

Seaholm Cagers Preparing for Opener Against Dondero

Eton Rink Is a Busy Place for Skaters

Noted skating instructor Marge Hauck will teach the Birmingham recreation department's new adult skate and dance lessons to be held on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m.

This class is for beginners who want to learn the fundamentals of skating and dancing on skates. It is for persons 18-years and older.

THE MOTHERS and pre-schoolers class has been shifted to Wednesday from 1-3 p.m. and the children's beginning and intermediate class will be held on Wednesday from 4-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8-9 p.m.

Girls' broom hockey, which is young set, is held from 7-9 p.m. on Saturday. Girls from 12-years on up are invited to come out. Ad-

vanced figure skating classes will be held from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Saturdays.

FOR THE HOCKEY players, tryouts for the mid-jet and juvenile leagues will be held this Saturday from 9 a.m. till noon.

The hockey season for the senior league will start at 10 a.m. Sunday from 4-5 p.m. and on Saturday from 8-9 p.m.

All in all, the recreation department can offer something for everyone at the ice skating rink up to this year.

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Inexperienced Jays Host Ferndale Fri.

Although he has listed an all-senior starting lineup for the cage opener with Ferndale tomorrow night on the home court, Southfield Coach will Steinke is not overly optimistic.

Out of the five seniors, only one has any experience and a letter. The rest are up from the reserves and have yet to be tested.

FERNDALE SHOULD give the Blue Jays a good idea of what to expect during the rest of the season. The Eagles have been named as early season favorites in the Eastern Michigan league.

Steinke's team will hardly have a chance to catch its breath Friday night, since it returns to the home court on Saturday to meet Hazel Park.

With two games in two nights — both against EMU foes — the Jays can expect to have their hands full.

Gordon Dye, 6-2 forward, is the only veteran on the team and there is only one player taller.

ED SCHLAPP, who towers over Dye by half an inch, has received the nod to start at center and will be flanked by Ken Schaffer, who stands 6-1.

Guards Tim Delaney (5-11) and Jim McCaffin (6-1) fill out the starting five.

On the bench will be four seniors and a junior who will be called upon as needed. They are: Jim Oliver, Jerry Fenton, Bob Dent, Bob Hartwick and the lone junior, Phil Swails, round out the top 10.

TWO JUNIORS and four sophomores finish off the 16-man squad. They are: Scott, John VanBrunt (both juniors), Harry Hredka, Jim Robinson, Fredrick and Dwight Roberts are the other players.



Seaholm swimming coach Jay Myers and Denny Collins and Bob Sintz. Although he has the five front-line swimmers, it is the depth of the team that is of unknown quality at this time.

McAish Earns Varsity Spot

Dick McAish, 291 W. Merrill, Birmingham arrived at Col. Farrow's boys' camp near Amarillo, Texas in time to qualify for the varsity basketball team, and is expected to make a top-notch performance as a forward.

The 15-year-old has already made a place for himself as the starting forward for the team.

IN THE TWO games which the Boys' Ranch Roughriders have played, he has seen action in every period, and the Roughriders have won both.

At Boys' Ranch, all the young stars are taught a trade along with their academic work, and Dick is no exception.

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Parry Now Has That 6th Player

Seaholm basketball Coach Lou Parry appears to be optimistic about his team this year—mainly due to the fact that he can juggle his lineup.

This may not sound like much to the average fan, but to a coach it is an ideal situation.

PARRY HAS six front-line players in a line up: Phil Isbell, Merv Gallop, Bill McCann, Fred Walker, Jon Spoelstra, and Han Dunne.

If Isbell is sitting on the bench Parry now has a player to send in, with a good chance that the new player will pick up the team. It makes a big difference when a coach sends in a varsity player to replace a varsity player who has been injured.

That combination can work in many different ways and in addition, Parry has some players on the bench who give the team considerable depth.

Then there is Dunne.

ALTHOUGH HE lacks the polish of a finished performer, Dunne stands 6-8 and is a hard worker.

As Parry says: "A 6-8 player can't hurt you—anytime he's possible he may be a big help."

Last year's high scorer, Gallop, back in action and Spoelstra has improved considerably, according to Parry.

With Jay Madonna, Joe Obez, Bob Sayles and Jim Stephenson on the bench, this gives Parry one of the strongest teams in years. But the pre-season dopers give Seaholm only an outside chance at the title.

SEAHOLM WILL open the season next Tuesday by visiting Royal Oak Dondero—early choice for Border Cities league honors.

In a scrimmage against Pontiac Central, the Maples gave a good account of themselves, but like most coaches, Parry wasn't completely satisfied.

If the players come around fast—then the Maples can expect to give everybody a rough time.

If they don't—it will be a long season.

Busy, Busy Week End at Ice Rink

Birmingham recreation department workers at Eton rink had a busy Thanksgiving Day weekend when they officially opened the artificial ice skating pond for skaters. Actually, the rink had opened a week earlier due to the cold wave that hit the city. Record crowds took advantage of the early opening and if the enthusiasm continues, recreation department workers can look forward to more busy weekends.

Basketball Schedules

- SEAHOLM**
- Dec. 8—Dondero, away.
 - 10—Southfield, home.
 - 11—Hazel Park, home.
 - 12—Royal Oak, away.
 - 13—Detroit, away.
 - 14—Ferndale, home.
 - 15—Livonia, home.
 - 16—Warren, away.
 - 17—McClintock, away.
 - 18—Livonia, away.
 - 19—Hazel Park, away.
 - 20—Warren, away.
 - 21—Port Huron, away.
 - 22—Livonia, away.
 - 23—Ferndale, away.
 - 24—Livonia, away.
 - 25—Kimball, home.
- CRANBROOK**
- Dec. 7—Kennerly, away.
 - 8—Livonia, away.
 - 9—Walled Lake, away.
 - 10—Livonia, home.
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- SOUTHFIELD**
- Dec. 4—Ferndale, home.
 - 5—Hazel Park, home.
 - 6—Pontiac, Northern, home.
 - 7—Livonia, away.
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- CRANBROOK**
- Dec. 10—Country Day, home.
 - 11—Lanshire, home.
 - 12—Livonia, home.
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- BLOOMFIELD HILLS**
- Dec. 4—Holly, away.
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- COUNTRY DAY**
- Dec. 11—Grossmont, away.
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Along the Sidelines

Although the results of the Grosse Pointe-Seaholm high swimming meet were 100 late for comment here, they probably can be found elsewhere on this page with a few particulars.

Seaholm swimming Coach J. Jay Myers (that first J is for John, but he doesn't answer to it) said he would call and as sure as it will be daylight tomorrow, he will call.

Although he has graced the halls of Birmingham high schools since 1942 (with a few years vacation in the armed service during a minor altercation from 1943-45) Myers did not find his proper niche until 1949.

FOR THE UNIFORMED, 1949 was the first time a Birmingham high school started a swimming team with the intent of remaining in the sport.

There had been a swimming team back in '32 or perhaps '33, but it lasted only one or two years.

The record for the team that was formed in 1949 escapes this writer at the moment, but it is recalled that someone once said it went through the season undefeated.

This eventually created enthusiasm for the sport and the resulting four found record numbers of would-be swimmers trying for the team the following season.

SINCE THAT FATEFUL DAY in '49, Birmingham swimming teams have compiled a record of 105 victories, 22 defeats and two ties.

There isn't much one can say about this type of performance.

If a person was to look for Myers in a crowd, it is doubtful if he would be found.

He probably stands on his toes to reach 5-8 and is not particularly broad across the shoulders—but he turns out winning teams.

He is old enough to have a child or two in college and his understanding mind and attitude with his charges is understandable... having had several of his own.

IT MAKES HIM a little happier to hear a protegee tell of going on to college since it is a firm believer in higher education. He graduated from Wayne State university long before it was known as Wayne State.

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Jays Form Own Swim League This Year

Southfield high's swimming team couldn't find a league—so it formed one of its own.

Blue Jay Coach Mel Hurd and Athletic Director Monte Charles contacted other schools in the area who belonged to various leagues and had swimming pools—but not a swimmer's league.

The result was the North Suburban Swim League composed of Southfield, Pontiac, Northern, Madison Heights, Thurston and Utica are independents.

The Jays had a 12-4 record and Hurd has enough letters with which to build a title contender this season.

Spear was the tankers' leading point getter last season and his points along with many others will be needed for schools like Thurston and Fitzgerald.

Although an independent, Thurston is considered to be one of the schools with a top-notch swimming team.

Seniors Tom Spear, 200 free-

Seaholm Downs G.P.; Deer Hunters Hills Whips Oak Park

Seaholm high's tankers edged a tough Grosse Pointe swim crew Tuesday night, 54-42, by setting two pool records and establishing another in a new event.

With many of the places decided by a 10th of a second, the Maples flashed mid-season style at the pointers to grab the victory before a capacity crowd.

JIM ELLIOTT started it off by breaking Pete Sintz's pool record in the 50-yard freestyle—going 23.6 as compared to the old 23.7.

Bill Driver broke his own 100-yard breaststroke record by two-tenths of a second in finishing at :08 flat.

Denny Collins established the first 200-yard individual medley record with a 2:24.1 time.

Dick Lowe grabbed an important first in the diving event as he did the 200-yard medley relay team. The team is composed of Elliott, Driver, Larry Severy and Fred Anderson.

The all-important second places were taken by Mike McCarthy (200-yard freestyle); John Horner (diving); Fred Anderson, 100-yard butterfly; Severy, 100-yard backstroke; and Bob Sintz, 100-yard freestyle.

George Thomas, Detroit Tiger boxer player, has a brother, Jerry, who is a pitcher with the Tigers, triple A Charleston team.

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Bloomfield Hills Cagers Showed Surprising Strength in Opening Game

Bloomfield Hills cagers showed surprising strength in their opening game Tuesday night by whipping Oak Park, 53-20.

The Bats, paced by Tom Marston's 25-point effort, took a 12-0 first-quarter lead, and then jumped to a 28-12 halftime edge.

USING HIS varsity springing, Coach Hal Trott saw his cagers move into a 42-18 third-quarter lead and then he cleared the bench permanently.

Bruce Billings had 12 points for the winners and teammate Art Tregeza had eight. Bill Pettibone and Don Hays scored six each for the Bats.

Bob Goldenberg had 10 points for the losers.

Still 'Carrying Ball'

Andy Farkas, former University of Detroit and Washington Redskins' backfield star, is president of the Gus Doran Memorial Foundation which underwrites the freshmen scholarship program for University of Detroit's football team. He also is active in selling season football tickets.

GOOD TARGET

During the first seven games of the 1959 season the Detroit Lions scored four touchdowns on passes and Hapalag Cassidy was on the receiving end of all four.

Crans Travel To Hazel Park Tomorrow Night

When Cranbrook visited Kennedy last night, Crane cage Coach Burt McMahon had started Bill Schuman in the lineup along with John Hayward, Jim Williams, George Blanchard and John Seelye.

Schuman won't be able to participate in any more games until February, but last night's contest gave McMahon an opportunity to gauge the 6-4 forward's skills under game competition.

WHEN THE Cranes travel to Hazel Park's hand box tomorrow night, McMahon will have an opportunity to study the work of either Dick Gildersleeve or Tod Trott.

These are the two forwards who will be competing for the starting position in the games to follow. Gildersleeve is 6-4 and Williams is 6-2.

Last season, the Cranes had a rough time adjusting to the confusing quarters of Hazel Park's tiny gym, but escaped with a victory.

AFTER PRACTICING in the Cranes found themselves bumping into one another going down the court.

Perhaps McMahon had better rouse off half the Cranbrook gym and make the cagers practice at one end.

If Hazel Park is scheduled next season, the Cranes can look forward to playing in the new gymnasium under construction at the new school.

Deer Hunters Find the Range

Two Birmingham area deer hunters in the range during the season that just closed.

Jim Cousins, owner of McBride's hardware, 124 S. Woodward, Birmingham, bagged a 10-point buck weighed an estimated 200 pounds on the second day of the season.

COUSINS SHOT it just outside of Rogers city, 30 miles north of Alpena.

A 130-pound spikehorn was bagged by Ted Johnson, Jr., 47 S. Berkshire, Bloomfield township, at 11 a.m. opening of Barton city.

For Cousins, it was his second deer in 11 years of hunting. The Sportsman's store, 110 S. Woodward, Birmingham, and Hank Dahlquist, of Dahlquist's Store, 110 S. Woodward, Birmingham, were with him.

Johnson was hunting with his dad.

Groves Cagers Meet Cherry Hill

Groves junior and senior high school cagers will get underway tomorrow night at Seaholm high school when they meet Cherry Hill school of Dearborn.

Groves Coach Tom Carson's senior high will follow the junior varsity team that starts at 6:30 p.m.

CARSON WILL start Pete Morse at center with Frank Green and Bryan Carpenter at guard. Morse is 6-1, and Green is 6-2.

Guards Mike Beardon and Jim Hurl got the nod for the opening game.

Hockey Season Starts Sunday

Then Senior division of the Birmingham recreation department's hockey league will get underway Sunday with a two-game card beginning at 8 p.m. at Eton rink.

Mid-jet and juvenile league teams will start on Saturday with tryouts being held this Saturday at the rink from 8 a.m. till noon at 6:30 p.m.

THE DEFENDING champion Chiefs will meet Princeton Prep in the second game starting at 8:30. The opener will feature the Oaks and Varsity Shop.

Referee this year will be sent from the Detroit Hockey Referee association.

Diving Department Much Improved

One of the weakest parts of the Seaholm swimming team last year was the diving. John Horner who have improved considerably, in Myers' estimation.

transferred from an out-state school this year. Watching Lowe are Don Morris and John Horner who have improved considerably, in Myers' estimation.