

## ADDITIONAL SPORTS

# Seaholm Trackmen Prepare For Central Michigan Relays

With two wins already under their belt the Seaholm High trackmen are preparing for the latest prep track meet in the country, the Central Michigan Relays, which will be held Saturday at Mt. Pleasant.

The Maples are defending champions. According to Coach Kermit Ambrose, main opposition should come from Muskegon, Waterford, Pontiac Central and Lansing Sexton. Most officials expect more than 3,000 athletes to enter competition in the relays which have far outgrown all expectations.

THIS AFTERNOON at 4 East Detroit visits the Birmingham track for an Eastern Michigan League dual meet.

Friday the Maples wouldn't call it quits after traveling to Detroit's Thurston High and discovering an unusable track. The tracksters got on the bus and went to Redford High where they met the home team in a dual meet instead of the scheduled triangular.

After 15 events, the outcome of the meet was decided in the last race of the afternoon, the 880-yard relay.

If Seaholm had lost the race the meet would have ended in a tie. As it turned out, the Maple team of Pete Henderson, Scotty Purvis, Bruce Bates and anchorman Tom Sweeney turned a very fast 1:32 flat to take first.

The 1:32 is the second fastest time for the event run in Michigan this season. Earlier Flint Northern ran a 1:31.6.

ONE OF THE outstanding re-

sults of the meet was the 23-7 1/2 broad jump by Redford's all-around athlete Dennis Holland. The performance is the best turned in by a State prep athlete so far this year.

State record for the broad jump is 23-8 1/2. Sweeney, Seaholm's multi-event trackman, finished second. He won the 440-yard dash with a new school record of 50.8. The old mark of 50.9 was set in 1947 by Jack Phister.

Besides the broad jump, Holland won the 100-yard dash in 10:3 and the 220-yard dash in 22 flat.

BOB TEICHMAN, of Birmingham, won the shot put with a toss of 48-8 1/2, with teammates Jack

## PEOPLE'S COLUMN

# Groves Coach Appalled By Wrestling Promotion

To the Editor:

This seems the best way to reach all who were connected with the promotion of the professional wrestling matches staged at Groves High School Saturday night.

The belief that there is value in such a staged production is appalling in itself. The fact that it is promoted by a community which recently completed an exploratory study into the needs and improve-

ments of its educational system, with the welfare of the students obviously in mind, is additionally disgusting.

No, an ax is not being ground. However, as a teacher who feels that integrity and honest evaluation of one's attitude and behavior are just as important to the students as pure academic knowledge, I look with exasperation and "what's the use" feeling at the entertainments plastered on the walls and windows in our school.

Impressive adjectives such as "Big Time," "Professional," and "All Star" are used to describe the entertainment, indicating to the Junior High and Senior High School students that this is solid stuff, approved by school and city administrators for the students' digestion and embelishment.

While we teachers and coaches in the gymnasium and swimming pool work towards honest "effort with a Purpose," tolerating no phony acts of big-deal, hot-shot, or unprofessional behavior, a high-powered group runs into the same gymnasium a staged spectacle that one could hardly hold up to a young growing mind and say, "This is good; this is what I want you to believe and accept, Son."

I suppose next year the Kiwanis Club will expect us to teach and explain the Flying Mare, the Eye Gouger, the Toe Hold, and the Finger Twist in order that more students will believe in and be ready to say, "Big Time" professional wrestling.

Anyone who has ever seen and appreciated high school and college wrestling will understand why I am writing. Those who have not, will not.

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## Track

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a flaxen-haired female-teenager-type was heard to say about one of the contestants, "He's real cool. I really thing he's the most." The boy finished last.

AFTER EACH event an announcer gave the scores over a loud-speaker system and seconds afterward another student placed the results on a large blackboard. There were a few who didn't do much, but the meet—namely the statistics of ancient warriors. They just took it all in.

At one end of the field, high jump competition was taking place. Boys from Ferndale and one from Cranbrook were trying to clear five feet, 10 inches. All three missed on each of their two tries.

BUT BACK a little way in the crowd an avid enthusiast was heard to say, "Our boy came the closest to making it over, he's undoubtedly the best of the three."

THE AGONY expressed on the faces of the runners in the last all-out effort to win cannot be appreciated unless seen in person. Psychologists would have a field day at a track meet. They would try to interpret the childhood and hereditary background of one athlete who fell at the finish line, half-way away from victory.

He was helped to his feet by teammates. "No, no, it couldn't be. It couldn't be. Help me. Help me." He was left by himself to wander aimlessly through the crowd.

THE MEET ran like the finest of Swiss watches which was seen on the wrists of many spectators. Ferndale's coach protested the last event, the 880-yard relay. He thought his team won. So did everyone else, except the judges. But in the end it would have mattered little.

If Ferndale had won the last event, it would have lost by one point instead of the official six. And as one Ferndale athlete said, "I'd rather lose by a hundred than one."

SO, THE LOSERS piled into their newly painted yellow school bus. And the busy driver mumbled, "We won dat last race, coach. We wuz a mile ahead." And the coach just mumbled, "No, no, it couldn't be. It couldn't be. Help me. Help me." He was left by himself to wander aimlessly through the crowd.

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## Tee Talk

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lesson to a mother of six children. "One of the golfers biggest faults is that he hits the ball with everything except the head of the club," he said. "This I try to correct above all."

Of the Irons, the longer ones give most people the most trouble. I still have problems with the No. 3 iron. Its one of the most difficult.

"WITH THE long iron, a golfer should make the complete arc—almost like using one of the shorter woods. Step right up to the ball and hit it. Don't shorten the backswing."

With the No. 5 or 6 iron, there's a shorter stroke. Let the club head do the work.

Ninety per cent of golf is using the head. Think when you're playing, steer the ball around the course.

The popular instructor who makes his living on the golf course is married and has four children, two boys 27 and 17 and two girls 14 and 9.

## HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB

Add another name to the list of ecstatic golfers. Dick Olesky, 947 Westwood, Birmingham, aced the 180-yard third hole at Oakland Hills Sunday when he used a No. 5 iron.

## GENERAL NEWS

The Men's League of Springdale is having its organization meeting on Tuesday, May 2, at 3 p.m. at the clubhouse. Any men interested in playing in the league are invited to attend. Further information concerning the league may be obtained from Virgil Hartigton, 1165 Hildner, Birmingham.

## Crossfire

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and baseball to Peachtree Street. Georgia Tech football coach Bobby Dodd, one of the few realists in college football, once again has pointed to the need for college football to play a game than can compete with the pros in popularity.

Dodd time and again has asked for a return to two-division substitution in college football, in hope of developing a wide-open game as played by the pros. He can see the day when even college strongholds like Southeast face direct competition from pro football and baseball.

But Dodd also has been given up. He has been informed by Maj. Gen. Robert Neyland, his former coach at Tennessee, that the National Collegiate Athletic Association rules committee is staked to the book. Neyland should know, for he served Michigan's Fritz Crisler as chairman of the committee.

NEYLAND ADMITS that the small group of people who really run the NCAA has arranged to keep its people on the rules committee. In this way, the wishes of the majority can be hypocrisied by a few. This fact of life has been observed for some time by observers of NCAA activities, despite denials by Mr. Crisler and others. Now Neyland openly admits the fact.

And things won't change. Neyland said, with the impetuosity of a Caesar.

Control of the NCAA rules committee obviously is much more important to those people than the welfare of college football.

## Groves

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edged his teammate in the 220 with a 23.8.

Saturday in the Marysville Relays, where Groves finished third in a field of 26 schools, Schuler took the 100 with 10.3 and Peters was third in 10.5.

Coaches at the relays were astounded when Peters ran an unofficial 22.8 in his 220 leg of the central relay (Groves took second).

THE CENTRAL relay is an event where the first and last men run 220's and the two in between run 110's.

Lakehurst won the Marysville Relays with 54 points while Flint Mandeville took second with 36.

In the Kimball meet, Groves took eight first places. Besides the Schuler-Peters tie and the Peters win in the 220, Falcon first finishers were Bill Quick in the 440-yard dash with 56.8; Steve Billings, 150-yard low hurdles, 23.2; Don Novak, 880-yard run, 2:32.3; Schuler in the broad jump with 19-11 1/2; and Chet Rudzinski in the pole vault.

THE OTHER winner was the 880-yard relay squad of Schuler, Rudzinski and Peters. Their time was 1:40.5. At Marysville, the 880 with Quick in place of Morrow, finished second in 1:39 flat.

Vavruska said he hopes and expects times to come down on the "weather turns 'spring-like' and the tracks harden a bit."

At Marysville, the track was slow at the beginning of the meet, and by the time the last event was run, Vavruska said the track was a "quagmire."

Groves meets Riverside this afternoon at 4 on its home tracks.

## Babe Ruth Loop Needs Manpower

Tryouts and practice for Babe Ruth League ballplayers will be held Saturday at St. James field. Thirteen-year-olds will meet at 9 a.m., while those 14 and 15 will gather at 1 p.m.

The Babe Ruth League is still looking for managers, coaches, and 13-year-olds. Those interested may go to the tryout site Saturday. Proceedings will be handled by Howard Buck and Homer Davidson.

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