Five Teams Unbeaten in Early Season Play

Cranbrook Steamrolls Past Track Opponents

By BOB WEBB

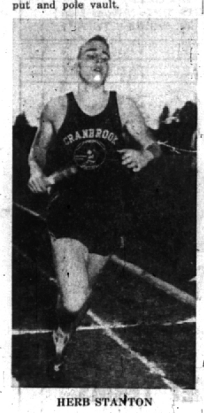
Cranbrook thinclads breezed through two easy victories against Walled Lake and Kennedy high schools last week on the Cranbrook track.

They trounced Walled Lake Tuesday April 23, capturing 10 of 13 firsts for a score of 71 1/3 to 37 2/3, and defeated Canada's Kennedy high school 90½ to 27½, Friday, April 26, taking 12 firsts enroute to victory.

Cranbrook's Bob Wadell was high point man in each meet, taking both dashes and running in the winning 880 yard relay team both days for a total of 22½ points.

AGAINST Walled Lake, Tom Noteware won the 440, tied in the high-jump for first place and ran a leg on the winning 880 yd. relay team to tally 10¼ points for Cranbrook.

Neither Walled Lake nor Kennedy had any double winners. Walled Lake took the shot put, pole vault and 120 yard high hurdles. Kennedy walked off with the honors in the discus throw, shot put and pole vault.



HERB STANTON

Kennedy's Dick Placido threw the discus 112 feet to take first in the event.

FRED LAVERY, Cranbrook half-miler, took first in the 880 in both meets, running the event in 2:06.5 against Walled Lake and 2:04.3 against the Canadians. Cranbrook track coach Don McEwen predicts Lavery, a junior, will break the school record in the half-mile before his graduation, possibly even this year. The record stands at 2:02.2 set by J. Bird in 1948.

Many observers were surprised at the margin of defeat in the Cranbrook-Walled Lake meet, as Cranbrook beated Walled Lake in track last year by just one point. The lopsided score this year can be attributed to 11 returning lettermen on the Cranbrook team as against a comparitively fresh Walled Lake crew.

UNDOUBTEDLY another factor in Cranbrook's track success this season is the canable leadership of the new coach Don McEwen, who holds the Big Ten collegiate record for the mile run, 4:09, set in 1951 when McEwen was running for U of M.

Herb Stanton, Cranbrook postgrad, won the 440 yard run in :53.4 and ran the last leg of the winning medley relay team.

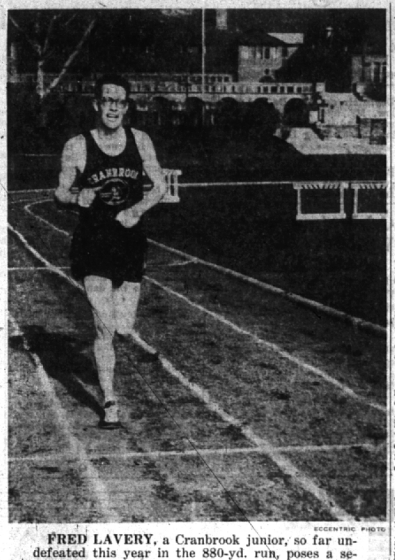
Complete results of the two track meets are as follows:

Walled Lake Meet

120 Yard high hurdles: Hughes (WL), Grikscheit (C), Smith (C) :15.9
Medley relay: Won by Cranbrook (Rosenthal, Akers, Story and Butzbaugh), 3:42.9
100 Yard dash: Wadell (C), Fink (WL), LeMessurier (C), :10.4.
Mile run: Russell (C), Washburn (C), Schoenberger (WL), 4:53.7.
440 Yard dash: Noteware (C), Pierce (WL), Hermanoff (C), :53.1.
Low hurdles: Grikscheit (C), Hughes (WL), Provis (WL), :14.
220 yard dash: Waddell (C), Barnett (WL) LeMessurier (C), :23.6.
880 yard run: Lavery (C), Williams (C), Taulbee (WL), 2:06.5.
880 yard relay: Won by Cranbrook (Noteware, Akers, Story, and Waddell), 1:37.7.
Shot put: O'Donnell (WL), Harris (C), Graham (C), 45' 1¾"
High Jump: tied between Noteware (C) and Johanson (C), and Hughes (WL), 5'7".
Pole vault: Fink (WL), three way tie for second Smith (C), Martin (WL), and Sofko (WL), 10'9".
Broad jump: Johansson (C), Fink (WL), and Von Schlen (WL), 19' 8½".

Kennedy Meet

Mile run: Russell (C) Washburn (C) Miller (C), 4:56. 8
440 yard dash: Stanton (C) Noteware (C), Butzbaugh (C), :53.4.
Low hurdles: Grikscheit (C), Black (C), Gretes (K), 13.8.
880 yard run: Lavery (C), Freeman (K) Whole (K), 2:07.3.
880 yard relay: Won by Cranbrook (Harrison, Akers, Brender and Waddell), 1:36.8.
220 yard dash: Waddell (C), Brender (C), Fox (K), :24.2.
Discus throw: Placido (K), Harris (C), Cambiki (K), 112'.
Shot put: Gretes (K), Harris (C), 43' 11¾"
High jump: Tie for first, Noteware (C), Johansson (C), tie for third, Krulk (K), Harrison (C), 5' 4".
Broad jump: Harrison (C), Johansson (C), Pytomski (K) 19' 9¾"
Pole vault: Bain (K), tie for second and third, Woodworth (C), Oliver (K) 9' 6".
High hurdles: Grikscheit (C), Black (C), Gudeman (K), 16.8.
Mile relay: Won by Cranbrook: (Noteware, Harrison, Rosenthal, Stanton, 3:44.3.
100 yard dash: Wedell (C) Rendon (C), McKenzie (K), :10.3.



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FRED LAVERY, a Cranbrook junior, so far undefeated this year in the 880-yd. run, poses a serious threat to the school record of 2:02.6, set in 1948 by J. Bird. Lavery ran the event against Kennedy high school Friday in 2:04.3.

Bloomfield, Cranbrook, B'ham Undefeated

By BOB WEBB

The haze is beginning to lift on Birmingham area sports. In spite of the rain, which has knocked out more than a dozen events this spring, some patterns are beginning to emerge.

Still undefeated in the area are Bloomfield golf, Cranbrook track and Birmingham golf, tennis and track.

However, you can say some things about undefeated Bloomfield golf and Cranbrook track that you can't say about undefeated Birmingham golf and tennis, because Birmingham is a late starter on the spring sports agenda.

BIRMINGHAM GOLF and tennis teams have had only one match each this year.

In view of the returning strength in the Birmingham track team, we may assume, with fingers crossed, that Birmingham track may be on its way to another undefeated season.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS golf team has revealed itself as a power to beat, downing in turn the first four teams it has faced this year. Further, there appears to be little in the wag to stop the Hills team from capturing the championship in undefeated style.

They beat last year's champions, West Bloomfield, who won 17 consecutive meets, by a difference of 21 strokes.

The closest rival Bloomfield should have this year is Milford but the two teams will not meet. Milford has won three games plus a triangular but defeated West Bloomfield by only 5 strokes. The low golfer on the Hills team is Bud Badger who won the class C and D medalist and tied the Class A medalist in the state meet last year.

THE CRANBROOK TRACK team remains undefeated after facing five challengers and depth as well as individual luminaries is evident in such run-away scores as the 90½ - 27½ posted against Kennedy.

The hurtle over which Cranbrook runners will have to spring will come on Tuesday, May 7, against a powerful Utica team. The meet will be triangular with Orchard Lake filling in as the third party. Odds are even between Utica and Cranbrook to take the meet.

ECCENTRIC PHOTO

UNDEFEATED VICTOR after three consecutive conference meets this season is the Bloomfield high school golf team. Hilis made victims of Northville, Clarenceville and W. Bloomfield. Clarenceville lost by 38 strokes. In state finals last year, Bud Badger, left, won the class C & D medalist title and tied the class-A medalist. To his right in the picture are Bob Thompson, Chuck Farr, Bryant Ewing, Jim Kearney, Jim Fuller and Don Dennis, the Hills team coach.

Good Weather Means Good Golf: It's Here!

All local golf courses are teeming with activity. Bermuda shorts are mixed nostalgically with soft breezes and temperatures in the high 70's. Verbal exclamations result from many a wood and are suppressed only by 250 yd. drives or the sinking of a 20-foot putts.

At Stonycroft Golf Club, considerable improvement is noted on number six hole, a low point on the course that remains soggy in spots late into the summer.

DUE TO a small rainfall so far this spring and a good drainage system, the hole is giving much more roll to balls this Spring.

Don D'Onofrio, Stonycroft pro, says the course is in excellent shape due to good weather and a good groundskeeper, Fred Meinberg.

There have been no changes in the layout of the holes from last year but the position of the ninth hole green is scheduled to be moved about 50 feet to the left of the tee from its present location. The course is private.

NORTH HILLS Golf Club has opened all facilities for the season, and play has been quite heavy for early season in spite of the chill breezes. A traditionally dry, firm course for early and late season play, North Hills has been in unusually fine shape this spring, according to Leo Conroy pro-manager.

He has announced that tees are undergoing reconditioning and heavy fertilization on the fairways will assure top condition throughout the Summer.

The staff at North Hills is the same as last year, with Gertrude Brooks in charge of the kitchen and dining room. Painting of the locker and shower rooms has also been included in the conditioning of the club for a new season.

Cranbrook Tennis Team Topples 2

For their third win in five tries, Cranbrook courtmen, defending Interstate tennis champions, served Ferndale a 4-3 loss Friday at Ferndale. Then they blanked Cleveland University school 5-0 Saturday on home ground for the fourth win of the season.

Ferndale offered strong resistance in the singles division, allowing Cranbrook only one win, Bill McQuillin's in first singles, who defeated John Elshaut 6-1, 6-2.

IN DOUBLES, it was a different story, as Duncan and Sun beat Ruppert and Winnie, 6-1, 6-2; Brown and Turner topped Colbert and Molenda, 9-7, 6-1; and McGaughey and Mollet defeated Perry and Jacobson, 6-1, 6-1.

University school was blanked 5-0 as Bob Klein, Pete King and Barry Smith captured the singles and Oxzie Jacobsen and Bruce McCaul, Fred Fechheimer and Dave Theobold took the doubles.

WALTER O. (Spike) Briggs, will soon take a leisurely vacation through the south with his wife, Laura. The resigned general manager of the Detroit Tigers was a member of the Bloomfield Hills city commission for five years and is an ex-mayor of the city.

Last Call to Join S'fld Little League

First day of registration for Southfield Little Leaguers brought out a total of 256 boys. An estimated 60 per cent of this group are boys who have had previous baseball experience in either the major or minor leagues.

All applicants underwent thorough physical checkup by doctors from New Grace hospital. Only four boys were directed to their private doctors for further examination.

SATURDAY, MAY 4, is the deadline for registration, starting at 10 a.m. in the north entrance of the Southfield high school gymnasium, Lahser and W. 10 Mile roads. All boys intending to play ball in Southfield this summer must register by this date. All boys living within the confines of the township are eligible.

Age qualifications are 9-12 inclusive, and a boy must have passed his ninth birthday by or on July 31. Thus, a boy who is not nine until Aug. 1 is ineligible.

Grube Homers, Cranes Win 4-2

Cranbrook baseball team was victorious in its first league game Saturday when it defeated Cleveland University school, 4-2, on a wet Cranbrook field.

University school tied with Western reserve academy for the Interstate baseball championship last year.

The game was postponed for half-an-hour because of rain. The contest was terminated in the sixth inning by prior agreement as the out-state visitors had to leave in order to catch a train.

DAVE CAMPBELL struck out six men in winning his first victory, allowing University school only two hits.

Archie Allen performed a good job at the plate, cutting off potential scores two different times.

Don Bagley was he losing pitcher for the visitors, striking out three and walking one.

GOING INTO THE bottom half of the fourth, with the score tied one-all, Cranbrook Captain Dave Cooper, playing with a cast over the thumb on his right hand, hit a smashed out a single. Then Chuck Grube tied into a sizzling 350 home run to put the Cranes ahead, 3-1.

In the fifth, John Studebaker walked, was sacrificed to second, then scored on another single by Dave Cooper.

The Birmingham Eccentric SPORTS

Acton Wins Four Events As Troy Beats Avondale

In a dual meet at Avondale, running over a slow dirt track, Troy came out on the top side of a 72-37 score, taking 11 firsts in accomplishing the victory. The meet saw Sim Acton capture the maximum number of points allowed one player in a meet—20.

Track coach Don Hill says Sim asked his casualty if he might not enter the shot put, just to see what he could do in the event. So amiable Hill's Acton took first place in the place in the high jump and to everyone's surprise but coach Hill's, Acton took rst place in the shot with a heave of 42' 4".

IT WAS THE FIRST time Sim, has thrown the shot in competition. Hill says that it was no surprise to him.

"Sim is a 'natural' athlete. He can do a good job of anything he tries," he said. Acton won the dashes, shot put and broad jump.

GARY LITTLESON came through with a :21.8 performance in, the low hurdles to brake the school record of :22.2 set by Rex Moore in 1954.

Troy went to the Central Relays at Mt. Pleasant Saturday, and came home with a third place in the medley relay. The Troy team took third in the event in 3:48.5 and was composed of Gary Littleson, Paul DePauw, Ron Shepard and Earl Creighton. Inkster and Lowell took first in the event.

RESULTS of the Avondale meet are:

High hurdles: Greenlees (A), Littleson (T), Thompson (A), :17.
Medley relay: Won by Troy (Creighton, Kriebel, DePauw and Shepard) 2:54.4.
100 Yard dash: Acton (T), Hayton (A), Kelly (T), :10.7.
Mile run: Hotchinson (A), Booth (T), Harris (T), 5:06.9.
440 Yard run: DePauw (T), Fifield (T), Szilagyi (T), :58.4.
Low hurdles: Littleson (T), Greenlees (A), Ray (T), :21.8.
220 Yard dash: Acton (T), Hayton (A), Lau (A), :25.2.
880 Yard run: Goode (T), Moulton (A), Hill (A), 2:24.3.
880 Yard relay: Won by Troy Depauw, Littleson, Kelly and Kriebel), 1:44.
Broad Jump: Acton (T), Walker (A), Greenlees (A), 18' 4¾".
Shot put: Acton (T), Kelly (T), Reynolds (A), 42' 4".
Pole valut: Weldon (T), tied for second, Klusendorf (T), Goforth (A), 9' 6".
High jump; Tie for first, Hanselman (T) and Goforth (A), third: Evans (A), 5' 4".

Last Southfield Babe Ruth Test This Saturday

Boys in the Southfield Babe Ruth League had an opportunity Saturday to try out for the positions of their choice under the watchful eyes of managers and scouts, until rain interrupted the workout shortly before noon on the Southfield playing field.

The workout was the best so far, according to Jack Ridley, Southfield Babe Ruth publicity director.

"Those trying out for pitcher played on the pitching mound and those trying out for the other positions were assigned to those positions," he said.

HE ADDED THAT there will be one more workout—this coming Saturday, May 4, at 9:30 a.m., Southfield high school.

One difficulty that the managers are having is in identifying the boys according to age groups as they play on the field.

Babe Ruth players are requested to have their parents sew onto the backs of their playing shirts the number of the age group to which they are assigned, so that identifications will be made easier.

The boys will be assigned to particular managers after the coming Saturday tryout, so that their progress can be better determined.

Maple Golfers Beat Pointers

Birmingham high school golf team won its first match of the year by defeating Grosse Pointe 323-351 on a soaking wet Lochmoor course. Medalist was Mike Conroy with 76.

Individual totals were—

Birmingham

Mike Conroy: 39, 37: 76.
Pete Jackson: 40, 39: 79
Pete Green: 41, 42: 83
Tom McDaniel: 44, 41: 85

Grosse Pointe

Jeff Belfore: 42, 39: 81
Hudson Harrison: 41, 40: 81
Bill Waldeck: 46, 44: 90
Dennis Demanigold: 50, 49: 99

Troy Drops First Game to Madison

Troy high school baseball team were victims of a no-hitter on their own diamond April 23, when Madison high's swift right-hander, Richard Long, hurled his way to a 4-0 victory over the Colts.

Madison scored one run in the fourth inning and three in the sixth and collected nine hits off the losing pitcher, Wayne Figley, of Troy.

TROY'S ONLY opportunity to score came in the fifth inning when center-fielder Ken Saunders was safe in first on an error by the Madison first baseman.

He stole second and third bases, and would probably have scored easily when the catch to nab him at third was high and sailed into the outfield, except that he missed the bag at third base, had to return, and was left stranded at the end of the inning.

The game was the flnst one of the year for the Troy squad.

Sportsweek

BASEBALL

May 2: Bloomfield Hills at Brighton
Birmingham at East Detroit
Troy at Lake Orion
3: Waterford at Southfield
4: Cranbrook at Western Reserve in Ohio
6: W. Bloomfield at Bloomfield Hills
7: Birmingham at Port Huron
Troy at Clawson
Cranbrook at Hamtramck
Walled Lake at Southfield

TRACK

May 2: Southfield at Walled Lake
3: Triangular meet—Cranbrook, Rochester and Farmington
4: Troy at Albion invitational
6: Southfield at Farmington
7: Cranbrook at Triangular (Utica and Orchard Lake)
8: Troy triangular (Lakeview and Lakeshore)
Birmingham at Ferndale

GOLF

May 6: Southfield at Farmington
Birmingham at Royal Oak
7: Troy at Fitzgerald
Bloomfield Hills at Brighton
8: Troy at Avondale

TENNIS

May 4: Cranbrook at Western Reserve
7: Port Huron at Birmingham
8: Birmingham at Cranbrook

Bowling Tourney Results to Date

With three more weekends to go in the Bloomfield Lanes spring mixed doubles handicap, Marlene Sternberger and John Nickell are tops with a three-game total of 1240. In second place is the team of Lillian Matheny and Harry Alexy with 1233.

The four next highest couples are: Peggy Kelly and Carl Goebel, 1213; Louise Peters and Larry Ellis, Jr., 1212; Edna Ellis and Larry Ellis, Sr., 1211; and Viola Stormfeder and Harry Ranklin, 1209.

Southfield Bunt Beats Farmington

By JOHN WATKINS

Southfield high school's baseball team avenged two previous losses Friday by driving in a winning run in the last inning of play to edge past Farmington high school 3-2.

Bob Shull, on the mound for the Bluejays, held Farmington to two hits.

FARMINGTON SCORED twice in the fourth and the Jays tied it up in the sixth. In the last half of the seventh, Southfield's Jim McCann singled, advanced to second when Ed Kennedy walked and took third on a sacrifice by Tom Ridley.

The game was won when John Mollanen bunted in the winning run.

Cranbrook Loses To Catholic Central

Although Cranbrook beat out five hits to Catholic Central's two last Thursday on the Cranbrook diamond, they dropped the game 2-0 on errors.

It was Cranbrook's third loss in five local starts but they bounced back Saturday against University school to the tune of 4-2 to even up their local season's standings.

The loss was charged to Dave Campbell, who struck out seven and walked one. The winning pitcher was Catholic Central's Tom Kramer.

In the whole game there was only one ball hit out of the infield, compliments of Bob Russo, who collected both of Catholic Central's hits. The runs were scored primarily on errors in the sixth and seventh innings.

Gehringer, Heston, Evasheski To New Sports Hall of Fame

The Michigan Sports Hall of Fame is expanding. First set up to include only the metropolitan area of Detroit; it will now include the entire state.

Six athletes will be honored each year. Three in May and three in September; it will be the votes of statewide sport editors which will determine the final selections.

Scheduled for the first enshrinement Sunday, May 26 will be Willie Heston, Mr. Michigan Football himself; Charles L. Gehringer, 32301 Lahser, Southfield township, ex-Tiger second baseman, and Forest Evasheski, ex-Wolverine quarterback, now head football coach at the University of Iowa.

B'ham Little League Auction Is Over

After three weeks of tryouts, over 1,000 boys in the Birmingham Little League are now on the rosters of the various major and minor league teams.

Auctioning of the boys took place Tuesday April 30. First official team practice date is Saturday, May 4. The boys will be notified by the managers as to what teams they are to play for this year after a few weeks of practice.

Intersquad games will take up a share of these practices so the respective managers can get a look at their boys in actual competition.

Official opening of the minor league season will be May 27 and the Major league opening will be Memorial Day with a doubleheader scheduled for all three leagues.

B'ham Residents May Join Golf Teams

An organizational meeting has been scheduled by the Springdale men's golf league for 5 p.m. tomorrow at the Springdale park pro shop, 300 Strathmore, Bloomfield township.

Play will begin May 10. Participation is confined to Birmingham residents and a limited number of guests. A registration sheet is posted on the bulletin board at the pro shop.

Recreation Round-Up

Therapeutic Swimming

Handicapped individuals have an opportunity to swim each Thursday evening, from 6 to 7 p.m., at the Barnum pool, located at Frank and Purdy streets in Birmingham. A doctor's certificate must be on file at the office of the recreation department, in the Municipal building, before entrance can be made. There is no charge for this activity.

Senior Men's Club

Every Friday, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., the senior men's club meets in the Community House. This club, promoted by the recreation department and the Community House was established to afford cultural interests for men over 65 or retired. Those of you who are interested may join.

'Teen Time'

Here is good entertainment for everyone: 'Teen Time'—a television program sponsored by the Birmingham recreation department and WWJ-TV, in which the Teens of Birmingham participate. The first program will be this Saturday, on Channel 4, between 2:30 and 4:30 p.m., May 4.

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