to express your feelings and opinions. We hope to become the sports focal point for Bay County. Write us a letter when our coverage stinks. On the other hand, tell us if you liked our publication. We want to hear from you. (continued on page 15)



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THEY DIDN'T WIN A THING, but the girls from The Lion's Den Lounge had as much fun as anybody as they took part in the Raft Race held Saturday, June 19 at Vet's Park. Pictured above standing on their "Super Speed Class" raft are left to right: Lorie Castro, Debbie Gottleber, Karen Miller and Marge Houghtaling. The twenty-one foot vessel was built by Ron Balash and the art work was designed by Nadine Stasik.

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Sports Page Interview

KLEMM: Joe Klemm is a soccer enthusiast. He loves the game. He can talk about soccer for hours. Joe Klemm was born in Lithuania 42 years ago. He never played organized soccer until 1964, when a small group of athletes gathered for an informal meeting and formed the nucleus of what today is The Bay City Kickers. We wondered who those guys were who ran relentlessly up and down the Vet's Park soccer field week after week. We thought our readers might like to know, too. So, we took our tape recorder and interviewed Joe Klemm, the Father of Soccer in Bay City.

SPORTS PAGE: Who did you play? It must have been difficult to organize games.

KLEMM: It certainly was. Every time a ship would dock at Bay City, we would go down to the river and challenge them to a soccer game. All of the ships carried foreign crews who were always happy to have a game.

SPORTS PAGE: How did your teams fare in those early games?

KLEMM: Not very well, I have to admit. In fact, the first three teams beat us badly. Then after we became better conditioned and gained more experience, we could hold our own with almost anyone. After that, we expanded our play to include teams from Flint and Detroit. I have to be honest. They beat us badly, too.

SPORTS PAGE: You've come a long way from those early days. Where do you play your games today?

KLEMM: The Bay City Kickers are now members of the Central Michigan Soccer League. There are eight teams in the league. Flint has four teams and there are also teams from Midland, Oscoda and Alma. The schedule is set up so that we play each team twice during the year — once at Bay City and one time at the opponents' field. We also play non-league or "friendly games" with Toledo and Detroit. And then there's always the ships. We still play any team that comes into port.

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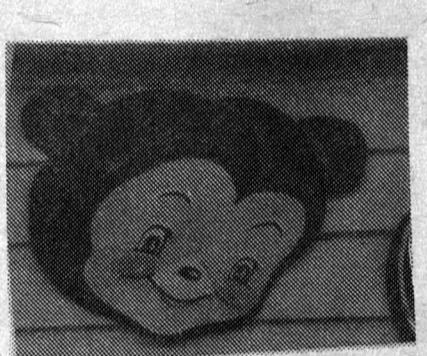
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