



BIRMINGHAM LITTLE LEAGUERS flocked to area baseball diamonds last week for initial Little League tryouts. The Eccentric photographer caught the action of the nine-year-olds going through a batting drill at Derby Junior High. This Saturday is the final day for tryouts at Pierce School, Poppleton Field, Eton Park and Derby Junior High.

All boys must register and tryout to be eligible for the Major League. Eight-year-olds must register for the T-Ball League at 10:30 p.m. Saturday at the four locations. Players will be notified at a later date to which teams they will be assigned.

3-DAY RUN BEGINS TONIGHT

Groves Stages Annual Water Ballet

The second annual water ballet show presented by the Groves High students will be held tonight, Friday and Saturday in the school's pool.

Three evening performances will begin at 8:30 p.m.

James Weldon Johnson's poetic interpretation of a Negro sermon entitled "The Creation" set the theme of the show.

This is an unusual theme for a water ballet according to Miss

Frances Pulley, physical education instructor, who composes, directs and produces the water show.

Consisting of ten acts and a dance number, the show will be longer than last year's production and boasts quite a few new stunts.

Also, several new scenery effects are being employed, such as a black-light background, candles and waterfalls.

Each act in the program represents a different stage of development in the creation of the world.

Mary Dorough, 12, and Quanah Winchell, 12, team up for a duet symbolizing the creation of light and dark.

Soloist, Gail Habrie, 11, interprets the creation of the rainbow. Then along with Rusty Kline, 11, the sole male performer, she swims in a mixed duet signifying the creation of man.

The creation of the waters is symbolized in a quartette consisting of Miss Habrie, Chris Layman, Sue Robinson and Pam Tull.

DISCUSSING the show, Miss Pulley admitted, "It's a healthy undertaking with no more than 21 participants. We've been planning the show since school began in September and started practicing formations and getting in shape in October."

She advised that on the nights of presentation, late arrivals will be permitted to enter after the first act. However, this will be the final admission in order that the show might proceed uninterrupted.

Tickets may be purchased at the school before the show for 75¢ per person. They can be obtained at the door for \$1 per person.



POLISHING UP on the exchange of the baton are Ray Giaglowski (left) and Joe Schur of Brother Rice High School. The Warriors didn't fare so well in the relays in their opening dual track meet last week against Orchard Lake St. Mary's. So time is being devoted this week to improve the relays for future meets.

Rice Bows In First Track Test

Sophomore Joe Schur scored 13 points but the one-man effort wasn't enough as Brother Rice High lost a dual track meet to Orchard Lake St. Mary's, 64-45, last Wednesday.

The sophomore-laden Warriors received some valuable point production from the distance-running corps. In fact, Coach Paul Maloney pointed out that his distance runners claimed 10 out of a possible 27 points in the mile, 880 and 440-yard events.

Schur, a 6 ft. 1 in., 185 pounder, took first in the 100-yard dash and the broad jump. He posted a 11.6 clocking in the century test and leaped 18 ft. 8 in. in the broad jump. He also finished second in the 220-yard dash.

B'field Hills to Vote On New Pool Proposal

Bloomfield Hills residents will vote on a proposal for an indoor swimming pool in June.

Dr. John Hertzler, chairman of the Bloomfield Hills Recreation Committee, and volunteer representatives have been studying the needs for a swimming pool since last fall.

Recreation leaders from the University of Michigan, Southfield, Pontiac, Birmingham, Royal Oak, Ferndale, and other neighboring communities have explained their recreational programs.

This summer's program for elementary and secondary students will include five different schools with bus transportation being provided.

Spartans Count On Alcorn, Green

Bill Green and Bill Alcorn, two former Seaholm High track stars now performing for the Michigan State University team, figure prominently in Coach Fran Dittrich's plans this spring.

Green and Alcorn, co-captains of the Maples' 1959 team, won letters as sophomores last season.

Alcorn, who came to MSU after winning Michigan Class A pole vault title in 1958 and 1959, has been especially impressive this campaign.

The 6', 160-pounder soared 14 feet to place in a four-way tie for second in the Big 10 indoor championships at Jenison Fieldhouse. He tied for sixth in the Michigan State Relays at 13'4".

Alcorn, 20, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith P. Alcorn, 1491 Oak.

Green was State's top threat in the 440-yard dash last year, but has taken a back seat to sophomore flash John Parker this year. Green turned in a 1:15.1 in the 600-yard run of the MSU Relays, but failed to place in the finals.

GREEN'S best performance came in State's recent dual meet win over Central Michigan when he placed second in the 440-yard dash and eighth second in the 600-yard run in 1:14.4.

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EXAMINING the Birmingham Council Youth Physical Fitness findings are (seated left to right) Mrs. Sidney Smith, in-coming president of the Junior League representing Holy Name School, and Mrs. Catherine Loomis, president of the Birmingham Board of Education; (standing left to right) A. Charles Holmes, president of Greenfield school PTA, Mrs. William A. Compton and Ben S. Smith, co-chairmen of the Citizen's Council for Youth Physical Fitness. The report was released last Tuesday, covering the public, parochial and private area schools.

Cranbrook Starts Rebuilding

Spring rebuilding is in full scale on the Cranbrook athletic fields.

John Laskarides, fledgling baseball coach, and Ben Snyder, chief designer of a track championship dynasty, face enormous tasks.

Laskarides, former Imlay City High football coach and Olivet College assistant mentor, will depend on the services of seven veterans in an effort to bolster last season's .500 record.

THE CRANES will count on experienced righthand pitching with senior John Jacoby and juniors John Billson and Dick Mosher dividing the mound duties.

Catching should be no problem with Tom Bennett and Dale Bosley back behind the plate.

Soloist and shortstop David Napier is the key member in a revamped infield. Bob Heavenrich is slated to cover the keystone sack. Larry Willey has the inside track on third base; and Bill Powell appears ready to handle first base.

Cranbrook will receive most of its batting punch from centerfielder Dave Schultz, a junior.

"We're not a heavy hitting club," appraised Peter Slader, athletic director. "We'll stress speed, tight defense and strong pitching in order to improve last year's record. We're young and anxious to start the new season."

Chris Ricketts, Bill Estes, David Kitterman, Pete Maxwell and Gary McCombs are expected to furnish the bench strength.

CRANBROOK will get its first major test when it hosts Seaholm High Friday at 3:45 p.m. in the opener for both teams. The Cranes start to Ypsilanti Saturday and return home to meet Cody Tuesday, April 17.

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Heading the list are seniors Bob Hicks and Tom Wilson (440), Bill McMillan (mile) and sophomore Jeff Walters (440 and mile).

Sophomore Bob Boye will see plenty of action in the 100 and 220-yard events. Junior Bailey Essel rates high in the high jump and hurdles.

Past Performances indicate that the Cranes are at their best in the open meets. Last year they were runners-up to Ecorse in the Central Michigan Relays after winning the two previous years.

A YEAR AGO Snyder's thinclads also slipped a notch after placing second the two previous years in the Michigan Class B championships.

"We should give a good representation of ourselves this spring," explained Snyder. "We should be strong in the distance events and we're blessed with a bunch of eager hardies who really put out a big effort. The 440-yard dash and relays should be our better events. However, we'll need some help in the sprints and shotput."

This year Cranbrook will pass up the State Class B meet since it will be defending its Interstate League crown in Cleveland on the same weekend.

Final registration will be held Saturday at 9-10 a.m. for American League players and at 1:30-2:30 p.m. for National League players. Only boys who are registered will be allowed to take part in tryouts and each boy must be present for at least two of the three tryouts in order to be eligible for selection to a major league team.

American League boys, those living south of Nine Mile and west of Lahser Road, will have tryouts at 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday and April 28 and at 1:30 to 4 p.m. on April 21. National League boys, those living north of Nine Mile and east of Lahser, will hold tryouts from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday and April 28 and at 9 a.m. to noon on April 21.

ALL TRYOUTS will be held at diamonds at the extreme western end of the area south of the high school. A fee of \$3 is charged for registration.

Tryouts for T-Ball will be held April 21 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Eight-year-olds are eligible for minor league play this year for the first time. Those boys selected will be assigned to minor league teams and other eight-year-olds will remain in T-Ball.

The Major League season will begin the second week of May. The Minor League will open the following week, followed by T-Ball.

Automobiles killed 3,436 deer on Michigan's highways last year, the highest toll on Conservation Department records.



IT'S TRACK talk as Bill Green (left) and Bill Alcorn (center), two former Seaholm High school thinclads, look over outdoor prospects with Michigan State University track Coach Fran Dittrich.

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