

# Sport Shots

By DICK KELLEY Sports Editor

A report compiled by Charles Gale, supt. of the city forestry and parks dept., shows the Eton artificial ice rink lost over \$5,000 during six weeks of operation this winter.

But the financial outlook is not as gloomy as it might appear, Gale confided Monday. A considerable amount of the rink's expenses for the winter will not be repeated, cutting cost of future operation.

Gale cited the cost of constantly watching the compressors during the first two weeks of operation as one such expense plus many small construction expenses needed for finishing the job.

Total rink revenue from admissions, concession sales, rental, skate sharpening, etc. amounted to \$4,086.74.

Expenses totaled \$9,511.85 which leaves a difference of \$5,425.11 which must be written-off as first-year loss.

Eton rink opened Feb. 4 and operated through March 18 which represents the full-end of the skating season.

GALE thinks that revenue would have been considerably higher if the municipal rink could have gotten open at the Christmas holidays when attendance reaches the high peak of the season, especially among the school age set.

With a year of experience Gale feels the future—especially the financial outlook—of the rink confidently.

"We learned a lot this season," Gale said, "which will be carefully considered in city's future plans. We hope to break even next year and keep the rink financially self-sufficient."

ETON seemed jinxed from the start when construction delays and material shortages pushed the opening originally scheduled before Christmas to Feb. 4. The late start and mechanical breakdowns at the beginning held down revenue.

Still, over 8,000 children and adults enjoyed the rink until warm weather started people thinking about baseball and the rink closed March 18.

Next season will be the first full one at Eton rink. Gale is optimistic about breaking even but this corner will wait and see.

FEW communities have been able to break even operating an artificial rink but that is not really the top consideration now.

The rink is here so let's hope everyone enjoys it even though it may lose a few bucks. Money isn't everything!

**SPORT JABS**

Two of Michigan's finest prep tennis players met last Wednesday at Cranbrook when the Cranres faced Ham-tracck, "The Cosmos" Gerald Dobie, defending class A champion, met Jerry Dobson of Cranbrook, defending class B prep champ, in the number-one singles match.

Dobie showed his title was no mistake by whipping Dobson, 6-0, 6-1.

**DICK SHELDON**, star of Birmingham high school mound staff last year, who recently signed a Detroit Tiger farm contract, will join the Charleston farm club in June after completing his freshman year at Western Michigan.

**Utica Hands Cranres First Track Loss**

Utica handed Cranbrook its first loss in three dual track meets Friday afternoon, 67 and 11:12 to 41 1/2, on the home field.

The Cranres managed three firsts in the losing effort: Phil Hubbard won the mile in 5:02; Ed Ross Smith won the pole vault, 9'2"; and Bob Waddell finished first in the 220-yard dash, 24.5.

Waddell also placed second in the 100-yard dash which gave him eight points for the afternoon, high for Cranbrook.

Eric Melstain of Utica turned in the top performance of the day with firsts in the high and low hurdles and broad jump.

# Marilynn Smith is Named Associate Pro At Forest Lake CC

Marilynn Smith, one of the nation's top women golf professionals, has signed as associate pro at Forest Lake Country club, according to Stanley Gillen, club president.

Miss Smith will stay as teaching pro on the staff of head pro Bob Gadia this season and will spend as much time at the club as her tournament schedule will permit, Gillen said.

She also will represent Forest Lake for the balance of the 1956

season of seven years of professional links experience. She turned pro shortly after winning the 1949 women's National Collegiate title while representing the University of Kansas, her native state.

Previously she had won the Kansas State women's amateur three times and was runner-up to Grace Leencyk in the 1948 National Collegiate.

In 1950, her first full season as a professional, Miss Smith was fifth ranking money winner and has been a consistent finisher ever since.

**HER FIRST** title as a professional came in 1954 when she captured the Fort Wayne open. Last season she won on three in two weeks, the Heart of American Open at Kansas City and the Denver Open.

Her first competitive round was a 67 in the 1952 National Open at Philadelphia. Miss Smith's best finish on the PGA circuit this season was second place in the St. Petersburg Open in February.

Like many athletes Miss Smith is partial to a good-luck piece. She now plays a round of competitive golf without a rabbit's foot dangling from her belt.

**MISS SMITH** has been called the "Jimmy Demarec" of women's golf with her colorful attire and ever-unsilent outlook.

In addition to her role as an instructor, she also is actively currently serving as co-chairman of the Ladies PGA tournament committee.

**Ladies PGA tournament tour.** This alignment will cast her as the best pro for the ladies PGA championship at Forest Lake, June 21-24.

**ONLY 25**, Miss Smith is a veteran of 25 PGA tournaments.

# Maple Thinclads Defeat Waterford

Birmingham opened the outdoor dual-meet track season Friday afternoon at the Waterford dual 5:26 to 41 1/2 victory over Waterford.

The Maples took 9 of 12 firsts despite the absence of four top performers who sat out the meet resting for the Mansfield Relays Saturday at Mansfield, Ohio.

**BIRMINGHAM** took first and second in the shot put and broad jump. Doug O'Camb won the shot with a 46' 3" toss while veteran Chuck Gibson was second.

Jim MacDonald won the broad jump, 19' 2 1/2", and teammate Tom Segal was second.

Other Maple first were Tom Segal, pole vault, 11' 7"; Joe Kidwell, high and low hurdles; Tony Evangelista, 100-yard dash, 10.4; Steve Hunter, 440-yard run, 56.5; and John Appleford, 220-yard dash, 23.6.

**BIRMINGHAM'S** 850-yard relay team of Chad Bonnett, Pat Berry, Evangelista and MacDonald won in 1:21 1/2.

Absent from the meet were Doug Wuggrazer, miler; Ron McCrumb and Bill McFarlen, pole vaulters; and Mike Nordstrom, quarter-miler.

These boys competed in the Mansfield Relays Saturday which drew 1267 athletes from 97 schools in the Midwest.

**McCRUMB** and McFarlen tied for eighth in a total field of 77 pole vaulters while Nordstrom finished seventh in the final placing of quarter-milers.

Wuggrazer placed fifth in the mile after running second in his heat of the event which drew 67 milers. The Maple freshmen thuglads led the season this term at the Pierce field against Hazel Park.

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# Local LFL Joins New Grid Loop

In line with the expansion of Little Football League activities in the Detroit area, the Birmingham group has joined with Royal Oak, Grosse Pointe Park, Lincoln Park and Dearborn to form a new suburban All-American Little Football League.

The new league now consists of seven teams, three from Birmingham and each from the other communities.

At the same time, the Birmingham Little Football League has withdrawn from the Jack Lowerth league in Detroit. All members of the new league as well as six other teams in the Detroit metropolitan area formerly were affiliated with the Jack Lowerth league.

**IN NOTIFYING** the Jack Lowerth league of the board's decision, Roy Fritz, secretary of the board, feels that its decision will aid in promoting the Little Football program in the area.

The community by simplifying scheduling problems for both the Jack Lowerth League and the new All-American League.

"We feel establishment of two leagues in the greater-Detroit area is a natural outgrowth of the expanding interest in Little Football and we are looking forward to even greater expansion in the future so more and more youngsters will have the opportunity to participate in this sport."

**BIRMINGHAM'S** Little Football held the first of its Spring Roundups last Saturday so interested youngsters and parents could meet the coaches and ask questions about the program. There will be other Roundups at 2:30 p.m. this Saturday and next Saturday, May 5, at Pierce Field, behind Pierce school, Vaughan Field in Bloomfield Hills and at the Bloomfield Village school.

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# Maples Compete In Central Michigan Relays

Birmingham track coach Kermit Agbrose will take over 20 boys of the 16th annual Central Michigan Relays Saturday at Mt. Pleasant.

Among those designated to see action in the Relays are miler Doug Wuggrazer, hurdler Joe Kidwell and pole vaulters Bill McFarlen, Ron McCrumb and Tom Segal.

Birmingham will have two representatives in the shot put, Chuck Gibson and Doug O'Camb, the pre season favorite in the event, has been given stiff competition by O'Camb.

**O'CAMB** took first place in the shot in the Waterford dual meet Friday while Gibson was relegated to second place.

This healthy competition has been a pleasant surprise for Agbrose. Both boys will be extending themselves to the fullest this season not only against the opposition but very likely, each other.

Tony Evangelista and Pat Berry will be entered in the 100-yard dash competition; John Appleford and Bob Stephenson in the high jump; and Jim MacDonald and Tom Segal in the broad jump.

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# 1255 New High In Mixed Tourney

Margaret Hendricks and Bowdre Carswell of Detroit took first place with a 1255 in the Joe Paulis' annual mixed doubles spring bowling tournament at Bloomfield Lanes Sunday.

The tourney which started April 4 will run weekdays and Sundays through May 20.

**HENDRICKS** and Carswell's 1255 replaced the 1204 rolled by Regina Lyson and Ralph Canby of Westland in the first week of the tourney.

The couple rolling the high series each weekend will receive a trophy, according to Syl Thiel, Bloomfield Lanes and tournament manager.

In third place after two weeks of action are Dee Wroblewski and Ernest Renack with 1202.

# Watkinson On Bronco Team

William Watkinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Watkinson, 111 W. Brown, Birmingham, is out for the freshman baseball team at the eighth annual East-West all-star high school football game in Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 15.

Appleford is the first Birmingham football player to be honored by the group since Tom "The Bomb" Tracy was selected in 1951.

# Southfield Linksmen Win Over Bentsley

Southfield linksmen defeated Bentsley last week at Idle Wyldie by a team score of 171 to 182.

Members of Southfield medalist honors with a 40 for the nine hole match. Teammates Neil Mitchell and Bob Zurka shot 43 and Bob Waldron 45.

Paul Thompson's 41 was low for Bentsley.

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# LL Managers Select Players Monday Night

The little kid with the big swing will achieve his hour of glory Monday.

He will probably be home in bed, but in three rooms of the Community House on that night Birmingham Little League managers will bid against each other for contract rights to the outstanding young ball players.

The players auction is secret and what happens there must not be discussed, under Little League rules. A boy must never know how much—or how little—attention he gets from those he has been trying to impress.

BUT within the next 48 hours phones will ring and 300 of the almost 1,000 Little League candidates in the Birmingham area will be told they have been "bought" by the 12 major league teams. Then comes three weeks of practice during which that number must be whittled down to the 120 who will get uniforms.

The tryouts end this Saturday, rain or shine.

For the better boys this weekend represents a final chance to display that flair which means the difference between the standout and the ordinary youngster.

TO THE others, it means little. They will be assigned to minor league squads even if they do not show up.

Anyone who has played poker, or seen it played, would recognize the atmosphere of the Little League player auction. For the managers, this is the procedure:

1) Each team has a limited number of points to "spend" as you try to bring out your rivals by bringing up the names of good players you don't want.

2) When someone names a player or you need, you yawn. You get a little confused. "Is that the skinny boy in the blue jacket?" you ask, when all the time you have his name in your little book and are prepared to go high for him.

3) Or you may adopt an "open" bid, gone again? type of bidding just to confuse matters. You let the others light it out and only come in when things appear on the floor.

THE LEAGUE president, who serves as auctioneer, usually leaves the meeting, exhausted.

When bidding is ended, each manager is permitted to select free, any additional players he wants until he has a minimum of 25 on his squad. He cannot take less.

Few people see the auctions. Fathers are excluded and only top league officials and managers and coaches are permitted to attend.

The Birmingham Little League, largest in the Detroit area and one of the most active in the nation, pledges a place for every boy who wants to play, a pledge that haunts them at this time of year.

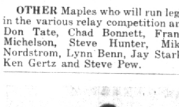
ONCE the action is over, the problem of organizing minor league squads must begin. Allowing for the usual number who lose interest, Little League officials still are worried this year about fitting all the boys into the program.

Thanks to a successful Moms Club fund-raising campaign last year, a record amount of equipment was ordered this spring. But even so, Little League directors are wondering if it will be enough.

A shortage of playing fields is restricting the program this season.

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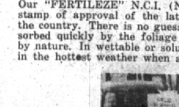
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# Wisemen Honor John Appleford

John Appleford, star halfback of the Birmingham high school football team last fall has been nominated for annual Wigwag Wiseman all-star prep football team.

Appleford was one of 44 boys honored by the organization in the United States. Appleford's nomination makes him eligible for the eighth annual East-West all-star high school football game in Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 15.

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