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Sports Editor

ETHICS HAVE BEEN consistently violated in football between American and Canadian pro teams, but now the pros from across the border have found a weak spot and are showing no effort to pull their punches.

We refer to the Ottawa Football Club's "innocent" signing of ex-Birmingham high school star Tom Tracy.

Fortunately, the National Football League does not permit American teams to grab a college athlete until the class with which he started college has graduated.

Unfortunately for U.S. teams, it leaves the way open for Canadian teams to lure the outstanding American football stars into the northland where they are college sophomores or seniors.

MOST of the blame lies in the Canadian league itself, inasmuch as without a rule to prevent such grabs, it indirectly condones the act to the Ottawa club.

There have been only a few incidents in the past in which Canadian teams have signed undergraduate stars. Just recently a freshman player at the University of Detroit, Zoltan Kovacs, a 225 pound center, was signed by the same Canadian team.

The Tracy incident, however, could very well be the first civil war among the Canadian teams in quest for more undergraduate players.

Besides, what easier way is there for the Canadians to avoid competition from American teams than to wave those dollar bills in front of a college football star?

It was reported that Tracy was having scholastic difficulties at Tennessee where he starred for two years. But it was also learned from one of the school's athletic officials that Dr. University wanted to help Tracy by permitting him to go to summer school to correct the difficulties.

Chan, as well as coach of the Ottawa club, said that Tracy was not approached until it was certain he was not going to return to school.

Yet, in leaving Tennessee, Tracy made it known that he had received several offers from Canada and he said "he thought about them for some time." It seems very obvious that if he had thought about them for some time, the offers had to be made long before his decision to leave.

It will be remembered that Cadwell was an assistant coach at Tennessee before taking over at Ottawa, which made the opportunity for contact that much easier.

WE CAN very well understand Tracy's position. He was having class troubles, and saw an easy way to forget Shakespeare and Latin and still fall into a pile of dollar bills.

We can also realize that if the money was not made so easily available to him until after his senior year, he and most every other college boy would think twice before deciding to leave without a degree.

Tracy could probably make the grade with any pro team, American or Canadian, but the temptation was presented to him prematurely and without consideration of his own well-being.

The Ivory Polo Rangers welcomed 20 market swingers to the opening of spring drills last week end. Besides the Eight Mile road camp site, the Rangers also hold drills at the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club.

North Hills Ready For Big Season
North Hills joined the list of area courses officially opening the 1955 golf season.

Leo Conroy, pro at North Hills, along with assistant Walter Lasky, have expressed readiness for a big season.

All seats were reserved or enlarged, two new water wells were added and many of the greens were improved at the club.

THE ENTIRE clubhouse including kitchen and dining room have been redecorated and Gertrude Brooks will again be in charge of the dining hall.



DICK SHELDON COACH PARRY BILL WATKINSON
Coach Lew Parry giving a few pointers on hitting. (Eccentric Photo)

Diamond Action Gets Started at Cranbrook

After the seven game southern tour which coach Fred Campbell termed as "fairly successful," the Cranbrook baseball team moves back to its regular season opener against Waterford on the home field this afternoon.

Steve Hayes, a junior who performed well but was injured on the tour, was named by Campbell as the probable starter.

"SHOULD the injury hinder his, starting, then Dave Campbell, a sophomore from Pleasant Ridge or junior Pete Beaford will draw the assignments," said coach Campbell.

The success of the Crane season lies in the pitching staff. "Our hitting was good and the fielding was satisfactory in the seven games, but the pitching was not and our bats remained the coach.

Five players go into the Waterford game with better than 300 batting averages.

DAVE COOPER, sophomore second baseman from Birmingham who batted in six runs on the trip, leads the attack with a .375 mark.

Assists Jim and Chuck Grube both hitting near .350 will draw starting outfield assignments. They

Officially Open Brooklands Club
Dick and Jane Merritt, Brooklands Golf Club owners, have officially announced the opening of the social season with a dance and grill dinner Saturday evening April 15. It will mark the opening of the new lounge and grill room.

Fred Parter, who recently returned from military service has taken over the professional duties at Brooklands which has also shown evidence of course improvements.

ACCORDING to the Merritts, all the facilities of Brooklands, located on Michelson off Rochester road, are now in operation with numerous activities scheduled for the season.

Jays Take Second in Track and Golf
Southfield high school's golf and track teams settled for second place in each of their triangular meet, this week.

The Bluejay tracksters suffered a one-half point loss to St. Mary's of Orchard Lake despite picking up eight firsts and six seconds.

ST. MARY'S tallied 67 1/2 points to 67 1/2 for Southfield and only two points for Oak Park. The Jays held a slim 62 1/2, 16 1/2 lead going into the high jump, and despite the 5 ft. 4 in. first of Southfield's Len Lamb, St. Mary's gained six points by taking second, third and fourth places.

At Southfield high school relay was set when Bob Quirk tossed the shot put 43 1/2 feet.

OTHER FIRSTS for the Jays in the meet were Jack Low's mile run in 4:38, the high hurdles in 14:03 by Gordon Hart and the Pole vault of 9 ft. 6 in. by Fred Braubauer. The medley relay and 880 relay teams also took honors with times of 2:44 and 1:39 respectively.

St. Mary's had a total of five firsts and five seconds but the margin of victory proved to be in the third and fourth spots.

COACH R. E. HILLIS' golf team had similar troubles in the triangular with Bentley of Livonia and Van Dyke of Van Dyke. Bentley won the hatch with a 256 for the 14 holes which ended because of darkness. Mauffield had 264 and Van Dyke 324.

Prepsters Making Final Plans For Season Openers

By BRUNO L. KEARNS

Spring athletic coaches at the area high schools are enjoying the lull before the storm.

Except for Cranbrook, where the spring sports program has already flipped the lid, the baseball, golf, tennis and track coaches at the various high schools are busily preparing for their respective openers within the next two weeks.

AT BIRMINGHAM high school camp where the outlook appears to be the most prosperous, baseball coach Lew Parry is busily shaving his squad to the 25 he hopes to carry. Three veteran pitchers, Dick Sheldon, Larry Milford and Larry Howard carry the title honors.

Track coach Kermit Ambrose, like Parry, has lost some leading boys from his squad. He is expecting new strength from several newcomers like Bill McFarlan and Doug O'Connell.

The Maple nine took the EML title with a 6-1 league and 9-1 season mark, and the Bluebirds were unbeaten in seven dual meets last year.

Tennis coach Harold Newcomb is looking to back seat in the winner's circle, with six lettermen to form a strong nucleus for this year's squad.

Bright things are also expected from the 1954 EML title golf team. Coach Joe Borovick has lettermen Tim Baldwin, Mike Conroy and captain Bob Goldsmith.

AT TROY high school, coaches are faced with the task of finding a suitable place to hold their spring workouts. The Colt baseball and track teams have been asked to schedule their activities on the road due to lack of facilities.

Three freshmen lost to coach Don Hill's track squad have to be supplemented for hopes of bettering the 2-4 record of last year. "If we can find some speed for the dashes, we could look for better things," said Hill.

Six lettermen are back on the Troy baseball team that won two of seven games a year ago, but Coach Sam Tasso is fearful of this season's prospects because of the team's "greenness" and lack of experience.

Troy golf, under coach Bob Nyquist, will face its "first serious schedule" according to athletic director Peyton Goodwin. The linksters have three lettermen back and an improved schedule for their forthcoming campaign.

SOUTHFIELD high school is rapidly building its young athletic program and athletic director R. E. Hill is anticipating a successful spring season.

Big problem for baseball coach Ed Lott will be to find a replacement for his all-conference pitching ace Tom McCormick, who led the mound staff for three years.

Senior Dick Cavera and junior Ray Flar lead the returning hurlers, and outfielders David Juhnke and August Ricca are expected to pace the hitting attack.

Track coach Monte Charles has B'h'am Chestnut Wins at Roosevelt. Making his first of the season, Lord Darnley, a 5-year-old chestnut gelding owned by Perry Williams of Birmingham scored a half length decision over Tronia at Roosevelt Raceway on Wednesday, N. Y., last Saturday.

Lord Darnley, driven by Howard Niles, returned \$10.00, \$6.00 and \$4.00 along the board as third choice among the fans.

THE WINNER who started from the eighth post was contented to stay off the pace for the first half mile and then began flying on the outside. Lord Darnley aimed the lead in the clubhouse turn and was never headed.

YMCA Cagers Third Ex-Maple Star Home. Ex-Maple All-American swimmer Russell Hibbard, Jr., who won his freshman numerals at Yale is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hibbard, Sr., 212 S. Filigium for the Easter holidays.

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BOROVICK PARRY NEWCOMB
Maple coaches look over their spring schedules.

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Cranbrook Net Team in Opener

Six returning lettermen may seemingly form a strong nucleus for the Cranbrook tennis team, but against high school competition the outlook is only fair.

Coach Art Palmer, because of high school eligibility rules which prevent the participation of four lettermen, can use only two returnees when the Cranes open the season next Tuesday against Grosse Pointe on the Cranbrook courts.

JERRY DOBSON, who went through to the finals of the State tournament last year before losing and Perry Ryan will take one-two positions against Grosse Pointe, with Bob Isbell, Leo Butzel, Bob Klein, Pete Cartwright and Bruce Rockwell vying for the remaining positions.

THE Cranes' number one player, Shaw Emmons, Class 'B' champ in his sophomore year, and his three inept teammates can play only against league teams.

Next Thursday, April 14, the Cranes netters visit Ferndale.

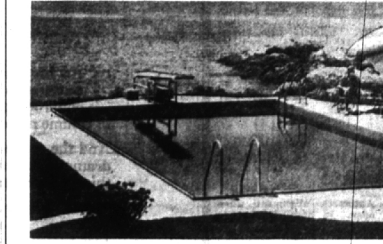
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Tue. Apr. 12—Cranbrook at Pontiac 4:00 p.m.
Thu. Apr. 14—Ferndale at Cranbrook 4:00 p.m.
Thu. Apr. 14—Bedford at Southfield 3:30 p.m.
TRACK
Tue. Apr. 12—Seythfield at Redford 3:30 p.m.
TENNIS
Tue. Apr. 12—Grosse Pte. at Cranbrook 3:30 p.m.
Thu. Apr. 14—Cranbrook at Ferndale 4:00 p.m.
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