



Relax, I've Got You!

Lee Driver, younger brother of Seaholm's star swimmer Bill Driver, and a star in his own right, demonstrates the correct procedure in effecting a rescue of Russ Martin, during the Senior life saving class for adults at the Barnum pool on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.

SPORTALK

with Lou Sugo

With the spring baseball training just about to wind up, it was interesting to watch aspiring young major leaguers show their stuff. It was equally as interesting to watch the old-timers trot out their gear, shake free the mothballs, and demonstrate their working knowledge of the game.

In the Republican League, it has been the lament of the managers that there is a shortage of real good rookies, or at least that there are so many old veterans with long years of experience holding down the key positions.

The League has a perfect example of this with Dick Nixon. He has had some seven years experience in the major league, although not too much time in the minors.

Nixon is quite versatile, playing most of the positions with what many consider "surprising ability."

The only thing wrong is that many of the professional critics are rather doubtful of the merits of a "no-competition" race.

It will also be significant and perhaps very important to see whether or not he can continue to win without the very able support of his hard-slugging teammate Babe "Ike" Ruth.

Turning from the Republican League scene to the Democratic League, we find that the mounting pressures of a fairly even league are beginning to show.

This year should be "anyone's guess" in a pennant race that will go down to the wire if competition means anything. The 1959 "rookie of the year" award winner John Kennedy, seems to be leading the newcomers, at least through spring training.

He also strikes a good batting pose, looking the likeable young athlete that he is, short cropped haircut, looking and acting the part of a major leaguer in anyone's book. Keep your eyes on this upcoming ball player.

It might also be noted that Kennedy has strong support from the bench, with team-mates Landrum and Griffin sure to bring him power at the plate when he needs it most.

Looking around at the other positions just about clinched in the Democratic League, we find Hubert Humphrey right in the thick of the job seekers.

He has been pitching with speed and skill so far this spring, and it is apparent that he wants to stick around after the training camp break-up.

With his "liberal" arm, and a variety of "stuff" on the ball, you can be sure that he will be in there pitching as long as he can.

A newcomer to the scene is Stuart Symington, one of the best in the minor leagues, who has developed into a real threat, especially if he can continue to clout the ball with any degree of accuracy.

Lyndon Johnson, a swell fellow on and off the field, and a player-representative on the player-management committee could be a great aid to his team.

The last, but certainly not the least of the players is Adlai Stevenson, a good batter who has had trouble several times in the past but could possibly find his trouble this season and hit that one big one.

One thing is for sure, one of these "major leaguers" is going to lead his league in home runs and take his team into the world series.

Barons Start 1960 Spring Sports Soon

With the high school baseball season just about to get under way, the Bloomfield Hills Barons are looking forward to one of their best seasons.

Coach Hal Trout has seven returning lettermen this year and should field one of the best teams in the area.

THE RETURNING lettermen are: Tom Meron, outstanding basketball player during the past season, Frank Borgman, Jim Gerhard, Mark Miller, Fred Jaynes, Forest Vydick and Bob Pike.

Among the new players are Bill Bennett, Frank Heidenfelder, Bryan O'Neill, Bill Pettibone, Jim Hinds, Don Carlson, Wayne Coyne and Gary Garwood.

The season will get under way Wednesday, April 13, against Oak Park, and the second game will be played April 18. Both games will be played away.

THE TRACK TEAM, under the direction of Coach Don Hoff, is also in better shape this year, with a number of lettermen returning.

Among the returnees are: Dick Ford and Bernie Armstrong, both excellent runners who placed high in the state meets last year.

Other top men are: Bill Jones, dash, high jump and relay; Goetz Klopfer, mile and half-mile; Tom 440; and Howard Schuneman dash and relay.

Closed Season Near—Michigan's annual "closed season" on dog training will be in effect through the state from April 15 to July 15. It is designed to give infant game animals and nesting birds an assist in their early survival.

Schening, high jump; Don Hays,

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Detroit Lions 1960 Home Game Schedule

A late season home appearance against the newly organized Dallas Cowboys and a open date to open the season are features of the Detroit Lions, president and general manager Edwin J. Anderson announced.

The open date results as part of the overall National Football League schedule that provides that the Dallas club meet every team in the league during the season, making one open date for each club.

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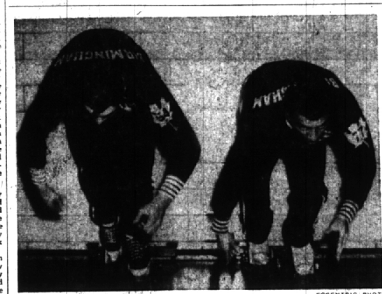
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Myers Ends Coaching Career by Resigning

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Myers will remain at the school as a history teacher, but has very definitely decided to quit the coaching profession in order to devote more time to writing.

In the past 12 years, the Maple Tankers, under Myers, have piled up a tremendous record of 115 wins to 25 losses.

THEY HAVE WON 11 Eastern Michigan League championships, and 11 EML dual meet championships, in the past 12 years.

Under his guidance, the Maple swimming team has compiled an enviable record that can only reflect the coaching ability of this man.

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