

Cranbrook Qualifies 17 for State Meet

Cranbrook's power-laden track team will head for East Lansing Saturday in hopes of notching a Class B state championship following a convincing triumph in the regional meet last week.

The Cranes are listed among the top challengers for the crown along with Ecorse, perennial champs in the state.

Cranbrook qualified 17 men for the state meet in last week's regionals and went on to crush its nearest opponent, Bloomfield Hills, by scoring 84 1/2 points. Bloomfield Hills scored 27 1/2.

Charles Hubbard took a first in the pole vault as did John Butzel in the high hurdles.

The medley relay team also won a first with Ted Seyfarth, Dave Frey, Gary Cameron and Jim Crawford handling the clover.

In the 100-yard dash, freshman speedster Barney Crouse finished second, but took the 800 relay team to a first with Henry Hoffman, Larry DeWitt and Seyfarth. Crouse also took a second in the broad jump and the 220-yard dash.

JOHN BUTZEL won the high and low hurdles events handily and teammate Larry DeWitt took first in the 400 and broad jump events.

Pete Thingstad and Jack Schaefer tied for fourth in the high jump and George Galloty brought home a third in the 800 run.

Rick Williams won the 880 event as did Henry Hoffman in the 440. Cranbrook tumbled up for the regional meet by crashing Pontiac North, 84-24, in spite of Coach Ben Snyder's attempt to keep the score down.

Larry DeWitt took three firsts: 100, 220 and broad jump events while John Butzel took both

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Charles Frierson has done it in 2:07 for Ecorse. Barney Crouse has run the 220 in 23.4 for the Cranes and his opponent, Mel Stafford, had a 23.3 timing.

DeWitt ran the 440 in 52.9 and his Ecorse opponent, Larry Sharon had a regional time of 53.

Track experts rank these two teams among the top challengers for the Class B crown, but warn of possible upset from a team like Willow Run.

Willow Run has several individual stars who could earn enough points to sneak in for the title.

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Maple Golf Team Defends State Crown

Birmingham High's homeless golf team may have "no home" course next year, if the school board can budget the money for paying a fee.

The Maples, defending a state title, were told they could no longer practice or hold their home meets at any of the local courses due to the heavy afternoon play of club members.

Although the same situation existed at Springdale golf course, manager Dale Reid worked out a schedule where the team could practice and hold its final two matches.

BIRMINGHAM director of athletics Frank Whitney brought the matter to the attention of the city commission through a letter asking permission to use the course for two matches and eight practices.

The Maple golf team will defend its state crown this week end in Port Huron at the Black River golf club and needed a practice site.

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Maple golf coach Carl Lemis said he thought scores of 320 to 320 would win the state tournament if the weather was satisfactory.

Birmingham had one consolation in the regionals.

Medalist Gary Moww and U. of D's Gary Voss tied for top honor at 79 and went into a playoff. Moww earned a par four on the first hole while Voss bogied.

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Southfield's Red-Hot '9' Wins 10th Straight

Although Southfield high school's track team didn't place a single man in the regional meet, Jay sports fans weren't too disappointed since they had the baseball team in which to find consolation.

The red-hot, undefeated baseball team chalked up its 10th straight win last week, this time at the expense of Berkley, and is preparing for an invasion by Van Dyke tomorrow.

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SOUTHFIELD picked up its ninth victory on a 6-3 decision over Walled Lake on Wednesday.

The track team picked up only one first in a triangular meet with Redford Union and Walled Lake. Dave Walton captured the mile event while Dick Hankin took seconds in the 100-yard dash, low hurdles and 220 dash.

The golf team qualified for the state championship tournament to be held at the Black River golf club in Port Huron Saturday.

Southfield finished fourth with a 355 as Jim Gibbons and Dick Zurlin shot 86 each.

Jay netters had their meet with Northville postponed last week, but is preparing for the regional meet to be held Friday at Southfield. If any of the players qualify, they will enter the state meet to be held on June 5.

Girardin, 30, assumed his present position in May, 1956. He was previously director of recreation at Metropolitan Beach for one year.

DETROIT's first outdoor Bob Carnits and Sportsman's exhibit will be presented May 23 through June 7 at the old DSR parking grounds.

Approximately 400 to 500 outdoors, indoors, cruisers and sailboats will be on display for the show's two-week run. In addition, there will be camping, fishing and hunting equipment exhibits.

A CARNIVAL atmosphere will reign throughout the show with a five elephant ride for children, ferris wheel, carousel, airplane ride and many other attractions available on the show's midway.

Headline entertainers will appear daily at stage shows throughout the 10-day carnival.

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Birmingham Sends 9 to E. Lansing

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Birmingham qualified nine men in seven events for the state meet and finished third in regional competition Saturday at Thurston high school.

Pontiac Central ran up 60 points to finish first, Farmington came in second with 40 points, and Birmingham third with 36.

The meet to decide the state schoolboy track and field champion will be held Saturday at Michigan State university in East Lansing.

Pontiac Central, last year's champ, is a strong favorite, having 17 men. Farmington, who are Warren Cawley, is in a good position to give the Chiefs from Pontiac a good showing.

CAWLEY, who personally accounted for half of his team's 40 points, placed first in the broad jump, tied the national scholastic record in the high hurdles in 13.2 seconds, won the low hurdles, and won the 880 yard race for Farmington.

Birmingham sophomore Steve Jacobson qualified for state competition with a 20 ft. 10 1/2 in. effort in the broad jump. Two sophomores, Jim Stephenson in the high jump and Ken Mitchell in the

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Tam O'Shanter golf pro Warren Orlick will conduct a free golf demonstration and rules clinic for women members tomorrow from 10 a. m. to noon.

Orlick's staff of MacLennan, Ron Pawlasik and John Manitz will participate in the clinic and will help the women with their golf problems.

TWELVE holes at the Tam O'Shanter course will be visited by the women and the rules, proper shots and procedure of play will be discussed.

Orlick himself will demonstrate the correct way to put out of the traps and the proper club to use in approaching the pin.

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Crane '9' Chalks Up 3rd Straight

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The baseball team will host Hamtramck today and visit Pontiac Northern tomorrow. The team will also travel to Flint Northern next Tuesday.

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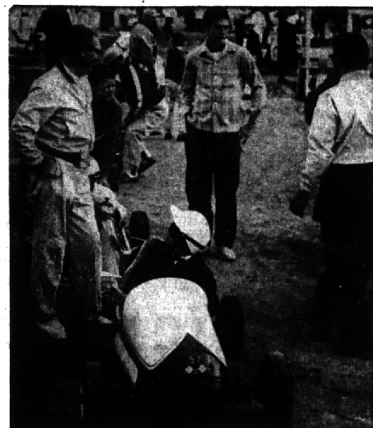
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The Fields Are Ready

Recreation department director Robert Girardin points out some of the newest improvements to Eton park's ball fields that will be the scene of opening day ceremonies

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Frank Reschke, 4832 Ranch Lane, Bloomfield Hills, stands beside the car to be driven by his son, Jimmy, during the last race held in 1958. Reschke and his son both will be back for another season of racing this Sunday when the time trials start at 2 p.m. The boys are allowed to enter the club only if their dads join first.

Youngsters Prepare For Another Racing Year at Miracle Mile

With the 500 classic at Indianapolis scheduled for a week from Saturday, it is only natural that Birmingham area youngsters are beginning to look forward to their own version of the famous race.

Sunday is the opening day of the Wolverine quarter-mile track club races held every week at the Miracle Mile track, Telegraph and Square Lake roads in Bloomfield township.

Nearly 40 percent of the youngsters who belong to the club live in the Birmingham area, according to secretary-treasurer Lewis J. Stern.

A NON-PROFIT organization that has been hanging its hat on the labor of fathers (who else?), the Wolverine club was started several years ago after the craze hit sweep California.

Youngsters and their dads buy kits that are constructed to one-quarter the size of racers that roar around the Indianapolis speedway on Memorial Day.

The cars are powered by two to three horsepower motors that are usually found on top of lawn mowers.

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Along the Sidelines with bill arthur

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And if Cranbrook isn't careful, the Michigan High School Athletic Association might start investigating the school for unfair tactics.

Reason for this observation is a young man named Ben Snyder who carries the official title of assistant headmaster at the Cranbrook school for boys, which is a position of some note in the academic world.

BUT INSTEAD of remaining in the classroom, Snyder has taken it upon himself to coach the track team and he is not even paid for this job.

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