Seaholm Thinclads Cop Championship at Central Relays

CROSSFIRE

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Big Ten Censured By NCAA

When the National Collegiate Athletic Association recently inflicted a four-year probation upon Indiana University for recruiting athletes illegally, the governing body of intercolleiate athletics in effect severely censured the Big Ten, too.

The NCAA went over the head of the Big Ten's front office to slap down the Hoosiers. Normally, the NCAA depends upon conferences to police their memberships, then follows conference discipline with similar penalties.

This time the NCAA as much as announced that the Big Ten cannot keep order in its house. So the NCAA had to move firmly to accomplish what the conference front office failed to.

THE BIG TEN has not denied Indiana's guilt. Yet, why didn't the Big Ten's two ex-FBI investigators unfold Indiana's illegal wooing of prize high school athletes. Or, if the Big Ten knew, why didn't it act?

Significantly, the Big Ten's recruiting code is much stiffer than the NCAA's. If Indiana broke NCAA rules, it must have fractured the Big Ten code drastically.

BIG TEN Commissioner Tug Wilson says only that the question will be discussed May 19-21 at a meeting in East Lansing.

What's it all about?

Basically, the Big Ten is a confused, widely split conference that no longer can act effectively. There is no unanimity of purpose in what once was the proudest collegiate sports organization in the nation.

Indiana is not alone in breaking the Big Ten recruiting code. Certainly other schools have disobeyed regulations or at least stretched them grievously.

BUT, DURING the past few years, the Big Ten has been impaled upon several stakes of controversy. It cannot shake loose. And it cannot afford a scandal that might break up the conference.

If one school accuses another, somebody might scream for the cops. That would just about end the Big Ten. And the Big Ten front office knows it, too, beyond the polite facade of unity.

The conference is split over whether to play in the Rose Bowl and has dropped the annual trip to Pasadena over the objections of its athletic directors and football coaches.

The Big Ten is divided badly over its controversial recruiting code, which supposedly is based on need. Parents of a high school athlete must submit detailed financial statements; then the Big Ten decides what the parents can afford to pay for their son's education. The parents have no voice in judging what they can afford.

AFTER DENYING that high school stars have been bypassing the Big Ten for other schools, the conference has finally admitted the loss of more than 100 prep standouts a year.

In recent months, athletic directors have asked the member schools to discontinue all postseason competition if Rose Bowl game participation is banned. No Rose Bowl, no Big Ten play in NCAA basketball, baseball, tennis, golf, wrestling, hockey, track or fencing tournaments.

And of overwhelming importance, the faculty representatives of all member schools apparently want to control the Big Ten's program and shove the athletic directors into the shadows.

FACULTY CONTROL of athletics qualifies as an excellent theory. In practice it is something else, as observers at any Big Ten meeting soon realize.

Most faculty representatives, once they leave their specialized fields for the athletic department council tables, should dam a dunce's cap. Few have bothered to background themselves in intercollegiate sports participation. They're bewildered once the problems arise.

The faculty representative who bothers to brief himself and look at the conference handbook of rules often finds himself suspect.

Faculty control of athletics presupposes knowledge necessary for intelligent decisions. But the Big Ten faculty representatives generally rule by lack of background and information. Anything the athletic directors propose is open to suspicion. This reflects the attitude of many Big Ten faculties, particularly those which apparently believe success on the football field affects the school's scholastic standing inversely. If the football team wins on Saturday afternoon the school's scholarship automatically decreases in quality by Monday.

PLACING FACULTY representatives in complete control of athletic programs obtains the same results expected if football coaches were handed direction of atomic research.

Perhaps that's unfair. The coaches probably could do a better job comparatively.

The fate of the Pacific Coast Conference demonstrates what happens when faculty representatives gain complete control. The PCC disbanded in bitterness after some 30 years of operation.

In the Big Ten, faculty representatives are almost in complete

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Hills Barons Defeat Rivals

Bloomfield Hills rolled up a total of 64 points to hand W. Bloomfield (46) and Northville (26) defeats in its second triangular meet held this season.

The Barons jumped off to an early lead when Howard Schuneman finished first in the 100-yard dash with a time of 10.3, to edge out Jack Newton, the league champion from W. Bloomfield.

Dick Ford, Tom Maron and Tom Kozbial finished one-two-three for the Barons in the 880-yard run with a time of 2:05.7.

HOLDING ON to the lead, Bloomfield Hills' 440-yard dash squad of Phil Berk, Sam Bearen and Ray Schettler took first, second and fourth respectively, with a combined time of :55.5.

Goetz Klopser finished second in the 180-low hurdles and Bill Byrnes and Fritz Stess-Reutur took second and third in the high jump and the broad jump respectively, giving Bloomfield Hills a large lead as the meet neared the finish.

Baron milers Barry Armstrong and Ken Senteney captured first and second place, with Armstrong timed at 4:46.0.

TO ROUND OUT a team effort that resulted in victory, Baron Tom Bromley tied for first in the pole vault event.

B'ham Golfer Defeated

Sand trap trouble cost 19-year-old Pete Green of Franklin his chance to win the 60th annual North and South amateur golf championship at Pinehurst, N. C., last week.

Green, a sophomore at the University of North Carolina, lost the match to Charlie Smith of Gastonia, N.C. in the final 36 holes 5 and 3.

During the tournament, Pete went into the sand traps 16 times, far too often to overcome the early 4-up lead that Smith had piled up on the front 18 holes.

IN THE FINAL round, Pete matched Smith on the first two holes but then fell into the sand trap at number three and five holes. He won the sixth and ninth holes from Smith, although he had to take a bogey on the ninth.

Peter was five down with five holes left after the 13th when he won the 14th hole with a par to stave off elimination.

A missed four-foot putt on the 15th cost Pete the hole and the match.

DESPITE HIS LOSS, the young Franklin (26505 Woodlore) golfer displayed a tremendous amount of poise and self restraint during the tradition-steeped event, qualities that mark a excellent athlete as well as a fine representative of the Birmingham area.

Golf Team Member

Frederick R. Handren, 1079 Puritan is a member of the varsity golf team at Yale University. Golf is one of five sports in which Yale students participate at the intercollegiate level during the spring season.

Handren prepared for Yale at Culver Military Academy where he lettered in golf. He graduated cum laude.

Handren is a mechanical engineering major.

Cranbrook Thinclads Win Class B Title

Cranbrook, defending class B champion of last year's Central Michigan Relays turned in a repeat performance Friday when they rolled up 58 points to edge out second place Ecorse with 54.

The Cranes captured five firsts, two second places, two thirds and two fifth places and set a new school record during the all day event that 47 teams entered.

Cranbrook's Barney Crouse won the 100-yard dash and the 440 relay team of Dave Frey, John Cuff, Tom Zavelson and Crouse led all the way for a win.

IN THE CENTRAL relay event, Crouse, Frey, Cuff, and team captain Larry DeWitt set a fast pace, winning the event with a time of 1:08. The mile relay squad of Ted Seyfarth, George Bisbee, Pete Thingstad and DeWitt also took a first.

Miler John Ogden set a new school record for Cranbrook when he took second place with a time of 4:31.6.

The shuttle-hurdle team of Cuff, John Hayden, Bisbee and Tod Williams added fifth place cause when they took second place.

The two third place performances were turned in by the two mile relay team of Art Glick, Chris Dusenbury, Stew Colton and Tom Morgan, with Hayden third in the shot put event.

TOD WILLIAMS and DeWitt both took fifth place in the high jump and broad jump respectively.

This week, the Cranes will meet Waterford Kettering and will also participate in the University of Detroit Relays on Saturday.

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Lessons Available For Golfers

A special golf class will be started at Springdale golf Course starting Wednesday, May 11 through May 27, according to the course manager, Charles Gale.

Six one-hour group lessons will be given on Wednesdays and Fridays at 1:15 p.m.

A part time pro, C. J. Reynolds, former PGA pro at Tam O-Shanter and Rackham will conduct the class, which is limited to 12 persons.

"IF ADDITIONAL classes are needed we will make arrangements for them" said Gale. He also reported that the season has gotten off to a good start and that even the bad weather Saturday could not discourage some of the golfing enthusiasts.

Saturday's wind and rain knocked down several trees on the course but no serious damage was reported.

Private lessons are also available at the Springdale course.

Horses Train At DRC Track

Michigan's young thoroughbred breeding industry, spurred on by increased awards, is racing along at a gallop.

The eligibility list for the Detroit Race Course's annual Michigan Futurity is solid proof of the soaring interest.

A TOTAL OF 22 breeding interests have kept 41 colts and fillies eligible for the 1960 running of the Futurity on July 22.

The majority of the two-year-olds are in training at the DRC for the opening May 20.

Going Up and Over

Perfect muscle coordination is required to attempt the difficult high jump. Jim Stephenson, Seaholm high jumper tries the bar at 5'10", good for a 3 way tie for first place with teammate Mosby Harvey and Royal Oak Kimball's Bill Colson. The Maples downed Kimball 91-18 for the first League victory of the season.

Concentrated Effort

Maple Steve Jacobson contributes his share of the 91-18 victory over Royal Oak Kimball last week as he broad jumps 21' 7½" to win the event. Jacobson is one of the big reasons why the Maples are undefeated in Eastern Michigan League competition and winners of the Huron Relays and Central Michigan Relays this season. He is also a varsity football and basketball standout.

Recreation Round-Up

BAIT & FLY CASTING: The Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a bait, fly and spin casting clinic to be held on Saturday, May 7 from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. on the east bank of Quarton Lake. This activity which is free of charge is open to adults and teenagers with family participation recommended. Mr. Wally Perkins will demonstrate the techniques of casting and give individual help to those wishing to improve their fishing skills. Everyone should bring his own fishing equipment with the exception of hooks.

CARP CARNIVAL: The annual carp carnival will be held at Quarton Lake on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This event is open to anyone 14 years of age or under with awards being given in four divisions for the longest and largest numbers of fish caught. Awards will also be given for the youngest fisherman and the most unusual fishing equipment. Anyone planning to enter the contest should register upon arrival on the east bank of the lake near Lakeside and Oak streets. Bait will be furnished.

THERAPEUTIC SWIMMING: Therapeutic swimming which is held at Barnum pool on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. resumed on May 4 and will continue for five more sessions. This activity is for the physically handicapped and requires a doctor's permission for registration.

DAY CAMP PROGRAM: The summer day camp program held at Springdale Park will be changed somewhat this year to allow the child to register for a period of five days. The fee will be $5.00 which must be paid in advance at the recreation office. A maximum number of forty children will be registered in each period and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

TEEN CENTER: Have you been to the Teen Center recently? Things are really jumping. The Center is open the second and fourth Friday of each month and features "live" music each evening. On Friday, May 13, Binky Gowing's band, better known as the S-Quires will play. This five piece combo, consisting mainly of juniors from Seaholm, features two guitars, a sax, a piano, and drums. Their first engagement was a huge success and we are looking forward to another rockin' evening.

Sue MacLean, chairman of the junior board, announces that the semi-annual business meeting will be held May 13, 9:00 p.m. in the Assembly room of the YMCA. All members are invited and urged to attend and express their views on summer activities and elect new officers to the board for 1960-61.

ADULT SOFTBALL: Deadline for registration in the Recreation Department Softball League is Friday, May 6. Entry fee will range from $45.00 to $67.00 depending upon the number of teams registered and the number of games played.

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB: The Birmingham Senior Men's Club was entertained at their April 29th meeting by Harry Reed who showed color movies of our far west including Tombstone and Boot Hill cemetery.

Happy Birthday was sung to Everett Allen. A 50th Wedding Anniversary note was sent to Mr. and Mrs. Arbon Dennis. An old Chinese game called Skittleboard was purchased to augment the recreational activities of the club.

The discussion group met for opinions on "Is It Necessary to Retire Men at 65". The majority gave their approval, feeling the practice gave the younger men a better opportunity for employment.

Mrs. Pell Hollingshead, one of the greatly appreciated ladies who help serve luncheons for the club is leaving on an extended vacation.

The next meeting is on May 6, at 10 a.m. Motion pictures will be furnished by Mr. Andrew Tenevck, showing trout fishing in South America.

Cranes Varsity Nine Grab Victory Honors

Enjoying a successful season thus far, the Cranbrook varsity diamond crew continued their winning ways when they defeated the Ferndale nine, 8-0 Thursday.

Behind the strong pitching of Andy Billesdon, the Cranes held the Ferndale team to only three hits, not one opponent traveling farther than first base.

Cranbrook jumped off to an early lead in the first inning when George Martin, Crane first bagger, singled in two runs to put the Cranes ahead.

TOM DEMRICK, Cranbrook's roving right fielder was the man with the "big" stick, connecting for two singles in two times at bat.

Ferndale looked bad on defense, committing seven errors to the Cranes one, and allowing the Cranes to push runs across in the first, second, fourth and sixth innings.

In the second game of the week, Cranbrook traveled to Cleveland University School over the weekend.

THE GAME BECAME a pitchers duel, with the first four innings remaining scoreless. It was in the top of the fifth that Crane shortstop John Hartmann was hit by a pitched ball to put a man on first. Charlie (Butch) Heavenrich, reached first base when the Cleveland infield bobbled the ball, forcing Hartmann to second and putting him in a scoring position.

Tom Demrick, the Cranes leading batter, slashed out a single that scored Hartmann. Heavenrich and Demrick were left on base to close the inning and the scoring.

THE GAME ENDED on that note, with Cleveland unable to get a man on base, the Cranes winning 1-0.

The winning pitcher was Roger Rothenburger.

The Cranes varsity netter were not so fortunate during their meets this week, dropping two games, making it four in a row after starting the season with three straight wins.

In the first meet, the Cranes dropped a decision to the University High of Ann Arbor 3-2, when in the third and deciding match, Cranbrook's Whit Conrad lost 3-6, 6-3, 6-love.

THE NETTERS followed to Cleveland where they lost the second meet 2-0, following a technical ruling that caused the match to end before the doubles teams were allowed to play. At this time it is not known why the ruling was enforced.

Last Try For B'ham Babe Ruth

The LAST tryout for the Birmingham Babe Ruth League will be held Saturday, May 7, at St James Field (directly behind the YMCA) at 9:30 a.m. ALL applicants are requested to turn out for this last tryout.

Boys 13-15 are eligible for the league but must first tryout for the teams. Due to inclement weather last Saturday scheduled tryouts were not held.

It is vital that the league hold this last tryout session before the draft meeting Monday evening, May 9, at the Community House.

Springdale Golfers Meet

The first meeting this season of the Tuesday Springdale Ladies Golf league was held May 3 at the home of Helen Savage, 955 Shirley, to discuss the rules for the coming season.

The first day of play will be May 18.

IT WAS ALSO decided to use the new Springdale golf course rules, modeled after the regulation PGA handicap system.

An 18-hole championship tournament is scheduled for Sept. 13, with the annual banquet to be held Sept. 20.

Although the Tuesday league is now filled, any Birmingham woman wishing to be a substitute may submit five certified score cards to establish her handicap.

Those interested may leave their name and phone number at the club house.

THE FOLLOWING women were elected to serve on the committees: Vinnie Babajoff, committee chairman; Helen Savage, co-chairman; Mary Lou Van Der Vort, treasurer; Lee Tibbits, Betty Yoder, Isora Hoenk, rules committee; Carol Hollingshead, handicap and weekly events; Marian Geggie, publicity; Muggs Olson, Hazel Kreidler, banquet.

Second Annual Golf Outing

Birmingham's First Presbyterian Church Men's Club is sponsoring a golf outing for the men of the church and their guests.

The men will tee off between 7:30 and 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 28, at the Glen Oaks country club, Northwestern and 13 Mile rd.

Following the golfing a buffet lunch will be served from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the various events.

THIS WILL BE the second annual outing for the club. Last year Lou Sharkoff, 1850 Melbourne, was awarded a trophy for "best golfer."

Interested golfers should contac Murray Stewart, 130 Waddington, Bloomfield Township for reservations and tee off times.

Teams Enter U-D Relays

Eighteen Class A teams and 15 from Class B have already been entered in the fourth annual University of Detroit Relays, Saturday, May 7, at U-D Stadium.

Pontiac Central, led by its three better-than-50 foot shot putters, will return to defend its Class A title won a year ago. The Chiefs set the meet shot put relay record last spring with a cumulative toss of 151 feet, 5 and ½ inches.

ECORSE, THE defending Class B champion, will return along with Bloomfield Hills. These two teams set three new meet records in 1959, with the champions setting new standards in the high jump relay (17 feet, 6 inches) and in the broad jump relay (59 feet, one and ¼ inches). Bloomfield Hill's 19:53.3 in the 4 mile relay was also a U-D relay mark.

Birmingham Tops In Central Relays

Turning lose its relay strength in the afternoon events, Seaholm emerged from Saturday's rain, mud and cold as the Class A champions of the Central Michigan Relays, the nation's largest high school track event.

The handsome trophy was the second major one won by the Maples this spring. They were champions of the Huron Relays in March.

ON FRIDAY Cranbrook won a duel with Ecorse 58 to 54 for the Class B title at Mt. Pleasant. The Cranes were the defending champions of the two-day event.

It was the first time Birmingham has won at Mt. Pleasant. Last year Farmington beat them out when the Maples winning 880 relay team was disqualified in the final event on a technicality.

This time Birmingham left nothing to chance. In the closing events Maple relay teams finished first or second with impressive regularity, yet it was the lone third place team, the mile relay unit of Bill Bryant, Tom Stone, Jim Donaldson and Gary Andrus, that wrapped up the victory. Their points gave Birmingham an insurmountable lead of 59½ to 48 over Lansing Sexton with only one event remaining.

IN THE FINAL race Sexton won the 880 relay with a time of 1:36.2 but the Maple team of Scotty Purvis, Bill Henderson, Paul Simmons and Steve Jacobson were right on their heels, only two seconds behind, to take second place hohors. The final score was Birmingham 67½, Sexton 58.

Other top teams were Muskegon Heights, 34; Redford Union, 24; and Lansing Eastern and Waterford tied for fifth with 23.

A total of 22 Class A teams competed. Miserable running conditions kept times slow and made each event a test of stamina and determination as well as speed.

BIRMINGHAM WON two firsts and four seconds in the eight relay events. They also captured second in the broad jump and fourths in the mile run, 100 yard dash and high jump.

The middle distance team of half milers Jock McPhee and Mike Geer and quarter milers Ken Mitchell and Herb Kettler came in first with a time of 6:15.5.

THE 440-RELAY team of Dick Zaino, Chuck Kulow, Purvis and Jacobson took first and also set a new school record with a time of :45.2. The same foursome held the old record of :45.4.

At mid-morning, the Maples, lanking Sexton and Muskegon Heights piling up points and Seaholm having only Mosby Harvey's tie for fourth in the high jump, it appeared that Birmingham, the pre-meet favorite, might be headed for a defeat.

Then in the two closing morning races, the 660-yard relay team of Zaino, Purvis, Kulow and Jacobson took a second place with a 1:10 time and the sprint medlay combination of Kent Rathbun, Henderson, Andrus and Paul Simmons took another at 2:38.9 to give the Maples second place.

THE AFTERNOON competition started in a downpour. Dan Reid took a fourth in the mile and Jacobson, with a jump of 22 feet 5 inches, placed second in the broad jump behind Muskegon Height's Mack Hunter, who jumped 22 feet 8 inches.

Then came Seaholm's two winning events, the 440-yard and middle distance, putting Birmingham into the lead to stay.

Other Maple point-getters were the second place shuttle-hurdle team of Boyd Mayhew, Nigel Lock, Paul Robertson and Pete Henderson, who finished only a second behind Waterford's squad with a time of 1:02.3, and Zaino who finished fourth in the 100-yard dash.

WHILE ALL OF coach Kermit Ambrose's charges gave fine performances, the strong finishes of anchormen Geer, Jacobson Simmons and Andrus played key roles in the final Seaholm victory.

Seaholm opened its Eastern Michigan league dual meet season with a 91-18 defeat of Royal Oak Kimball. This week they take on Ferndale and East Detroit before going to Monroe Saturday night to compete in the Dick Waters Relays.

On the eve of the Kimball meet, the Seaholm team elected Kent Rathbun and Paul Simmons co-captains. Both are seniors.

SPORTALK

with Lou Sugo

Memorial Day is usually the signal for all those hearty souls that participate in the sport of swimming to take to the water.

Being a swimmer myself I can find no fault in this peculiar trait that will allow a swimmer to forget about the coldness of the water that just the day before was "too cold" to even stick your big toe into.

Now too is the time that the newest breed to the swimming world takes to the water, the skin diver, whether he be using the latest in underwater diving equipment or just a snorkel unit.

LIMITED SPORT diving can be enjoyed by a good swimmer without diving equipment of any kind, providing he realizes his limitations and maintains a pattern of safety while in the water.

The sport of skin diving has become so popular in the past few years that sports equipment houses are often hard pressed to keep up with the demand.

Diving equipment, such as masks and self-contained underwater breathing apparatus have been so improved in this brief time that it is practically fool-proof in itself, although often times the diver is not as well constructed or instructed.

WHEN THE SKIN diving sport first got started on a big scale shortly after the World War II, there were no clubs, schools or publications yet established to help educate the diver in the new sport.

Now there are numerous establishments that exist to teach them how to use the equipment and the technique that result in safe underwater swimming.

Sports divers and their clubs constantly strive to make the sport safer, for swimmers, with their new found freedom underwater, are not always able to set up a pattern of safety for themselves.

THIS PATTERN of safety can be related to a certain degree to the individual divers' knowledge of his own physical condition, his equipment and the correct use of his equipment.

Many divers have taken up the use of brightly colored inner tubes, usually painted a bright yellow or orange to facilitate location and as a warning to surface craft that divers are submerged in the area.

Some divers prefer a life line, which can be attached to a belt. This is highly recommended whenever the diver is in deep water.

At all times it is advisable that a diver use the "buddy" system, where there is always someone to help out in time of need. Emergency situations that can arise under water can often prove fatal if there is no one to help.

THE NEXT MOST important item after the underwater breathing equipment is the diving mask. This permits clear underwater vision and should normally cover only the eyes and nose.

The design and construction of the mask should make it impossible to dislodge the glass by any normal bumping the mask may receive.

Swimming fins are also a highly desirable safety item. The thrust of a well designed swim fin increases the power and control of the diver. This additional aid is very helpful in the considerable swimming done by a skin diver.

The primary function of the swim fin is to give the swimmer a certain speed with a minimum of effort. By swimming moderately the diver can count on added endurance during his underwater visit.

IN CLOSING, remember that when purchasing your

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