

Seaholm Brings State Swimming Crown to Birmingham



ROUNDING UP all the swimmers from Seaholm at the state meet Saturday was an impossible task. In the first place, there were too many of the (22) and secondly, some were too busy helping win the state championship. However, we managed to corral 15 tankers and a manager for the group shot.

Basketball Antics At Groves with Harlem Diplomats

The basketball season, for all practical purposes, is over, but one contest remains—between the faculty at Groves and the Harlem Diplomats in the high school gym Friday night.

The Diplomats, Canada's answer to the Harlem Globetrotters, will take to the floor at 8 p.m. sharp in a comedy game that is designed to raise funds to buy equipment for the athletic department.

As a special attraction, the Diplomats will present their "magic circle." In this act, the gym is darkened and the only visible objects are the players' hands, shoes and a glowing basketball.

Junior High Swim Meet Scheduled at Seaholm Friday

An intracity swimming meet involving the three junior high schools in Birmingham will be held at 7:15 p.m. Friday at the Seaholm pool.

Entries from Derby, Barnum and Groves will be on an individual basis for each of the nine events. Ribbons will be awarded to the first eight finishers.

Sponsored by the Birmingham Physical Education Department, the meet will offer an opportunity for parents to see their sons in competition. This is the fourth year that the event has been staged.

Maples Share All Events; Heft Wins Diving Honors

By DAVE PHILPO
Sports Editor

This time Seaholm was determined not to settle for a tie.

The feeling was much in evidence throughout the preliminaries and carried over to the finals of the state Class A swimming meet in East Lansing Saturday.

Displaying balanced and well distributed power, the Maples chalked up points in every event to overwhelm the closest competitor, Grosse Pointe, who tied for the championship last year.

THE FINAL tally found the Birmingham squad with 98.5 points as compared to 44.25 for Grosse Pointe. Seaholm took two firsts in the meet which saw seven state records and one U. S. mark bettered by some of the best swimmers to ever perform in the Michigan prep event.

Unnoticed by some in the flurry over Jenkinson's feat was the fact that Don Spencer of Seaholm, defending state champion in the event, also bettered his last year's mark by three-tenths of a second. Spencer finished behind Jenkinson at 54.1.

THE MAPLES got in on the record-breaking spree themselves by smashing their own 1962 mark of 1:45.2 in the 200-yard medley relay. The team of Bob Wolf, Dave Zimmer, Spencer and Jim Henderson posted a time of 1:42.7.

Ken Heft, a junior, proved that his talents are not limited to football by upsetting Mike Reynolds of Fitzgerald for the state diving championship.

Heft racked up 312 points to 296.55 for Reynolds, previously unbeaten in two years of dual meet diving competition.

Another strong finisher for Seaholm was Wolf, who placed second in the 100-

yard backstroke. His brilliant time of 56.9 (bettering the old state record of 57.7) was overshadowed by that of Rick Skarbo of Detroit Western at 56.8—although it was only one tenth of a second faster.

TOM COUPE made a good showing for the Maples in the 100-yard freestyle. He finished third at 50.9 behind Ken Wiebeck of Thurston (:49.3) and Mike Royster of Ann Arbor (:49.7), both of whom broke the old record of :50.4 set by a former Seaholmite, Pete Sintz in 1958.

A fourth place finish was posted by Dave Zimmer in the 100-yard breaststroke. He posted a time of 1:06.2 compared to Ann Arbor's Dave Cushing who won the event in 1:05.1.

TOM FRITZ of Seaholm turned in a fine night's work by coming in second in the 200-yard freestyle. His time was 1:53.1. Pete Adams of Pershing won the event at 1:52.6, breaking the old state record of 1:52.9.

Other Maples contributing points to the championship effort were Randy Matthews, sixth in the 50 freestyle; Tom Kennedy, third in the 200 individual medley, 2:12.4; Jeff Wallace, sixth in the 100-yard butterfly; and Linn Smith, fifth in the 400-yard freestyle.

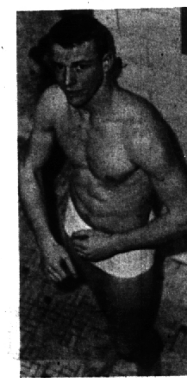
The team's 200-yard freestyle relay team finished fifth.

Much of the credit for the state championship must go to Seaholm's young coach, Corey Van Fleet. During the last three years—under his watchful eye and expert tutoring—the Maples have risen from third place (1961) to state champions.

THE FEAT was not achieved easily. Van Fleet has pushed the idea of "taking them one at a time" and getting as many boys as possible into the swim of things.

The dividends this year are evident. The Maples were unbeaten in dual meet competition and swept every other meet in which they took part.

(See CROWN, 2-E)



3 Mighty Maples

If the Maples ever won a team victory, it was in the state meet Saturday. Don Spencer (top picture) finished second in the 100-yard butterfly, two seconds behind Bill Jenkinson of Cooley, who set a new U. S. record with a time of 56.8. Spencer, defending champion, broke his old record of 54.4. Tom Kennedy (center) placed third in the 200-individual medley at 2:12.4 to add points to the Maples total. And Ken Heft (left) turned in his finest diving performance in upsetting Mike Reynolds of Fitzgerald for the state championship in that event. Heft compiled 312 points to 296.55 for Reynolds, previously unbeaten in two years of dual meet diving.

Eccentric Photos by Bill Thum



Corey Van Fleet (with pad), young Seaholm swim coach, keeps one eye on the stop watch as he records his swimmers' times in the state meet.

Parents Invited To Little League

Southfield Little League officials take another big step toward another season tonight with the league's annual "Parents Night" at Southfield High School gym at 8.

This is the time of season when parents, Little Leaguers old and new, as well as interested adults get all their questions answered. A complete outline of the Southfield Little League program, including important dates, times and places will be presented by league officials. A question and answer period will follow.

The meeting will be short and free and all interested residents of Southfield are invited.

THE LEAGUE'S next big date will be Saturday, March 30, when registration and physical exams will be held at Southfield High School gym.

Registration will be held both morning and afternoon and all boys, 8-12 years of age, who expect to play this season must register.

A change in times will place registration for the National League boys from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:30-4 p.m. for the American Leaguers. Boys living north of Nine Mile and east of Lahser are considered in the National League while boys living south of Nine Mile and west of Lahser are considered in the American League.

Retired Men

Each Friday afternoon the Southfield Community Building has been designated as a meeting place for all retired men of Southfield. During the course of the afternoon, the men may socialize, have coffee and play cards.

Presbyterian Loses Battle for 'Y' Title

First Presbyterian of Birmingham lost to Hartford Baptist, 61-51, Saturday, in its bid for the District Y. M. C. A. senior high basketball championship at the downtown Y.

It marked the second straight year that the Hartford team has jinxed the Presbyterian quintet. Last year the margin was six points.

Calvin Smith, the losers' most consistent scorer this year, tallied 17 points to pace Presbyterian. Jerry Lohs and Jeff Walker added 10 each.

THE BIRMINGHAM team finished the season with a 9-1 record, including tournament play, and boast a 24-2 slate for the last three years.

A banquet honoring players from Presbyterian, First Baptist, First Methodist, St. James Episcopal and St. Andrews Lutheran will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday at St. James. Players selected to all-star teams will be announced and the Birmingham Optimist Boys' Club will provide the entertainment.

THE AWARDS are based on scholarship, leadership and athletic ability. Harold Newcomb, assistant principal of Groves, was master of ceremonies at the banquet, which saw five new letter winners in basketball and 12 in swimming.

Win Swim Titles At Mich. State

Two Birmingham residents now attending Michigan State University won titles in the recent MSU intra-fraternity swimming championships.

Jim Leahy, a sophomore swimming for Sigma Alpha Epsilon, captured firsts in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle events and was runner-up in the 50-yard butterfly to pace his team to victory.

PETE PALMER was runner-up in the 50-yard freestyle also competing for SAE.

Leahy, a 1961 graduate of Seaholm High School, is a pre-law student at MSU. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leahy of 3501 Broadway.

Palmer is a senior political science major and the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Palmer of 3855 Wooddale. He was graduated from Birmingham High in 1959.

Pony, Colt Leagues To Register Players

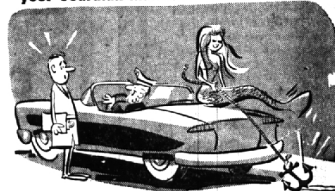
The Pony & Colt Baseball League of Birmingham will accept registrations from boys 12-16 years old from 1-5 p.m. Saturday at the Community House.

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

Men's Gym

Each Monday at Birney and Wednesday at Lederle School gym, from 8 to 10 p.m., the Southfield Department of Parks and Recreation conducts an evening of basketball, volleyball and conditioning exercises for men.

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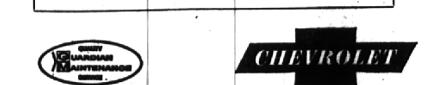
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Coaches Elect Whitney to Hall of Fame

Frank Whitney, a veteran of 17 years as athletic director of Birmingham Public Schools, has been elected to the State Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Whitney, 65, is one of 14 high school coaches and former coaches, picked for the honor. All will be recognized at the association's banquet at Kelllogg Center in East Lansing, Saturday.

IN ADDITION to honoring the Hall of Fame winners, the 600 high school coaches will present recognition awards to Clarence (Biggy) Munn, Michigan State University athletic director; Fritz Cralier, University of Michigan athletic director; and George Alderton, retired

sports editor of the Lansing State Journal.

The coaches also will be introduced during half time at the State Class A final basketball game Saturday at Jensen Field House.

WHITNEY, who started coaching at Baldwin High School in 1930, had this to say about the honor: "Our philosophy here is a little different. The primary purpose of our program is to promote the development of all boys and girls."

Whitney said that the athletic program in Birmingham is a big part—but only a part—of the total effort.

"We are very proud of our athletic program, our intramural setup and physical education program," he added.

WHITNEY coached at Baldwin from 1930 to 1941, when he entered the service. Upon his discharge in 1946 he became athletic director or coordinator, a job he has held ever since.

He and his wife, Harriet, have two children, Bruce 15, and Ann 18. Mrs. Whitney teaches at the University of Detroit.

The Whitneys live at 1783 E. Maple, Birmingham.



FRANK WHITNEY Honored by coaches.