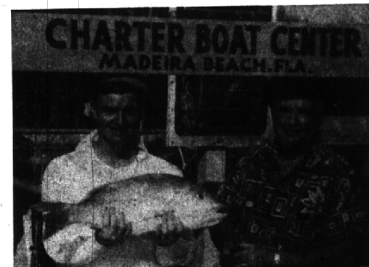


Seaholm Track Team Ready for Mansfield, Ohio Relays



Babe Ruth Tryouts Start Soon

The Birmingham Babe Ruth League will hold tryouts on St. James Field, Harmon and Woodward, April 23rd, 30th and, if necessary, May 7th.

The 13-14 year olds are requested to be at the field at 9:30 a.m. The 15 year olds are to be on the field at 1:00 p.m.

APPLICATIONS can be picked up at the school. A special meeting is being called on Thursday, April 21, at 8:00 p.m. at the Birmingham Community House. All Babe Ruth parents and players are asked to attend, at which time "various problems will be discussed," said John Kroll, League president.

THE SPECIAL fund-raising, The Hec-Heddon Show sponsored by the Babe Ruth League will be held on April 18, from 7-9 p.m. at the Derby Junior high school auditorium.

The price of admission will be \$1.50 for adults, 50c for children. Advance sale tickets can now be purchased at the Variety Shop, \$1.00 for adults, 50c for children.

THE SHOW cast is direct from Nashville, Tenn., and features 25 country music stars of Hit Parade fame.

The two-hour star packed will feature George Morgan, Columbia recording artist of "Candy Kisses" fame.

Seaholm Set For Baseball

The baseball team at Seaholm promises to be a top contender in the Eastern Michigan League race this season, with the return of several lettermen.

Last year the Maples were part of the four way tie for first with East Detroit, Ferndale and Port Huron all in on the title.

THE MAPLES will be fielding a well-rounded team this season, with a third and first base starters yet in question.

The pitching staff, headed by the two-time state champion pitcher of Gary VanGeison, Carl Kalcayak and sophomore Gene Schmidt.

Jay Madson, first string pitcher last season is also another returnee, giving the Maples an experienced battery and some much needed batting power.

THE INFIELD will be tightened up with the return of George Forrest and Rod Ruddy, at second and short.

Mike Muthel, last year's center fielder rounds out the return lettermen, and should provide a fine defensive team for the Maples.

Tennis Vets Pace Seaholm

The Maple tennis team has four of last year's returnees returning to the courts in what could be the "big year" for the team.

Last year the Maples finished fourth in the state in the number two spot.

LEADING THE returning lettermen is hard-serving John Sison, who turned in some spectacular performances last season.

Another netter, left-handed Steve Smith will provide the singles with two veteran players that have proved themselves last year.

Tennis coach Bruce Noble, also this year's reserve basketball coach, replaces Tom Larson, who moved over to the new Groves high school.

THE OTHER two lettermen returning this season are Chuck Darling and Bob Tigar, who doubles veterans, who will provide solid support in the Maple's bid for the 1960 tennis championship.

The first match will be at Kimball, April 26.

Springdale to Open Saturday

The City of Birmingham's Springdale Golf Course will open April 16, according to Charles W. Gale, superintendent, Department of Forestry and Parks.

The ancient Springdale golf clubhouse will also be open and operating, said Gale, and minor improvements will be evident.

ONE OF THE most important changes was the moving of the tennis court near the first tee, often times a real shame to golfers in the past.

There will also be a preliminary meeting of the Men's League, Tuesday, April 19, at 5:00 p.m. at the clubhouse.

THE PURPOSE of the meeting is to organize for the new season which will begin play on May 8th, tee-off time set for 5:00 p.m.

Last year 30 men participated in the league and it is hoped that 40 men will turn out for the 1960 season, and enjoy the new facilities at Springdale.



B'ham Little League Urges Early Tryouts

At a joint board of directors Birmingham Little League meeting Monday night, the League officers met to discuss the problems of getting the league started this season.

There was also an interest displayed in the addition of the new Continental League, which will afford many more boys with an opportunity to participate in major league play, as well as minor league and T-ball.

THE JOINT board of directors, headed by president Jim Downey, has Andy Anderson for vice president and coordinator, John O'Hara, secretary-treasurer and Jim Trew as equipment director.

THE AMERICAN League officers are: Ernie Filter, president, 3131 Berkshire; H. D. Anderson, vice president; Jim Downey, director; Bob Gleason, equipment director.

THE CONTINENTAL League officers are: Craig Gaggster, president, 17401 Dunblaine; Bob Spitzangel, vice president; John O'Hara, director; Morris Hot, equipment director; and Ben Reynolds, director.

THE FEDERAL League officers are: Jim Trew, president; Chuck Wilson, vice president and equipment director; and Dick Shyrock, director.

THE NATIONAL League officers are: Chuck Huckaby, president, 170 Clifton; Carter Bowen, vice president and minor league director; Frank Murphy, equipment director.

THE LOCATION of the tryout arenas: American League—Pierce school, on Pierce north of 14 Mile road. Continental League—Piermont Park, east end of Lincoln.

Federal League—Derby Junior high school, east end of Lincoln. National League—Poppleton Field, east of Hunter and north of Oakland.

THE TIME of the tryouts are: 9 and 11-year-olds—9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The 10 and 12-year-olds—1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Any boy who wants to qualify for a major league vacancy must try out, except boys already on a major league team.

State Plans Land Auction

LANSING—The Conservation Department will hold four public auctions this month at Detroit, Pontiac, Flint and Kalamazoo for the sale of 1,971 small, state-owned lands.

Any person, firm, corporation or association authorized to acquire property in Michigan may bid for these small parcels which have been acquired by the State through default of tax payments. Conservation Department personnel will not purchase any of these units.

THE FIRST AUCTION will be held April 19 in the old city hall at Detroit for the sale of 160 parcels in Lenawee and Wayne counties.

On the following day, 132 lots in Jackson, Livingston and Oakland counties will be auctioned in the county office building at Pontiac.

Another 141 units will be offered for sale April 21 at the Flint courthouse involving lands in Saginaw, Tuscola and Genesee counties.

THE FINAL SALE will be held April 22 at the Kalamazoo courthouse with 138 parcels in Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Calhoun, Ionia, Muskegon, Ottawa, Van Buren and Kalamazoo counties to be offered.

All four auctions will begin at 10 a.m., E.S.T. All money will be returned to the counties in which the auctioned lands are located.

The Department's four major lots of tax-reverted lands in 1959 added approximately \$227,750 to county coffers.

THE FIVE VARSITY members that are returning are: Gary Mow, team captain, Mike Jackson, Russ Lewis, Tom Maxwell and Orin Pearson.

The captain, Mow, is recognized as one of the finest young golfers in the area, and last year he took first place honors in the state regional.

A fairly safe prediction: look for a repeat of the 1958 State championship this year for Seaholm.

Cranes Take Track Meet

Displaying unexpected strength in nearly every event, the Cranbrook Cranes completely dominated their first league meet against Walled Lake, winning 74 to 24.

Barney Crouse, Crane standout, took first place in the 100-yard dash and the 220 dash.

He also placed third in the broad jump event.

CRANE CAPTAIN Larry Dewitt, also an outstanding hockey player, took first place in three events, the 440, broad jump and the 880 relay, with the 440 relay team.

Todd Williams, Cranbrook hurdler, took first place in 120 high hurdle, second place in the 120 low hurdle and also took first place in the high jump.

Application forms are necessary and will be available at all the area schools as well as Franklin Hardware store.

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Deadline For Little Leaguers

The registration deadline for the Bloomfield Hills Little League Baseball teams is Friday, April 15. All forms must be turned in by this time in order that the boys can be assigned to areas and teams before the first practice to be held on April 23.

The league, which started in 1958 with 15 teams and approximately 120 boys has nearly tripled in size this season. This year the League expects to equip nearly 300 players with uniforms, etc., and for the first time, will hire umpires.

THERE WILL be eight American (major) League teams, six National (minor) League teams and six Babe Ruth (13-15-year-olds) teams.

The league will be played at the Bloomfield Hills senior and junior high schools, Eastover, Vaughan, Hickory Grove and Wing Lake.

The Little League (9-12-year-olds) held on Saturday morning play on May 9 thru June 29.

THE BABE RUTH teams will start their regular season play at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, June 4 thru July 26. This is to allow members of the school intramural teams to compete in both.

All team members will be sent to a card assigning them to a team before the first practice which is scheduled for April 23. Tryouts and practice will be held on April 23 and 24.

Registration forms may be obtained from the Recreation Office, 3150 East Main, Room 204, or from Fred Janz, 4712 McEwen, Bloomfield Hills.

Recreation Round-Up

BAIT & FLY CASTING: The Recreation Department is planning a bait, fly and spin casting clinic on Saturday morning during the month of May. This activity which is for children and adults will be held on Saturday morning, May 14, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Recreation Office, 3150 East Main, Room 204.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES: Any organization or groups of individuals interested in entering a league will be held on Monday, April 25 in the Recreation Office, Municipal Building at 8:00 p.m.

FAMILY SWIMMING: The last session of family swimming, which was held on Wednesday, April 21, will resume in June at Seaholm, Derby and Barnum pools. Schedules will be held on April 20 and 27. It will resume on May 4 and continue for five sessions. This activity is for the physically handicapped and requires a doctor's permission for registration.

TEEN CENTER: The Teen Center was jumping Friday night. In keeping with its policy to sponsor new and talented bands from the area, the Center featured Bill Gowing and his five-piece combo called the S-Quires. The response was tremendous and plans are underway to hire the band for a May engagement.

On April 23, the Center will feature Dan Reid and five-piece combo. Dan's band has been the hit of many variety shows, dances, and other programs at Seaholm High for the past two years. They have always been a popular group. The admission is by membership card and 25c or as the guest of a member and 75c. Watch this column for future announcements.

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB: The Senior Men's Club at meeting of April 5 welcomed home from winter vacations in the south and Kansas, Judge J. Gallo, George King, E. E. Hubert, H. Reed, Charles Staples and Carl Sitta.

It also greeted Ray Wolfenden with a happy birthday song. Andrew Ten Eyck was added to the committee or vacation area guidance of high school students.

Arthur V. Shattuck of the Recreation Committee proposed organization of a new game called Skittle Board for probable installation in the Community House along with the Shuffleboard now in operation.

Charles A. Member of the United Community Service of Oakland County spoke on "Plans for the Age" which involved over 2000 people residing in Birmingham, Franklin and Bloomfield. The talk was given open to the discussion group after lunch and was well attended.

There will be no meeting April 15, Good Friday. The next meeting, April 22, at which time Mrs. E. B. Davidson of Detroit Society for Prevention of Blindness will give a tape and film review on "Blindness."

At this same meeting, the discussion group will have "Response to Government" as its topic with Gustave Ziegler as moderator.

Birmingham Thinclads Ready for Ohio Relay

Another Junior, Tom Sweeney, has already set some fast times in the 440 and as author man of the mile relay team. The 880 yard relay team of Dick Zaino, Chuck Lukow, Purvis and Jacobson has the speed necessary to take a first place despite the fact that they will be running against some of the best teams in the country.

The shuttle hurdle team of Nigel Lock, Bill Henderson, Paul Robertson, and Boyd Mayhew showed real strength in the Huron Relays and should do well this weekend.

THE MILE relay team, which finished three-tenths of a second behind the winner at the Huron Relays, is composed of Zaino, Gary Andrus, Ken Mitchell and Sweeney, and assures the Maples of top representation in this event.

One of the outstanding sophomores on this year's squad is Mike Geer, a lanky runner who anchors the two mile relay team. Coach Tom Stone and Bill Hayden, all good trackmen.

In the Maples finished eleventh, but with the tremendous team effort showed in the relay race. Yplaitini, the Maple thinclads could well bring home a trophy this time.

THE MAPLES have 13 returning lettermen this year, and also some very promising sophomores and should show a long season. The Eastern Michigan League title and possibly the state championship.

The State powers, Pontiac Central and Flint North were both headed by the Huron Relays, and with this first win under their belts the Maples could easily go.

The Maples have some real depth this year, according to coach Ambrose, with seniors Paul Simmons and Dan Reid leading the way in the 220, 440, 880 yard run and the mile respectively.

BOTH BOYS have turned in some very fast times. Reid setting a new indoor school record in the mile run with a time of 4:35.

In the sprint relay team of Kent Rathbun, Scotty Purvis, Steve Jacobson and Simmons there is the potential of a record-breaking team, since they have already taken a first place with a time of 2:36.1.

The big Junior, Steve Jacobson, last year's top point getter should lead the way again in the broad jump and the dashes.

THE HOLY NAME Dad's Club volleyball teams will meet April 21 at 8:30 p.m. at the parish gym. This will be the last set of games before the final playoffs in May.

The team captains are still looking for men that wish to play on the "high" teams participating in the parish league.

With each team having to play 10 games, then the strength of the team that a real race could develop in the league.

It is possible to end up at the last two teams to end but the last two, although mathematically the odds are against it.

It is urged that all interested Holy Name men join with the dads in their monthly battle over the net.

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SPORT TALK with Lou Sugo

One night not long ago, sitting in front of the television set, I was treated to a most ridiculous and insulting scene. It was a wrestling program.

What drew my undivided attention in the first place was the perverted, comic-like antics of the performers, or rather, the wrestlers.

IT WAS BAD enough to watch the phony wrestling, but during a break, a 250 pound man stood before the camera ranting and raving like some spoiled two-year-old child (in case there are any reading this column excuse me).

The more surprising fact was that the announcer was not only condoning this action, but was actually encouraging it. He kept up a steady stream of questions, such as, "Cuddles," are you going to bash his head into the ring-post like you did to so-in-so last week?"

NATURALLY THE "Cuddles" individual answered back in a voice that sounded like something escaped from the zoo, "ahhh'll break his head, I'll murder hmmm, just let me in the ring with that lousy bum."

Now I'm not too squeamish in most things, but I'll be willing to bet that the audience could get along quite nicely without this type of (using the word lightly) entertainment.

THE ACTUAL WRESTLING itself was just about the most disgraceful exhibition that I have ever witnessed, a show that was based on deceit from the start.

It has not been long, nor forgotten by the public, that deceit was the cause of the national scandal concerning the popular quiz shows.

The results were embarrassing, to say the least, to both the networks and the public.

IT WAS EMBARRASSING to the network to be caught practicing such a profitable fraud and to the public in as much as it had been taken in so completely by the popular quiz shows.

The very fact that the shows were so popular, constantly at the top of the TV-ratings, provides the groundwork for the possible harm that could result from this type of programming.

If a thing, regardless of what it may be, is based on deception, fraud, deceit, what-have-you, it would be far better to do without it.

I WOULD IMAGINE that by now some of my readers are accusing me of "making a mountain out of a molehill," that "everyone" has been aware of the fact that wrestling is more of a stage play than an athletic contest.

Certainly, and I'm the first one to agree that you and I, mature adults, accustomed to the ways of everyday living, can easily recognize wrestling for what it is, a fraudulent, supposedly entertaining program.

But, can the little ones that spend a good deal of their time in front of the TV set understand that the wrestlers are just putting on a little show for our entertainment?

Know what I think? THEY CANNOT!

AND IF THEY cannot tell what is phony and what is real, how will they understand later on, when important matters will be decided by them?

Now I am NOT an advocate of absolute censorship, but this much I will say, if the promoters, the wrestlers, and the networks cannot clean up this mess themselves, perhaps it is time for us to say something.

Assuming that people watch wrestling because it is entertaining or amusing, just what is amusing about some huge bundle of muscle (that most of the time looks like a bundle of wet wash) running around a ring, jumping into his opponents arms and kissing him.

IF YOU CAN tell me that this type of effeminate demonstration is good, or even funny, I wish that you would take the time to let me know what part. Perhaps I've been missing the decent parts.

Another phase of the sport that I have come to detect is the use of the dye bottle, with the constant parade of wavy haired, platinum blonds, the long-haired hair, long and fluffy, hair of all descriptions, worn that way for no real athletic reason except to distinguish one phony from the other.

WHAT REALLY PUZZLES me is why the disgrace has been allowed to continue, for wrestling was one of the first programs to hit television.

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