

Sports World Mourns Death Of President Kennedy

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When a bullet took the life of President John F. Kennedy Friday, it also took some of the life out of sports.

President Kennedy was not only an ardent spectator at sports of all kinds, he was also a participant, an advocate of physical activities.

Never in the modern era had physical fitness been so heavily stressed, never before was the nation made so conscious of its physical state as it was during his administration.

He was a symbol of health, he was a symbol of the sportsman, he stood for youth and fitness and strength.

HE NEVER failed to encourage youngsters to enjoy the out-of-doors, to engage in physical activity and to strengthen their conditions.

The physical fitness program he developed will stand as a tribute to his never-ending campaign to bring the physical condition of the nation up to its mental standards.

The exercises that youngsters do in planned programs around the country, the many books published by the national committee he established with Bud Wilkinson in charge, will forever remind us of his desires.

His appearance at the annual Army-Navy football game, his Presidential box from where he inaugurated each baseball season in Washington, his familiar tours around the White House putting green all serve to remind the nation of his love for athletics.

FROM HIS early childhood days when he played football on the Dexter school team to his last days, when only 46 and bothered by a bad back, but playing touch football on the sand at Hyannis Port, he stood as living proof of the contributions athletics makes to the human body.

Now, though he is gone, the living proof can be seen in any gymnasium, sports arena or stadium throughout the country.

This great man added to sports the quality and impetus that brought a nation to realize the desperate need for fitness.

So it was fitting that the sports world paused to honor him in their own way, locally, nationally and internationally.

RECREATIONAL programs in Birmingham and Bloomfield closed down as did athletic facilities in the schools in the country.

Football games were cancelled, some were postponed and others were played because coaches said "he would have wanted it that way."

Michigan and Michigan State called a halt to athletic contests in the state and many professional teams postponed action. Those that played did so with a heavy heart.

The Groves High School sports banquet scheduled for Monday was postponed for a week. It certainly wasn't a time for celebration.

Frank Whitney, Birmingham schools athletic director, said, "Directly or indirectly, he affected every physical education class in the country. No one pushed physical fitness in the history of the country as he did."

DON MARTIN, Birmingham recreation director, said, "He expanded the original physical fitness program through his interest and enthusiasm. He increased an awareness for the needs of programs and facilities under the sponsorship of recreation agencies, physical education departments and other organizations."

And so the tributes came. From all around the world, sportsmen mourned the loss of the President as a tragic loss to the world of sports.

He will always be remembered for his participation in Detroit's bid for the Olympics, for his interviews with top athletes and for the time he took to encourage the little man.

Most assuredly, his heritage will live on in the hearts of athletes and sportsmen. They need only look around them for signs of his work.

BUT IT WILL never be the same. His death left a mark on the field of athletics. When he died, the world of sports died a little, too.

Conservation Dept. Adds Game Lands

Hunters in southeastern Michigan gained a niche for their sport last week when the Conservation Commission designated nearly 2,800 acres as a game management unit at Holly recreation area.

In establishing the new unit, where game habitat improvements will hold top priority with public hunting, the Commission voted to exchange 724 acres purchased with hunting license fees for 933 acres bought with general tax money and acquired through tax reversions.

The exchange, involving lands of approximately equal values, was made to consolidate hunting acreage in the northeastern sector of the recreation area where the special unit is located.

HUNTING and game activities will be continued in other parts of the 6,000-acre Holly area where they do not conflict with intensive recreational use and development.

Elsewhere in the Oakland County area, the Commission voted to buy 183 acres with parks bonding money to open the possibility of developing deep-water impoundments for swimmers and boaters.

Action was also taken last week to buy 482 acres for public hunting and wildlife habitat improvements in other parts of the state. The additions include: 64 acres at the Townline Creek wildlife flooding, Clare and Roscommon counties; 80 acres at Maple River state game area, Gratiot and Saginaw counties and others.



BRUCE NYBERG shown in action last year. He is one of three returning forwards who will try and untrack state champion Northville tonight when Seaholm hosts the Eagles in the opener for both clubs. Nyberg stands 6-foot, 4-inches and will be a key man in the rebounding department for the Maples.

GROVES FACES ROMULUS

Maple-Ferndale Tilt Heads First Week of Basketball

High school basketball teams swing into action today as the 1963-64 cage season gets underway around the state.

Locally, all eyes focus on the big game between Seaholm and defending state Class A champ Ferndale in a contest that could decide the Eastern Michigan League crown before the season barely gets going.

The Eagles, a powerhouse last year, still figure as the team to beat for the EML title this season. But, Seaholm, stronger than a year ago when they lost a one-point squeaker to Ferndale, are considered to be very much in the race.

IN FACT, the two schools are merely switching the scene from the gridiron to the basketball floor to continue the rivalry that came to a head on Seaholm's field in the fall when the Maples handed Ferndale a sound defeat.

Besides Seaholm, Mt. Clemens is also rated a contender's role in the EML with East Detroit and Hazel Park regarded as darkhorses. Seaholm coach Lew Parry will start a quintet of players that all stand above six feet as the Maples try to better last year's 11-4 record.

Back from last season's second-place squad are 6-foot, 3-inch Ron Jacobson, 6-foot, 4-inch Bruce Nyberg and 6-foot, 2-inch Harold Wilber up front.

At the guard spots will be Tom Snyder (6' 1"), John Dirnbauer (6' 7") and Phil Fox. Also helping out are rebounders Jeff Meyer (6' 5") and John Toland (6' 5").

The Maples will have their hands full stopping Ferndales Bruce Rowdan (6' 4") and George Meyer. The game should draw a capacity crowd in the Seaholm fieldhouse.

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Ex-Bloomfield Player Named At Dartmouth

Dartmouth Director of Athletics Robert A. (Red) Rolfe announced today that William A. Calhoun of Bloomfield Hills, had been elected captain of freshman football.

Calhoun was the regular right end on the Dartmouth freshmen all year. He is rated a strong varsity prospect on the strength of his performance both offensively and defensively this season.

Freshman coach Earl Hamilton said Calhoun "is a big strong boy with good speed and excellent hands. It is quite an honor to have been elected captain on a squad of 110 players from 35 states, and Bill deserved it."

CALHOUN is 6 feet 2 inches and weighs 203 pounds. At Bloomfield Hills High School he was co-captain of football and was named to the all-league team in both his junior and senior years. Bill was also on the second all-county team and honorable mention all-state. He won both the Most Valuable Player award and the Bob Scott Memorial Award as the senior football player who had the most spirit and was most inspirational.

Other high school accomplishments included basketball, baseball and track, as well as student council and the International Relations Club. Bill was graduated 12th in a class of 258.

The Dartmouth freshmen ended the season with a 4-2 record including wins over Brown, Holy Cross, New Hampshire and Connecticut and defeats by Harvard and Yale.

Fete Adams, a transfer from Detroit Pershing and state champ in the 200 and 400-freestyle, helps Seaholm complete a powerful squad.

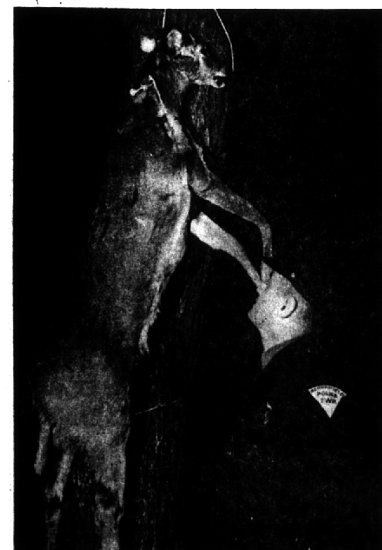
Corey Van Fleet, the Maple swimming coach, worked with Adams to help smooth out his stroke.

SEAHOLM, who won the Royal Oak Relays last year, also has two fine performers in junior Ted Blacklee in the butterfly and sophomore Roddy Henderson in the freestyle.

Ken Heft, Maple football star and defending state living champ, returns for another year. Heft, however, injured himself near the end of the football season and did not play in the last few meets.

Groves is concentrating on defending another league title. They (See RELAYS, 4-E)

Deer-Car Accidents Rising



BLOOMFIELD Township patrolman Ed Quintal gazes up at the doe that collided with Mrs. Howard Dell's car on Telegraph in Bloomfield Township last Thursday night. Mrs. Dell was driving north when the animal ran in front of her car at about 7:30 p.m. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$250. Police turned the deer over to the Conservation Department. The number of deer-car accidents in southern Michigan has steadily risen as the farmland deer herd increases and provides a serious hazard for motorists.

This fall, Michigan deer hunters should bring home over 7,000,000 pounds of venison. During the year, motorists will "bag" another 300,000 pounds.

Hunters will get a lot of sport and good eating for their efforts, but drivers who hit whitetails are in for nothing but trouble and danger.

Mrs. Howard Dell, of Pontiac, found out from experience last Thursday night just how dangerous a whitetail can be.

TRAVELING north on Telegraph in Bloomfield Township, she saw two animals bolt in front of her car about 7:30 p.m. She thought they were dogs, but when one hit the hood and she pulled off onto the shoulder, Township police informed her that she had hit a doe.

The deer was imbedded in the car's radiator and caused \$250 worth of damage. Police took the venison and turned it over to the Conservation Department.

The accident was one of many in the rising number of venison steaks "grilled" on the front of cars. Figures have conservation officials alarmed.

Last year at least 4,146 deer were killed by cars on Michigan highways. This year, if the present trend continues, the toll could be close to 5,000—auto repair bill, \$1,000,000—hospital bills, or worse, unknown.

WHEN THE Conservation Department started keeping records of whitetails killed on the highways in 1954 most of the deer-car collisions occurred in the North.

Today, the whole picture has changed. In 1962, southern Michigan motorists bagged 1,643 compared to 955 in the Upper Peninsula and 1,587 in the northern Lower Peninsula.

The highway hazard caused by deer in southern Michigan will probably get a lot worse. Only six percent of the deer live here, but (See ACCIDENTS, 2-E)

AT THE GUARD spots will be



TOM CARSON
Hopeful Falcon mentor

U. of M. Schedules 43rd Football Bust

The University of Michigan Club of Detroit will hold its 43rd Annual Football Bust on Monday at Cobo Hall.

The toastmasters will be Terry Barr of the Detroit Lions and Ron Kramer of the Green Bay Packers, two former University of Michigan gridiron stars.

The Bust chairman is Joe Hardig. Tickets are available at the U.M. Club Office, 60 Farnsworth, Detroit 1, Michigan. They will also be on sale at Cobo Hall the evening of the Bust.

MAPLES DEFEND TITLE Seaholm, Groves Set For Royal Oak Relays

High school swimming returns to the sports scene with a splash Saturday as 18 area schools converge on Kimball High for the annual Royal Oak Relays.

Defending state Class A champ Seaholm looms as the favorite of the meet, but top-notch Kimball is figured to come from last Kimball.

Birmingham Groves, with the help of several transfer students, enters the 1963-64 season with a more powerful squad than the Falcons had a year ago.

THE MAPLES, although losing some top performers from last season's team, still sport a line-up that is filled with tested veterans.

Senior co-captains, Dennis Rozema and Jeff Wallace return for another year. Rozema swims the butterfly and 200-yd. individual medley while Wallace swims the butterfly.

Other returning seniors are Tom Coupe in the 50 and 100-freestyle.



A Sure Sign of Winter

This familiar scene will again be enacted in Birmingham today when the Municipal Ice Rink opens for the winter season. Members of the Birmingham Municipal Rink staff have worked around the clock against mild temperatures this week so that youngsters might have skating during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Long Range Weather Forecast:

- Cold
- Snow
- Slush
- Ice



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