

School Athletics Bring End To Summer Rec. Activities

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Competitive spirit is decidedly different between summer and school sports.

In summer it's simply athletic skill against athletic skill. But in inter-scholastic sports an added factor—pride in one's school—seems to bring competitors and spectators alike to an emotional pitch about the outcome of each contest, a pitch which often affects not just the school but entire towns.

PEOPLE already are talking: "Wonder if Pett Slader can improve on that 7-1 gridiron mark over at Cranbrook?" "Do you suppose those backs of Carl Lemle at Seaholm are as fast as they are big?" "I'll bet Jim Kinnison's boys at Groves really have a season in their last year in the Tri-River League."

And so goes the talk about up-and-coming fall sports in the local schools. Summer is fast descending into the not-to-distant cool days of autumn, and thoughts of tennis, golf, softball, swimming and the like are swiftly being replaced in sports buffs' eyes by visions of football, soccer and cross country.

EXCELLENT summer recreation programs sponsored by Bloomfield Hills' schools and the Birmingham department of recreation are things of the past.

Football coaches, schedules completed, are manning out practice sessions in detail. Cross country runners, football prospects and soccer players alike are laboring individually or in small groups

under the waning summer sun, hardening their bodies for the coming season.

EQUIPMENT managers are sweating in stuffy equipment rooms, sorting out gear in correct sizes for freshmen, reserve and varsity squads.

And the fans? They're just waiting, speculating, forecasting and in general impatiently straining for the first post-game "Monday morning quarterback" session.

The opening inter-scholastic contest in the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills area is Cranbrook school for boys' soccer game Sept. 9 at Seaholm High.

THE THREE public high schools—Groves, Seaholm and Bloomfield Hills—begin football practice Aug. 27, with the opening game scheduled for mid-September.

Opening high school football games include Groves vs Seaholm, Sept. 14; and Country Day vs Queen of Peace, Sept. 15.

Cranbrook will field three sports in fall competition: football, soccer and cross country. Seaholm will play football and run cross country, as will Groves, Bloomfield Hills and Country Day.

BROTHER RICE will not have a senior class until next year, but will still field a team in the Parochial League.

Also under Parochial direction is the Catholic Youth Organization league (CYO), which has three area Catholic elementary schools included in its vast 200-team network.

Fielding football teams in the CYO league will be Our Lady Queen

of Martyrs, St. Hugo of the Hills and Holy Name. All three are in the Suburban Division.

FOOTBALL will find yet another outlet in the junior high school Little Oak League, composed of Barnum, Derby, and Groves. Each team will play six games in quest of the league title, in addition to one tentatively scheduled practice contest.

One of the bright spots on the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills athletic scenes during the summer was the Little League baseball system.

Hot Weather? Just Dial Temperature

READY TO carry the Little League banner into the fall spotlight is the Birmingham-Bloomfield Hills Football League. This is a league for non-scholastic competition for boys ages 9 through 12.

Overall, the fall sports scene promises to be very active, undoubtedly controversial at times, and in substance a most interesting one to look forward to.

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