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# 'Mighty Maples' Repeat As State Swim Kings

## Adams, Coupe Place 1st; Groves Wins Final Relay

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Swimmers from 56 Class 'A' high schools churned and frothed the water Friday and Saturday at Matt Mann pool in Ann Arbor as records fell before the two-day onslaught. But, when all had quieted down, history had repeated itself. Seaholm emerged with its third title in three years.

Two years ago, Corey Van Fleet's Maples shared the crown with Groves Pointe. In 1963, they grabbed all of it and Saturday, in an amazing display of depth, Seaholm swam away from gallant Royal Oak Kimball for a third state title.

THE MAPLES accumulated 92 1/2 points to outdistance runner-up Kimball's 73. Ann Arbor was third with 41, followed by Battle Creek Central with 30 1/2, Saginaw Arthur Hill with 26 1/2 and Groves with 25. The victory was an all-around team effort, according to Van Fleet. He arrived to help ease the sudden elimination of the school's basketball squad from tournament play.

SEAHOLM'S VICTORY, nonetheless, was somewhat overshadowed by some tremendous individual performances. Ken Wiebeck of Detroit Thurston, undoubtedly the finest swimmer in Michigan's high school ranks, astonished the capacity crowd by winning the 200-individual medley and 100-backstroke, both in state record time.

The handsome tanker pulled away from the field in the medley, swarming with a time of 2:33.88. His new backstroke mark was :56.65. But Birmingham swimmers grabbed their share of individual honors, also. Pete Adams of Seaholm set a new state record in the 200-freestyle at 1:50.21. Teammate Tom Coupe won the 100-freestyle with a time of :50.19.

Maple Rod Henderson was third and Groves' Kevin Tooma was fourth.

THE GROVES 200-freestyle relay team of Tooma, Dave Mead, Scott Jones and Pete Decker set a new county record of 1:31.60 by edging four other schools, including Seaholm, in the final event of the night.

Although Wiebeck was the only double winner of the meet, Seaholm's Adams almost duplicated the trick. He and Kimball's Doug Webster hooked up in the dual of the night—the 400-freestyle. Adams jumped off to a fast start and left everyone behind except Webster, who doggedly hung on to second. The Kimball swimmer paced himself and caught Adams on the 14th lap. They swam even (See SWIMMING, 3-E)

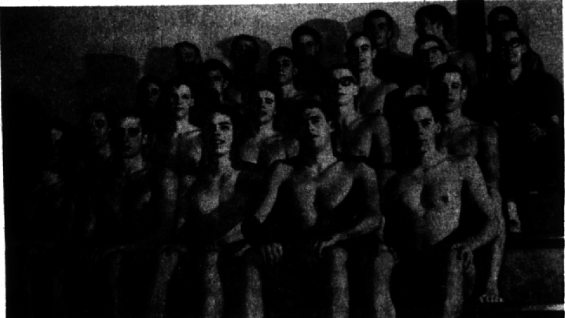


Photo by Sam Fowler

SEAHOLM'S victorious state Class A swimming champions defended their crown in Ann Arbor Saturday. The Maples outscored runner-up Royal Oak Kimball and 55 other schools from around the state to grab the championship for the

third consecutive year. Seaholm tied with Groves Pointe two years ago, then won it outright last season. Pete Adams and Tom Coupe placed first in the 200-freestyle and 100-freestyle, respectively.

### STRIPPED OF DISTRICT TITLE

## Seaholm Ousted from Playoffs

Seaholm trounced Redford St. Mary last week, 77-57, to qualify for the regional final, but left the court as losers. The school was informed last Thursday that the Maples had been bounced from the state basketball tournament because of an ineligible ball player. Jeff Meyer, the team's 6-foot-5

senior center, an honor student, had participated in a pick-up game at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Royal Oak, on Feb. 23, and by doing so, had violated a Michigan State High School regulation.

THE PICK-UP game took place before Seaholm's final league game with East Detroit and before the

district playoffs, both in which Meyer participated. Seaholm won their final league game and went on to share the EMI crown with Ferndale at 11-3. The Maples also won their district for 12 straight victories.

Coach Lew Parry had considered this team to be his finest and had hopes of the Maples making it to Lansing. But then, the bombshell hit. "The matter came to attention about 3 p.m. Wednesday, just hours before the Redford game," Ross Wagner, Seaholm principal, said. "I was told we had an infraction of the rules by Gus Hansen, Ferndale tournament director. I contacted state athletic director Charles E. Forsythe in Petosky immediately."

FORSYTHE WAS reached at 4:45 and instructed Wagner to play the game since re-scheduling would be impossible. Redford was informed of the incident and decided to play. The day after the game, which Seaholm easily dominated, a hastily-organized committee consisting of Forsythe, Henry Geisler, president of the MHSAA, Eric Buchholz of Mt. Clemens, and Jim Stout and Ralph Owen of Detroit, met with Wagner, Parry and Meyer.

Meyer admitted to participating in the pick-up game and the committee ruled that Seaholm was declared out of the tournament for use of an ineligible player. Meyer cannot play sports for the remainder of his senior year. "It was an innocent infraction on the part of the school and the boy," Wagner said. It was not a church league, but a pick-up game. However, it was in violation of the state rule which recognizes any contest of five-on-five as a game.

"WELL NEVER know just how far we might have gone," coach Parry said. "I feel sorry for the team and the school. It was an infraction of the rule, but I'd like to convey the thought that it was not a league game, only a pick-up. Jeff was not aware of the infraction himself." Seaholm may have to forfeit their share of the Eastern Michigan League crown as well. Since Meyer took part in the East Detroit game, a forfeiture of that contest would give the title to Ferndale outright. "The committee voted to void District 32 (Seaholm's district) and declare no winner from the area," Wagner said. "They would (See SEAHOLM, 3-E)

### Speaking of Sports

## Seaholm Case — Common Sense?

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Rules and regulations are necessary, that point cannot be argued. But, once in a while, a travesty occurs that makes one wonder if, sometimes, common sense isn't a better path to follow than the cold, hard path of law.

An occurrence of this nature took place last week and a whole school suffered. Jeff Meyer, Seaholm's best center, was declared ineligible for participating in an outside game.

Granted, this is in direct opposition of the state ruling, which, established in 1946, reads: "A student, who, after participating in any athletic competition not sponsored by his school in the same sport during the same season, shall be ineligible for the remainder of that season in that sport."

JEFF MEYER did play in a pick-up game at a church. He committed an infraction and must be punished, so the law says. Seaholm, therefore, is ruled out of state play. It's as simple as that.

But, the case requires a much more careful look. Meyer, a member of Our Shepherd Lutheran, was asked by a friend to join in a contest with some boys at St. Paul's Lutheran, Royal Oak, who challenged them.

The rancor center had had a bad night on the court that Friday before. He wanted some practice. He went along and watched as 10 boys, most of them friends, played in street clothes in an empty gymnasium, save for maybe the janitor. Two girls kept score and time to make it seem more like a game. Seemingly the St. Paul team had wanted to enter a tournament, but were late entering and wanted to see what they could do.

MEYER WAS asked to join in. Not recognizing any resemblance to an actual game, he obliged his pals and, needing the practice, finished the "back-yard" scrum game. Someone noticed the players and, two and one-half weeks later, informed the Ferndale tournament director of his discovery. There was no choice but to relay the information. You know the results.

The state committee, headed by Charles Forsythe, declared Meyer ineligible and Seaholm out. Sure, they were doing their job. They have been so hard-nosed before that they couldn't give an inch. Sure, this type of thing has to be watched. But, it was a stiff price to pay.

(See CASE, 3-E)

## Yastic Quits Brother Rice Cage Post

Brother Rice cage coach Ken Yastic, resigned from the post Friday, citing poor health as the reason for the decision. The 30-year-old mentor, who was basketball coach for the Warriors the past three seasons, came down with a strep throat near the close of the 1963-64 basketball campaign. The illness brought on an attack of mononucleosis.

YASTIC IS currently working as a salesman for a Detroit record firm. Brother Rice wound up the year at 9-3 and in second place in the Catholic League Central Division. The Warriors led the league for the better part of the year, only to lose the title in the last two games. Yastic had a 34-14 over-all record at Rice. Gary Banks of Royal Oak, University of Detroit's freshman football coach, has replaced Yastic on the Brother Rice faculty.

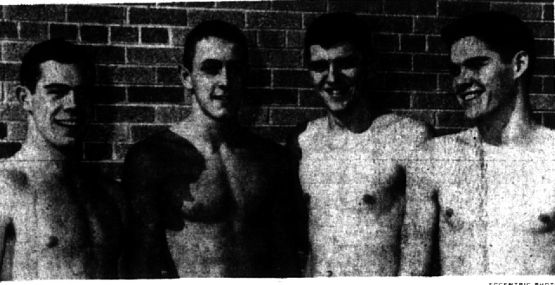
## Eccentric Picks First Basketball All-Area Squad

In recognition of the many fine high school basketball teams and players in the area, The Eccentric will publish its first All-Area basketball team in next week's sports section. Selection of the players will be only from schools within The Eccentric's circulation zone. This will include players from Seaholm, Groves, Brother Rice, Bloomfield Hills, Cranbrook, West Bloomfield, Southfield and Country Day. Selection will be determined on an individual and team basis, offensive and defensive ability combined.

## Falcons 6th In Class 'A' Pool Meet

Groves swimmers saved their best performance for the last swim event of the high school year—the 200-freestyle relay. The Falcon team, consisting of Kevin Tooma, Dave Mead, Scott Jones and Pete Decker finished in first place over five other schools in the new county record of 1:31.60. In the first-place, combined with Tooma's fourth in the 100-free, Mead's 10th in the 50-free, Greg Geisler's ninth in diving, and Jones' 10th in the 100-free gave Groves 25 points.

THE FALCONS were only outdistanced by the first three schools: Seaholm, Kimball and Ann Arbor. They trailed the fourth and fifth place teams by only 6 1/2 points. The winning Falcon relay team broke last year's winning time of 1:32.3 by over one second. They were only one-tenth of a second over the best qualifying time. Jay Meyers, one-time swim coach at Seaholm, was honored during the meet with the Matt Mann award. Meyers coached Seaholm's swimming teams for 23 years and turned out a superb won-lost record.



GROVES SWIMMERS flexed their muscles in the state meet, too, and although overshadowed by Seaholm's winning team, the Falcons set a new county record in the 200-freestyle relay, nosing out four other schools, including Seaholm.

to win the event. The four happy men above are (from left) Scott Jones, Kevin Tooma, Pete Decker and Dave Mead, the record-breaking quartet. Groves totaled 25 points to finish 6th, only five and one-half points out of fourth.

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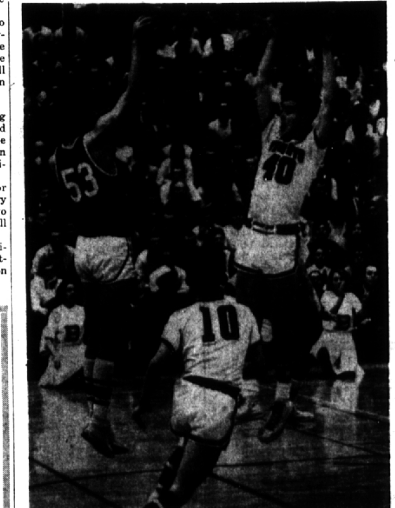
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BRUCE NYBERG (53) of Seaholm arches a jump shot above the outstretched hands of a Redford St. Mary ball player in last week's regional tussle between the two teams which Seaholm won handily, 77-57. But the worse was yet to come as the Maples were ruled out of the state tournament when it was discovered one of their players had played in a pick-up game. A committee declared Seaholm's district title void and let St. Mary re-enter the regional.