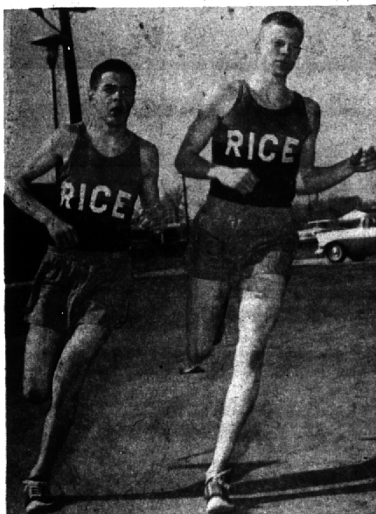


# Warriors, Barons Have 'High Hopes' for '63 Track Season



Mark Tanguay (left) is the miler for Brother Rice and Nora Kolys will compete in the half mile.



Bill Moore—high jumper for Brother Rice—just four inches away from the state record.

## Returnees To Boost Br. Rice

"I'm pleased that we have most of the kids back that did anything last year."

That's how Paul Maloney summed up the situation at Brother Rice, track-wise, this week. His optimism is not unjustified.

The school, in its third year of athletic competition—and existence, for that matter—has surprised many of the so-called "experts" by fielding exceptionally strong teams in so short a time.

AN INDICATION of improvement on the cinder tracks came just a week ago in a practice meet against Detroit Western.

The Warriors, who a year ago scored only six points against the same team, chalked up 23 this time.

"We feel that we are quite a bit stronger this year," said Maloney. "There are 70 boys out for track right now, including the ones who gained a lot of experience last year."

Brother Rice will enter the Catholic League A-East, West Division this year in a schedule that includes seven meets. Three other non-league commitments have been made.

THE WARRIORS' first meet, at 1 p.m. Sunday, is against a league opponent, Grasse Pointe St. Paul, at Grasse Pointe High School.

One of the boys everyone at Rice is expecting big things this year is Bill Moore, who has already set a new school record (6-2) in the high jump and is just four inches away from the state record.

Another good bet is Norm Kolys, who finished third in cross country in Catholic League competition last fall. Last year he went undefeated in the mile during dual meet competition.

Kolys has been switched to the half mile this year and has already been clocked at 2:14 in practice.

MARK TANGUAY will carry the Warriors' hopes in the mile. He is hoping to cut his time from 4:53 to the low 40's early in the season.

Others who Maloney figures will help the team substantially are Bob Lytle in the high jump; Jack Kelly in the pole vault; Richard Hnath, high hurdles; Dave Walters, low hurdles and Paul Mason in the 440.



Brian Bish, a senior, demonstrates the form that may take him over the 12-foot mark this year in the pole vault.

## Maples Place 5th In Huron Relays

Four track teams from the Birmingham area competed in the mammoth Huron Relays at Ypsilanti Saturday but only Maples was able to make an appreciable dent in the Class A competition.

The Maples placed in two events and chalked up 14 points to the Worthington, O., for fifth place in the finals of the meet in competition with 58 other teams.

Bloomfield Hills, the only other area team scoring, finished 31st behind an 11' 9" performance by Brian Bish in the pole vault. Bish tied for fifth place in the event.

Groves and Brother Rice—the two other local teams competing at Ypsilanti—were among 28 schools failing to make any points.

PACING SEAHOLM was the 880 relay team of Jack Trumble, Howard Dubin, Bob Drutler and Ray Johnson, who captured the Maples' only first, with a time of 1:36.4.

Jack Harvey, competing in the shot put, came through with a

throw of 53' 6 1/2" which was good enough for second place in that event. He finished behind Steve Louchman of Thurston, at 55' 5 1/4".

Bill Whitaker of Flint Southwestern set a new meet record in the broad jump with a prodigious leap of 22' 3". Pontiac Central's shuttle hurdle relay team posted a time of 28.9 seconds.

FLINT NORTHERN won the Huron Relays with 28 points; Pontiac Central was second with 26; Ann Arbor third, with 17; and Flint Central fourth with 15 points.

Area coaches agree that the relays are important to their teams in that the boys gain valuable experience against some of the best trackmen Michigan and Ohio have to offer.

Many of the same teams will compete in the equally large Mansfield (O.) Relays on April 12-13.

## Pony, Colt Tryouts Continue Saturday At Groves, Seaholm

Tryouts for the Pony and Colt leagues will continue at Groves and Seaholm high schools Saturday. Over 350 boys turned out for last week's initial session, according to Seales Deck, Pony player-agent.

Pony hopefuls age 13, will show off their abilities from 9 a.m. to noon at Groves and 14-year-olds will be in action from 1-4 p.m. Colt boys, 15, will work out at Seaholm from 9 a.m. to noon and the 16-year-olds will take over from 1 to 4 p.m.

All youngsters, 13-16, who live in the Birmingham School District, are eligible to participate in the tryouts.

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National League boys will report from 9:30 a.m. to noon on April 13 and the American League boys from 1:30 to 4 p.m. On April 20, the American League boys report in the morning and the national in the afternoon. Schedule for the April 27 tryouts will be the same as those on April 13.

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## Hoff Discovers 'Fair Nucleus' At Bloomfield

By DAVE PHILPO  
Sports Editor

Once you set a precedent, it's best to try and live up to it.

That is exactly what faces Don Hoff and his track squad at Bloomfield Hills.

The Barons have, for all practical purposes, dominated competition on the cinder paths during the last two years, winding up as Wayne-Oakland League champions both springs.

To boot, they didn't lose a dual or triangular meet last year.

It's pretty hard to follow an act like that.

Especially when you've lost such great competitors as Art Tregenza and Ted Barrett, who came through so well in the hurdles, high jump, broad jump and other events.

BUT HOFF, as jovial and as optimistic as any coach will let himself be, allows that:

"We have a fair nucleus of a team this year despite the fact that we lost four of our best men by graduation."

Roger Stewart, who somehow seems to do everything well, is the only returnee from a good 880-relay team. A 440-man last spring, Stewart has been switched to the 100-yard dash and the 220.

"As soon as he gets his start down," says Hoff, "he will be one of our good ones. He ran the 100 once last year in 10.5. We hope he can take a second off that this year."

BILL CALHOUN, another multi-sport man, is throwing the shot around pretty well, according to the coach. In practice, he has come up with 50 feet, compared to his best effort of 45 feet last spring. As a sophomore Bob Richards



Ken Bennett, a junior, is expected to take up some slack on the Barons' hurdles team.

was the Oakland County 880 net and Ron Stallworth in the hurdles.

This year he has been clocked at two minutes flat, indoors.

"When Richards gets outdoors, we expect him to better that and then some," said Hoff.

Others mentioned by the coach with good potential are Jack Armstrong, in the quarter mile; Tom Hoengardner (he was the county cross country champion last year) is the miler for the Barons; and Brian Bish who went 11' 9" with the pole vault in the Huron Relays.

Another 100 and 220 man expected to take up some slack on the 880 relay is senior Jim Allen. The coach plans to use Bish, Ken Bon-

TWO ROGERS—Stewart and Wotila—will be the leapers for the Barons this year in the high jump. Both have gone over 5' 8" in the gym and could top six feet outdoors, according to Hoff.

Bloomfield Hills first dual meet is against Waterford Kettering on the home track at 3 p.m. Monday. After much prodding, Hoff finally admitted that:

"We've been having pretty good luck with our track teams over the last few years. We have had the kids that like to run and they all work at it real hard."

## WAS FIRST LEAGUE IN MICHIGAN

# B'ham Pioneers Babe Ruth Growth

This is the second in a series of articles concerning baseball opportunities open to Birmingham youngsters, ages 8 to 16. Today's article deals with the Babe Ruth League and next week's will tell of the new Pony & Colt League, which has just launched its first season in the city.

By DAVE PHILPO  
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The Birmingham Babe Ruth League this year is celebrating its 12th anniversary of providing baseball for boys, 13-15, in this city. During the years since its formation, many things have been said about the program—most of them complimentary.

Perhaps the greatest tribute of all comes from Babe Ruth national headquarters who had this to say: "The Birmingham Babe Ruth League has pioneered the growth of boys' baseball in the state of Michigan. Birmingham was the first league in Michigan and the seventh to be chartered in the United States."

"Today, there are 72 Babe Ruth Leagues in Michigan. Such growth, in a large part, must be attributed to the stewardship and initiative of the Birmingham organization."

THIS SUMMER, according to Babe Ruth officials, over 175 boys will participate in the program "under the guidance of competent baseball men." The league, which has grown from one four-team to two six-team leagues, is containing

plating the addition of another six-team circuit.

Al W. Bates, chairman of the league, commented on the 1963 program.

"The officers and board of directors have worked tirelessly since last November to prepare a program that will outstrip any previous Birmingham Babe Ruth setup."

"We want you to know that the principles upon which the league was organized will continue to be maintained in the highest spirit of integrity, enabling young players to continue to be endowed with the ideals of keen spirit, sportsmanship, cognizance to rules and the adherence thereto, and a wholesome respect for God, Church and Country."

BATES, ONE of the men influential in the formation of Babe Ruth in Birmingham, said that in view of the 20-game schedule for each team, he has been assured by the recreation department that the league again will have the use of Seaholm, Derby and Groves' baseball diamonds.

Contrary to many other baseball programs, says Bates, the Babe Ruth program is considered by parents, players, officers and directors as a "manager's league."

"In our baseball program the managers and coaches are the most important adult members of the organization for it is these men who individually spend 150 hours of their free time helping the boys to sharpen their baseball skills and have fun doing it," he said.

Babe Ruth players compete on a

regulation diamond, with 90-foot basepaths and a 60-foot pitching distance. According to Bates:

"THE PLAYERS are protected from fast-throwing pitchers by the use of the 60-foot standard distance from home plate. We can always compensate for a sore or tired arm but it is difficult to compensate for the boy who suffers a serious leg injury."

In 1958, at the insistence of the local organization, all Babe Ruth base runners were compelled to wear helmets. In 1959 the national headquarters followed suit and made the rule mandatory for all leagues.

When a young baseball player reaches Babe Ruth age he is given a thorough examination by the family physician to make sure he is physically fit to participate in the sport.

The average annual cost per boy in the league amounts to \$35. This year the cost will be a little higher because of plans for each team to play a 20-game schedule, which begins May 30 and ends July 16.

AMONG THE things that must be paid for are uniforms, batting and base-running helmets, bats, balls and catchers' equipment and gloves. In addition, professional umpires must be hired, fields maintained and insurance purchased to cover all players, managers and coaches.

Since official figure that the cost per player is too much for the parents to pay, fund-raising activities have been directed toward the city's merchants and business

places, who may either sponsor a team or an individual with its contribution.

It is estimated that \$60,000 has been spent over a 10-year period on the program. Over 300 Birmingham men and women have contributed their time and effort in behalf of the organization.

During the tenure of Babe Ruth in the city, some fine teams have (See PIONEERS, 2-E)

## Three Saturdays Slated For Southfield Tryouts

The next step for Southfield Little League this season is to go outdoors and hope for good weather.

Tryouts are scheduled for three Saturdays in April—April 13, 20, 27—at Southfield 10 School, Berg and 10 Mile roads. All boys not on a major league team last year must attend at least two of the three tryout sessions. Boys on major league teams last season will be returned to the same roster automatically without going to tryouts.

Coaches and managers for all major league teams will attend the tryouts and from those boys assembled will pick their choices for the annual draft meeting late in April. Major teams pick in reverse order from their finish of last season until they fill their rosters in 18 boys.

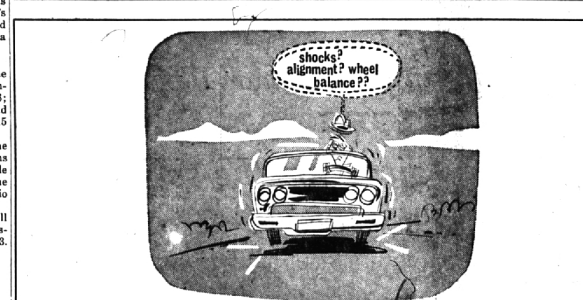
All other boys will be put in the

minors and a draft for the minors will be held to name boys to the minor rosters.

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