

### Spring Sports Arrive at Bloomfield High

#### Veterans To Pace Thinclads

All around balance will be the key-note to success if the 1962 Bloomfield Hills track squad hopes to repeat as champs of the Wayne-Oakland League.

Coach Don Hoff has 12 lettermen around which to build his 1962 Baron team.

Leading the Hills squad will be flashy Roger Stewart. The fast-moving junior is the Wayne-Oakland champ in the rugged 440. Stewart has been clocked in 52.8 for the quarter mile.

Also competing in the 440 is veteran Jack Armstrong who took the second spot in the 1961 league meet.

**ALL - SUBURBAN** basketball star Art Tregenza is back again to aid the track team.

Tregenza is a better than average low hurdler and placed second in the broad jump in the 1961 league meet.

Ted Barrett is expected to carry the load for the Barons in the high hurdles. Barrett was a third place finisher in the '61 league meet.

Close country are Tom Hoopengardner and Robert Smith are available for the longer distances. Both are counted on to add to the Baron total in the mile run.

John Schweppe and Jim Allen will represent the Barons in the sprint events.

**THREE - QUARTERS** of the crack record holding 880 relay team are back for the current campaign.

Schweppe, Stewart, and Fritz Stresen-Reuter are returning and the fourth spot is up for grabs.

Mike DiPonio, along with Tregenza, will make the Barons strong in the broad jump.

Bill Calhoun, an all-conference football player, will be making his track debut this spring.

The 195 lb. junior is scheduled to compete in the shot put. Brian Bish will carry the Baron banner in the pole vault.

**1962 SCHEDULE**

April 11—Brighton, W. B'field  
April 13—at Milford  
April 17—at Oak Park  
May 1—at Walled Lake, Milford  
May 5—Cen. Mich. Relays  
May 5—at Northville  
May 11—Clarensville  
May 15—Holly, Clarkston  
May 19—Regional Meet  
May 26—State Meet  
May 29—at Southfield  
June 2—Oakland Meet

**LEADS ALBION SQUAD**

Former Birmingham track star Richard Riley will co-captain the 1962 Albion College thinned squad.

Riley, a senior, runs the middle distance events and placed second in the 880 at the 1961 MIAA league meet.



**ACTION CAME EARLY** for the Bloomfield baseball squad. The above picture was taken during an intra-squad tussle. The batter is unaware that teammate is trying to steal home. The pitcher was also asleep on the play and the runner was safe. The Barons will have one of the best all around teams in recent years.



**BLOOMFIELD'S CRACK 880** relay team tunes up for the coming spring sport season. The Baron relay aces currently hold the Wayne-Oakland League record in the 880. Pictured above are John Schweppe, Roger Stewart, Dave Noyes and Fritz Stresen-Reuter. The Barons will open the regular season April 11 against Brighton and W. Bloomfield.

#### Mason Wins Huron Relay Pole Vault

Seaholm's All-State pole vaulter Roger Mason, proved to be the current season's top performer.

Mason had little trouble in winning the event at the Huron Relays at Eastern Michigan University last week. The high-flying Maple cleared the bar at 12 feet 3 inches.

The rest of the Maple squad didn't fare as well and were shut out.

The five points contributed by Mason gave Seaholm a 16th place tie with Lincoln Park.

**FLINT NORTHERN** won only one event but managed to place in enough events to edge Monroe, 25-24, for the Class A crown.

Teams from all over Michigan and Ohio competed in the giant two day affair.

Only two records were set in the meet. Grosse Pointe established a new mark in winning the mile relay in 3:33.6. The old record of 3:38.0 was held by Flint Northern.

Second place finisher Monroe shattered the spring middle relay with a winning time of 2:31.7. Flint Northern held the old mark of 2:34.5.

#### Baron Nine Heavy With Lettermen

With a roster of seven returning lettermen, including his two 1961 starting pitchers, Cecil Morgan, Bloomfield Hills baseball coach, figures his current Baron squad should do a '62 right.

The Hills nine finished the 1961 season with a 6-3 record for a second place finish in the Wayne-Oakland League. Their overall record stood at 8-5.

The 1962 squad will feature solid pitching strength and better than average hitting.

**VETERANS BILL BENNETT** and John Augustine, both right-handers, are slated to handle most of the Baron pitching chores.

In a tight spot, however, Morgan can call on sophomores Doug Tanner, a righty, or Jay Shimick, a southpaw.

Two holdovers from '61 and a newcomer to the Bloomfield area will handle the outfield assignments.

Frank Heidenfelder, the leading hitter last year, returns to his right field post. A good power hitter, Heidenfelder compiled a .571 average in 1961.

Tom Shandy has the first call on the left field spot while Mike Griffin, a new Bloomfield resident, has first chance at the centerfield slot.

Four veterans and a sophomore will take the field for the Barons in the infield and behind the plate.

**CATCHING DUTIES** will be handled by Brian O'Neil, a two year veteran and a .541 hitter last year.

Bill Pettibone will start at first base. He carried a .270 batting average in '61.

Second base has apparently been snatched up by junior Rick Fricke. Fricke is a letterman but saw little action last year.

Gary Garwood, also a sophomore, returns to his shortstop spot.

The hot corner will be handled by Augustine when he's not busy pitching for the Barons.

Clarkston will provide the opposition in the opening game next Thursday. The home opener is slated for April 15 against Holly.

#### Area Little Leaguers Begin 1962 Campaign

The second largest Little League operation in the country will swing into operation Saturday as tryouts begin for the 1962 Birmingham Little League season.

Tryouts will begin at 9 a.m., Saturday for nine to 11 year olds at the area's various ball fields.

Ten to 12 year olds will take to the diamonds at 1 p.m. for their tryouts.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE** competitors tryout at the Pierce School, Pierce north of 14 mile; National at Poppleton Field, east of Hunter and north of Oakland; Continental, Eton Park on Lincoln east of Eton; and Federal, Derby Junior High on Derby east of Adams.

Additional tryouts are slated to be held April 14. In case of bad weather tryouts will also be held April 21.

Eight year olds interested in playing T-ball will register at the various fields April 14 and will be notified on which teams they will play.

**B'HAM BABE RUTH**

The first meeting of the 1962 Birmingham Babe Ruth League is scheduled for April 13, 7:30 p.m. at Derby Junior High.

Application blanks for all boys 13-15 years in age will be available at the meeting.

The league, one of the oldest in the country, will be divided into two leagues again this season.

**BOYS WHO HAVE** graduated from the Little League and any newcomers to the Birmingham area will be especially welcomed at the gathering.

Vince Desmond, Detroit Tiger scout, and one of the Tigers will be on hand to speak to the boys.

Babe Ruth officials also noted that there is a possibility that one of the New York Yankees will be on the program.

The Birmingham Babe Ruth

**BY MRS. WILLIAM COMPTON**

Co-chairman, B'ham Council Youth Physical Fitness

Have you been wondering if there really is a problem concerning the lack of physical fitness in this country?

Is there really a basis for the concern that both ex-President Eisenhower and President Kennedy show in this field?

**DO HAVE IT!**

Obviously, extensive research was needed to answer both of these questions. To accomplish this aim, a Citizen's Council for Youth Physical Fitness was formed here in Birmingham.

**COURSE OPEN, Rates Raised At Springdale**

Golf fans will be happy to note that Springdale Golf Course is now open for business.

New season and family rates have been established for the 1962 season. Individual memberships were raised from \$35 to \$50 and family memberships were upped to \$80 from \$65.

Park Supt. Charles Gale said the new rates were set up after a survey showed that both season and family memberships fees were not proportionate with greens fees paid by family members.

The rate increase, however, will be reviewed Monday at the city commission meeting.

Rates for daily play will remain the same. One dollar for nine holes Monday-Friday and \$1.50 for nine, Sat., Sun. and holidays.

Retired citizens will be allowed to play the course free any morning that there are no league matches scheduled.

**OUR FINDINGS** indicate that there is a basis for concern—the truth is that the healthiest, wealthiest and best fed children in the world are sadly lacking in sufficient stamina, vigor and agility. These findings are substantiated by the Presidents' Council on Youth Fitness, called in 1961; by draft board, who reject over one-third of all draftees for physical reasons; and by Yale University, which while administering the same fitness tests yearly to all new applicants, found that in 1960 only 38 per cent of the boys could pass the same test that nine years earlier 57 per cent of the boys could pass.

Lastly, the Kraus-Weber tests showed how unfavorably our children compared with European children.

Does this really apply to men and

#### Does Fitness Problem Exist? B'ham Council Says YES!

my children, you ask yourself? What can be gained, other than a large set of muscles, by becoming physically fit? First, and to me by far the most important gain, is an improved scholastic performance. It stands to reason that if a child feels well, is alert and in top physical condition his mental output will be at its peak.

Several private schools in this area practice this theory by devoting two class periods daily to vigorous activity and physical education. Compare this to the Birmingham elementary system in which the children spent one-half

hour per week under the supervision of a physical education teacher. Our junior and senior high schools have only 2½ periods per week devoted to this. Detroit Public schools, although they have larger classes, devote one period a day to physical education, and have for years!

Second, exercise gained in sports and games stimulates growth. The heart and respiratory system develop with use, and their efficiency increases. All body muscles are strengthened. Favorable changes take place in the bones and tissues. However, all these effects are reversible. Deterioration occurs when exercise is discontinued.

Third, qualities of character are developed. Fitness in its broadest concept refers to overall well being. This includes moral, intellectual, social and emotional components. Strong emotions give the child the will to win.

Social qualities may keep him from quitting, moral indignation or spiritual fervor can cause him to physically extend himself beyond his usual performance.

The above mentioned qualities enable him to meet well his daily demands or specific stresses. One's whole outlook on life can be greatly improved by enjoyable participation in active games or sports.

A feeling of well being and a release of tension results. One also learns how to form friendships, to be cooperative and how to develop a spirit of competition when engaging in group sports and games.

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#### Desert Caballeros Ride in Arizona

Two Bloomfield Hills men, Stan Humphrey and William Mitchell, will be among the 225 horsemen making the 16th annual Desert Caballeros ride into the mountains and deserts surrounding Wickenburg, Ariz., during the week of April 9-14.

Each year the Caballeros make a 100-mile ride through the desert, camping out at night. Humphrey and Mitchell currently are guests at Monte Vista Ranch in Wickenburg. Riders from 26 states will be represented on the trip.

#### Recreation Round-Up

**KITE CONTEST**

The annual kite contest sponsored by the Birmingham Optimist Club and the Recreation Dept. last Saturday at the Seaholm Athletic Field drew a total of 101 participants and over 200 spectators. Members of the Optimist Club and Recreation Dept. were officials and judges for the various events.

More than 100 kites were entered by boys and girls from five to 12 years of age in the "highest flying," "most beautiful" and "most unusual" categories. Award ribbons for first, second and third place winners in each age division were furnished by the Optimist Club. Winners were:

- Highest Flying
  - 1st: Kelly Wrenn, 5
  - Susan Sumner, 8
  - Robert Williams, 10
  - 2nd: Jim Matchette, 5
  - Chris Monley, 7
  - Blair Nichols, 9
  - Bill Fish, 5
  - 3rd: Thomas Greig, 8
  - Mike Adams, 9
- Most Beautiful
  - 1st: Freddy Hirschman, 6
  - Kevin Saurage, 7
  - Karen Craig, 10
  - 2nd: Jennifer Yoder, 5
  - Scott, Sutton, 8
  - Ann Sutton, 10
  - 3rd: Bradford Cogswell, 6
  - Celeste Byrnes, 7
  - Sam Vaphiadis, 11
- Most Unusual
  - 1st: Paul Schmidt, 6 & sister Jane
  - Chris Weber, 8
  - Jim & Ricky Dykstra, 9 & 10
  - 2nd: Jeff Dixon, 10
  - Chris Roebuck, 8
  - Ellen Whitney, 9
  - 2nd: Ned Bacon, 6
  - Steve Craig, 8
  - Scott Manchester, 10 and
  - John Vaphiadis, 12, (tie).

**SENIOR MEN'S CLUB**

At last Friday's meeting the Senior Men's Club was entertained by Dick Mills, of the Detroit Lions. Double Header games are now being played—thus football is bidding with baseball for popularity. A movie showing the highlights of the Lions 1961 season was shown at the conclusion of Mill's talk.

The program for the Senior Men for tomorrow will include a talk about Safe Deposit Procedure by Warren T. Whitehead of the Safety Deposit Co. of Detroit.

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