

High School Sports Programs Await Returning Fall Athletes

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The holiday's almost over, athletes. You've had it soft long enough. Say your goodbyes to the girls, cars, beaches, late hours and anything else contributing to your summer routine.

It'll soon be time to get back into the swing of those back-breaking calisthenics, belly-aching windsprints and grueling practice drills. And just when you think you're doing fine, the bellowing voice of the coach will echo across the field, egging you on.

But, that's all part of the game, and it's winning games, maybe even championship games, you'll be working for.

SEAHOLM:

Cross country will get the sports program underway with the first scheduled game being played at Thurston, Sept. 12, just six days after school opens. Coach Kermit Ambrose reminds runners that there is no short-cut method for succeeding in cross country running. "One four letter word is the key," he said, "and that word is WORK."

Out of 40 boys who have signed up for cross country at Seaholm this fall, only three are lettermen back from last year's state championship team. Although it's too early to guess about Seaholm's chances of repeating last year's performance, the future of the Eastern Michigan league's champs is uncertain as they lack experienced veterans.

After holding the league title

for seven consecutive years and the regional crown for five, the Maples could lose the taste of victory. The season may hold a few surprises, however, with some promising sophomores and juniors breaking through the ranks.

Especially noteworthy is half miler Murray Stewart from last spring's track team who could be a real surprise. Others in the "keep your eye on" group are seniors John Dries, Mike Maish, Gary Garretsen, Jerry Leupen, John Sampson and junior Bruce Tinker, all of whom have been over the ropes in last year's competition.

One major change, in campus sports, will be the deletion of Cranbrook from Seaholm's football schedule. After many years of traditional gridiron battles, Cranbrook will be Groves rival on a permanent basis.

Golf also has its surprises. It has been temporarily discontinued as an official Seaholm sport. Difficulty in reserving golf courses for practices and games presented a problem in arranging schedules, said athletic director Frank Whitney.

In fact, the Eastern Michigan league including two other teams,

Ferndale and Hazel Park, have given up golf as a lost cause for the same reason of lacking the facilities to operate.

The league requires participation by at least four schools to continue as an official league sport. The only two holding on to golf now are Port Huron and Mt. Clemens, but they will probably throw in the towel before long.

Seaholm has produced some pretty good golfers, winning the league championship last year. But even if the Maples continued golf, it wouldn't be recognized as a league sport, for a fourth team would still be lacking.

The league's four-team rule, which killed golf as an official sport, may work to create another official sport on the Eastern Michigan league scene. Whitney anticipates the birth of wrestling as an official league sport.

There are three schools with wrestling programs, now, said Whitney, and with one more making it a varsity activity, it would become an accepted league sport. Seaholm cannot afford to adopt wrestling on the school's present budget, he said, but it could come in the future.

In football Seaholm has picked up a newcomer, Edsel Ford, in its

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season schedule SCHEDULES

SEAHOLM SCHEDULES
Cross Country
Sept. 12, away, Thurston
Sept. 14, home, Dearborn Edsel Ford
Sept. 20, away, Port Huron
Sept. 23, home, Hazel Park
Sept. 27, away, Ferndale
Sept. 30, home, Mt. Clemens
Oct. 4, away, East Detroit
Oct. 6, away, Royal Oak Dundero
Oct. 8, All Oakland County Meet at Walled Lake
Oct. 11, home, Pontiac Central
Oct. 13, Eastern Michigan League Meet
Oct. 18, home, Royal Oak Kimball
Oct. 22, Albion College Invitational at Albion
Oct. 29, Regional Cross Country Run at Farmington
Nov. 3, State Championship at Ypsilanti

Football
Sept. 16, home, Edsel Ford
Sept. 23, away, Kimball
Sept. 30, away, Hazel Park
Oct. 7, home, Port Huron
Oct. 14, away, Ferndale
Oct. 21, home, Mt. Clemens
Oct. 28, away, East Detroit
Nov. 4, home, Dearborn
Nov. 11, home, Southfield
ALL GAMES AT 8:00 P.M.

GROVES:
Moving into its second year Birmingham's Groves combination junior and senior high school plays sports program changes along. A new grade will be added to the school, offering a broader selection of athletes, which should enable them to give their newly acquired rival, Cranbrook, some stiff competition in sports. This will be a tremendous challenge to the young school, said Whitney.

Groves will also be playing as a varsity team for the first time in a new league which will be

named sometime in October. No longer will Groves athletes compete against schools' reserve teams. From here on out, it'll be the big time. By 1962 when all classes are completed, said Whitney, Groves will be considered a full high school with the seniors facing neighboring Seaholm in the sports arenas.

GROVES SCHEDULES
Football
Sept. 23, Cranbrook at Seaholm 8 p.m.
Sept. 30, away, Whitmore Lake, 4 p.m.
Oct. 7, away, Riverside, 4 p.m.
Oct. 14, away, Davidson, 4 p.m.
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