

# Spring Sports Special:

## Watch Out for Rain!!

### Colts Good Mudders Coach Hill Hoping

Spring sports are just around the corner. Mud has to be knocked off baseball cleats and pulled from around spikes on track shoes.

Gymnasiums resound with sounds of hard balls smashing into baseball mitts and of softer balls rebounding from tennis rackets. Pitchers are nursing their arms. Thincads in sweatshirts are jogging around soggy athletic fields. Fathers are getting used to the plastic caps that are compulsory wear on prep diamonds this year in Michigan.

There is a general anticipation, a yearning . . . for Spring.

THE TROY track team has been working out for two weeks in preparation for its April 2 meet with Thurston. There are no facilities for track at Troy and consequently all meets will be run on opponent's soil. Troy lost every meet last year.

Tomahawk Don Hill is the colt track coach. He is a trackman in his own right, who still holds the Michigan high school record for the mile run, set in 1942.

His hopes for a better elder season for Troy are based largely upon his 10 returning lettermen from last year. In particular, he is relying on Jim Brown, who has had a highly creditable performance in the dashes, hurdles and high jump.

According to Hill, Jack Fifield and Paul DeFaux are taking their share of places in the 440 yard run, and Gary Littleton is doing all right for himself in the high and low hurdles.

Dick Kelly, Rick Hanselman, Sandy Morgan, Glen Weldon, Alex Szalay and Ron Shepard are each returning lettermen capable of scoring up the points in their particular track and field events, says Hill.

In baseball, the Troy colts won two and lost six last year, thumping Oak Park for two non-league victories.

Troy baseball coach Bill McElerrich is shaping his team around a core of veterans this year. Bill Rick Hanselman, who is in his fourth year of diamond play, and Wayne Figley, who has played for three consecutive years.

Competing with Figley for the pitching honors will be Chester Malachowski, who can also trade off with Forest Culp on catching.

In addition to Rick Hanselman, several infielders have a good chance of making the squad: Ken Matthews, Chuck McKinney, Don Harmed, Dick Abel, Dave Stokes and Bill Jennings.

Tom Mitchell, Ken Saunders and Fred Marcella are outfield considerations for McElerrich.

What talents may come from over 20 other students who have come out for baseball is yet to be determined.

One thing is certain: if the Troy baseball field is completed before the season terminates, allowing some home games, (and there is every reason to assume that will be), then the very fact of having a "home roots" should have a healthy psychological effect on the entire team, who had an "all-away" season for 1956.

### Village Keglers Have Prize Day

FRANKLIN—It was a special prize day for the Franklin Village bowlers last week. The women bowled in pairs and prizes were given to those scoring the most number of pins over their combined averages plus the handicap.

First prize went to Elsie Nicholls and Ruth Galster; second, Katie Kipp and Maggie Cutting; third, Barbara Griffin and Barbara Worcester; fourth, Dorothy Premo and Evelyn Atkinson; fifth, Jane Howard and Ellen Forrest.

As the season draws to a close, the teams are lined up in the following order: the Burkhardt Co. Broderick Corp., Paul Schofield, Western Exchange market, Birmingham Eccentric, George Wellington Smith, Walstrom's market, Leslie cleaners, Rosemond Hill, and Goldfale market.

### New Bowling Alley Being Built Here

Rod Smith, proprietor of the Birmingham bowling alleys, is starting construction of a new bowling alley on Woodward in Birmingham.

Smith hopes the new 16-alley house will be open by September in time for the 1957-58 season.

### More Open Golf At Springdale Planned in '57

Springdale municipal golf course will open around April 8, with more hours available for open golfing at the same price this season, according to course manager Dale Rolph.

At a recent meeting of Springdale officials, it was agreed to make a cut in the amount of leagues in order to allow individual golfers more playing time.

### School System's Phys Ed Program Receives Acclaim

Birmingham public schools recently received national attention when a complete review of its physical education programs published in the Physical Education Newsletter, a professional magazine devoted to this field.

The article told of the many multiple uses made of existing facilities and of activities planned for those now under construction.

It emphasized the variety of methods placed upon providing opportunities for all children as well as the gifted few.

POINTED OUT also was how the schools were cooperating with the community in providing for out of school physical activity. The extensive Little League baseball, Little League football, and Saturday morning basketball program would be drastically reduced if Board of Education facilities were not provided.

Especially noted were plans for over 100 swimming pools, a system to be an expert swimmer and have a thorough knowledge of all water safety activities.

From advanced reports received, the nationally distributed article received many favorable comments, according to Birmingham athletic director, Frank Whitney.

### Sportsweek

Cranbrook Baseball  
March 28: at Lowmore, Va.  
29: at Salisbury, N. C.  
30: at Greensboro, N. C.

April 1: at Pfeiffer freshmen (Misenheimer, N. C.)  
2: at Pfeiffer freshmen.  
3: at Raleigh, N. C.

Recreation Sports  
Thursday, March 28: Adult Night at Birmingham school; basketball, volleyball, badminton and ping-pong, 7-10 p.m. 25¢ per person.

Saturday, March 30: Meeting on allocation of ball field for spring and summer baseball at Forest Park office at Holland and Eton rds. 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 2: Adult Night.

### Spring Swimming Classes Brought

Birmingham recreation director Bob Girardin has announced that all 64 elementary school and junior high school youngsters are participating in the spring swimming season and that all classes have been filled.

"There are 525 children on the waiting list for the summer sessions which will take place sometime after school is out in June," Girardin said.

### Localite Gets Hole-in-One

Kenneth J. Brands, 3401 West Breckenridge lane, Bloomfield township, is the proud owner of a plaque and trophy certifying the hole-in-one he made at Riviera country club in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Brands and their son, Kevin, have just returned from a Florida vacation at Eleanor village and Daytona Beach.

### Watts Wants Call

Bob Watts of Southfield's recreation department requests that Class B fastball teams, ages 17 and up, and any booster ball teams, interested in participating in the recreation league, contact him at the high school.

### Thirty Athletes From Birmingham Receive Letters

Swimming coach Jay Meyers and John Petrakis, basketball mentor, handed out a total of 30 letters at Birmingham high school's winter awards assembly last week.

The Maple swimming team won the Eastern Michigan league crown and placed sixth at the state meet in E. Lansing two weeks ago. The tankers broke records at every meet.

Birmingham cagers finished fifth in the EMI.

Other repeat-lettermen who received certificates were Pete Sinte, F. J. McGinnis, Steve Tow, Jon Overgard, Dick Hubbard, Jeff Life, Jon Hyde, Paul Camp, and Bill Buck.

SWIM CAPTAINS Tom Reel and Dave Cook received letter certificates, since both won letters last year.

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Swimmers getting their first letters were Dave Smith, Fred Wickham, Les Harbor, Jim Peters, Lyn Birchard, Pete Palmer, Joe deHann, Klaus Parsch, Stu Gray, and Bob Beardley.

Basketball letter certificates went to honorary captain Tom Kelly, Bob Isbell, the team's top scorer; Bob Peckheiser, Marshall Roe and Tony Evangelista.

Bob Stephenson, Dave Ritchie, and Chuck Gibson were awarded their first letters.

JIM MCGUIRE



LEFT TO RIGHT, Gary Eynon, Herb Loner and Paul Ulbrick, Bloomfield Hills track candidates, braved the cold this week to test their school's future track site, which except for the football field in the background is "baron" land right now. Like most track coaches in the area, Barons' Felix Wotila had a rough time trying to outguess the weatherman. Rain and snow curtailed his outside drills so most of Bloomfield's conditioning was done inside a warm fieldhouse.

### YMCA Sponsors Awards Banquet

An awards banquet will be held at the First Presbyterian church on Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 p.m. for all members and coaches of the YMCA Church basketball league.

Parents are invited and can make reservations through the assistant pastors of the churches, according to Ed Kierst. Cost of the meal is \$1.25 per plate.

The program will consist of awards and an address by an outstanding personality.

## Jays Schedule 58-Event Card

Southfield high school has announced a 58-event spring schedule, beginning with baseball and track April 12. Ed Bryant, starting his first season as head baseball coach replacing Ed Litjot, will send his team against Redford Union at home.

Together the Jay nine will play 13 games, dependent on weather conditions, of course.

THE TRACK team, under Monte Charles' tutelage, has eight dual meets and will participate in the league and regional meets besides. The Southfield thincads will again be on the road all season, lacking facilities at home.

Karl Battermiller's tennis squad hosts Fitzgerald April 13. Golf, coached by athletic director Bul Hall, also gets out way April 15, in a triangular meet with Beckley and Redford Union.

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| Baseball                      |                  |
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You'll enjoy the leisure and convenience of shopping Friday nights in Birmingham.

## Top 5's in "Y" Finals Tonight

It seemed likely before the post-season tournament started that First Presbyterian and St. James, the No. 1 and 2 teams, respectively, during the regular season, would wind up opposing each other in the YMCA church league playoff finals. And that's just the way it worked out.

Tonight on the Baldwin gym floor at 7 p.m., the two top powers will clash for the right to represent Birmingham in the district playoffs starting in Detroit two weeks hence.

Presbyterian, once-beaten in 14 starts during the regular campaign, earned its berth in the finals the hard way, having to go three overtime periods to down an upset, bent Lathrup Congregational five, 40-38, in the semis last week.

THE DARK Red trailed 8-4 at the first quarter mark and still lagged behind 12-12 at the half. They knotted the count midway in the fourth period on a basket by Jim Ellis and the game remained tied until the gun ended regulation play.

Presbyterian's Jim Proctor could rightfully be termed the hero of the night. He not only led both teams in scoring with 19 tallies but kept his team in the game right to the end when he sank two free-throws to give Presbyterian their decisive two-point bulge.

In his first overtime period Proctor and Clark scored for Presbyterian but they were matched on baskets by Lathrup's Jay Franzer and Bob Waldron.

Fred Rankin gave the losers what appeared to be the winning shot when he dropped in a basket late in the second overtime, but Proctor came back again with a layup, and the score was 38-38.

THEN IN the final minute of the third overtime, Proctor was fouled and connected on both shots to make the final 40-38.

In another semifinal game, St. James romped to an easy 45-22 decision over Birmingham Congregational, with Jim Duffield and Bob Plattman scoring 11 each. Jack Ferry turned in a fine performance for the losers, netting 12 markers.

With its sharp performance, St. James apparently ended the slump which saw them lose four games in the stretch during the season after running neck-and-neck with Presbyterian the first half of the season.

IN OTHER games played, First Methodist won the "Tim Can Trophy" for consolation-game winners with a 25-19 conquest of Lathrup Redemer. The losers had a 15-12 halftime edge but picked up only six points the second half.

Dick Crowley and Don Hildebrand combined to score 23 points for the victors, while Bud Hurd paced Lutheran.

Earlier, Lathrup Congregational defeated First Baptist, 35-22 in the

## Local Horses On Futurity Racing List

Birmingham area thoroughbred owners hold prominent places on the waiting list for the \$5,000-added Michigan Futurity, which will be run at the Detroit Race Course during the Michigan Racing Association's Apr. 9-Oct. 19 meeting.

The event, which will be run over 5 1/2 furlongs, has attracted 25 two-year-olds, all founded in Michigan. From Mrs. Susan Briggs Fisher's Thumble Farm in Bloomfield Hills comes a foal by Jay Forever, the dam of Mister Jive. The filly is a half sister of Mister Jive, a winner of three stakes races and \$48,200 in purses last year.

MRS. WILLIAM O. BRIDGE, of Birmingham, has three youngsters on the list.

Among those eligible for the Futurity are five get of stakes winner Bully Boy, who was brought to Michigan by Shaffer in an effort to raise the standards of Michigan-bred thoroughbreds. Bully Boy is now standing at the Dama Farm near Howell.

"The Futurity is part of a broad program designed to stimulate the raising of thoroughbreds in Michigan," Shaffer said. "I am hopeful that this event will grow into one of the most popular at the Detroit Race Course."

## April 22 S'field LL Baseball Date

Southfield's Little League Baseball will hold its rally Monday, April 22, at the Southfield High school gym starting at 7:30 p.m.

Kids and parents will be briefed on the Little League program. Entertainment will be provided.

Boys 9-12 are eligible for the program. Registration starts April 27, at the high school. A \$2 fee, covering cost of registration, exam and insurance is required.

quartets. Bob Waldron hit for 18 points for the winners and Ken Gertz rang up 14 for Baptist. Lathrup's bid then was snuffed in the Presbyterian loss.

## 200 IN LATHRUP SIGN INDORSEMENT OF THREE For City Council — McAleer, Russell and Valentine



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