

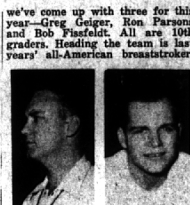
# High School Coaches Comment on Their Cage, Tank Teams

**By JOE CADARIU**  
Sports Editor

Another season—another sport. While most football players are recuperating from the hard-fought grid wars, those who excel in basketball and swimming are looking forward to the beginning of their seasons.

Coaches are watching the boys trying out for the squads and in the process making an attempt to get together as strong a squad as possible.

Here's what Birmingham area prep coaches have to say about their teams:



**GILSTER VAN FLEET**  
Lee Driver.

**GROVES SWIMMING**—Jim Gilster: "We have the nucleus for a good team. This will be our first year in Class A competition and it's going to be rough. We lost two fine swimmers in Bob Graham and Bill Quick who moved out of the area. After competing a whole season last year without a diver,

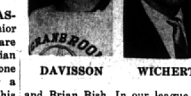
we've come up with three for this year—Greg Geiger, Ron Parsons and Bob Fiszfeld. All are 10th graders. Heading the team is last year's all-American breaststroker, off with the first one against Groves Pointe. We'd like to win 'em all but we may find a few toughies too tough for us. Our returning lettermen are in the butterfly, the back and the breast stroke. We're going to get a lot of help in the freestyle. We also have two new divers—one is Ken Haft, brother of Bud, who is one of our former divers. Leading the team will be all-Americans Don Spencer (state butterfly champ as a sophomore last year), Bob Wolf, Bob Kennedy and Jim Bradburn. The team is made up of 11 seniors, 18 juniors and 21 sophomores.

**SEAHOLM BASKETBALL**—Low Perry: "This is our year of rebuilding. We lost our height with the graduation of Ray Durne and Bob Sayle. We have 13 kids on the squad, including three seniors and two soph. Coaches from last year are Gene Schmidt and Jay Shutt, guards Jack Bacheiler, center; and Jack Harvey, forward. They, along with John Slater, should be our starting five. It's going to be tough in this league (Eastern Michigan League). Kimball's got their whole team back and Port Huron will also be tough. It may be a long season, but our boys have a lot of spirit and teamwork. We may surprise a few teams.

**GROVES BASKETBALL**—Tom Carson: "I've got 15 uniforms to fill. We lost Mike Bearden our high flyer last year. We won't have much height, but we'll have speed. Don't count us short, we'll be there. We have a few boys up from the JV squad who will help. This will be our first year of cage competition in the Tri-River League. Also it is our first time playing as a Class A school.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS BASKETBALL**—Ed Wichert: Senior lettermen who are returning are Art Trezona, Pat Pettibone, Brian O'Neil and Chuck West. Pettibone won't be able to join us for a couple of weeks. He dislocated his shoulder in football. He's our starting center. Other seniors who should help are John Schweppe and Bill Bennett. We've been working

with Dan Brown, who is 6-8, and a transfer from Ohio. We've got a real good crop of juniors. Among them are Roger Stewart, Rick Fricks, Bill Calloun, Tom Melrose

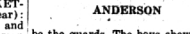


**DAVISON WICHERT**

and Brian Biah. In our league, the Wayne-Oakland, the team to beat will probably be Northville. We're pointing for them. It's no use being the rest and then getting knocked-off by them. We have a

**BROTHER RICE BASKETBALL**—Ken Yastic (first year): "The team was 15-0 last year and beat some real good freshman squads. Now they're 10th graders and will play junior varsity teams. We have a couple of games with varsity teams—St. Joe's and Cranbrook. Dave Walter, 6-3; and Bill

Moore, 6-4, should provide the bulk of our rebounding with help from Paul Jagers, 5-11, who has moved from guard to forward. Ken Shover, 5-8, and John Callahan, 5-7, should



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be the guards. The boys show good spirit and teamwork—these are the important things. (Brother Rice is the newest of the Birmingham area high schools and has only 9th and 10th graders.)

## CHATTERBOX

**By JOE CADARIU**

Let's take a backward glance at the Birmingham prep sports picture and see if we can come up with "the forward look."

Best record among the area football squads was marked-up by Cranbrook, 6-1. Kudos must go to new grid coach and athletic director Pete Slader. He came here from New York, and was a total stranger to this area's sports situation.

Seaholm's Coach Carl Lemle also must be commended for somehow or other gathering a team which had enough courage to face the "bears" of the tough Eastern Michigan League.

One bright spot in the Maple lineup was Jim Daniels, quiet, unassuming halfback, who ran to 10 TD's, and was second in yards gained only to Ferndale's swift Dorie Reid.

**NATURAL RIVALRIES**

It seems a shame that Seaholm and Cranbrook can't resume their rivalry. The spirit and enthusiasm shown by the student bodies of both schools would provide a natural backdrop for competition in any sport.

And why can't some of the other schools in the area schedule those closer to them? Say, Bloomfield Hills vs. Seaholm; or Groves vs. Brother Rice.

They would be natural.

By the way, word around is that Brother Rice is sitting atop a powder keg, and are due to explode. The new Bloomfield Township parochial high school is already building a tradition of victories.

Last year's cage squad was 15-0 and will face (with only 9th and 10 graders) some varsity teams this year. Among them is Cranbrook. And don't think that this is a mismatch.

Rice has two boys, 6-4 and 6-3. That's relatively tall for a high school boy. But these boys are just sophomores — and still growing, according to Coach Ken Yastic.

**HERE ARE OTHERS**

Groves, with its Art Schuler, fared quite well in its first year in the Tri-River League. The Falcons dropped close decisions to Cranbrook and Seaholm. Next year may be different.

Bloomfield Hills also had an individual star — Roger Stewart. He scored 100 points, and in only seven games. (See CHATTERBOX, 7-E)

## Jim Daniels—Forgotten Man

**By STEVE CHANDLER**  
Sports Correspondent

When a football team finishes in the second division of its league there is little hope for recognition of any of its stars.

Seaholm's Jim Daniels, one of the top backs in the state this year, went through the football season virtually unnoticed.

Daniels started the season with a bang when the Maples overcame Rossstown rival, Groves, 15-13. In this battle, Daniels scored both Seaholm touchdowns on 15 and 17 yards.

WHEN THE Maples hit a mid-season four-game losing streak, it was partially because Daniels was stopped. He did score the Sunbelt in Seaholm's 40-7 loss to Port Huron. The tally came on an 85 yard kickoff return.

It was Daniels who led the Maples back on the winning track when he roared for three touchdowns on 20, 26 and 29 yards from the Clemens. A week later a 71 yard first period score paved the way for a five-touchdown triumph over East Detroit.

Then came the battle with Royal Oak Dondora. The Maples hadn't beaten them since the days of Tom "The Bomb" Tracy, 10 years ago.

THIS YEAR Seaholm uncovered its new bomb—Daniels—who exploded for 147 yards and flashed to another long touchdown run, this one for 81 yards.

In what may have been the best game of his prep career, Daniels totaled 191 yards and streaked for a 91 yard TD in Seaholm's upset loss to Southfield, the last game of the season. The spring senior also had a 58 yard scoring run called back because of a penalty.

When the hectic Maple season came to a close, Daniels' record sparkled with a total of 10 touchdowns and 820 yards gained. He averaged 8.5 yards per carry.

And that's quite a record for any gragger competing in the tough Eastern Michigan League.

"JIM IS AS good a back as any I have ever coached," says Seaholm Coach Carl Lemle. "And the best thing about him is that he's just as good on defense as he is on offense."

"He's a real coachable kid and I'm confident that he and Dorie Reid of Ferndale were the best halfbacks in the league."

And representative of the comments of his teammates is one by Ed John Strang: "Daniels actually made our line look good. If we opened a hole for him, he never failed to go through."

"If we couldn't make an opening, Daniels would use his power to state his own case. He never broke away he couldn't be stopped as his record of long runs shows."

The unheralded halfback was second in total yardage gained in the Eastern Michigan League to Dorie Reid of Ferndale.

## B'ham Area Schools' Winter Sports Schedules

SCHOOL	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME	
<b>GROVES BASKETBALL</b>	Nov. 24	Lawrence	H 8:00	
	Dec. 1	Seaholm	T 8:00	
	Dec. 2	Farmington	T 8:00	
	Dec. 8	Lansburgh	T 8:00	
	Dec. 10	Macomb	T 8:00	
	Jan. 5	Huron	H 8:00	
	Jan. 19	Cherry Hill	H 8:00	
	Feb. 2	Southgate	H 8:00	
	Feb. 16	Farmington S.	H 8:00	
	Mar. 2	Riverdale	T 8:00	
	Mar. 13	Tournaments	8:00	
	Mar. 21	Tournaments	8:00	
<b>SEAHOLM BASKETBALL</b>	Dec. 1	Grandville	H 8:00	
	Dec. 5	Dondora	T 8:00	
	Dec. 19	Southfield	T 8:00	
	Jan. 9	Port Huron	H 8:00	
	Jan. 19	Mt. Clemens	H 8:00	
	<b>BLOOMFIELD HILLS BASKETBALL</b>	Nov. 28	Holly	H 4:00
		Dec. 13	Northville	T 7:30
		Dec. 15	Warren	T 7:30
		Dec. 19	Brighton	T 7:30
		Jan. 2	Bloomfield Hills	H 7:30
		Jan. 16	Clarkston	H 7:30
		Jan. 23	Clarkston	H 7:30
Feb. 6		Clarkston	H 7:30	
Feb. 13		Clarkston	H 7:30	
Feb. 20		Clarkston	H 7:30	
Feb. 27		Clarkston	H 7:30	
<b>CRANBROOK BASKETBALL</b>		Dec. 1	Waterford	T 8:00
	Dec. 15	Warren	T 8:00	
	Dec. 29	Warren	T 8:00	
	Jan. 12	Warren	T 8:00	
	Jan. 26	Warren	T 8:00	
	Feb. 9	Warren	T 8:00	
	Feb. 23	Warren	T 8:00	
	Mar. 7	Warren	T 8:00	
	Mar. 21	Warren	T 8:00	
	Mar. 28	Warren	T 8:00	
	Mar. 31	Warren	T 8:00	

## Hills Quarterback Club Changes Name, Goals

A group of Bloomfield Hills athletes, better known as the Sunbelt Morning Quarterback Club, Inc. has changed its name to the Bloomfield Hills Dad's Club, Inc.

Motto of the organization is "Devoted to the support of athletics and physical education in all Bloomfield Hills schools."

Reason for the name change is the group's intention to serve a function to all sports in all schools, rather than only football activities.

Elected officers for the 1961-62 academic year are William Pettibone, chairman of the board; Jerry Berley, president; Colin Stewart, vice president; Lorne O'Neil, secretary; Fred Gode, treasurer; K. M. H. Trezona, membership chairman; Don Miller, social chairman.

SIXTEEN ITEMS for the schools which are not now provided for in school funds are listed as those the club would like to help secure over a period of time.

They are: basketball practice areas, dressing rooms, basketball bars, horizontal bars, display board for team schedule, equipment storage facilities, baseball pitching machine, baseball dugouts, additional tennis court and brochures and schedules of school events.

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THREE MAJOR areas of concentration for the group will be lights for the football fields, around athletic fields and indoor swimming pools.

Immediate goals of the Dad's Club are:

- To help plan for proper and thoughtful budgeting for athletics in all schools.
- To help obtain much needed sports equipment not now provided for in school funds.
- To generate enthusiasm for athletic events — and promote same.
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The first general business meeting of the group was held Monday night at the school. Mr. G. C. Education has given its approval and support of the Dad's Club.

## Recreation Round-Up

**SWIMMING CLASSES**

The children's Saturday morning swimming classes will not be held this week due to the Thanksgiving holidays. Classes will resume on December 2 and continue until December 16. Registration for the winter series of classes will be taken at the recreation office from December 18 to 20. Applications which have been distributed to the schools should be mailed before the deadline date. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis.

**BOYS' HOCKEY**

Registration for the boys' hockey leagues have been extended until 5 p.m. today. Register at the ice rink office at Lincoln & Eton. Tryouts will be held Saturday from 8 to 12 noon, weather permitting. Call MI 7-0064 for the latest information on ice conditions.

**ADULT BASKETBALL**

A meeting of team managers in the adult basketball league will be held Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Recreation Office of Eton Building. Anyone interested in entering a team in the league should call the recreation department.

**BIRMINGHAM SENIOR MEN'S CLUB**

The Senior Men's Club joined with the Senior Women's Club organization in a gala Thanksgiving meeting in the auditorium of the Community House on Friday, Nov. 17. Charles Staples, president, and another officer presided. Mrs. Walter Smith was called to outline the numerous activities of the women's group while Staples, (See ROUND-UP, 7-E)

## The Birmingham Eccentric

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## Alison is Youngest Champion Ever in Nat'l Horse Show

Miss Alison Crum, 1580 Oxford Road, Birmingham, was declared officially to be the youngest competitor in the 78-year history of the National Horse Show to win a national championship in the medal class—P.H.A. Dressage finals, according to a letter from the American Horse Shows Association headquarters in New York.

She is the youngest competitor to win a medal class championship, probably the most coveted honor attainable by a junior horseman.

Competing for the third straight year in the National at Madison Square Garden in New York over the weekend of Nov. 3-5, 15-year old Alison represents the Bloomfield Open Hunt Club.

She and her beautiful chestnut gelding, Somnio, were coached and prepared for the National Show by Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Grant, also of Birmingham, and nationally prominent instructors in the difficult equestrian skills known as Dressage.

Alison's climb to the top of the National ratings has been steady. In 1959, competing in her first Garden Show, she placed sixth in the P.H.A. Dressage finals. Last year, in the same event, she rose to third place nationally, and clinched her performance this year with the championship.

Each year the National Horse Show is the scene of the championship finals in the Hunter Seat and Dressage divisions. Only riders who meet special qualifying tests, by zones throughout the United States, are invited to the Garden. During the 1961 qualifying season, (See CHAMPION, 7-E)

## City Ice Rink Ready to Open

The municipal ice rink at Eton Park, Lincoln and Eton, Birmingham, will open, weather permitting. It is very doubtful that it will be ready for skating on Thanksgiving Day but should have enough ice for Friday evening session. Latest information on the schedule may be obtained by calling MI 7-0064.

Hockey tryouts are scheduled for Saturday morning from 8 to 12 noon for all boys who have registered in advance. The skating classes will begin the week of Dec. 4 and the figure skaters may attend the club session each Sunday afternoon from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

The schedule for open skating is as follows:

Monday	4-6 p.m.
Tuesday	4-6 p.m.
Wednesday	4-6 p.m.
Thursday	4-6 p.m.
Friday	4-6 p.m.
Saturday	12:30-4 p.m.
Sunday	12:30-4 p.m.

School holidays, 1-3 p.m. weekdays

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