

### Augusten Fans 26; Barons Lose 2

Despite stellar pitching performances by John Augusten, Bloomfield Hills began the 1963 baseball season on a sour note, losing the first two games.

Augusten, senior righthander, fanned 13 batters in each game, but the Barons were nipped by Clarkston in the season opener, 4-2, and edged by Holly Monday, 7-5.

The Clarkston affair was a nightmare of errors. Two in the fifth inning cost the Barons three runs, as the visitors scored four times on two singles and a double.

FIRST BASEMAN Doug Tanner accounted for both

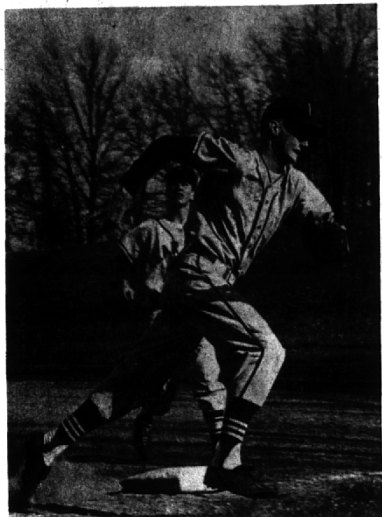
Baron runs, on a sacrifice fly in the first and a double to drive in Augusten in the fifth.

A sore back did not hamper Augusten too much as he retired the Clarkston batters. A Detroit Tiger scout, watching from the stands, commented that Augusten had "one of the most natural deliveries I have ever seen."

Augusten tossed a four-hitter and the Barons got the same number off Clarkston hurler Dave Havelind.

The Holly game was described by Hills Coach Cecil Morgan as "the worst exhibition of baseball I've ever seen."

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Baron Doug Tanner chases foul . . .

### Speaking of Sports He'll Call Plays —Not Make Them

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A young man in a hurry. That's Russ Higley, 16-year-old sophomore at Bloomfield Hills High School.

At 15, he became the youngest professional baseball umpire in the United States—perhaps in the world—and now he's shooting for a more distinctive goal: to be the youngest official ever hired by the major leagues.

AND HE just might make it.

"His timetable includes being hired by the minors after graduation from high school when he is 18 and a jump to the majors by his 25th birthday.

The desire to call the plays instead of making them began with Russ when he was only 12.

"It was then that I realized that I wanted to make a living in the sports world," he says. "I ruled out being a participant since only the highly qualified players can make the big leagues."

Russ recalls that no one took him seriously in the beginning—not even his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Higley—until he was 15.

"I read every scrap of copy put out on the subject of baseball. Then I experimented in games and tried to apply that knowledge. I found this to be the most difficult part."

DURING THE time he was umpiring intramurals at Bloomfield High, Russ flooded the National Baseball Congress with letters in an attempt to break the 18-year-old age barrier set up by the NBC.



RUSS HIGLEY

The organization, moved by Russ' determination, ability and desire to officiate, granted his wish, and the youngster became the first professional umpire under 21 in the last 25 years.

Russ commented on the vagaries of his chosen profession: "Everyone is skeptical of umpires and especially a 16-year-old umpire. I have received quite a bit of ribbing from spectators and some of my schoolmates."

He has definite ideas on the essentials of a good umpire. "Being a good umpire requires that a person know the rules and be able to apply them. It requires constant hustle on the diamond, and you must be alert and get set with every pitch.

"It is a cardinal sin for an umpire to get hit by a ball." Russ has had much advice and encouragement from Al Salerno, at 34 the youngest umpire in the American League.

The youngster also numbers among his friends Al Lopez, manager of the Chicago White Sox. Russ, an avid supporter of the Pale Hose, often has chatted with the Chicago mentor at Tiger-Sox games in Detroit.

"He told me once that we would continue to be good friends until I became an American League umpire," Russ said with a grin.

BETWEEN NOW and the big leagues, Russ will need plenty of professional experience. He hopes to get some this summer by officiating for Birmingham Little League and Bloomfield Baseball games.

Meantime, his unwavering sights are set on the majors. "There's no doubt whatsoever that I will make it," he said. "I'll stay at it until I do."

### IN BASEBALL, TENNIS AND TRACK

## All Cranbrook Teams Win Openers

Spring sports at Cranbrook got off to a running start last week as baseball, track and tennis teams registered loop-sided victories.

On the diamond, the Cranes chalked up two wins—over Waterford Kettering in the opener, 5-1—and an 8-2 whumping of Pontiac Central Friday.

In the opener, Cranbrook surprised Kettering with a 13-hit attack and pitcher Dick Mosher handcuffed the visitors, limiting them to only two hits. He also singled three times for the winners.

CLEANUP batter John Billeston belted a triple and two easy victories accounted for three runs batted in. Guy Bramble and Larry Willey added triples for the winners.

In the Central contest, Billeston went to the mound and gave up only five hits, struck out seven batters and contributed a triple and single. Mosher had four hits, including a double, a triple and

three runs batted in.

Bramble and Dale Bosley got doubles in the Crane hitting spree that produced five extra base

clouts. Mosher and Billeston alternated in the mound. When one pitches, the other usually plays right field. Mosher leads off and Billeston hits in the cleanup spot.

The Cranbrook thinslads romped to their first dual meet win of the young season with a 68-40 shellacking of Walled Lake. The team swept all three places in two events.

### Two Aces Carded At Bloomfield CC

Two area golfers took the shortest route between two points Saturday and carded holes-in-one at Bloomfield Hills Country Club.

Maurice A. Mitchell aceed the 166-yard fifth hole with a No. 6 iron and Mrs. Susie Gawne conquered the 159-yard ninth hole with a No. 3 iron.

### Rice Trackmen Win; Set 6 New Records

Brother Rice served notice Monday that the school's track team will be no pushover this spring, and set six new school records in the process.

The Warrior thinslads scored 98 points enroute to an easy victory in a triangular meet with Royal Oak Shrine and Salesian at Groves Field.

Shrine managed 25 1/2 points and Salesian was third with 13 1/2. Here are the new records:

PETE FOLEY posted a new mark in the 100-yard dash with a time of 10.6; Norm Kotly, 2:08.8 in the 880; Paul Mason in the 440, 54 seconds flat and the team of Joe Schur, Foley, Dave Turkowski and Larry Quinlan in the 880 relay, 1:38.6.

Dave Walters personally accounted for two new records. He was clocked at 16.5 in the high hurdles and posted a time of 22.9 in the low hurdles.

Others taking firsts were Bill Moore in the high jump, 5-9; John Nowak in the pole vault, 10 feet; Moore in the broad jump, 18-5 1/2; and Mark Tanguy in the mile, 4:56.

Dick McDonald, Mason, Tom Hiesy and Pat Feehan teamed up to win the mile relay in 3:49.

THE WARRIORS previously had

### B'ham Ballplayers To Be Featured on Television Program

Several youngsters from the Birmingham area will be featured (via film) on Al Nagle's Junior Sports Show at 10 a.m. Saturday on Channel 7 TV.

The boys, members of Little League and Pony & Colt baseball leagues, were filmed at a joint clinic of the two leagues in January and during individual spring practices.

defeated Grosse Pointe St. Paul in their first dual league meet of the season.

Captain Paul Maloney was elated over his team's showing in the triangular affair. He attributed the victory to enthusiasm and hard work on the part of the whole squad.

Rice will meet Roseville Sacred Heart in a dual league meet at 2 p.m. Friday at Groves.

### Seaholm Ties for 10th In Mansfield (O.) Relays

Seaholm made the best showing of Michigan schools in the mammoth Mansfield (O.) Relays last weekend, tying for 10th place with Worthington, O.

The Maples competed with 129 other teams in the meet which attracted 1,354 individual entries.

Only one-tenth of a second separated Coach Kermit Ambrose's four-mile relay team from a first place finish in Friday's action. The team of Tom Brooks (4:45.3), Bill Bacheler (4:47.3), Jamie Dennis (4:41.5) and Jim Olson (4:37.4) placed second behind Amherst, O.

SEAHOLM, in setting a new school record, posted a total time of 18:51.5 as compared to 18:51.4 for the winners.

The Maples never held the lead, but almost caught the Amherst runners on the final lap behind the sterling performance of anchor man Olson.

The old record was 19:17.4 posted in 1958 at the Mansfield meet. Cleveland East Tech, piling up points in the running events, captured the team title for the second straight year with 28 points.

Seaholm's nine points was the

best that any Michigan team could muster. Hazel Park was next best with 8 1/2 points.

JACK HARVEY set a new school mark for the Maples in the shot put with a fourth place finish of 35' 5 1/2". In the same event, Marty Slamer of Cleveland Heights, O., took first and set a new meet record with a heave of 59' 5 1/2".

The only other event in which Seaholm placed was the distance medley relay. The team of Dave Kennedy (440), Bob Drothier (220), Ray Jobson (quarter mile) and Bill Schoen (mile) finished third with a time of 7:58.6.

Two other records fell during the meet. Jim Showers of Marion, O., pole vaulted 13 feet, six inches to smash a record of 13-5 1/2 that was set in 1959. The two-mile relay team from Euclid, O., set a new record of 8:14.4.

Only one Michigan squad, Pontiac, ever has won the Mansfield event. It led the pack in 1956 and 1958.

Seaholm's next meet is at home against East Detroit at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

### Roberts Rolls 214 Triplicate

Jack Roberts, of the Ed Rinke Chevrolet team, rolled a 214 triplicate last week while bowling in the Junior House League at Birmingham Bowl.

Roberts, a 200-average kegler, also boasts the high series of the year with a 708.

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. . . and Hoyt Byrum is cut down at the plate.

### Babe Ruth Announces Tryouts

Birmingham Babe Ruth League has scheduled tryouts for 13, 14 and 15-year-old boys at St. James Field Saturday.

According to President Rowland Starr, there will be many new openings this year for all three age groups.

"The chances of the kids making one of the teams are excellent," Starr said. "Most of the boys who show up for tryouts will be accepted."

TRYOUTS FOR 14 and 15-year-old youngsters will start at 9:30 a.m. and the 13-year-olds will have their session starting at 1:15 p.m. St. James Field is located behind the YMCA on Lincoln.

This year each Babe Ruth team will play an expanded 20-game schedule, as compared to the 15 games played in the past.

### B'ham Collegian Is Winning Kegler

William Shaffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shaffer, 2401 Radnor Drive, Birmingham, is a member of the four-man team that recently won the College Bowl competition at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Shaffer, a junior at Ohio Wesleyan, was a member of the team representing Sigma Alpha Epsilon social fraternity, of which he is a member. The team finished in first place after eliminating 14 other kegling teams.

Shaffer is a history major and a member of the Young Republicans Club.