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Falcons Repeat as Tri-River Track Champions

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You talk . . . you yell . . . sometimes you even bleed. Yet, in the final analysis, how much the team wants to win and how well they do in competition is left up to the boys themselves.

You are the track coach at Groves High School — your name is Ray Vavruska — and your squad has just repeated as Tri-River

League track champions. "The kids came through under pressure like I hoped they would. I was worried about North Farmington and their depth.

"If Jim Speicher hadn't won the mile and Jim Heydon hadn't finished third in the pole vault and Jeff Schubel hadn't come up with a third place in the high hurdles, we wouldn't have this trophy now."

IN REMINISCING, Vavruska brought up many "ifs" but none were big enough to conceal the

pride he felt in his Falcons for winning the league meet the second straight year.

And the nicest part for all the coaches is the fact that his team's trophy is just a little taller than the one carried by Jim Gistler's swimming team during the winter season.

Although the league victory could in no way be interpreted as anything other than a team effort, three boys contributed heavily in the scoring.

SCHUBEL ACCOUNTED FOR

24 points of the 61 total with a first in the broad jump at 19' 11"; another first in the low hurdles and a new school record at 20.9; the third in the high hurdles; and a berth on the winning 880 relay team.

Al Proctor won the 220 yard dash and set a league record at 22.9; was second in the 100-yard dash; and also ran a leg on the 880 relay for a total of 10 points.

Neil Grandner won the shot put with a heave of 48.5'; set a school and league record; took third in the 440; and ran on the

mile relay team which broke the school and league record at 3:37.2. Other members of the team were Dick Clarke, Frank Jankie and Kirk Olson.

The 880 relay team set a new league mark at 1:34.4. Don Novak and Greg Morris were other members.

NORTH FARMINGTON was the closest competitor for the title with 40 points. Southgate was third with 35, followed by Haxton 25, Riverside 21 1/2 and Cherry Hill with one point.

The mile run went down to the wire with Jim Speicher taking it with a clocking of 4:49.5, good enough for new school and league records.

Novak accounted for a second in the 440; Heydon took the third in the pole vault at 10-3; and Morris was third in the 100-yard dash.

In all, the Falcons captured seven firsts, two seconds, four thirds, one fourth and two fifths.

"THIS WAS a much better performance than last year,"

claimed Vavruska. "The competition was a lot stiffer this time. An indication of this is the fact that 12 of 13 league records were broken in the meet."

The only record that was not smashed was Art Schuler's 21-1/2' leap in the broad jump last year.

"Things look real good for next year," the coach said. "We'll have 21 boys back out of 25."

The graduating seniors are Novak, Clarke, Morris and Jankie.



RAY VAVRUSKA

Baron Athletes Feted at Banquet

Scores of proud moms, dads and fans gathered at Bloomfield Hills Junior High School

last week to pay homage to Baron athletes who excelled in nine sports during the last year.

The trophies that lined the speaker's table spoke eloquently for the athletic prowess of the various sports contingents that gave the school its best year in history.

Versatile Roger Stewart, who competed in football, basketball and track for three years, was chosen as Bloomfield's outstanding athlete. In presenting the trophy to Stewart, Athletic Director Don Hoff commented that Roger was "a very natural athlete—one with which I have enjoyed working."

BILL CALHOUN won two major awards—as the most valuable football player and the Bob Scott Memorial Award for "his cooperative spirit and giving his teammates the greatest inspiration."

The most valuable tennis player, Jason Hall, was also the recipient of the Richard J. Spelsa Award for the letter winner with the highest scholastic average. Hall is valedictorian of the class of 1963.

Other most valuable awards went to Bob Richards, a junior, for cross-country; Jay DeBard, a senior, for basketball; Butch Blumenfeld, senior, for skiing; Tom Hoopengardner, senior, track; John Augusten, senior, baseball; Ron Hipden, junior, golf; and Terry Givens, junior, Augusten, known as "Mr. Baseball," won 12 games, lost two, struck out 156 batters, batted .310 and had an earned run average of 0.7.

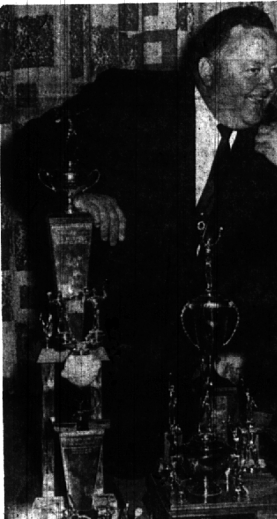
MENTION was made of the fact that Bloomfield Hills this year won its first Wayne-Oakland League All-Sports Trophy. The Barons tied for first in football, tied for first in basketball and won the baseball championship outright. The seventh annual sports banquet was sponsored by the Bloomfield Lions' Club and the Bloomfield Hills Dad's Club.

The invocation was given by Morris M. Wornack, minister, Church of Christ and the benediction by Bloomfield Township Supervisor Homer Case. Norman Dehnke, president of the Lions, presided and Colin Stewart was master of ceremonies.



THE MOST OUTSTANDING athletes for 1962-63—possibly in the history of Bloomfield Hills High School—pose with their trophies. Back row, from left, are Ron Holden, golf; Butch Blumenfeld, skiing; Jay DeBard, basketball; John Augusten, base-

ball; Tom Hoopengardner, track; Terry Givens, fencing; Jason Hall, tennis; and Bob Richards, cross-country. Seated are Roger Stewart, outstanding athlete of the year, and Bill Calhoun, most valuable in football and Bob Scott Memorial Award.



DON HOFF—as athletic director at the Hills—has good right to be proud, and maybe even a little boastful. His Baron sports contingents collected so many trophies this year that there may have to be a bond issue approved to build new cases in which to house them.

Pine Lake CC Prepares For Invitational Tourney

Pine Lake Country Club will host its 13th annual Invitational Golf Tournament June 13-16, according to club pro Elmer Prieskorn.

It is to be an alternate shot tournament, in which each player on a team drives — the drive he wishes is selected — and then the team takes turns making the shots until each hole is completed.

Two Aces Scored At Northwood

Two holes-in-one were reported from Northwood Golf Course in Troy during the last week.

Dale Schaffer of Milford scored the 110-yard No. 8 hole Thursday night with an 8-iron and Grace Wallace, 860 Sylvanwood, Troy, made her ace on the 125-yard, No. 3 hole with a 5-iron Monday morning.

Kaline Slates Baseball Clinic For Summer

Little Leaguers in the Birmingham area will have an opportunity to learn the "baseball magic style," it was revealed yesterday when Tiger outfielder Al Kaline announced his plans to conduct a baseball clinic for boys from the ages of eight thru 15.

With the assistance of Bob Miller, former Philly pitcher and now assistant baseball coach at the University of Detroit; Bill Foley, Catholic Central School Coach and Brendan McNamara, assistant basketball coach at U of D; the Tiger star will take a clinic for boys living in the metropolitan Detroit area from June 24 thru Aug. 30.

The youngsters will be instructed in all phases of the game both daily batting sessions against a major league pitching machine. When the Tigers are playing in Detroit, Kaline will take an active part in the coaching program. His assistants will carry on the program when the Detroit team is on the road.

Pontiac and Birmingham youngsters will attend daily instruction classes at Carl Rose's Golfland, located at Miracle Mile on South Telegraph.

KALINE FEELS his clinic is the answer to an often heard complaint that many boys playing in the Little Leagues are not properly coached.

"We will attempt to teach the boys the correct way to field, throw and hit a baseball," said Kaline. "We feel this should be a great help to the many wonderful parents who manage teams in the Little Leagues but lack the time or minor league training to properly coach all phases of baseball."

Weekly batting contests will be held at each clinic with the boys rotated given a chance to compete for prizes, including an all expense trip for two to the 1963 World Series.

For information as to the cost of the 10-week course, or how to enroll in the clinic, parents are asked to call the Al Kaline Baseball Clinic, 341-2700.

Newcomers League Has Four Winners

Four prizes were awarded Tuesday to members of the Newcomers Golf League at North Hills in their String Contest.

Winners were Jean Toner, Carol Rick, Maggie Ryan and June Spangler. The league plays again Tuesday at the North Hills club.

SECOND IN OAKLAND MEET Ninth Straight EML Title Won by Seaholm Thinclads

Seaholm capped another perfect Eastern Michigan League track season Tuesday by defeating closest rival Hazel

new meet record and the 880 relay team of Bob Drotzler, Howard Dabig, Kim Bateman and Jobson clocked 1:31.1 for a new field record.

It was the Maple's ninth straight league title since they started their winning ways in 1955.

The 1963 season was marked by the 59th consecutive dual meet victory for Seaholm.

Saturday the Maples rolled up 46 points to take second place in the All-Oakland County Meet, won by Pontiac Central with 72.

The meet, with 22 teams competing, saw 10 new field records set and eight meet marks recorded.

BLOOMFIELD Hills followed Seaholm with 29 points for third place. The Barons claimed two meet records with its one-mile relay team of Jack Armstrong, Bob Richards, Tom Hoopengardner and Roger Stewart at 3:27.6 and Richards won the 880-yard run in 1:55.8.

Groves tied for 17th with two points and Brother Rice was one of four teams not scoring any points.

Ray Johnson of Seaholm won the 220-yard dash in :21.8 to set a ball track, tennis and golf squads.

JACK HARVEY, by far the best shot in Michigan this year, dominated the competition in his event with a heave of 55-5/4. Gage Cooper placed sixth.

In the mile run, Jim Olson placed second at 4:27.9, which was good enough for a new school record. The old record was 4:28 set by Jack Bachelor last year.

Other pointmakers included Dave Kennedy, third in the 880, at 1:57.2; Bob Drotzler, third in the 440, at :59.5 (also a school record); the mile relay team of John Kingsoott,

Whitney and Clark Honored at Groves

Jim Whitney and Dick Clark dove the recipients of 1963 Parents' Awards at the annual Groves spring sports dinner Tuesday night.

Whitney, a pitcher on the baseball team, and Clark, a co-captain of the championship track team, were presented the awards by Principal Charles Lundy. Letters of participation / certificates were awarded to members of the baseball, track, tennis and golf squads.

Dan Edson, Tom Brooks and Dave Kennedy, third at 3:50.6.

KEN HEFT was fourth in the high hurdles and Jobson was fourth in the 100-yard dash. Stan Cutler was sixth in the low hurdles.

Other top performances by boys who did not place were Tom Brooks, 2:00.6 in the 880; Mark Hongland, 2:04.4 in the 880; Tim Maker, 2:08.3 in the 880; James Dennis, 4:38 in the mile and Bill Secon, 4:38 in the mile.

Aces Ninth Hole At Plum Hollow

Terry Connolly of Detroit conquered the 291-yard No. 9 hole at Plum Hollow Golf Club, Southfield, last week with a 5-iron. He shot a 78 for the round.

Witnessing the ace were other members of the foursome, Jim Hornbrook, Bill Wagnat and Dr. Robert Duncan. Prof at Plum Hollow is Bill Uziel.

Billy Bruton of the Detroit Tigers tied two major league records by hitting four consecutive doubles against Washington May 19. He was the 22nd to hit four in a game, the eighth to do it consecutively.

HILKENE OF YANKEES

Hurls Perfect Game In Little League Tilt

Mike Hilken wowed fans of his major league Yankees last week by pitching a perfect game to pace his team to a 6-0 victory over the Indians.

Mike struck out all 18 batters he faced and hit a home run to add his winning cause. Despite the big game, the Yankees remained in fourth place in the American League with a 2-3 record.

HOME RUNS were a big factor in the league-leading Tigers' 10-2 win over the Red Sox. John Brown clouted two four-baggers and Trevor Hall blasted another with the bases loaded.

In the National League, 10-year-old John Kalkbrenner pitched a two-hitter and struck out 12 as the Giants bowled over the Pirates, 10-0. Jay Conley hit two homers and almost a third as the Cardinals romped over the Braves, 8-0.

The Seals and the Orioles remained tied for the Federal League leadership with identical 4-1 records. The Seals defeated the Senators, 9-0, and lost to the Athletics, 5-4, while the Orioles won two, 6-5 over the Mud Hens and 7-3 over the Senators.

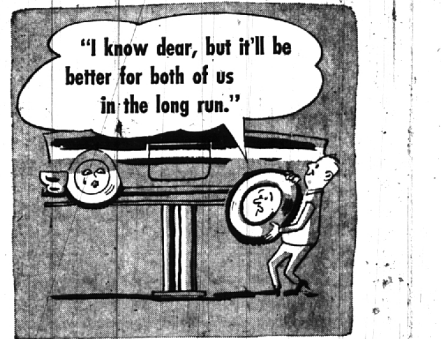
In the Continental circuit, the Spartans remained entrenched in first place (5-0) by nipping the Falcons, 4-3, and beating the Wolverines, 3-0.

Leaders in the minors include the 49ers (4-0) in the American; the Panthers and Texans (3-0) in the National; the Flyers (4-0) in the Continental; the Oaks (4-0) in Federal North; and the Maroons (4-0) in Federal South.

In T-Ball, the Spartans (3-0) lead the pack in the American and the Gophers (3-0) are setting the pace in the National.

(See LITTLE LEAGUE, 4-E)

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