

# Schmidt Flings No-Bitter As Maples Down Parkers

Gene Schmidt pitched the area's first no-hit game of the season Sunday at Birmingham. Seasholm knocked off Hazel Park, 8-1. The Parkers one run was the result of three errors in the sixth inning.

Schmidt faced 28 men in the seven-inning game. He walked two and hit one batsman while striking out 12.

The Maples were uncatchable.

## CROSSFIRE Managers' Roundtable Unstable

By LOU CHIESI

Except for Ernie Banks, the home-run hitting shortstop, the Chicago Cubs generally are worse than what Mr. Phil Wrigley gets for a pack of his sparemint gum.

Not even the masters of a committee of eight managers—or are there nine?—can advance the humpy-dumplings of Mr. Wrigley to major league baseball respectability.

The Cubs are resting in general in the National League Pentland run, ahead of only the Philadelphia Phillies.

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Such descriptions seldom have been used in describing Mr. Wrigley, a man who still refuses to permit his club to play night baseball at home.

AS LONG AS chewing gum sells, Wrigley apparently can manipulate his Cubs without thought of the fans. More than any other owner in baseball he regards his baseball team as a hobby.

Perhaps the next step will be to appoint a committee of players to direct the team.

While mulling over such a possibility, Wrigley may consider the current sunshine in the life of one of his disposed managers, Bob Sheffing.

It is possible that baseball is losing its grip on the public. Increasingly, the average man in a like increase in average attendance.

Obviously, only the entry of new titles into the major leagues during the past decade—Milwaukee, Los Angeles and San Francisco—has kept attendance from falling sharply.

THE BIG TEN stages its spring meeting this week to formally bury its old-fashioned system of recruiting athletes. The rites will be quiet, not in respect to the plan, but in deference to those conference mastersmind who concocted the unworkable plan in the first place.

Officially, the conference is changing the plan. Little difference, the need factor has been eliminated and that was the core of the previous plan in which athletes from poor families received the minimum aid. Others were expected to pay according to what the Big Ten brought their parents to the table.

Whatever new plan the Big Ten adopts, it will follow more closely the National Collegiate Athletic Association program of the Big Ten is surrendering to reality.

THE swimming 'Sintz' of Birmingham are marking their mark in college circles. Pete Sintz has been elected co-captain along with poor families received the minimum aid.

Youngster brother Bob has earned his varsity swimming letter at Wittenberg University, Ohio. Pete was a member of a team in the recent "Little 500" at Indiana.

after jumping to a 4-0 lead in the first inning. Consecutive singles by leadoff man Tom Bardaly, Tim Toot and Ken McGruther followed by errors by Carl Kelesoy and a single by Mike Davis gave the home team the four run advantage.

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IN OTHER games last week, the Maples continued their winning ways defeating Eastern Michigan League team from East Detroit, 4-2, and Royal Oak Kimball, 7-6.

Tom Walters pitched the East Detroit contest. He struckout nine men while double plays in sixth and seventh inning stopped Rally.

Tout, Kelesoy, and Bardaly each got two hits for Seasholm.

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With J. O. C. D. A. R. I. U.

"We believe we can make this the largest National Open in history. With the weather warming up a bit and the excellent publicity we've been getting, I believe we'll set an all-time attendance record."

These words came from a man who will not be on the course, but on the bench—Judge John B. O'Hara, Sr., recorder and executive judge of Detroit's Records Court and general chairman of the 1961 National Open Golf Tournament. The tourney will be held at Birmingham's Oakland Hills, Aug. 15-17.

HIS HONOR gave details about the history of the Open and facilities for the tourney which returns to O'HCC for the fourth time.

Occasion was a gathering of the press Tuesday at the club.

The Judge also mentioned that a natural rivalry has developed between last year's Open champ Arnie Palmer and the Master who defeated him at the 1961 Masters in that old Confederate town of Augusta, Ga., South African Gary Player.

Another big boost for the tourney comes from the "rejuvenation" of the old "Slammer," Mr. Sneed himself. Sammy surprised many when he recently won the Los Angeles Open and added another few thousand silver dollars to his vault.

Sam Sneed has never won the Open. It's the one plum in which he has yet to get his thumb.

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# Cranes Win Regional; Star Maple Injured

By JOE CADARIU Sports Editor

There's joy at Cranbrook, but sorrow at Seasholm. The Crane track team took first place in the regional Class B meet Saturday at Detroit. Thurston was fourth with 15.

But Seasholm's favorite thin-chinny dropped to third in Class A. Tom Sweeney was best loser for the duration of the season, which includes Saturday's state meet at East Lansing, due to an injury inflicted while attempting his first broad jump.

WINNER OF the broad jump event was the Mandell and Central Michigan Relays, the husky senior was unable to compete in any of his events and therefore failed to appear among the 11 Maples who qualified for the state final.

According to Birmingham Coach Kermit Ambrósio the points Sweeney could have obtained would have been more than enough to win the regional and place Seasholm in a favorite position for the state championship.

Adding to the Maples' problems, Bruce Bates, running in third place in the 220-yard dash, fell about 10 yards from the finish line and failed to place.

ONLY ONE first place was grabbed by a Maple. Roger Mason vaulted 11' 0" to edge team-mate Jim Stephenson who tied for second at 11-8, a personal high.

Cranbrook's Barney Croose provided the big punch for the Cranes. He slender and 5'8" tall, he jumped 220, the broad jump and anchored the winning 880-yard relay squad which ran a 1:31.3 to edge Luth-

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Ann Arbor won the Barons seven strokes in the final hole. Flashy 3/4 by Bruce Belling checked West and Fred Ewald barrel pulled Hills ahead.

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West had 78, Ewald 79 and Tom Fry 81 for Hills.

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place FOUR gathered 44. Seasholm had 43 1/2 and host Thurston was fourth with 36 1/2.

Bloomfield Hills, competing for the first time in Class A, scored six points for a sixth place.

Bob Teichman had his personal best shot putt of 25-10. He had a heave was second in length to that of muscular Bradell Pritchett of PCL, who threw the shot 54-9.

IN CLASS A Waterford was second 61 1/2 points while host Seasholm was 56-9.

IN SATURDAY's regionals at Thurston in Detroit, Groves took a third place in Class B. The team gathered 19 points.

Saturday the Falcons will compete in the State meet. On May 25 they will be the first team to engage in the Tri-Rivers League meet. Official league competition will not begin until the fall.

Don't fret returned to action in the May 10 triangular meet after missing two contests due to a cold.

The swift sprinter had to settle for two second places behind teammate Art Scheiner who won the 100-yard dash in 1:18.3 and the 220 in 24.6.

SCHUELER ADDED a first in the broadjump with a leap of 20 feet while also leading the victorious 880-yard relay squad which ran a 1:38.4.

Others on the 880 team were Bill Quick, Chuck Rudzinski and Peters.

Quick came in first in the 440-yard dash with a timing of 55.2. Teammate Dale Bunce finished fourth.

Only other Falcon first was the mile relay team. Don Novak, Don Type, Lorenz and Eudiski finished a step ahead of the Riverside crew.

RECREATION Round-Up

TENNIS CLINIC: A tennis clinic will be conducted as part of the "Michigan Week Youth Day Program" on Saturday, May 27, 1:00 p.m., at Eton Park tennis courts. This activity which is open to all ages is sponsored by the recreation board through the courtesy of the Varsity Shop and Dunlop Sports.

Professional instruction will be provided by George Jennings, nationally known player and coach. Everyone is requested to bring his own tennis racket.

GOLF CLASSES: Classes for boys and girls 10 to 15 years old begin June 19. Register at recreation office, Municipal Building. The fee for a 4-session course is \$2.00. Classes will be held at one-hour intervals.

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## Six Area Speedsters To Race at Watford

It will be a big weekend in sports car racing Saturday and Sunday and Birmingham will be represented on the schedule with the Oakland County Sportsman's Road Racing Club's first event of the year—the Spring Sprint.

There are regional and one-half asphalt road course in Watford, the Spring Sprint is expected to draw over 100 entries from a six-state Midwestern area and Canada for the weekend's competition.

"Every major city in the Metropolitan Detroit area will be represented with a driver," said Art Novac, club president.

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