

Seaholm Cindermen EML Champs; Cranbrook Beaten

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The longer you stay on top, the more accurate becomes the opposition snipers.

This axiom Seaholm track coach Kermit Ambrose found true, almost painfully so, as his powerful team struggled to their eighth straight Eastern Michigan League title by five points at the championship

meet at Hazel Park Tuesday night. It was far from a runaway, as the Maples shattered three meet records and one school record in four events to pile up 50-1.5 points against second place Hazel Park's 45-5.6.

FERRIDALE scored 30-5.6, Kimball 21-2.3, Mt. Clemens 18-2.5, Port Huron 17-4.5, Roseville 14 and East Detroit 11-3.15.

"It was the best team effort we have had for some time," said Ambrose, "and was probably the best league meet."

Hazel Park was leading 27-5.6 to Seaholm's 11-4.5 after the field events were completed, despite a 12-4 finish in the shot put by the Maples. Gace Cooper broke the league record first with his 52' 13.7" toss, but the new record lasted only until teammate Jack Harvey stepped into the circle and

heaved the shot 52' 10 1/2". Jim Knowles finished fourth.

NEW RECORDS were set in the 440 and mile relay. Royal Oak Kimball's Ford lowered the old record by two tenths of a second with a .512 time. Birmingham's 880 relay team of Jim Daniels, Bob Drotcher, Bruce Bates and Ray Johnson finished the mile in 1:30.5, setting a new meet and school standard.

The final league record rewritten Tuesday fell by a narrow margin, but fell nevertheless as Maple senior miler broke the tape in 4:31.3. The old record was 4:31.4. Bruce Bates won the 100 dash in 10.1 and finished 2nd, one spot higher than teammate Daniels, in the 220. Mike Geer won the 880 with a strong 2:00.6 time.

CRANBROOK STAVED off Ann Arbor to the final event, held a two point lead, 53-5.1, at that point, and then saw Ann Arbor take the mile relay in 3:34 and the victory along with it.

"We expected before the meet started to lose the relay," lamented Crane coach Ben Snyder, "but Ann Arbor's 1-2-3 finish in the 120 low hurdles actually cost us the victory."

Snyder's boys captured nine first places to only three for Ann Arbor, but they lacked the overall depth of their opponent, as Ann Arbor finished second and third in nearly every event.

"THAT IS characteristic of any big track powerhouse like Ann Arbor," said Snyder. Cranbrook has 250 boys in the three upper grades from which to take a team.

Al Wilkinson's winning height of 11 feet 6 inches in the pole vault set a new Cranbrook record. Essel Bailey supplied most of the Crane's points with victories in the 120 high hurdles and broad jump (19 feet 8 3/4 inches), and a third in the high jump.

OTHER WINNERS for Cranbrook were Bob Hicks, 220 and 100 dashes; Bill McMullin, 4-39 mile; Tom Wilson, 51-8 440; Jean Couros, shot; and an 880 relay victory.

The loss closed the Crane's season with an overall 7-3 dual meet mark. They won the Ecorse Relays and the Regional, and were runnersup in the Central Michigan Relays.



RIGHT OUT IN FRONT where Seaholm's Rick Reid, Jack Bacheler, and running milers are accustomed to be, and running in this traditional fashion are (left to right)



CAUGHT STRAINING in mid-stride is Dinkeloo placed 2nd in Tuesday's EML championship meet. Seaholm's high hurdler Carter Dinkeloo.

B'field Hills 2nd in County Meet

It looked like a pleasant day to run, then Pontiac Central High showed up, then it didn't look quite so pleasant, then . . .

These were the combined sentiments of Pontiac's opposition Saturday at the All-Oakland County track and field meet at Southfield High School as the powerful Chiefs ran away with the team title. Bloomfield Hills' fast stepping aggregate gathered 50 1/8 points for second place, but that was the closest anyone came to Pontiac's team total of 73 5/8.

Birmingham Seaholm scored 32 team points, Groves High 5 and Brother Rice 1/2. Bloomfield Hills took three firsts and placed in seven of the 13 events.

THE BARONS set a meet record in the 880 relay with a time of 1:30.8. John Schweppe, Dave Noyes, Fritz Stresen-Reuter and Roger Stewart combined to set the record. Their performance erased the old mark set by Seaholm High last year.

Roger Stewart ran third in the 440, and Schweppe and Stresen-Reuter took fourth and third in the 220 dash. Dave Noyes won the 440 dash in 50.7, and Richards legged it to a first in the 880 for Bloomfield Hills.

Seaholm's Maples failed to win an event, but spaced several second

and third places to gain the fourth spot in team totals.

THE MAPLES, whose forte is winning dual meets, in a somewhat minus degree, amassed their 32 points in the 880 relay, 1:31.7; the second in the 220 and 100 dashes by Bruce Bates; and a fourth and Chambers, Mike Geer, John Dyer

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The Seaholm mile relay team set a school record, 3:31.2, in that event although the time gained them no better than a fifth place in the county meet behind Ferridale (the winner), Pontiac Central, Southfield and Walled Lake. Dave and Chambers, Mike Geer, John Dyer

rick and John Strang comprised the Maple foursome.

ART SCHUELER provided the only bright spot in Groves' performance with a leap good for second in the broad jump.

Brother Rice trackmen watched Bill Moore roll over the high jump bar to the eight competitors for six places, thus preventing a meet whitewash for his teammates. Moore's leap was worth 1/2 point.

Pontiac Central amassed the bulk of their points in the field events. They took five first places, one apiece in the high jump, shot put, broad jump, 180 low hurdles and 120 high.

IN ADDITION to Bloomfield Hills record pace in the 880 relay, two other meet marks were erased. Milford miler Ted Nelson ran away from the field in his event with a 4:27.7 clocking, 1/10 of a second faster than the old standard.

The pole vault record was rewritten at 12 feet 1 3/4 inches by two boys, Vernon Hill and Mel Hallock, both wearing the Hazel Park colors.

Thirteen schools were entered in the meet, named in honor of the late Glenn Schoenhaus, Southfield public schools superintendent. The All-County meet is sponsored by the Southeastern Oakland County Fraternal Order of Police.



AL SCHUELER SHOWS the form that gained him a second place in the All-Oakland County track meet Saturday. Schueler, of Groves High, won five points on this jump, and that was the sum total of his team's scoring for the afternoon.

Glenn Daniels Wins High-Low

The Birmingham Newcomers Woman's Club completed their annual high-low golf match with handicap at North Hills Country Club last week.

Glenn Daniels won first place, followed in order by Ruth Shipley, Virginia Reames, Eloise Brown, Marion Morenc and Jean Cunningham.

The Woman's Club will participate in a mixed tournament at North Hills next week.

Groves Junior High Wins All-City Meet

A convincing total of seven first places swept Groves Junior High to victory in the Junior High School track and field all-city meet at Seaholm High Friday.

Groves' 58 1/2 points proved a little too much for Derby's 53, although Derby almost pulled the meet out on the strength of eight second places and five thirds.

Barum scored three points on a second place tie in the high jump and a third place in the 300 shuttle relay.

JEFF SCHIBEL garnered three firsts for Groves, winning the broad jump, 100 dash and 100 low hurdles.

Seven records were shattered in

the 11 events. Derby's Rick Snyder put the shot 50 feet 11 1/2 inches; Doug Jardine skinned over the 60 lows in 8:05 seconds; Groves' Jim McKinley flashed to a new mark of 7 feet in the 60, and Schulz's 12:15 effort in the 100 lows was another new mark.

OTHER STANDARDS rewritten were the pole vault, 10 feet 3 inches by Derby's Ken Evangelista; Derby's relay time of 34.9 in the 200 shuttle, and a 47.8 time in the 440 relay by Groves.

Groves took a 7-4 lead over Derby in the first event, the broad jump, and led all the rest of the way. They were atop the field by seven marks at the midway point.



CHAN SIMONDS

Cranes Beat Groves, Barons Lose Fifth

Groves high lost two baseball games last week by a total of two runs, both extra inning defeats, and Bloomfield Hills lost to Brighton, 4-3, in 10 innings.

Crane measured Groves, 7-0, last Tuesday in a 10-inning game narrated by 12 errors, eight by the Falcons. Then Groves fought Hoston to a 3-3 tie-winning standoff the next day, scored 2 runs in their half of the frame, only to see Hoston come back with three to seize the victory.

Groves opened the eighth inning against Cranbrook tied at 6-6, and held that equalizer until the 10th. Then the first Crane batter singled, was moved up with a sacrifice, and scored on a throwing error to the plate.

NORLAND WAS the losing pitcher and Cranbrook's Mosher earned the victory. Groves scored six runs on eight hits, while committing eight errors. Cranbrook fashioned their seven run total on nine hits, and were guilty of four errors. Bob Bibler collected two hits in four trips for Groves, and Tim Mitchell went one for three.

Groves' pitcher Lloyd Lewis admitted a tough loss at the hands of Cranbrook. Dave Berry hit 3 for 4 in this game, knocking in two runs, and Mitchell picked up two safeties, but five errors proved too much for Lewis to overcome.

THE 3-3 TIE carried into the eighth inning was dissolved in short order by five straight walks and a single, resulting in 3 runs for a grateful Hoston.

"That makes four of our last five games lost by a single run," said puzzled Coach Ed Mier. "And three of them have been in extra innings."

The two defeats brought the Falcons' overall record to 3-6, and if the losses weren't hard enough for Mier to swallow, his ace hitter, Rocky Driver, was injured in the second inning of the Cranbrook game. Driver had been hovering around the 450 mark.

BLOOMFIELD HILLS allowed Brighton to pick three hits, but this allowance proved enough for the opposition to pick up the winning run in the 10th. Baron Pitcher John Augustin was charged with the loss, although he allowed only one hit. The decision reversed an earlier one in May, 4-3, in favor of Bloomfield. Augustin got credit for that victory.

Bill Pettibone, hard-hitting first baseman, led Baron swingers with a double and single. Gary Garwood slammed a two-run triple in the fifth inning, and a Catcher Brian O'Neill singled him home for the last Baron run of the day.

The loss dropped Bloomfield's season record to an 8-5 mark.

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They took it down to the wire, this small, light hitting team, riding the crest of a six-game winning streak.

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"Gene (Maple Pitcher) Gene Schmidt allowed them three hits," Coach Sam Tassio said several nights later at the Seaholm spring sports banquet.

"But then," he shrugged, "we got only two."

SEAHOLM carried their quest for a EML title with East Detroit into the fifth inning against Mt. Clemens Friday, deadlocked at 0-0.

The second Mt. Clemens' batter hit a sharp liner to the out-field.

The Maples were unable to mount any kind of a scoring threat in the remaining two innings, and were forced to settle for a second place finish in the league.


THE 1962 version of baseball at Seaholm High finished the season with a 7-2 mark, making their coach, in his own words, very proud.

"Never in my 15 years of coaching did I have a team quite like this — they wouldn't let me go home at night," he told the players' parents Monday. "They always wanted that little bite more of practice."

The Maples team is very short, "seems like about a five-foot six average," said Tassio, but they possessed good speed on the base-paths and on the field.







This speed, plus a tight defense, is what Tassio attributed to his team's impressive record this season. "We sure could hit but we can't," he admitted, "but we tried hard."

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Seaholm Misses Baseball Title Tie by 2 Runs



THE MOST VERSATILE man on the team is the way they refer to Gene Schmidt (No. 8) of Seaholm High, shown covering first on a grounder to the first baseman.

Schmidt, normally a pitcher, is described by Maple coach Sam Tassio as the "best clutch hitter on the team."

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