

Maple Trackmen Ready for Spring

To the untrained eye the Seaholm gym looked like a not much event out of a Hollywood production.

But to veteran coach Kermit Ambrose it was one of the prettiest sights in the world.

The organized mayhem was his 1962 Maple track squad going through its warming up exercises.

WINNERS of nine straight Eastern Michigan Relays dual meet championships in a row, the Seaholm thinclads again appear to be "loaded."

"We'll be especially strong in the hurdles, dashes, and pole vault," said Ambrose.

Eleven lettermen returning from last season will form the nucleus of the current squad.

Roger Mason, all state pole vaulter, will place the Maple attack. Mason has cleared the bar at 12 feet, 6 inches.

CARTER DINKELOO, Dave Chambers and Scott Woodson are all slated to represent the Maples in the hurdles events.

Dinkeloo runs both the high and low hurdles while Chambers runs the rugged quarter mile along with the hurdles. Woodson also doubles as a dashman.

Other returning lettermen include Bruce Bates, (dasher) Jim Daniels, (dasher) Kim Bateman, (220 and 440) Mike Greer, (800) John Collins, (880) Jack Harvey,

Shotput) Gary Roberts (Mile) and John Stranz

THE THINCLADS are currently tuning up for the annual Huron Relays to be held March 31 at Eastern Michigan University.

Gold, silver and bronze Indian head medals will be given to the first, second and third place finishers in each event.

Before the Huron Relays the cinder squad will take an intra-city rival Groves in a practice meet, March 28.

Ambrose and his crew are also pointing to the annual trip to Ohio to take part in the huge Mansfield Relays.

Last season the Maples finished in the eighth spot in the overall point totals. The 1961 meet drew 1,600 trackmen from 150 schools representing five states.

Seaholm will open up the regular dual meet season with a league title at East Detroit, April 17.

TRACK SCHEDULE

Apr. 17—at East Detroit
May 1—at Mt. Clemens
May 8—Port Huron
May 8—at Roseville
May 8—Hazel Park
May 17—EML reserve at East Detroit
May 19—Redondo
May 26—State Meet
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May 29—Kimball
June 5—EML at Hazel Park

Jim Daniels (left) and Bruce Bates race off the starting blocks as they practice for the upcoming 1962 track season. The two Seaholm seniors are both lettermen and will

be counted upon heavily to help the Maples in their quest for another Eastern Michigan League title. Daniels and Bates are both dashmen.

Little Leaguers Prepare for 1962 Season

Application blanks for the 1962 Birmingham Little League baseball competition will be distributed to the schools next week.

The Little League will again have four leagues within itself: American, National, Continental and Federal.

Tryouts will be held April 7 and 14 at the area's various ball fields.

American League competitors will tryout at Pierce School, Pierce north of 14 Mile; National at Poppleton Field, east of Hunter and north of Oakland; Continental, Eden Park on Lincoln east of Eon; and Federal, Derby Jr. High on Derby east of Adams.

EIGHT YEAR OLDS will register on Sat., April 14, at the various fields and will be notified on which team they will play.

Practice will begin May 12 and the first game is scheduled for May 21.

League officials are planning a gala ceremony for Memorial Day, May 31.

FRANKLIN Little League Baseball League has named officers for 1962 and has decided to add two teams to the Babe Ruth group of the league.

The Little League division will again be comprised of eight teams.

BLOOMFIELD Hills will be the first touch of spring hit the Bloomfield area last week when letters went out to the parents of all boys from nine to 15 announcing the 1962 Bloomfield Baseball League program.

Frederick C. Jantz, president of the league, has urged all parents to complete the registrations quickly, even though the start of play is two months away.

Additional forms are available at the Bloomfield schools.

JANZ EXPLAINED that the league was organizing early this season because of the large number. (See LEAGUE, 6-E)

In the Spring a Young Man's...

With lettermen returning at every position except first base and catcher the future for the Seaholm baseball team looks very bright.

The diamond crew finished last season with 13-3 record overall and a 6-3 mark in the Eastern Michigan League. This was a vast improvement over the 1960 record of 4-7.

Coch Sam Tassio has ten lettermen around which to build his squad.

THE MOUND STAFF is headed by southpaw Tom Walters and righty Gene Schmidt.

Bob Cruikebank will handle the second base chores and his running mate at shortstop will be Mike Davis.

Jim Foster is slated to be the starting third sacker.

The Maple outfield is loaded with veterans. Homer Davidson, Ron Ricketts, Stu Foster and Dave Kalocery are all available for duty.

Lou Kemp appears to have the inside track on handling the catching chores.

SOPHOMORE BRANDT Conley, a product of the basketball team, and Bob LaMar are also around for backstop duty.

Chuck Hutton and Charles Simmons have been invited by Tassio to take part in the pre-season work out and may be of help to the Maples.

The regular season will open

B'ham Horseman Owns Leading Pacer

Dr. Donald Somers, Birmingham and Roy Oak physician who has had more than a bit of luck in harness racing, has ambitions of becoming the first Michigander to win the Little Brown Jug—the Kentucky Derby of the sulky sport.

Dr. Somers, 4205 Valley Forge, is the proud owner of Next Knight, the son of Knight Dream and one of the top ten leading money winners in the two-year-old pacing ranks last year.

Next Knight, who is under the care of veteran Billy Haughton, currently is one of the winter look favorites in the rich classic slated for next September in Delaware, O.

PHOR to that, Somers will have a chance to see his colt perform before Detroit area fans in the Motor City pace and Brown Jug trial at Wolverine Harness Raceway, Schoolcraft and Middle Belt Livestock terminals.

This came to light when the nominations for the three \$25,000 stakes that headline Wolverine's program were announced.

The three events drew a record nomination of 167 with 63 in the Motor City, 39 in the Jug trial and 65 in the Merchants and Manufacturers trot.

Next Knight is one of the top entries and heads the Michigan contingent in the two races.

The colt won \$28,500 a year ago, paced to a record of 2:02.1 and had a total of nine wins, three seconds.

THE MOTOR CITY is slated for Sept. 13 and six thirds in 20 starts.

Aug. 23 and the Jug Trial for Sept. 13—the latter just one week ahead of the Jug finale in Ohio.

Other members of the money winning leaders who will vie with Next Knight include: M & W Grayson, \$73,500; Coffey Break, \$52,603; Lehigh Hanover, \$51,215; Race Away, \$41,459 and Leader Pick, \$16,575.

But the mere fact that Next Knight will have the services of Haughton, eight times U.S. driving king, is enough to make it one of the early favorites.

April 13 with a tussle against Cranbrook on the Cranes home diamond.

EML play is slated to begin April 17 with a battle against East Detroit. The East Detroit tilt will open the Seaholm home schedule.

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Apr. 13—at Cranbrook—3:45 p.m.

Apr. 17—East Detroit

Apr. 17—Thornton

May 1—Mt. Clemens

May 2—at Port Huron

May 8—Roseville

May 11—Kimball

May 16—at Hazel Park

May 23—Ferndale

May 29—at Kimball

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Physically Fit? Or U.S.A. Flabby?

First in a Series

By Larry Evos

Are we fast becoming a nation to borrow a phrase from a well-known comic strip book?

Recent surveys by both the federal government and private interests show that we are headed in that direction.

To combat this trend, both the government and private groups have set up programs to bring about citizens awareness of the need for good physical fitness.

On the national level President John F. Kennedy has established a Council on Youth Fitness.

HERE in Birmingham a group of 20 citizens have joined forces to form the Citizens' Council for Youth Physical Fitness.

The local group is headed by Mrs. William A. Compton, 171 Safford, and Ben S. Smith, 1165 Melbourn.

Made up of persons from all walks of life, the Council has several aims.

It wants to create a "public awareness of the need for physical fitness."

It is interested in establishing "cooperation between the school and community in creating a strong physical fitness program."

And to "aid the department of physical education (in the school system) in supplementing and enlarging the existing physical education program."

THE COUNCIL is agreed that physical fitness is not synonymous with calisthenics and weight-lifting but is a matter of "reaching an optimum state of well-being that enables one to live and enjoy living to the maximum extent that our mental development and surroundings will offer."

According to the President's report, even though today's youth are fundamentally healthier than the youngsters of previous generations they

have not in many cases developed strong, agile bodies.

The President has urged that we immediately take steps to ensure that all youngsters have an opportunity to become and keep themselves physically fit.

To aid communities in establishing a fitness program, the White House has made three specific recommendations:

1. Identify the physically undeveloped pupil and work with him to improve his physical condition.

2. Provide a minimum of 15 minutes of vigorous activity every day for all pupils.

3. Use valid fitness test to determine pupils' physical abilities and evaluate their progress.

THE BIRMINGHAM Citizen's Council is not interested only in developing a program to be carried out during the school year.

They also hope to work with civic and church groups to establish a summer program along the lines of Junior Olympic competition.

This type of program is currently being conducted in Ann Arbor under the auspices of the University of Michigan and is meeting with much success.

The Council points out that it is striving to include 100 percent participation by all the youth of the community and not just the 15 percent that take part in organized sport.

A judo workshop-demonstration will be staged at the Birmingham YMCA tonight beginning at 7 p.m.

Members of the various Y judo classes will each put on brief demonstrations of what they have accomplished.

Highlight of the evening will be a gun, knife and club defensive technique demonstration by Detroit police officer Ross Faustino

and his family. Faustino has been conducting the Y instruction classes.

Awards will also be presented to those who have satisfactorily completed the first eight weeks of judo instruction.

Officials have announced that a new series of classes for beginners will start the first week in April.

Maple Swim Club Edged by Detroiters

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Groves Cage Star Named All-League

Russ Bizzer, high scoring Groves prep ace, has been named to the first team of the Tri-River League all star squad.

The speedy Falcon junior was selected as a starting forward on the dream team.

Another Groves ace Jim Kokones was picked on the second five. Kokones, also a junior, was injured part of the season and was forced to miss three contests.

NEIL CARTER of the league champion Riverside five was the top vote getter on the first squad. The pint-sized guard had a total of 21 votes. Bizzer and Larry Altobelli of Southgate were next in line with 15 each.

Mike Flemming, a sophomore from North Farmington, and Bob Knapp, Cherry Hill junior, rounded out the first squad.

Bizzer tallied a total of 254 points for the Falcons and was also the leading rebounder with 139. He cleared the all important defensive boards 97 times.