

Seaholm, Groves Win Swim Titles; Look to State Meet

22 Maples Ready For Lansing Trip

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Sports Editor

With league titles safely tucked away, the swimming teams at Seaholm and Groves have turned their thoughts to Friday and Saturday and the state meet at East Lansing.

The Maples capped the Eastern Michigan League crown Friday night by racking up 202½ points—40 better than second-place Kimball—and the Falcons outdistanced opposing teams in the North Suburban League to make it a double sweep for Birmingham.

Of the 11 events, Seaholm captured eight first places. Don Spencer, doubling in the 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley, won both in record time, breaking his last year's pool and league marks.

Spencer posted a time of 55.7 in the butterfly and 2:12.7 in the individual medley.

TWO FIRST places went to Kimball's Tim Cash who set a school mark and tied an EML mark in the 200 freestyle and capped the 400 freestyle title.

The team of Dave Nelson, Dave Zimmer, Jeff Wallace and Jack Hoyt set a new EML record with a time of 1:48.3 in the 200 medley relay.

The Falcons captured three first places and compiled 112½ points to edge second place Thurston with 105 points. The others in order were Fitzgerald, 98½; Southfield, 75½; Madison Heights, 61½; Pontiac Northern, 56½; Utica, 22; and Livonia Franklin, 14.

The Birmingham tankers took first place in the 200-yard medley relay, the 200-yard freestyle, and the 200-yard freestyle relay.

COACH JIM Gilster was elated over his team's victory. "Almost without exception, every one of our men posted his best time ever," said the coach. "That is the only way we could have won. It was that kind of meet."

The Falcons' outstanding performance was attributed by Gilster to "a faith in themselves" which he has tried to instill in the tankers throughout the year.

The top individual performer for Groves was Dave Robertson who bettered a school record with his winning time of 2:21.1 in the 200-yard freestyle. A sophomore, in his first year of varsity swimming, Robertson finished a half-second in front of Fitzgerald's Bob Pashnik.

The Falcons' 200-medley relay team of Doug Hitch, Jim Sifferman, Kevin Tooms and Kirk Olson posted a new league record with a time of 1:49.8.

The 200-yard freestyle relay was won handsily by Ted Wulund, Charles Mitchell, Olson and Brian Oria. The team finished with a time of 1:39.2.

DAVE MEAD contributed several points to the winning effort by taking a second in the 50-yard freestyle and third in the 100-yard freestyle.

Dan Robertson of Fitzgerald (See FALCONS, 2-E)

Set Registration For Pony, Colt Baseball League

Registration for the new Birmingham Pony & Colt Baseball League will be accepted from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 23, at the Community House.

All boys in the Birmingham area who will be 13 years old and not over 16 on July 31, 1963, are eligible to play in the league.

APPLICATION blanks will be available at all junior and senior high schools Monday and at the Community House on the day of registration.

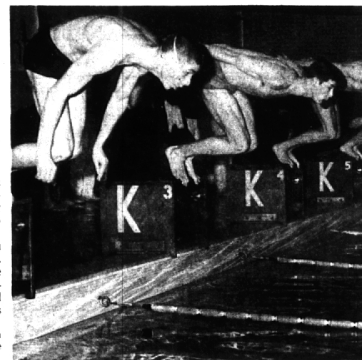
Information about location and dates of try-outs will be sent to the boys when they register.

Officers of the Pony, Colt League, all former officials in Birmingham Little League, are: Steve J. Gromek, commissioner; F. R. Spitznagel, assistant commissioner; Ed C. Schreck, treasurer; Bob E. Gleason, secretary; and Harold D. Anderson, city coordinator.

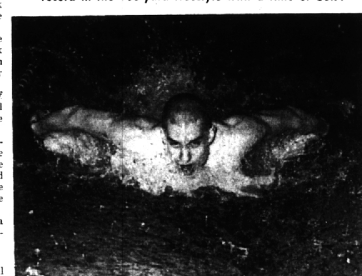
Slater and Shutt On All-EML Team

John Slater and Jay Shutt of Seaholm have been named to the All-Eastern Michigan League team by coaches in the circuit.

Slater, a forward, and Shutt, a guard, were two of six EML players chosen for the honor. The others are Bruce Rodwan, Truman McNeal and Ed Hild of Ferndale and Chuck Ingram of Port Huron.

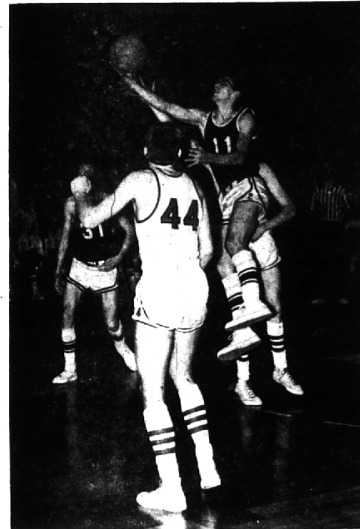


Tom Coupe (second from left) of Seaholm set a new EML record in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 50.9.



Dennis Rozema, one of a winning trio for the Maples, in the 100-yard butterfly.

EML SUMMARY
200-yard medley relay: Seaholm (Nelson, Zimmer, Wallace, Hoyt); Kimball, Ferndale, Mount Clemens, Hazel Park, Port Huron, 1:48.3 (EML record).
200-yard freestyle: Cash (K), Coupe (S), Wolf (S), Hazel (K), Fitts (S). (See MAPLES, 2-E)



DRIVING IN for a lay-up is Seaholm's Jay Shutt in the first round of the Class A district tournament at Pontiac Northern last week. Shutt scored 15 points in the contest which the Maples lost to Northern, 73-63. John Slater paced the losers with 16 points.

Falcons Stopped, 82-34

Tourney Gambit: Rice Checkmated

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Basketball took a final bow Thursday night, stumbled, and shuffled off the stage to make way for the new acts of the spring sports schedule.

As the curtain closed on the 1962-63 cape season, two Birmingham area teams—Brother Rice and Groves—fought hard but faltered in their bids for the district title at Pontiac Northern.

The Warriors lost to Northern, 75-56, and Groves fell to Pontiac Central, 82-34.

(The Northern quintet went on to beat Central, 58-42, Saturday night and won the district championship.)

DURING THE first eight minutes of play, it looked as if Rice would stay with the favored Huskies, but sharp shooting by the winners' Gary Hayward and Jerry Reese widened the gap in later stages of the contest.

Eight points by Dave Walter kept the Warriors close in the first period, which ended with Northern leading, 18-14. The winners started fast-breaking in the second to widen the margin to 42-20 at half-time.

Bolstered by sideline "chats" with their coach, Ken Yastic, the Warriors rallied in the fourth

period. However, the clock ran out on the losers.

Walter connected on a short jump shot to move Rice within seven points, 69-62, with 1:20 to go in the game. The margin was boosted back to 11 on field goals by Gary Hayward and his brother, Roger.

A 23-foot set shot by Paul Jagels at the buzzer narrowed the count to nine points difference.

THE WARRIORS had trouble getting their passes inside the Huskies defense, but when they did the result was usually a basket. Walter turned in a brilliant performance for Rice as he tossed in eight field goals and eight free throws for a total of 24 points. He tied for scoring honors with Northern's Reese.

Also in double figures for Brother Rice were Paul Jagels (17) and Bill Moore (15). Walter and Moore did well on the boards, especially under the Northern basket. Groves managed to hold Central in check for most of the first quarter—but after that it was a runaway for the Pontiac team. Too much height and too much experience for the winners handily capped the Falcons throughout the contest.

COACH TOM Carson saw to it that all of his 15 players got into the game, starting in the second quarter when it became evident that Groves was not matched against the powerful Central quintet.

The other two teams from this area in the tournament—Seaholm and Bloomfield Hills—lost to the Pontiac quintets on the previous Tuesday night.

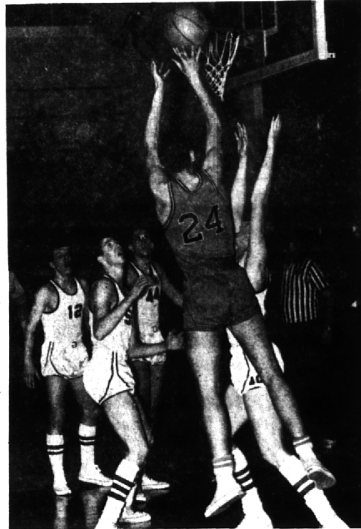
Central defeated the Barons, 67-50, and Northern outdistanced the Maples, 73-63.

Competes in N. C. Golf Tournament

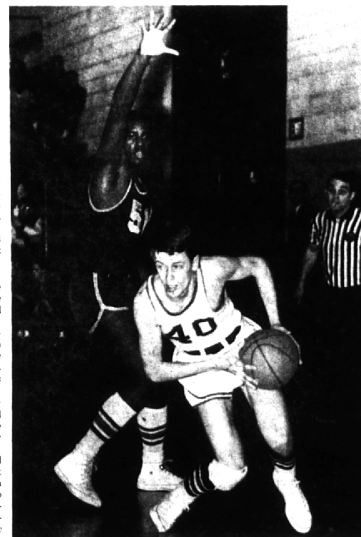
Competing in the annual Pinehurst (N. C.) Country Club Seniors Invitational Four-Ball Tournament is Frederick J. Zoellin of 518 Pleasant, Birmingham. He is accompanied by Mrs. Zoellin and they are guests this week at the Holly Inn. The tourney is being played on the championship number two course. Mr. Zoellin's partner for the event is Pinehurst winter cottager Dr. Arnold J. Labbe of Lansing.

Caribou Traces

Part of a Woodland caribou antler was found in an old post log near Lapeer last summer, the second piece of recorded evidence ever unearthed to indicate that the animal once ranged over southern Michigan. The first discovery was made in 1940 near Minden City in Sanilac county.



DAVE WALTER (24), Brother Rice forward, tossed in 24 points for his team against Northern Thursday night but it wasn't enough for the Warriors to win. They were defeated by the host team, 75-66. Paul Jagels scored 17 points and Bill Moore 15 for Rice.



GROVES HAD its troubles, too, with a tall, powerful Pontiac Central squad, Jim Whitney (with ball) tries to drive around 6-4 forward Lester Hardiman—without success. The Falcons lost to Central by the lopsided score of 82-34.

Presbyterian Wins Again In Detroit Tourney Play

If First Presbyterian can win one more YMCA basketball game the team will represent the Detroit area in the state tournament in Pontiac, March 29-30.

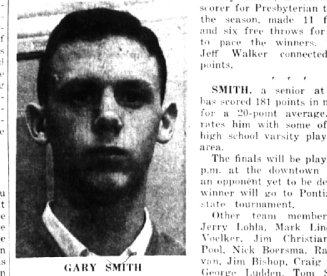
The Birmingham team, coached by Lou Sharkoff, advanced to the finals of the Detroit area Senior boys tournament by defeating Calvary E. U. B. 54-46, Saturday night at the Northwestern Y.

Gary Smith, a consistent high scorer for Presbyterian throughout the season, made 11 field goals and six free throws for 28 points to pace the winners. Teammate Jeff Walker connected for 10 points.

SMITH, a senior at Seaholm, has scored 181 points in nine games for a 20-point average. Sharkoff rates him with some of the first high school varsity players in the area.

The finals will be played at 3:45 p.m. at the downtown Y against an opponent yet to be decided. The winner will go to Pontiac for the state tournament.

Other team members include Jerry Lohla, Mark Lindsay, Don Voelker, Jim Christensen, Ken Pool, Nick Boersma, Randy Sullivan, Jim Bishop, Craig Carpenter, George Ladden, Tom Smith and Dave Detelle.



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