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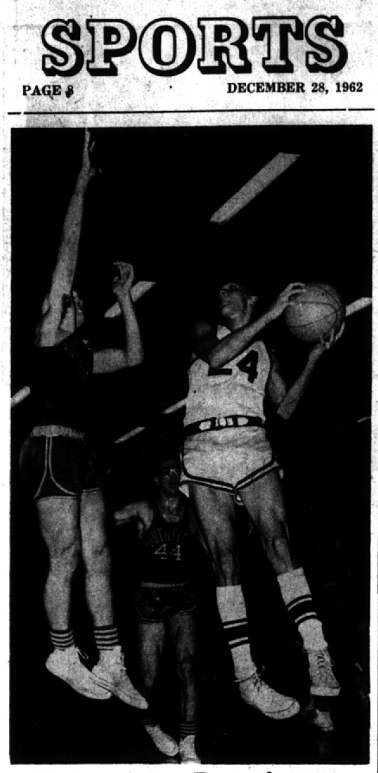
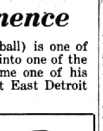


Floats into Prominence

Seaholm sophomore Bruce Nyberg (with ball) is one of the school's bright prospects. He has moved into one of the starting slots and a leaping layup has become one of his traits on the floor. The Maples next play at East Detroit on Jan. 5

CHATTERBOX



By JOE CADARIU

A while back Chatterbox suggested the possibility of intra-area prep athletic competition.

While our bodies and minds are recuperating from the hectic Christmas rush, and preparing for the oncoming New Year, this may be an appropriate time to sit back and digest a few problems.

What is Seaholm doing in the Eastern Michigan League? Or to rephrase: Why are they in the EML?

According to long-time Birmingham Athletic Director Frank Whitney, who has held his present position since 1946, the year after Birmingham joined the EML, Seaholm has won but one football and one basketball championship in these first 16 years.

At least, that's what he recalls without going through an unending backlog of league statistics.

In baseball, he says, the Maples have won only a couple of times but golf and tennis squads have held their own over the years.

Only sports in which the Maples have excelled are those which require a greater amount of individual effort: swimming, track and cross-country.

STEP DOWN ON WAY UP

Wouldn't it be more feasible to step down a bit in level of competition and in turn possibly bring about a much-needed rise in prestige.

How about a league which would include Seaholm, Groves, Bloomfield Hills, Oak Park and a couple of the other schools in this general area?

It would end travel problems such as: Birmingham Groves to Southgate—about 25 miles; Seaholm to Port Huron—about 40 miles; Bloomfield Hills to Northville—about 20 miles.

And with the current "modern" trend toward more book learnin', our educators are frowning at the time off from school necessary for athletes who compete in afternoon contests.

Groves is the only school north of Telegraph in the fledgling Tri-River League. The league has certain problems such as unavailability of facilities at some of the schools. But it was a good starting point for the newest Birmingham school. Now, to go from there . . .

SPORTS BLOOMING IN HILLS

Bloomfield Hills would be a natural for such a league. They've come up with fine athletic squads in all sports—save one, swimming. The proposition brought before the voters regarding a pool for the high school was drowned in apathy.

Almost all the Birmingham area schools travel right through Oak Park on their way to some place or another. And for a number of years, Hill's has scheduled Oak Park as its opening opponent in basketball and football.

Other schools which may be interested in the forming of a new league may include Thurston and North Farmington.

Athletic directors: Take a walk around the block. Pull the collar of your overcoat up around your ears and lower the tip of your hat to keep the wind from forming icicles on your forehead. Then think.

What are the possibilities? What advantages would a new league hold for your school? Would the school administrators be happy? The students?

Now's the time for all good athletic directors to come to the aid of their program, etc.

Happy New Year!

West's Overtime Foul Shots Give Barons 58-56 Decision

The Bloomfield Hills Barons hope to give Birmingham Seaholm a tough battle for "Ulcer Award of the Year."

Coach Don Hoff's cagers edged Milford Friday, 58-56, in overtime.

The Barons blew an early 11 point lead and only two overtime foul shots by Chuck West and an effective stall saved the game for the Barons in their fourth league encounter.

Bloomfield has a 3-1 Wayne-Oakland league record while Milford now is 0-4. In other games around the W-O League, Northville and West Bloomfield continued their winning streaks (both are undefeated), and Clarkston lost.

The Barons are all alone in third place because of Clarkston's loss.

NO GAMES are scheduled for this week, but the league gets back in action on Jan. 5 when Hills invades Brighton to tangle with the Bulldogs who are in sixth place.

Friday against Milford Art Fregenza paced the Barons with 20 points, his best effort of the season. Teammates West, Roger Stewart and Brian O'Neil dumped in 10 points each. Dennis Flynn, with 19 points, was the high man on the Redskin squad. Tom Sheffler added 15 for Milford.

The Redskins jumped to an early lead and kept the Barons scoreless in the early minutes of the first period. But the Hills botshots managed to gain the lead by the end of the first quarter.

MILFORD'S "never-give-up" attitude kept them in the game against the more experienced Hills cagers.

The Barons struggled through the second period and managed to post a halftime lead of 24-18.

The last half proved to be a different contest than the one staged earlier in the game. With a little more than a quarter left to play, the Barons broke the game wide open and charged to a 11 point lead.

However, Milford's determination brought them within two points of the Barons. With less than a minute to play the score read: Bloomfield 55, Milford 50.

DENNIS FLYNN of Milford connected on a jump shot in the last second of the game and sent the contest into overtime.

West, Dan Brown and Bill Bennett combined efforts to mark up the Baron's six overtime tallies and then helped their own cause with an effective stall which befuddled the Milford five.

Next contest for the Barons will be Jan. 5 at Brighton.

HILLS	FG	FT	P	MILFORD	FG	FT	P
Stewart	4	2	10	Painter	5	2	12
Brown	2	0	4	Perrish	0	0	0
Bennett	1	0	2	Sheffler	5	5	15
Calhoun	1	0	2	Flynn	7	5	19
Fregenza	7	6	20	Powers	1	0	2
Fricke	0	0	0	Barnes	4	0	8
West	3	4	10		—	—	—
O'Neil	5	0	10	Totals	22	12	56
Totals	23	12	58				

Maple Grads Make Squad At State

Two former Birmingham Seaholm swimmers and a diver are top prospects on the Michigan State University 1961-62 swimming squad.

Sophomore Bill Driver, a former state champion and American prep record holder while performing for Seaholm, will compete in the breaststroke and is challenging veteran Denny Ruppart for a leg of the 400-yard medley team.

Coach Charles McCaffree says Driver has the top potential on the squad. Bill's brother Lee is a breastroker for Birmingham Groves High School.

DIVING SHOULD be strengthened with the addition of Van Lowe, who also is a sophomore. The coaches regard him as the finest freshman diver to come up to the varsity in years.

The third former Seaholm tanker is sophomore Denny Collins who will compete in the 100 and 220-yard freestyle events.

The Spartans had an 8-2 dual meet record last year and finished fourth in the Big Ten Meet and fifth in the NCAA meet.

Tam O'Shanter Boosts Golf Day

Michigan golfers were second only to Illinois in their contributions during National Golf Day, according to Warren Orlick of Tam O'Shanter, magazine chairman for the Michigan Section, PGA, and Don Soper, president of the section.

Illinois finished high with a total of $8,913.36 while Michigan was close behind with $8,788.60. Thirty-five sections participated in the program.

Among the private courses, Detroit Golf Club was high with $482 and Tam O'Shanter was second with $386.

Eighty-six clubs participated with 8,249 players competing from Michigan.

Rec Hockey Standings

LEADING SCORERS

Midgets	G	A	P
Leo Bartush—Banshees	3	2	5
Doug MacLean—Banshees	1	3	4
Mike Henry—Banshees	1	3	4
Dean Robertson—Eldorados	2	1	3
Doug Kauffman—Yellow Jackets	4	0	4
Juvenile			
Terry McGovern—Jets	5	1	6
Phill Honkanen—Jets	1	2	3
Don Alcorn—Jets	1	2	3
Bob Kramb—Tigers	2	1	3

MIDGETS	W	L	T	P	JUVENILES	W	L	T	P
Y'low Jkts	1	0	1	3	Jets	2	0	0	4
Banshees	1	0	2	2	Tigers	1	0	1	3
Gr. Hr'nts	1	1	0	2	Bulldogs	0	1	1	1
Eldorados	0	1	1	1	Huskies	0	2	0	0

Rice Cagers Win; Jagels Scores 16

Paul Jagels, last year's leading scorer, led the Brother Rice cagers to their fifth win of the season last Thursday over Catholic Central's junior varsity, 64-58.

Troubled with near-sightedness, according to Coach Ken Yastic, Jagels is being fitted for contact lenses. But his shooting eye was on the beam against Central as he flipped eight baskets for 16 points, his top effort of the season.

Adding to Jagels' splurge was big Dave Walters (6-3) who scored three baskets and nine extra points for 15 points. Six-four Bill Moore added 14 for the Warriors and crafty little guard, Ken Skover (5-9) added 10 points for Rice's best all-around scoring balance of the year.

THE WARRIORS jumped to a 15-6 lead after the first quarter. Catholic Central caught fire in the second eight-minute stanza and tallied 24 points, but Rice maintained a seven-point halftime margin by dunking 22 points in the second quarter.

Rice edged the CC boys 17-15 in the third period but Central took advantage of a Warrior cold streak in the last quarter and out scored the winners, 14-10.

"It was one of the best team efforts we've produced so far," commented Brother Rice Coach Ken Yastic. "They're starting to jell."

At one point in the game, Walters made seven free throws in a row. He finished with nine of 13.

Rice's record now is 5-1 for the season. Next game will be Jan. 5 at Queen of Peace.

BROTHER RICE	FG	FT	P	CATHOLIC CENTRAL	FG	FT	P
Walters	3	9	15				
Campbell	0	2	2	Byrnes	9	3	21
Moore	6	2	14	Conley	5	3	13
Skover	3	4	10	Fitzpatr'k	4	1	9
Jagels	8	0	16	Marlanis	4	0	8
Callahan	2	3	7	Hulgraves	3	1	7
Totals	22	20	64	Totals	25	8	58

Top Series 521 In BAC Bowling

Janet Diefendorf's high game of 157 and series of 417 boosted her team, the Hawks, into third place in the Birmingham Athletic Club mixed doubles bowling league.

Rolling men's high game was Bliss Finlay with a 189. Top series was bowled by Tom Brennan with a 521.

The Orioles topped the 13 other teams in combined effort. They had a 567 game and a 1594 series.

In first place are the Parrots with a 38-22 record. They are being pursued by the Cardinals who are one game back with a 37-23 mark. The Hawks are 36-24.

Bowling for prizes, Jean Anderson knocked over 52 pins over her average in the first game of the night last Wednesday. Brennan tipped 19 pins over his average to top the men.

At the conclusion of the bowling, each team presented President Frank Boyer a birthday gift.

Harvey Croze Wins Letter in Soccer At Amherst College

Harvey J. Croze Jr., a graduate of Cranbrook, has earned a varsity letter in soccer in his sophomore year at Amherst College. A numeral winner on last year's unbeaten freshman team, Croze moved up to play a halfback position on the Jeff varsity. Harvey won three letters in soccer in his years at Cranbrook.

Off the soccer field, Harvey has made a name for himself in student publications and in music. An editor of the yearbook in high school, he is a member of the yearbook at Amherst and was layout editor of Sabrina, the college humor magazine.

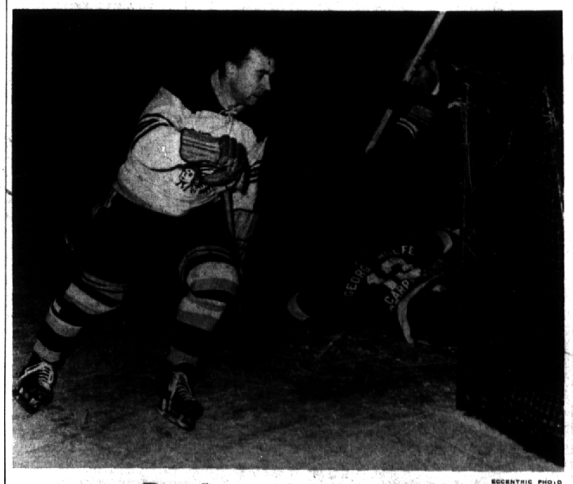
Commended for his showing on the National Merit Scholarship tests, Croze maintain a "B" average at Amherst, where he earned a scholarship upon admission.

Area Figure Skaters Show Form at Iceland

A number of Birmingham area ice skaters were a part of Sunday's exhibition presented by the Great Lakes Figure Skating Skating Club at Iceland in Troy.

Jack Dio of Birmingham performed a show number with Gary Visconti of Detroit. Visconti also teamed with Bloomfield Township's Diane Simancek in a duet.

Others in the show included Lynn Smith of Birmingham who danced a Dutch Waltz with Dio, and Gloria MacMillan of Lathrup who skated a number with Ellen Freed of Detroit.



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Ready to Scalp Chief

If you think the hockey player on the right is about to clobber his own teammate, you're wrong. The goalie on the ice is Jerry Blanzy of the Chiefs, who play at Eton Park in Birmingham. Blanzy lost his white jersey—therefore the borrowed dark one. And he did get clobbered. Blanzy's teammate, Bob Wood, in the foreground, races around the net to get the puck which the skater on the right tried to get past Blanzy. The Chiefs have a 2-2 record. They won by scores of 14-2 and 14-4 and lost by 6-2 and 3-2.

Recreation Round-Up

BOYS HOCKEY: The game schedule for Saturday in the midget and juvenile hockey league is as follows:

7:30 a.m. Banshees vs Eldorados
8:30 a.m. Green Hornets vs Yellow Jackets
9:30 a.m. Huskies vs Bulldogs
10:30 a.m. Jets vs Tigers

Practice session for the midget league will be held on Friday, from 8 to 10 a.m. instead of Monday.

Boys 10 to 13 years of age registered in the clinic sessions should check at the ice rink office for the special holiday schedule.

SLEDDING & SKIING: A lighted sled and ski slope is available for winter sports on 14 Mile south of Cranbrook Road when weather permits.

FAMILY SWIMMING: The family swimming program will resume at Seaholm High School on Monday nights beginning January 8 from 7:30 to 10 p.m. and at Derby Jr. High on Thursday nights, 7:15-9:45, beginning January 14. All children must be accompanied by the parents into the pool.

CHILDREN'S SWIMMING CLASSES: Registrations will be accepted at the Recreation office, Municipal Building through Friday for the children's swimming classes. The next series of classes will begin Jan. 6.

SENIOR HIGH NEW YEAR'S DANCE: The New Year's Eve dance, sponsored by the Community House and the Recreation Department will be held this year on Dec. 30 at the Community House from 9:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. The dance is being held on Saturday evening instead of New Year's Eve which is a Sunday this year.

Committees composed of students from Seaholm and Groves High Schools have been working on the program during the past several weeks. Tickets may be purchased at Grinnells Music Store over the holidays for $3.75 or the night of the dance at the Community House for $4.00 per couple.

The cost of the ticket includes refreshments, favors, etc. Music will be by Bill Gail and his orchestra. Students home from colleges for the holidays are invited to attend.

SENIOR MEN'S CLUB: The Birmingham Senior Mens Club celebrated its 5th annual Christmas party with a party in the Ranch Room of the Community house which was appropriately decorated by Herbert Flemmington and helpers.

Gifts were distributed to the ladies who served the club luncheons throughout the year and the ladies in turn surprised the membership with gifts. Those honored were Mrs. D. E. McGaw, Mrs. E. Thorne, Mrs. G. Pitts, Mrs. W. Wengren, Mrs. C. Ervin, Mrs. J. C. O'Rourke, Mrs. T. H. Rich, Mrs. P. Hollingshead, Mrs. R. Moore, Mrs. D. Dabson and Mrs. F. C. Gould.

Mort Hyde and Leo Stears led the singing. Trecott Henshaw showed color slides of club activities throughout the year and historical scenes of old Birmingham. Christman gifts donated by the members were sent to the childrens home in Pontiac .

Next meeting will be Dec. 29 when James Barrett will speak on the U.S. Constitution. On January 5 the new officers of the club will be installed.

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'500' Next?

David Reschke of Bloomfield Township was among the top finishers in the recent world's championship in midget racing at the eighth annual Bahamas International Speed Week. Frank Reschke, 5110 Wing Lake Road, the boy's father, chats with the speedster before the main event.

B'ham Ski Club to Show Jay's 'Once Upon an Alp'

John Jay's newest ski film, "Once Upon an Alp," will be presented next Thursday at 8:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Theater. The program is sponsored by the Birmingham Ski Club.

Proceeds will go for AMSETT, the American Skiers Education Training Trust, a fund which provides education and training in the West for high school aged youngsters who are potential Olympic team racers and CUSSA Junior Program, the Central United States Ski Association, which provides training for junior racing skiers in the central United States.

A Phi Beta Kappa and former Williams College athlete, Jay expanded his love for skiing and early experience with documentary film making into a lifetime vocation.

IN 1948 HE was named official U.S. Olympic photographer for the Winter Games at St. Mortiz, Switzerland.

With his wife's assistance he has photographed and narrated 16 color motion pictures. The film concentrate on human interest and local color shots sandwiched between the hair-raising skiing episodes.

"Once Upon an Alp" tells the amusing story of a Vermont farmer who dreams of skiing in the Alps—and ends up with his dream coming true.

THE MOVIE was shot almost entirely in the Swiss mountain village of Flims. It stars Olympic skier Putzi Frandle of Austria, and America's outstanding ski comedian, Don Powers.

Climax of the feature length production is a high speed chase down 20 miles of steep Alpine slopes by a dozen crack Swiss ski-meisters.

Tickets may be obtained from Birmingham Ski Club members, at any local ski shop, or by sending a check or money order, plus a self-addressed envelope, to the Birmingham Ski Club, Box 140, Birmingham. Cost is $2.50 per ticket.

Spierling Sets Pool Record at Muskingum

Tom Spierling of Birmingham, a freshman at The College of Wooster has already established himself as one of the better swimmers on the Wooster squad, according to Coach John Swigart.

In pre-holiday action Wooster placed third in the annual Ohio Conference Relays and defeated Case Tech at Cleveland 60-31 and Muskingum College at New Concord, 57-37.

Against Case Tech, Spierling won the 200-yard backstroke in 2:29.3, and also swam the backstroke laps of the medley relay which Wooster won.

SPIERLING SET a new record for the Muskigum pool when he won the 200 backstroke in 2:25.3. He was also on the winning medley relay team.

Spierling is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Campbell Spierling, 1665 Birmingham, and was graduated from Birmingham Seaholm high school last June. He won three scholastic awards in swimming while at Seaholm.

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