

CROSSFIRE

No Excuse For Tigers This Time

By LOU CHIESI

For years lamented Detroit Tiger fans have lamented, usually late in the season, that the club just didn't get off to a fast start...

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Last year's champions as this year's runners-up. Birmingham Seaholm and Cranbrook, 1959 Class A and B Central Michigan University Relays champions...

Seaholm was bridesmaid with 16 1/2 points to 49 3/4 for Lansing Sexton. Cranbrook, competitor in Class B, was below Ecorse 62-65 1/2.

ONLY INDIVIDUAL winner for either team was Seaholm's versatile Tom Sweeney who flew to a 21-34 in the broad jump.

Sweeney was joined by Pete Henderson, Bill Henderson and Scotty Purvis as the quartet swept the start for the club's difficulties.

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Chick, Schaefer and Crouse were joined by Mark Graham for the winning combination in the 440-yard relay. Ecorse was second with a 4:54 to Cranbrook's 4:52.

IN THE shuttle hurdle relay, Cuff, George Bisbee, Easel Bailey and team captain Ted Williams finished on top with a time of one minute flat. Ecorse was second, behind by one second.

Rounding out the team's firsts, the excellent combination of Chick, Cuff, Schaefer and Crouse returned to speed, to a school record of 1:32.8 while winning the 880-yard relay mark. The time is the same that of Seaholm in Class A.

Second places by the Cranes were grabbed by Williams with a 21 1/2 in the low hurdles and the mile relay squad with a 3:38.4.

FOR SEAHOLM, Jim Stephenson leaped a 5-10 for a second place in the high jump and the two mile relay squad...

The Maples' two mile relay squad is composed of two sophomores and two juniors. The sophomores are King Bateman and John Collins; the juniors, Murray Stewart and Mike...

Bloomfield Hills High also was among the field of 30 Class A teams taking part in the relay, but failed to score a point. This year is the Barons' first in A competition.

FINAL CLASS A STANDINGS: 1. Seaholm 49 3/4, 2. Cranbrook 49 3/4, 3. Waterford 49 3/4, 4. Mason 49 3/4, 5. Mt. Pleasant 49 3/4.

MILE RELAY—Positive Central 1:32.8 (record), 880 YARD—SEAHOLM—1:32.8 (record), POLE VAULT—John Best (Seattle Creek Central) 13-10.

TWO MILE RELAY—Lansing Sexton 1:32.8 (record), SHOT PUT—Brosell Pritchett (Positive Central) 42-10.

SPRINT MIDDLEY—Case City 2:43.9 (record), 120 YD HURDLES—Ecorse (Blaine) 1:32.8 (record), ONE MILE RUN—John Bowen (Blaine) 4:49.2.

100 YD DASH—Hal Hoyt (Positive) 15:00 (Ecorse) 29.4, 150 YD DASH—Joe Farham (Mason) 21:34, 200 YD DASH—James Lee (Seaholm) 21:34.

Nice 'n Easy Does It

Bloomfield Hills' Buddy Badger, a returning letterman on Michigan State's 1961 golf team, gets some advice from Coach John Brotzman...

Badger has won both his matches this year to date by shutting out opponents from the University of Detroit and Hillsdale. The latter performance was particularly impressive for he shot a par 71 on a wet course...

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Golf is in full swing. Courses are beginning to show that crowded look as more and more enthusiasts are getting that feeling.

There's one man in particular who's getting to be that way... for the 35th or so year in a row.

He doesn't get very excited. As a matter of fact, he's exceptionally calm. But you can tell he's anxious to get on the course once again.

With the exception of the war years, Maguire has spent all his golf time in the Birmingham area. He was ready-master at Birmingham CC in '35 and '36 and assistant to Al Watrous at Oakland Hills CC from 1937 to August of 1945 when he returned to the Birmingham club.

Ray spends most of his time with the adult members of the club but has managed to keep a deep interest in 'kids.

"ONE THING you can say in the column which will be a service is that many parents start kids with adult clubs as they give their kids some club into which they'll grow."

"This is bad. It would be much better if a kid had just one club in the column which will be a service is that many parents start kids with adult clubs as they give their kids some club into which they'll grow."

RAY WAS hired as a caddy and in 1929 got his first job at North Hills Golf Club in Birmingham.

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The Birmingham Eccentric SPORTS

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Who is Ralph Guldahl? Snead's First Nemesis

Oakland Hills Country Club today is considered one of the world's most severe golf tests.

But the course where the U. S. Open championship is to be decided, June 15-17, once proved to be a pushover. That was when Ralph Guldahl won the title in 1937.

Guldahl and the nation's best golfer used Oakland Hills as a yardstick to demonstrate that steel-shafted clubs and high velocity balls had outgrown many of this country's famed courses of first flight competition.

CYRIL WALKER won the 1924 Open at Oakland Hills with a score of 297, nine strokes over par. Guldahl, a tall, slope-shouldered Texan, beat Walker's score by 16 strokes with a record 281 over the 7,007-yard layout, longest on which the Open ever has been played.

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Guldahl's often played with exasperating deliberation, a Triumph at Oakland Hills has even more than the usual tang for Guldahl because it is a hole in one of a few miles from Franklin Hills C. C., where he took his first job as assistant to Hugh Bain in 1922.

THE BIG TEXAN was close to his peak in 1937. Starting in 1936 he won three successive Western (See GOLF, 7-E)

Falcon Track Team Rips Riverside Gang

Sweeping to eight first and eight second places the Groves track squad knocked off Riverside, 74-34 1/2, April 26 at home.

Torrid spirit races continued between Falcon, teamate-rivals Groves Peters and Art Schueler. Schueler beat Peters in the 100-yard dash with a 1:06 while Peters took the 220 in 24.5.

According to Falcon Coach Ray Vavruska most times were relatively slow due to weather conditions.

SCHUELER ALSO took a first in the broad jump with a leap of 20-8. In the last event of the afternoon duo combined with Bill Quick and Chet Rudzinski to run a 1:38.8 for a first in the 880-yard relay.

The Falcon thirdinals began the race with a clean sweep in the 120-yard high hurdles. Rick Morrow came in first with a 19.2 while Bill Bates finished second. Schueler and Dean Kruze finished 2-3 in the shot put and Bob Webster and Pete Foot each pulled over a 2-3 in the high jump.

Pete Foot added a third in the broad jump. Royal Oak Dondoro visits the Groves track for a 4 p.m. meet today.

MISS WILSON, of Bloomfield Open Hunt, first won in the Working Hunter over Saddle class. Lucy Bates finished second. Debbie's other wins (all on Unexpected) were Junior Open Working Hunter over Saddle (Chris Jones second on Kid Grey), Green Working Hunter over Saddle (Equitation over Fences, 13 and under).

Adding to the list: Equitation Championship, Jun 1 or Working Hunter Championship and Junior Working Hunter over Saddle.

Another BOH big winner was Robert Egan, who runs the stables at the Hills club. Egan rode Red Carpet to a first in the Working Hunter Appointments for adults. Warkyn Hunter over Fences and Heather Campbell led him to the Hinner's circle after the Working Hunter over Saddle.

Egan also took a third in the Equitation over Fences and Chris Jones, Peter Foley and Larry Hefley, who won the FEI Jump (14-18).

Baron Golf Squad Still Undefeated After 8 Matches

Bloomfield Hills High's golf squad is beginning to show the promise everyone expects. Undefeated in match play last season, the squad has yet to lose a match this season.

Latest victim of the Barons was Brighton, which lost by three strokes, 177-180, last Thursday. Among the members of the squad are Bruce Billings, an Try, Fred Ewald, Chuck West, Paul Karsneyer and Carl Becker.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN Wrestling Show Likened To 'Wierd Folk Dancing'

To the editor: In the current discussion about saving our children from professional wrestlers, I'm all for our children. But saving them is a bigger job than first meets the eye.

As a "teen ager" I watched in fascination the mountain ranges of muscle committed agonizing atrocities on each other. I believed each group of pain, grimace of endurance. Never again would I view this spectacle. But I did. I often came across people transfixed by the grunting battle on their TV screens. What fascinates them so?

I finally decided that professional wrestling is a weird form of folk dancing. The characters quickly establish themselves as good guys or bad boys by the use of acceptable or unacceptable male characteristics in our society.

THE GOOD GUY is erect, clean shaven, thin waisted, gleaming toothed, thick shouldered, short haired and open natured. The bad guy is unshaven, hunch backed, long haired, furtive, a hazygarg, paunchy, swarthy, and he cheats.

Just like a western movie? Of course. There are many similarities. The good guy usually plays the American Ideal of Manhood while the bad guy leans and sneers. Act or round two finds the bad guy with the upper hand and taking gleeful advantage by unfair tactics such as eye gouging, gun whipping or back biting.

Just like the movie script, the winner of the match is predetermined. If the good guy wins... even though he may have had...

I LIKENED this contest to a dance, but rather played by men. The performers are in fine condition (I assume) and perform their roles with pride and pleasure. Each fall is done in three different directions (very much like ballet) so that all may perceive the full glory of each "pas de deux."

Viewed in terms such as these, professional wrestling is a very entertaining performance.

THE DANGER of such a spectacle is that students, such as these stereotypes serious. If brown, gleaming, and muscular good nature are the most admirable characteristics a young man can strive to achieve, why not the effort. If one who is unattractive, different looking or unclear in immediate judgment, why not the standards are at fault. If every problem is to be met with bulldozed force andatory, why not a crafty tool of the villain... our very culture is in peril.

The only probable solution to this dilemma is education. Teaching our children to judge and human standards is difficult but vital. Human relations are complex. Sorting out the good and bad actions and attitudes and rejecting the superficial, pointless, stereotyped standards are not easy decisions.

Good for our high schools for recognizing potentially harmful influences on our students. I, as a parent, am gratified with your concern.

A READER

People's Column Reader Says Pro Wrestling Is Farce

To the Editor: A vigorous support Mr. Gilster's objection to presenting professional "wrestling" at Groves High School. This farce which parades under the name of wrestling is a most flagrant display of sportsmanship. It is diametrically opposed to the type of conduct and spirit of sportsmanship which would develop in our student organizations.

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Barons on the Green

Joe Pulliam (background) watches as Bloomfield Hills High teamate Carl Becker prepares to sink a putt (and he FEI). The two are members of the Baron squad which is undefeated to date. Clarkson visits North Hills today at 4 p.m. to challenge the Barons.

Day at Horse Show As Debbie Gets 7 Wins

Grosse Pointes Saturday and Sunday declared "Dee Day" when Bloomfield Hills' Debbie Wilson seven times went to the winners' circle.

Occasion was the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club Spring Horse Show at which Debbie was declared show champion.

Debbie's victories were expected but her horse was "Unexpected." She rode her favorite mount seven big wins, most in the show.

MR. DELIBERATE made a return engagement when Sue Foley rode him to victory in the Ladies Working Hunter over Fences and Heather Campbell led him to the Hinner's circle after the Working Hunter over Saddle.

Tennis Team Wins First

The Groves athletic situation is looking better every day. Beginning in the fall, the southeast Birmingham high school will compete in the new Tri-Rivers League.

Riverside also will compete in the new Tri-Rivers League. The Groves tennis squad won their first match of the season April 26 defeating Riverside 2-1.

After taking drubblings from Seaholm and Hazel Park the netball took all three rubber matches to break a 2-2 tie after the singles events.

FALCON singles winners were: Tom Cantrell (No. 3 singles) 6-1, 7-2 over Carl Langstrom and Dick Wies (No. 4 singles) 6-2, 6-2 over Jerry Grohowski.

Groves doubles winners were: Dick Wind and Dick Torok at No. 1, 6-0, 6-1 over Mike Wayman and Neil Stroumber; Tom Dashiell and Hugh McCombs 6-2, 6-0 over Pat Ewing and Marty Zykowski; and Bruce Carpenter and Tom Dashiell over George Casarik-Andy Verc at Hazel Park, 4 p.m.

Seven-Time Winner

Pretty Debbie Wilson floats over the hurdles with her mount. Miss Wilson was a seven-time winner in Saturday and Sunday's Grosse Pointe Spring Horse Show. A member of the Bloomfield Open Hunt, Debbie was selected show champion.



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