

Birmingham Maple Tankers Finish Second in Ann Arbor



Southfield Recreation Champions

The Lathrup Village team, undefeated in the Southfield Recreation league this season has continued on by entering the Inter-City tournaments in Detroit. Seen from left to

right are: George Koepke, Dick Rankin, Tom Sweet, Gary Hamann, Terry Odum, Mark Lohanoff, Al Herr, Mike Barnwell and Coach Al Lohanoff.

Lathrup Village Winners

The Lathrup Village cage team, champions of the Southfield Recreation League, and now representing Lathrup Village in the Inter-City tournament, has continued its winning ways.

In the first game of the tournament, the Lathrup Village team met Waterford at Lasky Center in Detroit and defeated them 42-25 Monday night.

JUMPING OFF to an early lead, the Lathrup team was never headed. The Waterford team was unable to get their attack started, partly due to the fine defensive work of the Lathrup team.

The high scorer for the night was Lathrup's Tom Sweet, who hit the hoop for a total of 21 points. He was followed by Mark Lohanoff, son of the coach and manager, with 7 points.

GARY HAMANN and George Koepke both hit for six points and Terry Odum hit for a single field goal.

Since the Lathrup Village cage team won their first game they will play East Detroit in the quarter finals Tuesday night, and if they win, will play Inkster in the semi-finals Wednesday night.

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Seaholm Swimmers 2nd in Title Meet

The Seaholm Maples had to settle for second place Saturday night, when they were defeated 47-43 by Grose Pointe for the Class A state swimming championship at Ann Arbor.

The Maples were in contention all the way however, and the title was at stake right up to the last event, the 200-yard free style relay.

The Seaholm relay team of Larry Sever, Bill Driver, Fred Anderson and Jim Elliott put on a great show, but lost the match by one-tenth of a second, with a time of 1:40.

DURING THE CLASS A finals two records were established, one of Bob Sinks, Jim Leachy, Benny Collins and Hugh Clark were just out-touched also.

He established a new state record and also beat Battle Creek's John Baker, national titlist.

"It was the old story of 'just out-touched' by our opponents," said Maple coach Jay Myers, whose teams have won the Eastern Michigan League title 11 of the past 12 years.

In the other events, Seaholm's Jim Elliott set a fast pace that enabled him to take first place in the 50-yard free style with a winning time of 25.5.

FRED ANDERSON, a Maple regular, established a new school record with a time of 58.8 in the 100-yard butterfly and still came in third.

He also participated in the muddy relay and posted a time of 4:30.

248 with the butterfly stroke, "a tremendous time for a high school boy," according to coach Myers. In the 100-yard free style event, Maple captain Benny Collins was leading up to the last turn when he misjudged the pool side and lost a valuable push off. He still finished fifth with a time of 53.2.

THE DIVING competition, some of the roughest in the meet, found Maple diver Dick Lowe in fourth place with 279 points. This is one of the best performances that Lowe has put on and he deserves a hand for his efforts.

The last two events would "make or break" Grose Pointe or Seaholm.

The 200-yard medley relay was beaten by one-tenth of a second and the 200-yard free style team of Bob Sinks, Jim Leachy, Benny Collins and Hugh Clark were just out-touched also.

The entire Seaholm Maple tank team deserves the praise and thanks of the community for a job well done. The boys outdid themselves in their efforts and coach Jay Myers did himself proud again this year.

THERE ARE NOT many schools in the nation that can boast a record of 11 league championships in 12 years of competition, as can Jay Myers teams.

The Class A results were: Grose Pointe 47, champions; Birmingham Seaholm 43; Ann Arbor 30; Battle Creek Central 27; and Royal Oak Kimball 24.

There were a total of twenty-three teams in the Class A state finals at Ann Arbor. All the competition was held at the University of Michigan's pool.

Registration and physicals will be Saturday, March 26, at 9 a.m. for the American League and at 1:30 p.m. for the National League.

TRY-OUTS FOR the Little League will begin April 2, with each aspirant required to perform twice before he is accepted.

The regular playing season will commence in mid-May. T-Ball, for those under the regulation nine years will be continued and expanded this year.

All details on the league will be fully answered at the March 21 meeting.

SPORTALK with Lou Sugo

From school days I remember the teach telling us "that three-fourths of the surface of our planet is covered by water", yet we call it Earth.

Probably this is because man, despite his ability to adapt to given situations, still had to restrict his activities to that small portion left, called land, surrounded by life-giving air. Just how long man looked at the rivers, lakes and oceans before venturing underwater is not known, but it is possible that our pre-historic forerunners were the fore-runners of the present-day skin diver.

DIVING CAN BE defined as the art of prolonging beneath the surface of the water and remaining for a prolonged period of time.

The purpose for which a diver goes underwater classifies him either broadly as a military diver, open sea diver, commercial diver or, like you and me, a sport diver. There is a mention to divers in Homer's Illiad, in which the fall of Hector's charioteer is compared to the motion of a diver diving for oysters so we know the sport is not completely modern.

SPONGE AND CORAL were also harvested by divers at about the same time. These could be compared to our present day open sea divers—the harvesters of the products of the sea.

During World War II, the "frogmen" were instigated, trained to perform some of the most dangerous work of the war; destroying the underwater defenses of the enemy. These military divers also perform other duties, such as ship salvage, sub rescue, harbor clearance, etc.

THE COMMERCIAL divers are the builders and underwater specialists who build the dams, bridges, docks and breakwaters and any underwater structure.

The most recent category in the diving field is the sport diver—the diver whose sole purpose in underwater diving is enjoyment.

Sport diving can be divided into two distinct classifications. Skin diving, being exactly what it says, a diver who uses no equipment except probably a mask and flippers.

THE SECOND, and most fascinating, is the "scuba diver," who uses a self-contained underwater breathing apparatus, which enables the diver to remain under the surface for a relatively long period of time.

Today's diving equipment has been developed to the point (See SPORTALK, Page 7-E)

Michigan Boat Show Opens Noon Saturday

The all new 1960 Greater Michigan Boat Show will open on noon Saturday, March 19, at the Detroit Artillery Armory.

The show will last for nine days, through March 27 and will be open from noon to 11 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the weekdays. The show will consist of everything from rowboats to the largest inboard cruisers, with more than 200 boats on display.

THERE WILL also be inboard and outboard engines, trailers and other boating accessories on display.

Admission is \$1 for adults, with children under 12 years of age admitted free when accompanied by parents.

There is ample parking, with space for 1,000 cars, located at the Detroit Marine Dealers Association and Leonard Refuelers, Inc., are co-sponsors of the show.

THERE WILL be a special demonstration given by Nancie Riddick, Detroit's water ski champion, today, at 4 p.m. on the Detroit River.

Special clinics will be held each day, with experts discussing various subjects.

Race boat champions in 11 classes will be displayed, including 11 classes of modified class and stock outboard racers from the area.

AS A SPECIAL privilege to boat show visitors, a branch office of the secretary of state will be at the show. Boat owners can register their boats for the coming season.

Every year about this time, the "downtown" newspapers make a selection of the All-Star suburban stars from both the Class A and B teams.

Four of our local boys made these All-League teams. Starting off with the Central Suburban league, Detroit County Day's Tom Derleth was selected as a stand-out performer.

IN THE EASTERN Michigan League, Merv Gallop, sharp shooting forward of the Seaholm Maples was chosen for the honor. Ed Schlaf, high scoring man for Southfield in the Inter-Lakes League was selected for his basket ball ability.

The last local boy to make the All-League team was Tom Maron, Bloomfield Hill's hard-working forward, who paced the Barons during the season.

BECAUSE THESE boys were selected by the suburban area coaches does not detract from the other players, for a team, like a chain, is only as strong as its weakest member.

To all the players goes a vote of thanks for a job well done.



Spring Training Now Under Way

That there is snow on the ground outside doesn't bother Michigan State's baseball pluckers, now working indoors preparing for a spring trip to North Carolina in March. Here, Coach John Kobs offers tips to his

Powers Meet In Volleyball

An exhibition of power volleyball will be staged between the Ann Arbor YMCA and the Detroit Downtown YMCA, at 8:30 p.m., March 21, in the main gym of the Jewish Community Center, 18100 Meyers road.

The Ann Arbor team is the 1959 Y.M.C.A. champion and the Downtown Y team placed second in national masters play.

Four all-Americans will appear: Russ Schultz and Zigmund Korvas from Ann Arbor; Shrawanwanee Porter and Murray Korbman with the Downtown team.

B'ham Groves Seventh In State Championship

Although handicapped by the fact that they had neither a pool nor a meet all season, the Birmingham Groves tank team placed seventh in the State title championships at E. Lansing last weekend.

The four sophomores entered in the finals of the Class B division placed in each of the events three entered, taking a second and two fourths in the finals.

Lee Driver, younger brother of Seaholm's Bill Driver, bettered the old Class B record when he took second place in the 100-yard breaststroke, behind the record breaking 1:04.3 time of East Grand Rapids' Kent Dickerson.

IN THE 50-YARD free style, Bob Sutton took fourth and in the medley relay event, the team of Bill Quirk, Driver, Russ Martin and Sutton also placed fourth.

The Groves swimmers did remarkably well when you consider that the boys were forced to practice at another school, Seaholm

swimming coach Jay Myers allowed the boys to work out with his Maple tankers during the regular season.

Jim Glander, the Groves swimming coach, and also Derby junior high school coach, accompanied the Groves Falcons to East Lansing for the state meet.

FAST GRAND RAPIDS scored 105.3 points in winning its 13th straight Class B crown, leaving the Spartan High far behind in second place with 46.7 points.

The Groves swimmers did well in the three events they entered. With their new pool completed, the Falcons can be looked upon as a challenge to East Grand Rapids' supremacy of the Class B circuit in the next few years.

Richard Alonzo (Pancho) Gonzales, who loves his title as the greatest tennis player in the world, heads the cast for Michigan's foremost net attraction Saturday night (March 19) at the University of Detroit Memorial building.

In quest of his sixth straight cash and carry crown as king of Jack Kramer's world-wide professional circuit — and there is no other — Gonzales will appear here with Alex Olmedo, the Peruvian who brought the Davis Cup to the United States in 1958.

Australian Ken Rosewall, Ecuador's Pancho Segura and the one-time U. S. kingpin from Cincinnati, Tony Trabert will also play.

THERE WILL be \$2,150 up for grabs in the program of two singles matches and one doubles match. The action will begin at 8:15 P. M.

Kramer has booked his nomads into only 35 American cities in the 1960 tour of three continents, and Saturday's appearance will be their only Michigan showing en route to an eventual division of \$25,000 in prize money.

AS PLANNED, the program would continue at its current rate through the 1961 spring planting season when nursery stock presently on the shelves and in the plantings would be reduced to the 10,000-acre level.

In another matter, Department officials recommended that a gift of nearly \$1,700 be accepted from the Women's National Farm and Garden association.

It is further proposed that this money, together with an earlier donation of \$1,000 made by the women's group, be used to add 19 acres to Wagner Falls scenic site in Alger county.

ALSO PROPOSED was the acquisition of small water frontage parcels for public fishing sites on Winniepee lake, Calhoun county, Bailey lake, Keweenaw county and Norway City lower reservoir, Dickinson county.

Purchases of 280 and 80 acres were recommended with Pittman-Robertson money at Shawanwanee River and Maple River state game areas.

An exchange of 80 acres was sought by Department officials in Fire Lake state forest, South Manitowish Island, Leelanau county, to consolidate these holdings there.

SEE IT NOW AT ROYAL PONTIAC Royal Oak

HOME OF THE "HOT CHIEFS"

LAKE FOREST, Ill.—The Lake Forest college "Foresters" were backed by the Kelly Brothers of 708 S. Bates, Birmingham, Lettering as a junior, Tom Kelly broke into the lineup midway thru the season and started at guard for the rest of the year.

His brother, Larry played first string on the freshman squad and also saw limited action on the varsity.

Lake Forest compiled a 10-12 record for the season.

So far this season Gonzales hasn't benched a single ball boy, nor in his hurry to get rich quick has he even invited any hecklers from the crowd to settle matters with their fists.

However, one never knows when Pancho may explode. It could come Saturday.

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